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What's Happening & When?**

Check out the calendar page on the FPC website, where you'll find all of the latest information on what's happening! Simply follow the links or go directly to: [www.fpcdavenport.org/Calendar.htm](http://www.fpcdavenport.org/Calendar.htm).

**Have you moved?  
Do you have a new phone number or email address?**

We need your help to keep the church'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. Please contact the church office if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter. We appreciate receiving notice from you in an effort to save resources.

**Summer Worship Times**

**Through September 1** - 8:30 AM (*outdoors, weather permitting*) & 10:00 AM (*in the Sanctuary*)

**August 4** - There is one service at 10:00 AM (*in the Sanctuary*) on Bix Sunday

Childcare is available for all services, in the nursery on the third floor of the Christian Education Building.

**Summer Church Hours**

**June 7 through August 30, 2019:** The church will be open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM with a lunch break from 12:30-1:30 PM. The church will close at 12:30 PM on Fridays.

**Please Make a Note of it...**

**September/October Newsletter Schedule:** Articles for the September/October edition of *The Broadcaster* newsletter are due August 12. Please submit to Bobette Maginas ([office@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:office@fpcdavenport.org)).



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**Guatemala Trip  
July 13-20, 2019  
Cancelled**

Imagine....the weather we have been having....the heat and humidity....no air conditioning....no water. Our brothers and sisters in Guatemala who support ILUGUA and are working for basic human rights to life, liberty and happiness are experiencing these conditions on a daily basis.

As many of you know, I was headed to La Trementina to stand in unity and solidarity with members of ILUGUA and the indigenous peoples we support and encourage. After repeated destruction to the water aqueduct supplying water for many rural communities and hundreds of thousands of people, I was advised that the situation was too dangerous, and ILUGUA could not guarantee safety for me while in country.

While disappointing, this gives me the opportunity to share with you my thoughts about the situation and to ask for your help to bring about peaceful change to the continual threats, intimidation and greed by the logging companies and the judicial system within Guatemala. Previously, I shared information about the dissolution of a UN established commission entitled International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala. This commission worked to create an independent justice system free of repression, despotism, corruption and impunity. By abolishing this commission, the President of Guatemala unilaterally put at risk public prosecutors, the civil police force and courts, as well as these same communities now being terrorized and persecuted for the greed and financial gain of the logging industry and dishonest governmental persons.

ILUGUA has worked to negotiate resolution between the communities of Peralta, Matasano, Cerro Grande, Cerro Chiquito, Jicaral and La Trementina and logging companies operating in the region. Community resistance to displacement and the deforestation of the surrounding mountains which is their home and means of existence (on a subsistence basis at best) has



resulted in the temporary cessation of logging licenses at Las Granadillas mountain, in the Sierra del Merendon, the principal water source in the region serving some 700,000 people. It is not too much of a stretch to connect the dots between the logging companies and the destruction of the water system supplying these communities.

As well as continuing our financial support of ILUGUA, I would strongly encourage you to travel with me in October (19-26) when we plan to go and let these folks know that we care about what happens "to the least of these..." For more information, please email me at [schalkhome95@gmail.com](mailto:schalkhome95@gmail.com).

With agape, Cindy Schalk

**Bix Jazz Liturgy - Sunday, August 4, single service, 10:00 AM**

Celebrate the historic Jazz legacy of First Pres. at our annual Bix Jazz Liturgy on August 4, in honor of Jazz legend and former church member Bix Beiderbecke. The Sanctuary Choir offers music alongside our guest band, a wonderful Jazz combo featuring several First Pres. favorites: Jeff Barnhart (piano), Dave Bennett (clarinet), Hal Smith (drums), and Steve Pikal (bass). Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for homemade cookies, cake, lemonade, and ice tea while viewing Bix memorabilia and welcoming interim pastor Mark Galbraith. For more information, contact Director of Music Matt Bishop ([bishop@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:bishop@fpcdavenport.org); 563-326-1691, ext. 201).





