



Vacation Bible Camp— Where Jesus Made a Difference Every Day!

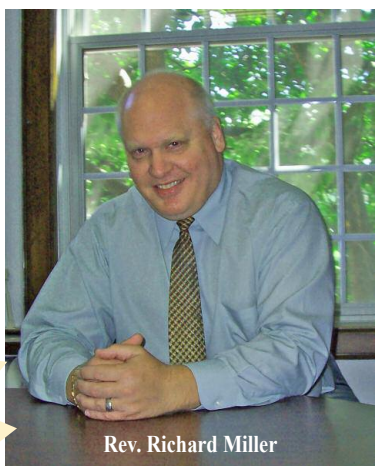
Our week was filled with fun songs, delicious snacks, dramatic Bible stories, games, creative crafts, and experiential learning. All week long, the 34 children, 12 shepherds, 4 teachers, 3 snack servers, and 1 talented pianist enjoyed each other's company while learning about Jesus. Gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, grace, and faithfulness were the focus of the parable stories we learned and taught us that Jesus can turn our hearts, thoughts, and actions inside out and upside down.



Blessing of Animals 2011

On Sunday, July 10, creatures both big and small were blessed at the outdoor worship service. The Blessing of the Animals is an ancient custom associated with St. Francis of Assisi. Always at home in the company of the disadvantaged and the dispossessed, Francis recognized the Divine Spark in the beauty of creation, in the love of the companionship of animals, and in the poor, all of which made him one of the most admired monks and mystics in the history of the Church. Francis believed that as long as we live each moment as a gift, and remain in a state of endless fascination, endless appreciation, and endless love, then fulfillment is our natural destiny.





Rev. Richard Miller

Out the Study Window

Searching and Finding God in Our Future

Much has been happening with church leaders since the beginning of 2011 and throughout the summer, and I am looking forward to a wonderful fall season. Some things we have done and are doing include the following:

We have successfully transferred a donated van to the Selemani family and continue to help them understand and learn about our culture. We continue to also learn and grow from our interactions with the Selemani family as they, in turn, teach us about their lives and culture.

In February of this year, a motion from the Board of Deacons came to the Session requesting; “that a task force be formed to explore worship times and alternative styles of worship.”

The Worship Task Force has been formed and has met numerous times to organize and formulate an assessment plan. Right now the task force is assessing such things as hospitality, impressions of the building and worship space, impressions of the worship service, fellowship, friendliness, and helpfulness.

The task force is using a tried and true assessment tool that looks at Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. Groups have been using various versions of S.W.O.T. analysis for years. So, on Sunday mornings, from the time one drives into the parking lot until fellowship time after worship, members of the task force are paying close attention. While we were able to quickly assess our own church; the task force also added an interesting twist – to do these assessments at churches all over the Quad Cities.

The task force knows it is important to discover things other congregations are doing that may be helpful and useful. By doing these assessments at other churches, the task force anticipates gaining appreciation for what we do and what we don't do. But most importantly, the task force will be learning together about what is central and important to us before making recommendations to the Session.

Members of the task force include: Frank Crutcher and Beth Tinsman co-chairs, Rev. Richard Miller, Deacon Lyle Miller, Deacon Chris Woodard, Elder Mike Bawden, Elder JoAnne Morriscal, and Elder Susan Crutcher. Church members on the committee include: Muffy Ellard, Scott Tinsman, Linda Meadors and Foundation Trustee Dan Ellard.

Also in May, the Elders, Deacons and Trustees met for a goal setting retreat which brought fresh and exciting ideas regarding: 1) stewardship; 2) the desire and need to establish a small group ministry, and 3) a strong desire to determine the needs of our children K-6th grade for staffing recommendations. More about these initiatives will be coming in the fall.

Taizé —a Time for Prayer, Renewal, Reflection, and Worship

The Taizé service each month at FPC is an adaptation of the worship in the unique liturgical expression of the Taizé Community in France. The liturgy is composed of songs, spoken prayers, and silent meditation. Through the use of chorales, acclamations, responses and canons, worshipers with diverse liturgical and linguistic backgrounds are able to find unity with God and each other. Come together on **Friday, August 5, and Friday, September 9, at 6:30 PM** in the Chapel.



