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

This event is a tradition held each year to honor church members who are 75 years old and more! It's held on the first Sunday in October at 12:00 PM, following worship, in Fellowship Hall.

There will be a large buffet with many food choices — and plenty of volunteers who want to assist with any needs. Need transportation to church — during the event — and afterwards? Simply let us know and we'll be happy to get you here!

By popular request, Ted Brown & 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!

Invitations have been mailed and an RSVP is so important! Questions? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Cresap (563-449-8184; cresaptwo@gmail.com).

Please Make a Note of it...

November Newsletter Schedule: Articles for the November edition of *The Broadcaster* newsletter are due October 14. Please submit to Bobette Maginas (office@fpcdavenport.org).



Need to Know 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.

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!

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. We 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.

Abundant Life: Stewardship 2020

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."
— John 10:10

This fall, our stewardship campaign focuses on our abundant life in Jesus Christ. Together we will examine the various ways that we as a congregation can, and do, make an impact on our community, locally and across the globe through our abundance.

Whether we are providing after school tutoring services to Davenport students, or worshiping with Iranian Christian refugees halfway across the world, we fulfill our mission with joyful hearts. Luke 6:38 tells us, "...give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure — pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return." Each year, funding for our various missions comes directly from our stewardship campaign. Give and you shall receive so we can continue to grow in our abundant lives.

We all have time, talent, and treasure that we can give to First Presbyterian Church. As you prayerfully consider your philanthropic support for the calendar year 2020, please know that gifts of all sizes are appreciated as our church family unites to meet our goal. We kindly ask you to fill out a 2020 pledge form and submit it to the Finance Office by or before Sunday, November 3. You can still give even if you do not complete a pledge form, but these forms are incredibly helpful to us as we plan for our expenses for the upcoming year.

If you have questions about this year's campaign, please contact Sam Crow (563-940-6614; samantha.e.crow@gmail.com). If you have questions about online, stock or RMD gifts, please contact Kristine Olson (563-326-1691; olson@fpcdavenport.org).



A note from Pastor Mark

Partners in ministry at First Presbyterian Church:

First of all thank you, thank you, thank you so very much for your warm hospitality, welcomes, and invites out! Wasn't that jazz service simply out of this world?? What a way to begin our time together. I loved every minute of it, and the jazz musicians, Alex, Matt, and the choir rocked it!

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.

On September 22 we will have a special schedule, beginning with Christian education at 9:00 AM, a joint service at 10:00 AM, followed by a PowerPoint presentation of the game plan for this season of prayer, discernment, and conversation.

Please don't forget the evening program beginning at 4:30 PM with an evening fellowship meal.

Please take note of the information in the bulletins and here in the newsletter for *The Divine Drama* Survey of the Bible course I plan to offer beginning Tuesday, September 24.



The cost of the materials for the entire course is \$30. If that is a hardship or a challenge please talk to me. Do not let costs stop you from enjoying the benefits that this amazing exploration that pulls together the Bible in no other way any resource I know of does. Kindly sign up before the week of September 15 so materials can be ordered in a timely fashion.

In partnership,
Pastor Mark

Men's Fellowship Evening - Saturday, October 12, 5:00PM

Attention men of the church, save this date: Saturday, September 12. We will be having a Men's Fellowship at the home of Ted Brown. Come join us for an evening of brats and beer. It's a good time to meet some people you may not know in the church. The cost is \$10 per person. The event starts at 5:00 PM. Come and enjoy some fellowship!

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!

Travel Fellowship Craft Beer Tour! - Saturday, October 19, 12:30 PM



Join Sanctuary Choir member Brendan Iglehart and your CDF committee for a local Oktoberfest beer sampling tour Saturday, October 19. You will visit four local craft breweries, learn some history, gain insight into this artisan industry and sample thirst quenching brews. Brendan is an avid traveler with over 30 countries ticked off his list. His passion and knowledge of our regional culture is contagious! Sit back and let him drive you through the byways which house some of the best breweries in the Quad Cities. After your tour, enjoy coffee and snacks hosted by our Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee. For tour information contact Linda Meadors (309-235-5806).

This small group tour is open to church members, potential members and friends of First Presbyterian. Limited to only 14 participants. Please reserve your spot by stopping by the church office with your check for \$59 per person or pay online through FPC's "Donate Now" link. Your prepaid ticket is transferable, but not refundable. A confirmation letter will be mailed on October 12 to all those who signed up. A waiting list will be established, too.



Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 22

Please join us for a congregational meeting Sunday, September 22 at 11:00 AM, following a single worship service at 10:00 AM. At this specially-called meeting we'll approve updated bylaws for the church, and nominate an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for the position of Associate Pastor of Youth and Children. Copies of the bylaws will be available in the front office in September, or can be read on the 22nd. After the meeting, stick around for a PowerPoint presentation from Pastor Mark detailing his plans for our time together during his interim ministry!



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

Join us on Sunday, September 22, at 4:30 PM for a relaxed worship service in Fellowship Hall. We'll share communion, scripture, prayer, and sing together. After worship, we'll have a potluck dinner with the youth group — please bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome for this event!

Ways to Effect Church Giving

There are many ways to give or pay a pledge to First Presbyterian Church. We acknowledge that people feel connected in worship through the act of placing their gift in the offering plate each Sunday and this is a very meaningful act. In case there is a need for an alternative, here are a few other ways to effect giving to the church:

Automatic Bank Payments (ACH) – This option allows funds to be electronically debited from a checking or savings account and credited to the church's account on a date that the individual chooses. Go to www.fpcdavenport.org and click "Give Now".

Credit Card Payments – This option allows funds to be charged to a credit (or debit) card credited to the church's account on a date that the individual chooses. Go to www.fpcdavenport.org and click "Give Now." You have the option to help offset the processing fee for these transactions within the instructions.

Gifting Stock – Please discuss with your financial/tax advisor to determine if this option is right for you. When stock is gifted to the church, **please notify the Finance Office** so we can provide instructions on how to gift stock to the church and to ensure you receive full contribution credit.

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Payments – Please discuss with your financial/tax advisor to determine if this option is right for you. When directing your required minimum distribution to the church, **please notify the Finance Office** so that we can give full contribution credit.

As always, thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at olson@fpcdavenport.org or 563.326.1691 Ext. 219.

Session Highlights for August 2019

- A Brief Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, September 22, at the conclusion of the single 10:00 AM Worship Service, to approve the updated FPC Bylaws, which are a portion of the newly revised Operation Manual. After the meeting, Pastor Mark will present a PowerPoint presentation for the visioning process at FPC.
- Celebration in anticipation of a new life! Reception for Katie and Philip Styr Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM. A purse will be collected to assist the couple welcoming their child.
- Technology Task force was formed to guide these important decisions and functions.
- Christian Education Director or Associate Pastor of Christian Education job description has been approved and the Task Force may begin the search process.
- Sunday morning coffee hour fresh opportunity the Fall. Congregants may select a Sunday to serve as Celebration Hosts, sharing life's joys and simple edible treats with our FPC family. Coordinating person is Linda Meadors
- A monetary recognition gift of \$5,000 will honor Katie Styr's service and leadership as temporary, Acting Head of Staff.

Thank you, Katie for embracing this increased roll and our prayers are with you as you return to focus on your Call as Associate Pastor.

Financial Summary for the month of July 2019				
	July 2019	Budget	July 2018	Budget
General Fund Income	62,876	65,185	55,616	71,145
Custodial Accounts Income	11,786	-	2,735	-
General Fund Expenses	59,548	82,634	65,490	74,276
Custodial Accounts Expenses	11,786	-	2,735	-
Surplus (Deficit)	3,328	(17,449)	(9,874)	(3,131)
	2019 Year-To-Date		2018 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	539,135	526,750	566,847	597,856
Custodial Accounts Income	59,773	-	56,719	-
General Fund Expenses	460,972	539,330	517,503	574,112
Custodial Accounts Expenses	59,773	-	56,719	-
Surplus (Deficit)	78,163	(12,580)	49,344	23,744

Scheduling Events and Meetings at FPC

Please contact FPC's Facilities & Custodial Supervisor, Darren Long (563-326-1691, 205; long@fpcdavenport.org), 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!



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First Presbyterian Church Choirs!

Adult Choir - Sanctuary Choir: The adult Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM under the direction of Matt Bishop. For more information, please contact Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org).

Celebration Singers: The Celebration Singers is for 6th through 12th grade vocalists. The first rehearsal is Sunday, September 22, 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 6th through 12th who are also participants in Celebration Singers. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons, 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 1st through 5th graders will rehearse on Wednesday evenings, 5:45-6:30 PM. The first rehearsal is September 18. Linda Bengfort directs this elementary group. Kirkwood youth group will meet 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).

