



**FPC Choirs & Orchestra:
“A Musical Tour
of the British Isles”
Saturday, May 5, 7:30 PM**

The 26th Anniversary season of the Performing Arts Series ends with a celebration of music from the British Isles. Forming much of the rich heritage of the Protestant faith (and especially the Presbyterian Church), music from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and England inspire our worship and many other facets of our lives.

The Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Chorale, Cecelian Carolers, and Vesper Bells will be joined by a fine orchestra of musicians from the Quad Cities area. Music for the concert includes sacred hymns from each of the four main British cultural regions, plus folk song arrangements and choral-orchestral masterworks by Ralph Vaughan Williams, George Frideric Handel, and contemporary Welsh composer Paul Mealor.

Enjoy this moving musical performance at First Pres. while you *tour the British Isles*. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 students and will be available at the door. For more information, please contact Director of Music Matthew Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org).

**First Presbyterian Church Welcomes
Rev. Katie Styrk as Associate Pastor**

At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 28, FPC members voted to call Rev. Katie Styrk as Associate Pastor. Katie Styrk grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska. She attended the University of Chicago, where she met her husband Philip in a theater class, and got her Masters of Divinity from Louisville Theological Presbyterian Seminary. In their spare time, Philip and Katie enjoy playing board games, baking, and trying (unsuccessfully) to teach their old dog new tricks. Most recently Philip taught composition to college freshmen while Katie served as a part-time associate pastor and a part-time solo pastor at two churches in Rochester, New York. Her favorite part of ministry is usually sharing communion, although mission trips are a close second. Pastor Katie’s office is located just off of Von Maur Hall, stop by and say “hello” to her. She may also be contacted by email at styrk@fpcdavenport.org, or by phone at 563-326-1691, ext. 206.



**Church Grounds Clean-up Day Rescheduled
Saturday, May 5, 9:00 AM**

You don’t need a green thumb to help with this project! Here is an opportunity for productive fellowship and breakfast, too! On Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, everyone is invited to help tidy up the planting beds and lawns around the church building. The church will provide lawn bags for yard waste and a wheel barrow and small rolling carts. Here’s what is needed from you ... bring a rake and a smile! A breakfast of bagels, cream cheese, donuts, juice, milk, and coffee will be available. David Williams will serve as project manager and will be there to answer any questions. If you’re planning on helping, please contact Shannon Gruhlke (563-326-1691; gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org) by May 1, so we know how many to plan for breakfast.



Scout Fundraiser Approved – Mulch for Sale!

In a fundraiser approved by the church Session, our First Presbyterian Church sponsored Boy Scout Troop 7 will be taking pre-orders for mulch. Visit the mulch information table in Fellowship Hall, between services on Sundays, April 29 and May 6. The mulch will be on-site, here at the church, by Saturday, May 5. For an additional fee, mulch delivery and mulch spreading are also being offered. See the Boy Scouts for details or phone Tom Ervin (563-289-3139).



**You’re Invited – So Are Your Friends and Neighbors!
Manna and More Breakfast - Sunday, May 6, 8:15- 10:30 AM**

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service. On Sunday, May 6, from 8:15 AM to 10:30 AM, there will be breakfast pizza, fruit and assorted beverages. The cost is adults - \$3 and children (12 & under) - \$1. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to church and then treat them to a delicious breakfast!





Greetings and may the blessings of the Risen Lord be on each and every one of you!

It's been almost five years now since I started my journey as the Director of Christian Education at First Pres. I still remember two significant questions asked when I was hired.

Rev. Miller asked me if I would be willing to attend seminary to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

Steve Jobman asked me where I got my shoes.

I answered "absolutely" to the first one, and "anywhere that has cute footwear" to the second.

About a year after I was hired, I started taking classes at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary after gaining acceptance into their CRE program. My classes were filled with students from all backgrounds from all over the world and our debates and discussions and joys we shared will always be one of the highlights of my time there.

I reminisce about that now because I will be walking at Dubuque's graduation this May and am hoping to be commissioned by our Presbytery sometime this summer in my role as a Commissioned Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian.

Will my job change? Probably not too much at this juncture because I cannot imagine not doing what I currently do. I love working with children. I love sharing the message of God's love and forgiveness to the youngest of his flock, and being there for all of life's questions and laughter and yes—even heartbreak—with the teenagers and young adults.

I know everyone has given talents. We all have skills and abilities and aptitudes we have been gifted with. Mine has been working with children in the field of Christian Education for over a decade now and I cannot imagine doing anything else.

For all those who have been a part of this continuing education journey I have traveled on, I just want to say thank you. For all those who have shared their children with me these last five years, thank you. For all those who have given of themselves to the youth of the church: whether in prayers, in donations, in teaching, in creating: thank you.