The Deacons' Corner --

The members of the Board of Deacons are called by the congregation to minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless and to anyone in distress. The Deacons are responsible for meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the congregation and the greater community.

To help meet these needs, the Board of Deacons has a \$22,750 budget for 2011. Most of the Deacons' funds are raised through green envelope contributions and fundraisers. With your generous support, the Deacons are able to provide financial assistance to a dozen organizations throughout the community.

While First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa is a member church of Churches United of the Quad City Area, and financially supports this organization through its annual budget, the Board of Deacons provides monetary support to two specific ministries of Churches United: Winnie's Place and Brady Street CareLINK.

Winnie's Place is a shelter program to help women, with or without children, who are homeless or victims of abuse. Winnie's Place offers comprehensive support services free of charge, including safe, secure shelter, food, clothing, group and individual support, case management, spiritual support, Bible study, and parenting support, as well as encouragement, acceptance, and hope. Winnie's Place is a shelter where women can make life-changing decisions. The Board of Deacons contributes \$300 quarterly to Winnie's Place.

Since 1997, Churches United and member churches have worked cooperatively with one or more human service agencies as a network system called CareLINK. This system is designed to effectively and efficiently link church resources and community needs. Through CareLINK, faith communities pool financial resources to help people with emergency situations. Each group works with an agency social worker who is trained to gauge needs and point the person toward the necessary resources. Churches United supplies the overall coordination for CareLINK. First Presbyterian Church is a member of Brady Street CareLINK and the Board of Deacons contributes \$525 quarterly to the Brady Street CareLINK group.

In a letter to the church, the Rev. Ron Quay, Executive Director of Churches United, writes: “With your contributions you have answered the age-old question of who will stand up for God in this world crying for help. You have said you will go and through Churches United you will find the resources to bring God's word, God's love, God's justice to this community.”

Thank you, members of First Presbyterian Church, for allowing the Board of Deacons to support these two ministries through your generous contributions.



Member News - The congregation marks the following occasions in the lives of those who make up the First Presbyterian Church community.

Birth: Derek Peters (*son of Mike and Jennifer Peters*) - April 7, 2011

Marriage: Jessica Schalk and Craig Burkle - June 4, 2011

Deaths: Lois Ruebling - May 30, 2011; Donald George - July 3, 2011; Marion Steckel - July 4, 2011; Mary Hart - July 7, 2011

Session Highlights:

At its June meeting Session:

- ▶ voted to hold its regular July 18 meeting to receive a Stewardship Committee update.
- ▶ received the PAS 2011 - 2012 schedule and budget.

At its July meeting Session:

- ▶ received a report from the Stewardship Committee with the purpose, plan, and timeline for the Fall Stewardship Campaign.

Make a Note of it...

▶ Change in Communion Schedule for August

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, August 14, at both services of worship. The Furthest Pew Communion will be delivered the week of August 14. If you or someone you know would like to be visited by a Pastor and served Communion, please contact the church office so we may place you on the schedule. Thank you.

- ▶ Articles for the September newsletter need to be sent to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org) by August 15.

Update your membership information

We need your help to keep FPC's membership records current and accurate. It is important to let the church office know if you change your home address, email address, cell phone, or if you replace your land line with a cell phone number. You should also contact the church if you no longer wish to receive mailings from the church. Thank you.



Please share your Viewpoint!

The Church Government & Personnel Committee is interested in your viewpoint. How do you think things are going at First Pres? Have you observed something that others might have missed? Please feel free to express a joy or concern and share your viewpoint by filling out a Viewpoint card and dropping it in the locked Viewpoint Box on the Welcome Desk. All viewpoints will be kept confidential and will only be viewed by the Church Government & Personnel Committee.

Events and Committee Meetings

If you're planning a church event or scheduling a meeting, it is *necessary* to call, email, or stop by the church office (located across from the Parlor) to check the church calendar for room availability and time. This makes for efficient room space and custodial scheduling for your activity or meeting. Without checking the schedule there will be no guarantee that your meeting or event can be scheduled at the church. Please contact Barbara Young (563-326-1691 or young@fpcdavenport.org) to arrange your meeting time, location, and room set-up specifications. Thank you!