MUSIK GARTEN What do Snow White's dwarves, the colors of the rainbow and Musikgarten have in common? Give up? The answer is...the number 7! Yes, FPC Family, as hard as it is to believe, we're starting year number 7 in Musikgarten! I don't know how many children and their families have participated, but I do know we've had many and some were only a few days old when they made their Musikgarten debut! Musikgarten is for infants-3 year olds and their parents. We'll be starting our fall classes when Sunday School resumes on September 22 from 10:15-10:50 AM in room 307.

In Musikgarten, we sing, dance and play together. What an easy way to introduce your child to music! As an added bonus, we get to watch these awesome little people become more confident, independent, and expressive as they grow together.

If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (563-505-0471; kathryn15@gmail.com). You can also stop in during Sunday School Open House on September 15.



Matt Bishop Harpsichord Recital
Sunday, October 27, 2019, 5:00pm
(free admission for limited seating in the Chapel - call the church office to reserve a seat)



Ivan Moshchuk, Pianist
Saturday, November 16, 2019, 7:30pm
(\$15 adult/\$10 student)

An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols (Chamber Chorale)
Sunday, December 1, 10:00am

FPC Christmas Concert 2019
Saturday December 14, 2019, 7:30pm
Sunday, December 15, 2019, 4:00pm
"Let Heaven and Nature Sing"
(complimentary tickets required)



QCA Visiting Artist Series: The Rose Ensemble
Friday, January 17, 2020, 7:30pm
(\$15 adult/\$10 student)



Alex Gils on Organ Recital
Friday, February 21, 2020, 7:30pm
(\$15 adult/\$10 student)



Broadway Musical: Guys and Dolls
Saturday, March 28, 2020, 7:30pm
Sunday, March 29, 2020, 4:00pm
(\$15 adult/\$10 student)



Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Friday, April 10, 2020 7:30pm
(free admission)



Agape Ringers
Monday, June 15, 2020 7:30pm
(free admission)

In Our Commitment as a Matthew 25 Church, God is Doing Something New



MATTHEW 25

In the first of what is sure to be many thought-provoking sermons at First Pres., Rev. Mark Galbraith recalled God's promise to bless those who praise him, as recounted in Isaiah 43:19: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not see it?" Rev. Mark asked further if we could hear it; and he asked if we could embrace it. What is it that we are to see, hear, and embrace? In Isaiah 44:8, God says, "You are my witnesses!" Part of what we are to see, hear, and embrace as God's witness is the call to help those whom Jesus referred to as "... the least of these who are members of my family"—Matthew 25:40. Every time we reach out to help someone in need, God is doing something new, in us, and God is doing something new in the life and spirit of those we help. Do you see it? Can you hear it? Can you embrace it? We are God's witnesses in the world!

In June, we became a Matthew 25 Church, with emphasis on building congregational vitality. Encouraging churches to become Matthew 25 Churches is an initiative of the PCUSA, and, as you may recall, it was the theme for our 2018 Stewardship Campaign: "I was hungry and you gave me food ... thirsty and you gave me something to drink ... a stranger ... naked ... sick ... in prison ... and you visited me. Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."—Matthew 25:31-46

In the spirit of Matthew 25, to help us see, hear, and embrace the call to be God's witnesses, we encourage 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 chart that lists some of the ministries of the church that need your help. The list is published here and will be updated and posted around the church, and it includes many wonderful opportunities to serve. If you see, hear, and embrace the commitment to devote 25 hours of service to the church and its ministries, you will receive a special Matthew 25 name tag in thanks and appreciation for your help. Qualifying for the Matthew 25 name tag will be done on an honor system; just notify the church office when you feel you've reached 25 hours of service. Whether you are new to serving the church or have served the church for years, you will quickly learn or be reminded that every time you reach out to someone in need, God is doing something new in you, and God is doing something new in the life and spirit of those you help. Please prayerfully consider accepting the Matthew 25 challenge this fall; invite a family member or a friend to join you! This is one of the ways we serve as God's witnesses in the world. God is doing something new! Can you see it? Can you hear it? Can you embrace it?

Look at All You Can Do!