Congregation News

A note from Katie

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you full of Oreo ice cream cake. Today was Pastor Tiffany’s last staff meeting, and so we shared ice cream cake to celebrate her time with us. In the summer we cut back on Sunday fellowship donut holes and other treats, but this summer we’ve had lots of cake, cookies, and ice cream at farewell receptions for our departing staff. As much as I like dessert, I’m sure we could have found happier reasons to throw a party or two! But the summer gave us enough time to give send-offs to staff who have done so much for our church over the years.

Most summers, things slow down compared to the hustle and bustle of the program year. Our Sunday services get shorter, our weeknights get quieter with less programming, and even some of our committees get to take a break. The building gets a little more calm, as our early worship service moves outside and youth prepare for a week of adventure and discipleship on their summer trip. Back in the church building, it feels like we’re holding our breath — waiting for a new staff, new fall programs, and new opportunities for us to come together. I’m eager for the cakes of farewell parties to be replaced by August 4<sup>th</sup>’s Bix celebration cookies, when we welcome Rev. Mark as our new Interim Head of Staff. It’s a relief to know that all of the planning and preparation this summer will finally get to be put into practice for the fall, as we prepare for an exciting year of new events. This August, we have time to catch up with each other and learn more about what our church members have been doing this summer, before we get the fall started.



During the summer, our children have been busy at Vacation Bible Camp on their Mission to Mars. Our youth also had an action-packed week at the Triennium Youth Conference in Indiana, and have lots to share about their experience! After a summer full of changes and preparation, this newsletter has plenty of information about new events coming up, and ways for you to get involved. So come join us for cookies, and donuts, and cake, and most importantly for time to celebrate God’s love and enjoy each other’s company.

Peace,  
Rev. Katie

Welcome Rev. Mark Galbraith, Arriving August 1!

To God’s Beloved People at First Presbyterian:  
Let me introduce myself to you. I am Mark Galbraith. I’m from Blaine, Washington, right below Vancouver, BC. My parents are retired and well, and most of my family still lives in northwest Washington state. I was married for 25 years, been divorced 10, and am currently single. I have two grown daughters, ages 29 (Naomi, Denver) and 22 (Monica, a student at Middlebury College in Vermont).

My interests and passions include acting, hiking, hunting and fishing, cooking, exercise (I have lost over 105 pounds in the last seven years, because my health and fitness is very important to me), travel and exploring local attractions, family gatherings, sports and music events, listening to music, walking on the beach, dining out and trying new taste sensations, gathering at coffee shops (the true pastors’ office) or pubs and enjoy great conversation with family and friends, and cheering on my Washington state teams. Go Seahawks!!

During August, I hope to present a PowerPoint presentation to the congregation, to share a roadmap of this process for our time together. Suffice to say for now, I am excited to be with you, serve as Pastor in partnership with Pastor Katie, the staff, and you in ministry, and help you imagine, envision, and identifying exciting and compelling mission goals for God’s next chapter of ministry for FPC.

I look forward to our work together, getting to know you, and all the exciting things that God will accomplish during our time together.

In Partnership,  
Pastor Mark, Transitional Pastor



Sacrament of Communion  
Sunday, August 11

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, August 11, and the Furthest Pew Communion will be delivered August 12. If you or someone you know would like to be visited by a Pastor and served Communion, please contact the church office (563-326-1691) so we may place you on the schedule.



Food for the Soul  
Worship & Dinner Potluck  
Sunday, September 22, 4:30 PM

Join us Sunday, September 22, at 4:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for worship, music, and communion followed by a potluck dinner at 5:30 PM. Please invite a friend and bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome for this relaxed celebration of God’s love. Please contact Rev. Katie (styrt@fpcdavenport.org) if you would like more information.

Homecoming 2019!  
Sunday, October 6, 11:00 AM

On Sunday, October 6, First Presbyterian will celebrate Homecoming, a tribute to our church members who are 75 years old and older. Many in our congregation come to church regularly, but some make a special effort to attend this event being held to honor them. Following the 11:00 AM service, those 75 and older are invited to celebrate a traditional luncheon in Fellowship Hall. This year will again feature the dessert cart. Further details and reservation information to follow in future newsletters and bulletin announcements.

