

The Season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

Ash Wednesday Services

March 1, 12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday is a day of solemn assembly that is built right into the church year. It is a day for fasting, a day of mourning for our sin and the sin of all humanity before God, a recognition of our mortality saved for the grace of God and a request that the Lord remember our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more. This marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

Lenten Prayer Services

Thursdays, beginning March 9, 6:15 PM

Lent is a time to slow down, reflect on our lives and pray more deeply. On five Thursday evenings, beginning March 9, join with other worshipers in the Donaldson Room for a Lenten prayer service from 6:15 - 7:00 PM. In an informal, candlelit setting with a background of quiet music, you are invited to "drop in" for a time for silent, contemplative prayer. Pray for yourself and/or others, for healing or understanding, for gratitude, etc. — and come when your schedule allows and stay for as long as you wish. Handouts will be provided with scripture and prayer suggestions.

FPC Collects Funds for Food Production in Guatemala

The Mission Connection committee of Deacons was pleased to meet with Pastor Pilar from ILUGUA at its January 9 meeting. Pilar shared information about his church's outreach to rural communities in Guatemala, including assistance with sustainable agricultural practices and support for land and water rights. The committee revealed the results from its Advent collection, which will provide nearly \$6,000 for purchase of irrigation systems, seeds and tools used for food production by subsistence farmers. On behalf of Pilar and the communities served by ILUGUA's programs, many thanks to all who participated in the fund drive!



Mission Connection team meets with Pastor Pilar from Guatemala (pictured left to right): Cassie Woods, Cindy Schalk, Craig Foster, Rev. Pilar, Karen Moore, Rosemary Jamison.

Kids Against Hunger – Coming Again in April!

The annual Kids Against Hunger drive at First Pres. will be held April 2-5, involving an assembly line to bag a special blend of rice, soy, dried vegetables and vitamins for delivery to a coordinating organization in a foreign country. Each bag, when cooked with boiling water, will provide six servings to a family in need.



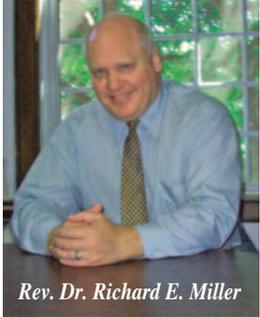
Sign-ups for packaging sessions will be held during March. This is an ideal opportunity to gather your family or invite your neighbor to participate in FPC mission. The cost to participate is \$30/person, but scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the fee. And if you are unable to attend, please consider donating for someone else to participate. For more information, contact Craig Foster (cfoster871@mchsi.com) or Cindy Schalk (schalkhome95@gmail.com).

Prayer Vigil - Sunday, March 26, 7:00 PM

Join with fellow Christians for a prayer vigil at FPC from 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Please meet by the porte cochere entrance along Kirkwood Boulevard. We will pray for people in our country, and families and victims of violence. Let us pray for God's healing for victims, and let us bear witness to the senseless violence in our country.



Out the Study Window



Rev. Dr. Richard E. Miller

A Special Lenten Devotional

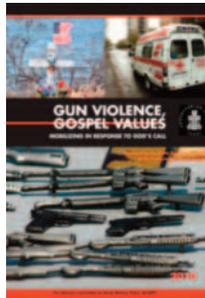
In September of 2016, many members took on what has been called the \$10 challenge. Basically, \$10 was placed in an envelope for any member who wanted to take on a challenge based on the sermon for that Sunday. Members who took the envelope did not know at the time that \$10 was in the envelope.

The money was given as a free gift of grace with a catch; since you did not earn it, like the free gift of grace given to us by God through Jesus Christ, it will only make sense to you when you give it away. Members were challenged to go out and make a difference.

I also asked members to share their stories once they had decided what to do with the \$10. Since then I have received some stories. The Stewardship committee has asked me to take some time to write a series of devotionals which anonymously tell each members story. So, now you will receive a second gift. This gift will tell you about the creative, generous, and talented minds and hearts of members just like you. I hope you pick up one of these devotionals and savor the stories. They have been an inspiration to me as we continue on the journey of listening for God.

Rev. Dr. Richard E. Miller

Lenten Small Group: Gun Violence, Gospel Values mobilizing in response to God's call



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Purpose: To study and discuss *Gun Violence, Gospel Values mobilizing in response to God's call*, a resolution adopted by the 2010 General Assembly of our denomination. We will read the resolution and follow a study guide for four weeks in Lent. If you are interested in having a conversation about a different approach, focused on prevention and safety, sign up for one of the group dates below.

Times: Mondays, 10:00 AM (March 6-27);
Tuesdays, 7:00 PM (March 7-28);
Wednesdays, 6:00 PM (March 8-29)

Manna and More Breakfast

Sunday, March 12, 8:15 - 10:30 AM

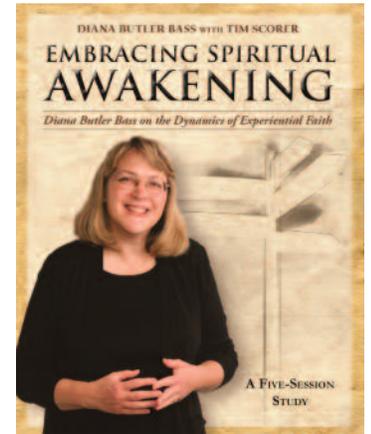
Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service. A special invitation is extended to families and those attending ACE to join us 8:15 AM for breakfast and fellowship. The menu is biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, jelly and beverages. Adults - \$3, children (12 and under) - \$1.



