

FPC Calendar for the Week of September 1 - 8, 2019

(Also visit <http://www.fpcdavenport.org/Calendar.html>)

Sunday, September 1

8:30 AM Worship Service - West lawn parking lot

9:15 AM Musikgarten - IN RECESS

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, September 2

Church Closed in Observance of the Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 3

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room

4:30 PM Buildings and Grounds Committee - Parlor

6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym

Wednesday, September 4

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor

12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room

5:00 PM Boys and Girls Club Dinner - Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Board of Pensions: Benefits Connection - Von Maur Hall

6:15 PM Bible Basics - IN RECESS

6:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, September 5

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room

5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall

6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Friday, September 6

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

Saturday, September 7

8:00 AM Manna and More Casserole Preparation - Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Sunday, September 8

8:15 AM Manna and More - Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00 AM Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Von Maur Hall

10:20 AM Musikgarten - IN RECESS

11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Don't Forget!
Sunday, September 8,
we return to our program
year worship times:
9:00 and 11:00 AM.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**
On Sunday, September 22,
There is one service at
10:00 AM
immediately followed by a
Congregational Meeting.

CONGREGATION UPDATES

Technology Task Force Update

Our new Technology Task Force is hard at work exploring ways to update our online presence and office software and hardware! The team's first priority is to transfer our website to a more easily-updatable interface. The current website was designed and updated by Diane Pumphrey, and without presence of a coding expert like her on staff it is not possible to make major changes to our website. Until the website is moved to a different interface, our updates will be minimal. We ask your patience during this transition, and for your prayers for the Tech Task Force as they take on the meticulous job of working through these crucial technological details.

Emergency Preparedness Task Force - Security FOBs

The new church security system has been installed to secure all exterior doors. Access to the church is 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 these 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 church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Paulsen, Darren Long, or Kristine Olson.

Just a Reminder!

The church office is closed for lunch daily from 12:30-1:30 PM.

Program year office hours (M-F, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM and 1:30 to 4:30 PM) resume September 6.

Lost and Found

There are a number of items in the FPC Lost and Found boxes. If you are missing something, please stop by the office and check to see if what you are looking for might be there! Items unclaimed by October 1 will be donated or disposed of, as appropriate.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, September 1, 2019

The announcements that follow inform you of various First Presbyterian Church ministries, programs, and events to which you are invited. Please save this publication; take it home and keep it for easy reference.

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 or pay online through FPC's "Donate Now" link. This is a perfect activity to invite friends whom you think would enjoy getting to know our church family. Confirmation letters will be mailed on October 12 to all those who signed up. For more information, contact Linda Meadors (309-235-5806).

Sign Up Now!

Travel Fellowship Oktoberfest Beer Tour Sign Up Table - Sunday, September 8 and 15, 10:00 AM

Stop by the Travel Fellowship table in Fellowship Hall between the service on Sunday, September 8 and 15, to reserve your place for the Oktoberfest Beer Tasting taking place Saturday, October 19. Committee members will be available to answer your questions and accept your \$59 per person payment. Don't delay as there are only 14 seats on the coach. Tickets are transferable, but not refundable.

Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 PM

The Prayer Shawl Group meets Tuesday, September 10 from 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 302. 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. Questions? Contact Karla Jones (563-332-9314; mkjones@mchsi.com) or Nancy Foster (563-391-4622; nancyotr97@gmail.com).

Prayer Shawls Available to Give: 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. The members of the Prayer Shawl group (PSST) invite you to give a prayer shawl to a family member, friend, neighbor or colleague that is in need of God's loving presence.

CEFY Save-the-Dates for Your Calendar!

September 15: First day of Middle School (ACT) and High School (EPIC) Youth Groups, 5:30 PM

September 18: First day of Kirkwood Club, 6:30 PM

September 22: Sunday School Open House at 9:00 AM

September 29: First Day of Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Tabitha's Circle - September 15, 11:00 AM



All those who sew or who would like to sew some simple dresses and shorts are invited to join us Sunday, September 15 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.