FPC Updates

New - Church Office Lunch Hour

As of Monday, July 15, the church is closed from 12:30-1:30 PM each week day, so that staff have the opportunity to eat lunch in a timely manner. Any calls made to the office during this hour will be returned as quickly as possible after 1:30 PM.

Emergency Preparedness Task Force - Security FOB’s

The new church security system has been installed to secure all exterior doors. Starting Monday, August 5, access to the church will be as follows:

The doors will be unlocked for Sunday morning services and special events.  
All other times, all the doors will be locked. Entry may be made through the Iowa Street door or the West Parking Lot door by use of a Security FOB/Card or by using the buzzer/doorbell located at the entrances.

All members are encouraged to obtain a Security FOB/Card to gain easy access to the building. A Security FOB/Card will be issued upon receipt of a \$5 refundable deposit. Security FOB/Card Request forms will be available in the Front Office. If you have questions, please contact Pam Paulsen, Darren Long, or Kristine Olson.

Scheduling Events and Meetings at FPC

Please contact Darren Long (long@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691, 205), FPC’s Facilities & Custodial Supervisor, to arrange a meeting time, location, and room set-up specifications if you’re planning a church event or scheduling a meeting. It is *necessary* to contact Darren about the availability of church facilities, complete and submit a Building Use Form (BUF) and receive notification of approval, before finalizing and announcing plans to hold events at the church. This makes for efficient room space and custodial scheduling for your activity or meeting. Thank you!

Session Highlights for July, 2019

- Presbytery temporarily approved an August 1, 2019 start date for Interim Pastor Mark Galbraith, with final approval to follow at the September 21, 2019 Presbytery Meeting when Pastor Mark will be present.
- Enhanced door security will begin August 5, 2019, information will be presented by the Emergency Preparedness committee.
- Performing Arts Series for 2019-2020 was announced and approved. Details will be provided by mail in August.
- Sessions’ specific questions for a Synod Administrative Review of the Presbytery events over the past two years will be attached to the Presbytery’s official request of Synod.
- Storm inflicted technology damage to the churches’ Wi-Fi has resulted in servicing and recommendations for upgrades.

Financial Summary for the month of June 2019				
	June 2019		June 2018	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	54,585	65,185	60,093	60,353
Custodial Accounts Income	17,067	-	5,420	-
General Fund Expenses	57,188	76,345	75,637	92,305
Custodial Accounts Expenses	17,067	-	5,420	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(2,603)	(11,160)	(15,544)	(31,952)
	2019 Year-To-Date		2018 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	476,259	461,565	511,230	526,711
Custodial Accounts Income	47,987	-	53,984	-
General Fund Expenses	401,424	456,696	452,013	499,836
Custodial Accounts Expenses	47,987	-	53,984	-
Surplus (Deficit)	74,835	4,869	59,217	26,875
All numbers are rounded.				



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- Rev. Katie Styrt  
*Associate Pastor*
- Rev. Sue Howes  
*Associate Pastor Emeritus*
- Rev. Pat Halverson  
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- Traci Cracraft\* & Sarah Greim\*  
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- Matt Bishop  
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- Alex Gilson  
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First Presbyterian Church!

The choirs of First Presbyterian Church will begin in September except for the Sanctuary Choir, which holds its annual retreat on August 31. Initial rehearsals are the best opportunities to JOIN A CHOIR! REGISTRATION information will be emailed in August. If you would like additional information, please contact Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org).

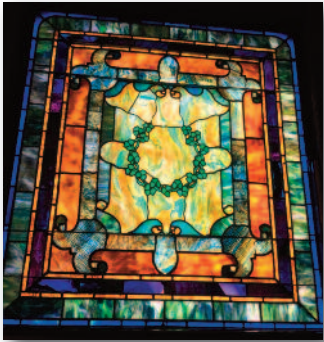
**Adult Choir - Sanctuary Choir:** The renowned adult Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM under the direction of Matt Bishop. The season begins with a retreat at St. Ambrose on Saturday, August 31 from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.