Missed last Sunday's worship service?

Want to hear the sermon again or share it with a friend or distant relative? Guess what? Recordings of the sermons are available for you or anyone to listen to and watch right now on the web. Just go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcdavenport.org), click on the Resources link, and choose the worship service you want to hear or view.

Tune-In to FPC on Cable Channel 19, Sundays at 5:00 PM!

Yes, it is true! FPC Sunday services are now broadcast on Mediacom Cable channel 19 – featuring an abbreviated half-hour recap of the Sunday service, which can be viewed on **Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM**. Mention this to your friends and neighbors, encourage them to watch the service, then invite them to attend a Sunday morning service here at FPC.

The Broadcaster

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Office Hours: M-F, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Summer Sunday Worship:

8:30 & 10:00 AM
with exception of Bix Sunday,
August 7, services at 8:30 & 10:30 AM.

Handicapped Services:

First Church is handicapped accessible via the elevator entrances on the west side of the building.

Childcare: Nurseries for infants through four-year-olds are provided in the Folwell Education Center (3rd floor of the Christian Education Building) during Sunday services from 8:15 AM - 11:15 PM.

Fellowship: Enjoy refreshments each Sunday between the services.



Financial Focus					
Financial Summary for the Month of May, 2011 General Church Operation Fund			Financial Summary for the Month of June, 2011 General Church Operation Fund		
Actual	Month	YTD	Actual	Month	YTD
Revenue	67,005	430,966	Revenue	60,213	491,178
Expense	76,202	411,168	Expense	78,600	489,768
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(9,197)	\$19,798	Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(18,387)	\$1,411
Budget					
Revenue	74,496	400,026	Revenue	68,880	468,906
Expense	78,372	424,847	Expense	82,002	506,849
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(3,876)	\$(24,821)	Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(13,122)	\$(37,943)



Pastor Pamela's Peacock Stole

The children and leaders of Vacation Bible Camp presented Pastor Pamela with the unique stole at the end of their week together. The design of the tail feathers on the left hand side of the stole was made by the children's hand and thumb prints. The peacock is an ancient Christian symbol of eternal life and associated with Paradise and the Tree of Life. It is also associated with the resurrection of Christ and newness of life because every year the bird sheds its old tail feathers grows new, brighter feathers. Additionally, when the tail is spread open, the "eye" pattern symbolizes the all-seeing vision of God while also reminding people of the sun, moon, stars, and planets of the cosmos.

Orientation Sessions for Parents of Children Ages 4 – 4th Grade

If you are planning for your child(ren) to go to Children's Worship and Wonder this year, please make it your priority to come to a one-hour orientation session. During this session, you and your child(ren) will be introduced to the liturgy of Worship and Wonder; you will tour the room; and you will have the opportunity to see the materials we work with in worship. Come see for yourself the unique and compelling experience that is created for your child(ren) to know and worship God. Parents of four year old children are especially encouraged to make use of this orientation session to introduce their child(ren) to the room and the experience of ordered worship. We will meet in the Worship Center located on the third floor of the Christian Education building. RSVP to Pastor Pamela your participation, and mark your calendar.



Saturday, August 27: 10:00 – 11:00 AM; 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Wednesday, August 31: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

The Promise Land: Where Children Experience the Good News of God's Love for Them and Others

We begin with Wandering in the Wilderness, The Lord is My Shepherd, and conclude the Fall with Advent and Christmas. The new year begins with the stories of The Woman at the Well, The Prodigal Son, and Doubting Thomas during Lent. The Preschool class also begins with Old Testament stories and moves through Advent/Christmas into the New Testament witness.

Teacher and Shepherd Training: Sunday, August 28 in the Parlor 11:05 AM – 12:00 PM

All teachers and Shepherds for Wandering in the Wilderness are requested to participate in a training meeting. We will get to know each other, discover the biblical and theological background to the story, discuss the curricula, and any other questions or concerns that arise. Please contact Pastor Pamela to RSVP: hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org or 563-340-8714 (cell).