We are community. God never intended any man to travel this journey of faith alone—and I am blessed to have each and every one of you on the road with me. I am excited to see what the next five years brings me here at FPC.

And Steve and I still discuss awesome footwear. Int

God Bless. And Thank You. *Tiffany Horvath*



Kids Against Hunger 2018!

FPC Teams with Third Missionary Baptist to Feed the Need!

The combined youth groups packaged 3,600 meals. It was awesome! Over 40 youth participated in this mission and every single one of them made a difference!

Senior Sunday is May 13

If you have a graduating college or high school senior, please let Tiffany know! There will be a reception for all our Seniors following the 9:00 AM service in Fellowship Hall. They will be recognized at both services. Tiffany would like to request a recent picture of your graduate, as well as a brief bio talking about what they have been involved in, where their interests lie and what their future plans are. You can email her at horvath@fpcdavenport.org.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed - Tuesday, May 22, 4:00-8:00 PM

Our May date for volunteering at the Davenport Community Food Pantry at the former JB Young School is Tuesday, May 22 from 4:00-8:00 PM. If you are able to help out, and both youth and adults are welcome, please let Tiffany know! We have 20 volunteer spots to fill and the youth group from Bettendorf Presbyterian will also be joining us.

Vacation Bible Camp 2018

This is happening June 5-8 but we want to make sure everyone gets it on the calendars now! Please note: we are doing a 4-day instead of a 5-day Vacation Bible Camp due to Davenport Schools going through Monday, June 4. VBC is from 9:30 AM through 12:30 PM for youth age 3 and potty-trained through 6th grade (lunch is provided each day at 12:00 NOON). Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! We need at least 30 volunteers to make this amazing week a reality! Our volunteer orientation will take place on Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 AM in Von Maur Hall. All 7th grade through 12th grade youth can be helpers and adult volunteers are also needed! Please contact Tiffany (horvath@fpcdavenport.org) if you are able to help out. Childcare is available for volunteers.



2018 Youth Mission Trip

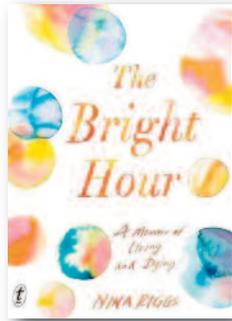
Our youth mission trip this summer will find our teens in Minneapolis working with youth, elderly and special needs individuals in the inner city. Donations are still being gratefully accepted for this trip. Anyone wishing to donate can make checks out to "FPC" and write "Mission Trip" in the memo line. Everyone who is able to support the youth in this endeavor will be invited to a special dinner when we return, hosted by the youth who attended. **THANK YOU!**

Tiffany's Epiphanies: I stepped on a grape. It let out a little wine.



New Books Have Been Added in the Library!

Check out what's available in the church library by following the quick link at www.fpcdavenport.org to search the shelves. Here are a few of the new books: **Fiction** - *I've Got My Eyes on You* by Mary Higgins Clark, guidance counselor trying to find sister's murderer; *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng, artist upends quiet town outside Cleveland; *The Kremlin Conspiracy* by Rosenberg, spy thriller involving czar in Moscow; *Rebound* by Alexander, book for kids 10-12 who love basketball; *To Die But Once* by Winspear, Maisie Dobbs investigates the disappearance of young apprentice working on WWII British government contract. **Non-Fiction** - *Educated* by Westover, girl raised by survivalists escapes and gets a Doctorate; *A Brief History of Time* by Hawking, classic by the late Hawking; *Strength in Stillness* by Roth, book on meditation; *Radium Girls* by Moore, in early 1900's girls worked for companies using radioactive materials to make jewelry,



makeup, etc.; *Girls Auto Clinic* by Banks, female Engineer who left to start her own auto repair business; *The Bright Hour* by Riggs, young woman writes her first novel while going through cancer treatment supported by her husband and two sons; *Grant* by Chernow, a dramatic portrait of one of America's most complicated generals and presidents.

Where, Oh Where, Did the Library Books Go?

Please check your bookshelves, desks, and night stands for church library books and return them ASAP. Here's a list of what is missing: *The Zookeepers Wife*, by Deanne Ackerman; *The Bully Pulpit*, by Doris Kerns Goodwin; *George Washington's Secret Six*, by Brian Kilmeade; *Crispin: the Cross of Lead*, by Avi; *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr; *The Apostate's Tale*, by Margaret Frazer; *The Silkworm*, by Rovert Galbraith; *Seven Dials*, by Anne Perry; *Blessings*, by Quindlen; *Smoke at Dawn, Novel of the Civil War*, by Jeff Shaara.