**Celebration Singers:** The Celebration Singers is for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade vocalists. The first rehearsal is Sunday, September 22, from 4:45-5:30 PM. Matt Bishop conducts this ensemble. Middle School and High School Fellowships follow from 5:30-7:00 PM.

**Girls' Choir - Cecelian Carolers:** Membership in this ensemble is selected from girls in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> who are also participants in Celebration Singers. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from 4:00-4:45 PM. All girls wishing to sing must attend a vocal placement evaluation on Sunday, September 15. Matt Bishop directs this choir.

**Kirkwood Choir:** All 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:30 PM. The first rehearsal is September 18. Linda Bengfort directs this elementary group. Kirkwood youth group will be from 6:30 - 7:15 PM. Please contact Linda Bengfort (bengfort@fpcdavenport.org) for more information.

**Cherub Choir:** The Sunday School membership of pre-schoolers and Kindergartners sing in the Cherub Choir. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings, beginning September 15, from 10:00-10:15 AM. Kathy Middleton directs these young singers. For more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (middleton@fpcdavenport.org).





Wow! Did the time ever fly this summer! Play dates, vacations, new experiences and new babies welcomed into some of our families kept the days full. AND some of our Musikgarten kids got to attend Vacation Bible Camp for the first time! It was so much fun to watch them sing and dance during the VBC celebration service in July.

We have classes on August 4, 11 and 18 from 9:15-9:50 AM in room 307. Then we'll take a break until the Sunday School schedule resumes. At that time, we will be back at our regular time between services from 10:15-10:50 AM, meeting the same weeks that Sunday School meets.

Musikgarten provides a unique musical environment that is encouraging, loving, and supportive to both children and adults. Our classes include infants-three year olds and their parent. We sing, move and play simple instruments while building confidence, creativity and language skills. For more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (kathrynb15@gmail.com; 563-505-0471).



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Berlin, June 15, 2019

Dear Choir Members of First Presbyterian Church Davenport,

It is a year since you visited the Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin and we wanted to send a note of thanks and appreciation for your visit and generous donation along with an update from the music group in our church. It was just over a year ago that a group formed in our church to begin practicing and leading songs in our worship service. This was only a month before your visit to us in June 2018 and since that time the music group has continued to meet on a weekly basis for several hours to learn and rehearse songs for our worship services.

Your visit was timely for inspiring our group early on, by offering an example of the possibilities of a choir that regular practices with one another. We continue to remember fondly the worship service we celebrated together along with recognizing how far our group has developed in the last year.

As our group was newly formed we were borrowing a keyboard from another choir that practices in the church, but early on we recognized the desire to have a keyboard that would be more suited to our style of music and needs. Following your visit we were blessed to receive a generous donation from your choir and after discussion and discernment the decision was made to use these funds to purchase our own keyboard.

Since this time, our choir has met weekly on Friday evenings practicing music and sharing a meal together. As you all have probably similarly experienced, our group has developed beyond simply a music group to also being a group of people who support one another in life. We begin each gathering sharing what we are carrying and bringing to our time together, followed by lifting these concerns up in prayer. Part way through our evenings we break for a shared meal together and enjoy the fellowship with one another.

This note is greatly delayed, but we wanted to write to you to share our thanks and appreciation for the time we had together last year and to let you know how your donation has supported our group. We look forward to an opportunity in September to sing with other choirs from different migrant churches in Berlin and as we prepare for that experience we are inspired by your time with us and the organization of your group. If there is an opportunity we will try to send a recording of some of our singing to share with you.

We wish you all peace and blessing in the name of Jesus Christ who is the one we both declare as the image of the loving, just, and compassionate God we gather together to praise and worship. With loving appreciation for you all!