DEACON COMMITTEES	Mission/Ministry	Members' help needed:
Pastoral Care & Spiritual Development	Communion to Farthest Pew	To serve in member's homes
Pat Cresap (563) 449-8148/Cresap2@gmail.com	Funeral Support	To serve luncheons, etc.
	Prayer Shawl	Knitters welcome
	In Touch	To visit members
	Homecoming Dinner	To transport, serve members
Outreach		
Meredith Ellard (563) 505-2292 ellardmm@gmail.com	Boys & Girls Club Dinners	1-2 servers
	Homework Helpers	1-2 team leaders + tutors
Debbie Keenan (815) 621-8009 dkeen0912@gmail.com	Beauty on the Boulevard	Gardeners for seasonal work
	Salvation Army Meals	Cooks + servers 3X/year
Mission Connection	Tabitha's Circle	All sewers welcome
Cindy Schalk (941) 806-7301 schalkhome95@gmail.com		
SESSION COMMITTEES		
Adult Christian Education	ACE Programs	Discussion leaders
Barb Ehrmann (563) 332-0633/ ptbee02@gmail.com		
Congregational Development & Fellowship	Food for the Soul Worship-VM Hall	To set-up/ clean-up, etc.
Val Horvat (563) 508-5771/vjhorvat@aol.com		
Hospitality & Welcoming	Worship Hosts (Ushers)	12 Additional Hosts
Jeanne Sherwood (563) 391-92871 jssherwood@gmail.com	Mentors for New Members	15-18 Mentors/year
Worship & Music		
Kathlynn Price (563) 349-4369 kwbprice@hotmail.com	Kids, youth, and adult choirs	Singers of all ages welcome

Adult Christian Education (ACE)

New this fall is an all-church comprehensive Bible study, *The Divine Drama*, led by Pastor Mark. This is a great opportunity for all of us to come together as a church family to study the Bible. Other fall programming is still being finalized. A complete schedule will be available in September, but here's a taste of what's to come:

September 8 – A presentation from King's Harvest.

September 22 – Pastor Mark shares an informational presentation. This is an all-congregation event, held in the Sanctuary.

September 29 – Jim Sanderlin and Mary Ann McLeod will share information about the Angel Tree. This, and all following ACE presentations, will be held in Von Maur Hall.

October 6 – Come and learn all about our Interim Pastor Mark. This is your chance to ask questions and get to know him.

October 13 – Jed Steckel starts a six-week series about Biblical justice. Justice in the Bible is complicated, and this first week covers the basic definitions.

October 20 – Jed will discuss broad Biblical themes that inform justice.

October 27 – The “nuts and bolts.” Learn about justice in the scriptural sense.



The Divine Drama Begins!

Tuesday, September 24

The Divine Drama is a 30-unit survey of the Bible and core Biblical teachings. It was created by The Rev. Dr. Harry Wendt, an Australian Lutheran pastor. The course has been used cross-denominationally around the world. *The Divine Drama* helps us see the unity and scope of the Biblical narrative. Pastor Mark will offer two sessions each week - Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:00 AM, and Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM in Von Maur Hall. The cost of the course is \$30. To sign up, please call the church office (563-326-1691) by Sunday September 15.

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. In October, we will collect canned chili, stew, and high-protein soups. 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).

Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - September 10 and October 8, 6:30 PM

The Prayer Shawl Group of First Presbyterian Church meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM. We'll meet in Room 302 in September. In October, we'll meet in the Parlor. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and the fellowship of lovely people, while creating gifts for others, please join us. Newcomers 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.

Tabitha's Circle - Sunday, September 15 and October 20, 11:00 AM

All those who would like to sew simple dresses and shorts are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM on Sunday September 15, and at noon on Sunday, October 20. 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.

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

Please consider volunteering as a tutor for the Boys and Girls Club kids on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3:30 to 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.

Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth (CEFY)

Youth Opportunities!

Wow! Summer sure did fly by! As you are aware this year the Dynamic Duo of Sarah and Traci will be filling the heels of the Youth Director position. We are super excited to continue the ministry of serving our children and helping them in their faith formation. All youth activities outside of Sunday School will start on September 15 with 6-12th grade. Dinner will be served to the kids at 5:30 PM. We will be using Matthew 25 to guide our group this year and we are super excited to start leading our church in becoming a Servant Church! Kirkwood Club will begin on September 18 at 6:30 PM, after Kirkwood Choir. A snack will be provided for the kids. We will be exploring how we can be a neighbor to those in our church and beyond. Please don't hesitate to email Sarah Greim (segreim@gmail.com) with any questions! We are so excited to get this year going and work with your children!