Financial Update				
	March 2018	March 2018	March 2017	March 2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	79,931	65,575	69,888	77,663
Custodial Accounts Income	9,432		6,165	
General Fund Expenses	80,137	87,455	86,361	95,621
Custodial Accounts Expenses	9,432	-	6,165	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(206)	(21,880)	(16,473)	(17,958)
	2018 Year-To-Date	2018 Year-To-Date	2017 Year-To-Date	2017 Year-To-Date
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	324,130	309,424	316,342	332,489
Custodial Accounts Income	24,079		18,716	
General Fund Expenses	227,561	240,617	232,666	260,843
Custodial Accounts Expenses	24,079	-	18,716	-
Surplus (Deficit)	96,569	68,807	83,676	71,646

Musikgarten Classes

Sundays, May 6, 13, 20 at 10:15 AM

Our 30 minute Musikgarten class meets between services on Sunday mornings from 10:15-10:50 AM in Room 307. Come and join us! We would love to connect with you! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (kmidd@mchsi.com; 563-505-0471).

Bible Basics - Wednesdays, 6:15 PM

This class is designed for those wanting to revisit many of our favorite childhood Sunday school stories or even hear about them for the first time. All are welcome.



May 2, in recognition of up-coming Mother's Day, Julie Grothusen will lead a discussion about Mothers in the Bible.

May 9, "For God so loved the world..." Do you know who spoke these words and to whom? If not, maybe this class is for you. Please read all of John, Chapter 3.

May 16, the discussion will be about Pentecost. Please read John, Chapter 16 and Acts, Chapters 1-2.

May 23, the discussion will be on the story of Stephen as told in Acts. Please read Acts, Chapters 6-7.

May 30, Saul to Paul, the discussion will be on the story of Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus. Please read Acts, Chapter 8:1-3 and Chapter 9:1-31.

For more information, please contact Mark Jones

(mkjones@mchsi.com, 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com, 563-359-6607).

Summer Worship Times

On Sunday, June 10, there will be only one service of worship at 10:30 AM followed by the Neighborhood Picnic (11:30 AM - 1:30 PM), sponsored by the Deacons. Beginning on Sunday, June 17 through Sunday, September 2, there will be an outdoor service at 8:30 AM on the west lawn/parking lot (weather permitting) and an indoor service at 10:00 AM.

Summer Church Hours

From June 15 through August 17, the church will be open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and will close at 12:30 PM on Fridays. Program year office hours will resume on August 24 (M-F, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM).

Note: The Church will be closed on Monday, May 28, in recognition of Memorial Day.

Publications Schedule

Articles for the Summer Edition of *FIRST PRESS* programming for the months of June through August) which will be published in June, are now due. The theme is *Splash!* The next *Broadcaster* newsletter will be published in October and those articles will be due on September 15. Submit information to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org).



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Grant Funds Available Applications are due May 15

Applications are being received through May 15 for grants from the Deacons' Endowment Fund (DEF). These grants are intended to provide seed money to help groups and organizations within



the church community to develop new mission, outreach, pastoral care and spiritual development programs. The maximum grant awarded is \$5,000.

In prior years DEF grants have been awarded to help start Habitat ReStore's Health & Home Store, to secure a therapy dog for Sudlow Intermediate School, to help QC Symphony Orchestra pay for private tutoring for neighborhood music students, to help AMKA Africa School Foundation support students and to benefit other programs and projects. If you have questions, information is available in the church office, the Welcome Desk, the website fpcdavenport.org, or Brock Earnhardt (brockearnhardt@hotmail.com; 563-343-6304).

Food Pantry Collections for The Center

Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! If you can, please purchase one or more items for the food pantry each week when you shop. Any non-perishable food, toiletry or monetary donation will be accepted. Each month we will have a suggested item that The Center always needs but does not receive often. You can drop off your contribution to the church in the back of the sanctuary or in fellowship hall. Suggested item for May: feminine products are always in high demand please donate in honor of women and Mother's Day. If you are uncomfortable shopping for these items but would like to help write a check and we will purchase them for The Center. Thank you so much for helping our community feed and care for their families. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Grothusen (563-505-4964 or mjgrothusen@hotmail.com).

The Pentecost Offering

Here's How We Help...

The Pentecost Offering is directed toward helping our youth begin life with a strong start -- a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood. How is our offering distributed?

- 40% stays with our congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our own church and community.
- 25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.
- 25% supports ministries with youth to help guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word.
- 10% is devoted to children at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens.

You may use a Pentecost Offering pew envelope or indicate "Pentecost" on the memo line of your check to support children, youth, and young adults through this denominational special offering.



The Holy Spirit remains with us, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future.