The members of the Iranian Presbyterian Church Music Group

FPC Becomes a Matthew 25 Church



In June, UNITE Taskforce members applied for and First Pres. became a Matthew 25 Church, with emphasis on building congregational vitality. Encouraging churches to become Matthew 25 Churches is an initiative of PC(USA), and, as you may recall, it was the theme for our 2018 Stewardship Campaign. *Matthew 25:31-46* is referred to as *The Parable of the Sheep and Goats* or *The Judgment of the Nations*, and it recounts the words of Jesus to his Disciples just before his crucifixion: *"I was hungry and you gave me food ... I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ... just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."*

Becoming a Matthew 25 Church encourages each of us to challenge ourselves to deepen and energize our faith and to grow as disciples of Christ. To help us all rise to this challenge, we are encouraging all members to prayerfully commit to devoting 25 hours of service a year to the church and its ministries, beginning this fall. Twenty-five hours a year is a little more than two hours a month – about the time it takes to catch a movie. Many of you vastly exceed that commitment. For those who are looking for ways to serve, we have developed a ministries-at-a-glance list that shows the ministries of the church that really need your help. The list will be published in the next Broadcaster and posted around the church, with contact names, numbers, and email addresses, and it includes many wonderful opportunities to serve the church and those whom Jesus called “the least of these who are members of my family.” Please prayerfully consider accepting the Matthew 25 challenge to devote 25 hours of service to the church and its ministries, beginning this fall. Invite a family member or a friend to join you. We are a serving church, and we need your help.



Travel Fellowship Celebrates Oktoberfest! - Saturday, October 19, 12:30-6:30 PM

Join the fun on a beer tasting tour of the Quad Cities sponsored by your Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee. We will board a mini-coach and visit several craft breweries to sample local brews and learn the stories behind the hops and grains which make each distinctive taste. Planned visits include Great River Brewing, Davenport; Wake Brewing, Rock Island; Crawford Brew Works and Five Cities Brewing, Bettendorf. Our expert guide (and fellow choir member) will be Brendan Iglehart of Altstates Travel! Meet local brew masters and learn the history of brewing developed by QC immigrants of Northern Europe. Toast each other and celebrate Oktoberfest together! Lederhosen shorts are optional! We are limited to the first 14 people who sign up for this fun and original tour. A waiting list will be established for a second tour date if interest exceeds space. Don't miss the beer bus! Please stop by the church office with your check for \$59 per person. This is a perfect activity to invite friends whom you think would enjoy getting to know our church family. For more information, contact Linda Meadors (309-235-5806).







VBC 2019!

Thank you to everyone that helped to make VBC so special!

FPC at Triennium!



From July 16-20, eleven youth and two adults joined 5,000 other youth and adults at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in West Lafayette, IN at Purdue University. This year’s theme was “Here’s My Heart” taken from the hymn “Come Thou Fount”. Each day was filled with fellowship, bible study, worship and lots and lots of walking in the heat. Our kids were model youth and made us proud. Watching them forge new friendships and strengthen current ones was so much fun. Even better was watching them strengthen their faith and their place as a Christian in the world.

We plan on having a dinner this Fall to thank the congregation for helping to send us and to talk more about our experiences. As an adult who had the opportunity to attend as a youth twice, I know how this trip can impact a youth for the rest of their lives. Again we all thank you for all your support!



Here are some CEFY save-the-dates for your calendar:

- August 25: Blessing of the Backpacks at the 10:00 AM service
- September 15: Sunday School Open House and first day of Middle School (ACT) and High School (EPIC) Youth Groups
- September 18: First day of Kirkwood Club
- September 22: First day of Sunday School

Tabitha’s Circle - Sunday, August 11, 11:00 AM

All those who would like to sew simple dresses and shorts are welcome to join us Sunday, August 11 in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. The clothes we make are sent to children in Africa, Guatemala, Cambodia and Haiti as well as to Appalachia and South Dakota, in the U.S. Please bring your own sewing machines and invite others who would like to participate. We will have refreshments. Contact Sharon Simmonds (563-355-7008) for information.