Pre-Register Now! Children's Christian Education Begins Sunday, September 11

Registration forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the main office for your convenience; return the completed form to the basket or Pastor Pamela's mailbox in the office. Sunday School for Preschool -7th grade begins on the first Sunday of our program year. Preschool and the K/1 class will meet after Cherub Choir, all children and youth in 2nd-7th grades will have class. Confirmation 2 will meet, as well as High School Sunday School. Check the map on the third floor of the Christian Education building for classroom locations.

Socializers

Plan to have a "night out" with Socializers at the church this fall!

You'll enjoy good company, delicious food and interesting programs. Here are some of just a few of the programs we have had the last two years:

Travel Tips for Senior Citizens

Church member Linda Meadors shared her experiences as a travel agent.

Olde Town Circus Band

Circus music by a nine-member band directed by church member Bob Gaston.

Touch of Fun Quartet

Four-part a cappella harmony served up with lots of humor.

History of Davenport Parks 1836-1936

Church member Bob Martin talked about some of the city parks history.

From Bach to Bluegrass

Don Mitchem, guitarist and singer, presented a variety of music from classical guitar to country vocals.

Quilting - past and present

Margaret Paulos, member of the Mississippi Valley Quilt Guild, showed us why quilts are so colorful and unique.

So remember to mark your calendars for the next Socializers! Everyone is welcome to attend the potluck dinner and program on **Saturday, September 24 at 6:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Look in future newsletters and bulletin announcements for program details. For more information, please contact Roger Powell (563-391-1593).

The Singing Choirs of First Presbyterian Church!

The choirs of First Presbyterian Church will be re-organizing during the fourth week in August. Initial rehearsals in September are the best opportunities during the next twelve months to JOIN A CHOIR!

REGISTRATION MATERIALS with detailed information will be mailed. If you fail to receive any desired information, please contact Steve Jobman, Minister of Music (563-326-1691, ext. 201; jobman@fpcdavenport.org).

Adult Choir - The renowned 100-voice adult Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. The first rehearsal is September 4. A Labor Day weekend retreat starts the year – ask Steve for all the details.

High School Choir - The Celebration Singers is for older youth, this year incorporating eighth through twelfth grades. The first rehearsal is Sunday, September 11 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Youth Choir - All second through seventh graders will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:45 PM. The first rehearsal is September 14. Fellowship will be from 6:45 to 7:30 PM. In addition to regular worship participation, this group will be preparing several exciting anthems to sing in combination with the high school choir throughout the year.

Boys' Choir - Membership in this ensemble is selected from participants in the youth and high school choirs. Alumni of the ensemble are invited to participate in the choir's Christmas performances. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, with the first rehearsal scheduled for September 11.

Girls' Choir - Membership in this ensemble is selected from girls in grades six through twelve who are also participants in one of the youth choirs. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, with the first rehearsal scheduled for September 11.

Cherub Choir - The Sunday School membership of four-year-olds, Kindergartners and first graders sing in the Cherub Choir. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings, beginning on September 11 at 10:00 AM.

Sanctuary Choir Retreat Labor Day Weekend

The 33rd Stronghold Sanctuary Choir Retreat near Oregon, Illinois, is scheduled for Friday, September 2, through Sunday morning, September 4. This retreat marks the beginning of the choir season. Current members should receive registration materials in the mail during the second week in August. Those people interested in more information on becoming a member of the church's renowned 100-voice adult choir, as well as possibly participating in this retreat, please contact Steve Jobman (563-326-1691, ext. 201 or jobman@fpcdavenport.org).

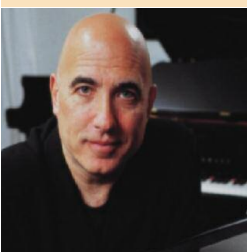


The Performing Arts Series 2011-2012 Season



AHREUM HAN Internationally Renowned Organist

Principal Organist and Artist in Residence of
First Presbyterian Church, Davenport
Reserved seating
Sunday, October 30 - 4:00 PM
Adults \$12 Students \$8



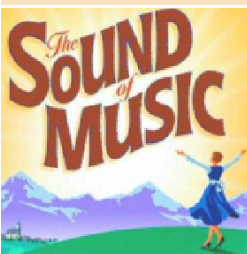
MIKE GARSON Christmas Jazz Piano

Co-sponsored by Quad City Arts Visiting Artist Series
Reserved seating
Saturday, December 10 - 4:00 PM
Adults \$12 Students \$8



CHRISTMAS CAROLS: God Bless Us Everyone!