Adult Christian Education (ACE)

The Adult Christian Education Committee has created exciting and IMAGINATIVE classes for FPC's spiritual development! As we march forward this month there will be a series *Embracing Spiritual Awakening*, presented by Dr. Diana Butler Bass on the dynamics of how we experience our faith. Author of eight books, Dr. Bass is a historian who focuses on the history of Christianity. She is a leading voice in progressive Christianity. Her work has been written about in *USA Today*, *US News & World Report*, and *Newsweek*.

Each Sunday, from March 5 - April 2, we will explore what Christianity may look like "beyond religion and beyond the church." There will be a discussion of how, both culturally and spiritually, we are in the midst of another of history's great awakenings. There are five sessions beginning with a 10-15 minute video presentation by Dr. Bass. Members of the ACE Committee will facilitate the discussions that will include handouts.



Weekly Topics for the Von Maur Hall Forum meeting Sundays at 10:00 AM:

March 5: Waking Up March 12: Believing
March 19: Behaving March 26: Belonging
April 2: Awakening

We invite you to join us in Von Maur Hall at 10:00 AM on Sunday morning! Come and imagine, as we grow and 'March' together to show Jesus in our church with no walls!

Latest from our Library

IMAGINE the enjoyment, relaxation and knowledge you have gained if you have been checking out books from our church Library. We have many of the newest best-sellers, many biographies, mysteries, young adults and children's books. Our large-print section continues to be enlarged! IMAGINE, all of these are here just for YOU! Come and check them out!

Musikgarten - Sundays, 10:20 AM

Classes are a musical experience designed to bring the joy of music to parent/caregiver and child. Activities include songs, movement, focused listening and the use of simple instruments. Classes meet from 10:20 -10:50 AM. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (middleton@fpcdavenport.org, 563-505-0471).

Upcoming Performing Arts Series Dates:

Friday, April 14: Good Friday Tenebrae (7:30 PM)
Sunday, April 30: Ahreum Han Congdon's PAS Recital (2:00 PM)
Wednesday, May 24: Chamber Chorale Concert (6:30 PM)
Saturday, June 24: PAS Musical – My Fair Lady (7:30 PM)
Sunday, June 25: PAS Musical – My Fair Lady (4:00 PM)

Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth (CEFY)

Kirkwood Club - Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

Kirkwood Club is FPC's Elementary School Youth Group for 1st through 5th grades. We meet Wednesday evenings, September through April, from 6:30-7:15 PM. Here's the line-up for March: Guess The Leader, Minute to Win It, Protect the President, Musical Wardrobe, and Yelling March.



EPIC & ACT - Sundays, 5:30 PM

EPIC and ACT are FPC's Middle and High School Youth Groups. EPIC (Every Presbyterian Is Cool) is for 6th through 8th graders and ACT (Active Christian Teens) is for 9th-12th graders. EPIC and ACT meet every Sunday evening from 5:30-7:00 PM. Here's the plan for March: Serving at a Shelter, Fear Factor, NO Youth Groups—spring break, and Youth Sunday Prep.

Spring Break Roller Skating - Wednesday, March 22, 1:00 PM

It's our annual, "Spring Break Roller Skating Trip For Anyone Who Goes to School in Davenport and Didn't Go To Florida". Meet at Skate City in East Moline for roller skating and laser tag from 1:00-3:00 PM. Parents encouraged (BEGGED?) to attend! Open to all FPC youth (who aren't in school because they had spring break the previous week). There will be no Kirkwood Club or Kirkwood Choir on this date.



Easter Egg-stravaganza - Saturday, April 8, 1:00 PM

This special event is open to the entire neighborhood. We have a wonderful and lively Easter Egg hunt for all ages in different areas of the church property, games, crafts, a bounce house and share with all the children the story of the resurrection and why we really celebrate Easter. For more information how you can help, please contact Tiffany Horvath (horvath@fpcdavenport.org).

Save the Date! Vacation Bible Camp 2017 will be June 5-9 and the theme is "Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!" Volunteers will be needed for this amazing and fun week focused on the youth of our church and our community.

Financial Update

| | January 2017 | January 2017 | January 2016 | January 2016 |
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| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| General Fund Income | 178,505 | 185,423 | 131,305 | 130,350 |
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Make a Note of it...

- ▶ **2016 Annual Reports:** Copies of the Financial Report Package and the Annual Report are available at the Welcome Desk.
- ▶ **Spring Forward!** Officially at 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 12, daylight saving time begins. So remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 11, or you'll be a bit late for Sunday morning church services!
- ▶ **Publications Schedule:** Articles for the April *Broadcaster* newsletter need to be submitted by March 15. Articles for the Summer Edition of *FIRST PRESS* (an expanded publication of church programming for the months of June through August) will be published in June and are due by April 15. All information should be submitted to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org).



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Trivia Night 2017...and the winning answer is Support Youth Mission!



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