CONGREGATION NEWS

September at First Presbyterian Church is “Sunday Undies”

What’s that? This is a back to school assistance program for elementary schools in Davenport during the month of September. This isn’t the normal back to school supplies of pens, pencils and paper. It’s a way to help our younger students that are in need of some extra clothes, mostly clean underwear. A number of our church members work in the Davenport Schools and they often see the problem of students needing a clean pair of underwear especially if they have had an accident. e could use sizes 5 thru 12 (briefs and boxers) for both girls and boys. You can find these at Walmart, Target, Kohl’s and J.C. Penney’s. Don’t have time to shop, just drop a check in the collection plate and write “Sunday Undies” on the memo line. Look for the container with a colorful sign in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions contact Cassie Woods at Cassie.woods24@gmail.com, or 563-349-0029 (text or call). Thanks for all your support.

Celebration Station Opens in Fellowship Hall - Sunday, September 15

Say “goodbye” to donut holes and say “hello” to treats offered by church members who are celebrating a special occasion. Look in the Sunday bulletin to see who has volunteered to be the Celebration Host in honor of their special event ex: birthday, anniversary, retirement, child’s achievement, milestone occasion. Each Sunday in Fellowship Hall worshipers can sample different treats and take the opportunity to express best wishes to church family members -- all in Christian fellowship.

It’s easy to pick your date to celebrate. The Celebration Station notebook will be in the church office and you can stop in or call 563-326-1691 to select your Celebration Sunday. It’s a simple 3 step process:

1. Pick the Sunday you will host
2. List your celebration event
3. Bring 50 bite-size treats

Your Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee is launching this program on September 15 with the expectation that Celebration Hosts will step forward for every Sunday for the remainder of the year. Count your blessings and pick your Sunday!

Welcome International Peacemaker Rev. Maria Bock Baret

Monday, September 23, 6:00 PM, Village Inn, 1919 N. Harrison St., 7:00 PM, Parlor

On Monday, September 23, the Rev. Maria Bock Baret will be joining us as an International Peacemaker. Rev. Maria is an ordained minister and serves as Coordinator of Social Action for the Dominican Protestant Church (Iglesia Evangélica Dominicana). She oversees the denomination’s major programs aimed at transforming lives in local communities: solar ovens, purified water and community health evangelism (CHE). She’ll be traveling all throughout the Presbytery of East Iowa, sharing the good news and connecting with local Presbyterian churches. Save the date and join us in welcoming Rev. Maria! Rev. Maria will present news of her ministry on Monday at FPC in the Parlor at 7:00 PM. We’ll meet first at the Village Inn on Harrison Street for dinner at 6:00 PM.



Celebration Reception for Rev. Katie and Philip Styr

Sunday, September 29, 10:00 AM

Let’s celebrate the upcoming birth of their child with Rev. Katie and Philip Styr on Sunday, September 29 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. The gift of a purse will be presented, to assist in preparing for and welcoming their baby. Your kind monetary gifts may be submitted to the church office, with “Baby Purse” in the memo line. A new life will be joining us — we rejoice and give thanks!

A Note from Pastor Mark

I have been asked about the best contact times and methods. For all regular church business, kindly contact me during my office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:30 AM to noon at the church office. During afternoon and evenings, and those “when-it-can’t-wait” moments, you may contact me at my email, galbraith@fpcdavenport.org or call/text me, 360-325-2651. If you text me, kindly identify yourself, so that I know it is you contacting me! Fridays and Saturdays are my days off, so kindly restrict your contacts to emergencies only.

NEW MEMBER NEWS

New Member Inquiry - Sunday, October 13, 12:00 PM

Thinking about joining our church? Please attend a New Member Inquiry class from 12:00-1:30 PM on Sunday, October 13. In this class we’ll talk about what it means to be Presbyterian, how to get involved at First Pres., and share snacks and fellowship! You’ll also have a chance to get to know church leaders and ask questions. Not sure about joining? Come learn more and see if this is a good fit for you. Not able to make it but interested? Contact the office to RSVP, and we can arrange another time to meet if needed.