Bible Basics - Wednesdays, beginning August 21, 7:00 PM

Bible Basics will be in recess on Wednesday, August 7 and 14. We will resume meeting weekly on Wednesday, August 21. Please consider joining us after our mid-summer break. For more information about Bible Basics, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com; 563-359-6607). Newcomers are always welcome!

Performing Arts Series Season Announcement Party

Thursday, August 22, 6:00 PM

The Worship & Music Committee invites you to our Performing Arts Series season announcement party at The Grape Life (3402 Elmore Avenue, Davenport) on Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 PM. Come be the first to learn about the exciting guest artists and concert plans for the upcoming season. Light hors d’oeuvres provided, wine is available for purchase.

Young Adult BBQ Night - Friday, August 23, 6:30 PM

Join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship! Meet at Sarah and Chad Greim’s house (1660 W. 51st St, Davenport). Meat will be provided; BYOB, a side dish, and lawn chairs if you have them. Kids are welcome! This event is open to anybody 21-45ish. RSVP to Katie (styrt@fpcdavenport.org) so we know how much meat to buy.

Socializers - Sunday, August 25, 12:00 PM

If you like good food and good fellowship, please mark your calendar and plan to attend Socializers on Sunday, August 25, at noon to share a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share. Our speaker will be Scott Tunnichliff, the Director of the Hilltop Campus Village, who will share information about our Hilltop neighborhood and upcoming improvements.



Manna & More, Women’s Non-Fiction Book Club Back in September!

Share a delightful breakfast and fellowship at Manna & More on Sunday, September 8 from 8:30-10:30 AM.

Join the Women’s Non-Fiction Book Club on Tuesday, September 10, at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. We’ll discuss *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown.

Join a Covenant Group!

Want to make connections with other members, get to know each other and study the Bible together? Join our new covenant group! This long-term small group will meet in each other’s houses to share prayer, Bible study and support each other. Covenant groups are closed groups, which means that members commit to regular attendance and any personal conversations with the group will be confidential, like with secular support groups. The group will be made up of couples and singles, and discussion topics will be chosen by the group. There is already one covenant group named Maker’s Dozen — this new group will begin once enough people are interested! If you’re interested in joining, please contact Rev. Katie (styrt@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691).

Adult Christian Education (ACE)

ACE is in recess for the summer, but the committee is busy planning the fall schedule. What would you like to see offered between services? Speakers? Bible Study? Book study? Videos? There are many options to help deepen our knowledge of our Christian faith. What would interest you? Please contact Barb Ehrmann (ptbee02@gmail.com) with your suggestions, or drop a note in the ACE mailbox in the office. We could also use more congregational members on our committee. If you think this is something you might be interested in, please let Barb know.

Prayer Shawl  
Second Tuesday  
and Knit for Kids

The Prayer Shawl Group of First Presbyterian Church meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM in the church parlor. We will recess in August, and resume meeting in September. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and the fellowship of lovely people, while creating gifts for others, please join us. Newcomers are welcome. Patterns and yarn are available. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute to this ministry, you may bring finished items to the church office. Donations of yarn are also accepted. Please contact Karla Jones (563-332-9314; mkjones@mchsi.com) or Nancy Foster (563-391-4622; nancyotr97@gmail.com) with any questions.

Knit for Kids is another opportunity to use your knitting or crocheting skills. Knit for Kids is an organization of World Vision that collects blankets, hats, and sweaters to distribute to needy children in this country and around the world. Finished items may be placed in the “Knit for Kids” bin in the church office. When enough items are collected they are shipped to the national organization for distribution. Patterns for items can be found at [www.knitforkids.org](http://www.knitforkids.org). Contact Karla Jones (563-332-9314; mkjones@mchsi.com) with any questions.

Prayer Shawls Available for You to Give

The members of the Prayer Shawl group (PSST) provide prayer shawls for you to give to a family member, friend, neighbor or colleague that is in need of God’s loving presence. The recipient need not be a church member. A prayer shawl or lap robe is tangible evidence of God’s presence among us and can be given in times of challenge or joy. Shawls are available every Sunday on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary and on the coat racks in Fellowship Hall and near the main office at all times during the week.