The Twenty-second Annual Christmas Concert
The Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Chorale, Celebration Singers,
Cecelian Carolers, Cathedral Choir of Young Men and Boys,
Vesper Bells, organ, and orchestra
Reserved seating
Saturday, December 17 - 7:30 PM; Sunday, December 18 - 4:00 PM
COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS REQUIRED



THE SOUND OF MUSIC!

The beloved, fully-staged classic
Reserved seating
Saturday, March 24 - 7:30 PM
Sunday, March 25 - 4:00 PM
Adults \$12 Students \$8



GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

Worship service of lessons and sacred music depicting the Crucifixion
Sanctuary Choir, Celebration Singers, Cecelian Carolers,
Cathedral Choir of Young Men and Boys, and orchestra
General admission - seating is not reserved for this service
Friday, April 6 - 7:30 PM
**ADVANCED GUARANTEED SEATING
WITH COMPLIMENTARY TICKET**

Ticket Package Information

Patron Tickets - Pair \$150; Single \$75

The PATRON SERIES TICKET program provides an avenue for individuals to support the Performing Arts Series to a greater degree than Series and Individual Tickets. Patron Ticket beneficiaries will receive priority reserved seating, priority for Christmas Concert complimentary tickets, and recognition for the patronage. PATRON RENEWAL TICKET order forms will be mailed the first week in August; NEW PATRON TICKETS are available beginning August 21, 2011.

Series Tickets - Adults \$30; Students \$15

The SERIES TICKET program provides a \$6 (\$9 for students) savings over individual ticket prices and priority for Christmas Concert complimentary tickets. SERIES TICKETS are available beginning September 18, 2011.

Individual Tickets - Adults \$12; Students \$8

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS are available beginning October 9, 2011

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Join us on Bix Sunday!

Sunday, August 7
Services at 8:30 & 10:30 AM



First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, was the church home for the Beiderbecke family. This is the eleventh year that First Church has hosted the official Bix Jazz Liturgy services. Music is being provided by *The Jimmy Valentine Quintet with Dave Bennett, guest clarinetist*, First Church's own adult *Sanctuary Choir* and *Vesper Bells*, as well as a young men's *Jazz Ensemble*.

Get out with Feet First

First Church's walking fellowship walks for an hour Saturday mornings on the beautiful walking trails in the Quad Cities. Everyone is welcome to put on their walking shoes and join us at 8:00 AM. If you have questions, please contact Scott Sherwood (563-391-9287).



- Aug. 6 Duck Creek Park picnic shelter (enter park from Locust St., Davenport)
- Aug. 13 Elk's Lodge parking lot (4400 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport)
- Aug. 20 Village of East Davenport Landing (Foot of Mound Street)
- Aug. 27 Eastern Avenue (bike path parking lot north of 29th St., Davenport)
- Sept. 3 Feet First will be in recess due to Labor Day weekend.
- Sept. 10 i WIRELESS parking lot (west end of the i WIRELESS CENTER, Moline)
- Sept. 17 Credit Island (off River Dr., meet by the sculptures, Davenport)
- Sept. 24 Middle Park Band Shell (23rd St., south of creek, Bettendorf)
- Oct. 1 Junge Park (35th St., west of fire station at 35th and Harrison St., Davenport)
- Oct. 8 Marquette St. Landing on Mississippi River front (Davenport) East or West
- Oct. 15 Eastern Avenue (bike path parking lot north of 29th St., Davenport)
- Oct. 22 Vander Veer Park parking lot (Central Park, between Brady and Harrison Sts.)
- Oct. 29 Village of East Davenport Landing (Foot of Mound Street)