New Member Reunion - Sunday, October 27, 12:15 PM

We’ve had lots of new members join in the past year, so let’s get together, catch up, and celebrate! Members who’ve joined since last fall are welcome to bring their families Meet us at Armored Gardens (315 Pershing Ave in Davenport) at 12:15 PM on Sunday, October 27. Lunch and drinks are available for you to order. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education (ACE)

Adult Christian Education (ACE) starts up again on Sunday mornings starting on September 8! Join us at 10:00 AM in Von Maur Hall on Sunday mornings for discussion, presentations, and learning. Our first speaker is Will Reed from King’s Harvest, who will share news about King’s Harvest’s housing ministries and how we can get involved. Check this space for ACE’s full fall schedule soon!

Women of Hope Bible Study Begins - Wednesday, September 11, 10:00 AM

Women of Hope Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, September 11, at 10:00 AM in Von Maur Hall. Study books are provided and the group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from September through May. Dickylee Spindler will be leading the first meeting. New members are always welcome!

Bible Basics - Wednesdays, 6:15 PM, Parlor

Bible Basics will be IN RECESS Wednesday, September 4. Please join us again on September 11.

CARING FOR SELF & OTHERS

Food Pantry Collections for The Center

Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! In September, we are collecting paper goods such as paper towels, napkins, and toilet paper. 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. You can drop off your contribution to the church in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Grothusen (563-505-4964; mjgrothusen@hotmail.com).

Homework Helpers - Tuesdays and Thursdays , 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Please consider volunteering as a tutor for the Boys and Girls Club kids on Tuesday and Thursdays, from 3:30-4:30 PM. You do not have to do this on a weekly basis, just as your schedule permits. Contact Muffy Ellard at 563-505-2292.

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 (styr@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691).

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Pickleball Returns to Program Year Schedule!

Wednesday, September 4, 9:00 AM

Pickleball is IN RECESS on Labor Day. We will return to our Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule of play in the FPC gym on Wednesday, September 4 at 9:00 AM. Until then, us for some climate controlled (not weather dependent) summer fun in the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. New players are always welcomed and encouraged. We have extra equipment to get you started. Contact Diane Schroder (563-326-5753) or Mariann Kabel (563-386-4298) with questions.

Hilltop Urban Garden Taste Event - Saturday, September 7, 10:00 AM

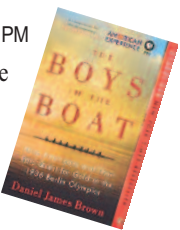
Take part in this fun event on Saturday, September 7 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Hilltop Parking Lot located at Ripley and Scott, off 15th Street. There will be food made by each of the PUNCH member churches using local produce. And it’s all free!

Manna & More - Sunday, September 8, 8:15 -10:30 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service from 8:15-10:30 AM on Sunday, September 8. Enjoy egg casserole, pancakes, fruit, cinnamon rolls and assorted beverages. Adults \$3, children (12 & under) \$1. Everyone is invited — see you there!

Women’s Non-Fiction Book Club! - Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 PM

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. For more information, contact Rev. Katie (563-326-1691, x-206: styr@fpcdavenport.org).



Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club

Monday, September 16, 12:30 PM

Between the Covers Book Club, affectionately known as BTC, will begin on Monday, September 16 with Irene Huffman leading the discussion of *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbooks Got Wrong* by James Loewen. We meet in the Parlor on the third Monday (with a few exceptions) at 12:30 PM for dessert followed by our discussion at 1:00 PM. BTC is a book club devoted to the discussion of books selected by the group, with a leader in charge of the discussion, and a hostess in charge of refreshments. We read fiction, non-fiction, historical fiction, biographies, etc. If this sounds interesting to you, please come! Please call hostess Carol Phoenix (309-332-0980) to R.S.V.P.



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. If you would like more information, please contact Rev. Katie (styr@fpcdavenport.org).

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

Invitations have been mailed for the annual Homecoming Sunday celebration! Any/all church members who are 75 years old and more will be welcomed to a sumptuous buffet served by Bridges Catering, with a dessert table featuring every kind of pie one can imagine! Let us hear from you! By popular request, Ted Brown with The Kirkwood Brothers, accompanied by Matt Bishop will be providing fun and entertaining music following the meal. Please join this happy time with conversation, memories, reconnecting with old friends and perhaps making new ones, too. It’s never too late to join in this wonderful event. Need transportation? Need assistance during the event? Questions or concerns? Please contact Pat Cresap (563 449-8148; cresaptwo@gmail.com).