Fall Festival! - Sunday, October 27

With October right around the corner we will begin working on Fall Festival in the next couple weeks. The Festival date is set for Sunday, October 27 — I've already talked to the tooth fairy and he plans to be there with wings on. Remember there are containers in the narthex and beside office 204 for Halloween candy donations and any bits and bobs you find the little Halloween ghouls might enjoy. Please don't hesitate to contact Traci Cracraft (cracraft@fpcdavenport.org; 256-335-9393) with any questions! Thank you in advance for your support!

Pickleball Returns to Program Year Schedule! - Wednesday, September 4, 9:00 AM

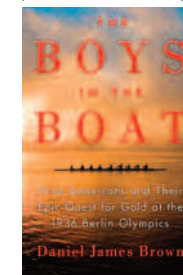
Pickleball is IN RECESS on Labor Day. We will return to our Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule of play in the FPC gym on Wednesday, September 4, at 9:00 AM. New players are always welcomed and encouraged. We have extra equipment to get you started. Contact Diane Schroder (563-326-5753) or Mariann Kabel (563-386-4298) with questions.

Manna & More - Sunday, September 8 and October 13 - 8:15 AM

You are invited to share a delightful breakfast and fellowship time with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service. This is also the perfect time to make a new friend. Please mark your calendar to join us the second Sunday of each month. In September we will serve egg casserole, pancakes, fruit, and cinnamon rolls. Plan to enjoy plain and pumpkin pancakes, toppings, sausage and fruit in October. There will be assorted beverages each month. The cost to attend is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children (12 years and under). We look forward to seeing you!

Women's Non-Fiction Book Club - Tuesday, September 10 and October 8, 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. The Book Club will meet again on Tuesday, October 8. Please check with Pastor Katie to learn the title of the book to be discussed in October. All women are welcome, including members, friends, and visitors.



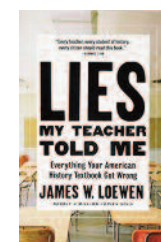
Women of Hope Bible Study Begins - Wednesday, September 11, 10:00 AM

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, 7:00 PM

Bible Basics is IN RECESS on September 4. Beginning September 11, we will meet weekly every Wednesday through October. 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!

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club - Monday, September 16 and October 17, 12:30 PM, Parlor



Between the Covers Book Club, affectionately known as BTC, will resume in September with a discussion of *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James Loewen. We meet in the Parlor on the third Monday (with a few exceptions), September through June, at 12:30 PM for dessert and a discussion at 1:00 PM. BTC is a book club devoted to discussion of books selected by the group, with a leader in charge of discussion and a hostess in charge of refreshments. We read fiction, non-fiction, historical fiction, biographies, etc. If this sound interesting to you, please come. The first meeting is Monday, September 16. Irene Huffman will be our discussion leader. Carol Phoenix (563-332-0980) is hostess. On October 17, Sue Shawver will lead the discussion on *Educated* by Tara Westover. Pat Cresap (563-449-8148) is hostess. Please call the hostess to RSVP if you plan to attend Book Club!



Socializers - Sunday, September 29 and October 27, 12:00 PM

Be sure to include Socializers in your plans this fall! On Sunday, September 29, our program is “Favorite Piano Classics: Music by Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, Gershwin and More!” Dr. Eric Stewart, a religion professor from Augustana College, will be our speaker in October. Both meetings will start with a potluck at noon and go on until about 1:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share and come enjoy good food and good fellowship,

First Night Out Organizational Meeting - Sunday, October 20, 12:00 PM, Von Maur Hall

Calling all 50+ singles and couples! It's time to get together for a planning lunch for First Night Out. Join us on Sunday, October 20 from 12:00-2:00 PM in Von Maur Hall to enjoy lunch and plan activities for the coming year. Bring an appetite and ideas for activities that interest you and be part of a fun fellowship group socializing with old friends and renewing existing friendships.

Please sign-up in advance so we can plan for food and type a list of members. Stop by Fellowship Hall between services on September 29 or October 6 to fill out current contact information and hopefully reserve a spot for lunch on October 20. The cost for lunch is \$5/person payable in advance. Hope to see you soon! The FNO Committee.

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, as are 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).