

FPC Calendar for the Week of November 3 - 10, 2019

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

Sunday, November 3; Stewardship Sunday

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Von Maur Hall
- 10:00 AM Celebration Station - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - 3rd Floor CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - 3rd Floor CE Bldg
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Room 307
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
- 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) Fellowship - Von Maur hall, Rooms 301-302

Monday, November 4

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 3:00 PM Churches United Meal Site Preparation - Fellowship Hall Kitchen
- 5:30 PM Churches United Meal Site Serving - Zion Lutheran Church, Davenport
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105
- 7:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting - Room 306

Tuesday, November 5

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 9:30 AM The Divine Drama - Von Maur Hall
- 4:30 PM Buildings and Grounds Committee - Parlor
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM The Divine Drama - Von Maur Hall

Wednesday, November 6

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 5:30 PM Tech Task Force - Fireplace Room
- 5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room
- 6:15 PM Bible Basics - Parlor
- 6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall, Gym
- 7:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, November 7

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Vesper Bells - Chapel
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Friday, November 8

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

Saturday, November 9

No Scheduled Church Events

Sunday, November 10; New Member Sunday

- 8:15 AM Manna & More Breakfast and New Member Reception
- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Von Maur Hall
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - 3rd Floor CE Bldg
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - 3rd Floor CE Bldg
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Room 307
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Tabitha's Circle - Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 PM Worship Host Training Event - Von Maur Hall
- 1:00 PM German American Heritage Center Stained Glass Tour - Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
- 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) Fellowship - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Today, 10:00 AM

Today, Jed Steckel continues his series about Biblical justice and will lead a discussion about Jesus and justice. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Barb Ehrmann at ptbee02@gmail.com. We hope to see you at ACE!

Bible Basics - Wednesdays, 6:15 PM, Parlor

November 6 – *Jeremiah*

Jeremiah continues to preach. The people are stiff-necked. Jeremiah is persecuted. For this week, read the chapters 15-21 of Jeremiah. For more information and study outlines please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

Youth, Keep in the Loop!

Keep in the loop by joining our messaging group on Remind! On your phone, enter 81010 as the number, text @612thgra, and then follow the prompts. Sarah Greim will be sending out reminders of what we are doing and dates of activities.

CARING FOR OTHERS

Food Pantry Collections for the Center

Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! In November we are collecting instant potatoes, stuffing, and canned green beans. 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 donations will be accepted. You can drop your contribution to the church in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com; 563-505-4964) if you have questions.

TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND

Interested in a Trip to the Holy Land?

Join First Presbyterian Churches of Muscatine and Mt. Pleasant on a trip to Israel and Jordan! The dates for the the trip are February 12-28, 2020. For a detailed itinerary and cost information please contact Pam Saturnia (563-263-2696) or Sarah Hegar (319-986-5851).

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, November 3, 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.

FPC Puzzle Exchange Begins Today!

We are starting an adult puzzle exchange today! Please gather your old puzzles and bring them to the church. We will be using the two window wells to the left of the Deacons' Corner in Fellowship Hall, or you can drop them in the office for Colleen Dueñas. We will have big-piece and small-piece puzzles. Please remember – this is an exchange, so leave a puzzle for others to enjoy if you take a puzzle. If you would just like to donate your old puzzles, we will gladly accept.

Prayer Vigil - Today, 3:00 PM

You are invited to an interfaith service for Kurdish victims of violence in the Middle East. The Kurdish people have recently been victims of several violent attacks; join us in praying for peace and their safety. This service will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 3, at St. Peter's Church in Bettendorf (2400 Middle Road), and is planned by Quad Cities Interfaith's clergy group.

Manna & More and New Member Reception

Sunday, November 10, 8:15 -10:30 AM

Share breakfast with your family, friends and new FPC members Sunday, November 10, from 8:15-10:30 AM. Enjoy waffles, apple compote, sausage, cool whip, fruit, and assorted beverages. Adults \$3, children (12 & under) \$1. Everyone is invited!

New Member Sunday - November 10, 9:00 AM

New members will be welcomed by the Congregation today at the 9:00 AM service and briefly introduced at the 11:00 AM service. If you have any questions about becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please contact Jeanne Sherwood (563-391-9287; jssherwood@gmail.com).

Need for Worship Host Volunteers

We are in need of more Worship Hosts (ushers) to help on Sunday mornings. Hosts serve only six times a year (thus the need for so many). Worship hosts serve for one service every other month (you pick the week), and must arrive 15 minutes before worship begins. Reminders are sent via email and substitutions are easily made. Please consider helping. Please contact either Jeanne Sherwood (563-391-9287; jssherwood@gmail.com), or Bill Yingling (563-343-6081; billyingling58@gmail.com) for information.

Worship Host Training - Sunday, November 10, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Worship Hosts are invited to a training event and lunch on Sunday, November 10, 12:00 PM in Von Maur Hall. Chuck Gipson, Quality & Education Manager for Medic Ambulance Service, will conduct a Trauma First Aid and Hands on CPR Training. Also, a review of Worship Host responsibilities and changes including the use of the new FPC security monitor in the back of the Sanctuary will be discussed. Please RSVP to Jeanne Sherwood (563-391-9287; jssherwood@gmail.com) to help the Hospitality and Welcoming Committee to make lunch plans.

Tabitha's Circle - Sunday, November 10, 12:00 PM



All those who sew or who would like to sew some simple dresses and shorts are invited to join us next Sunday, November 10, in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 PM. 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 UPDATES

Celebration Station Open in Fellowship Hall

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.

Your Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee launched Celebration Station with the expectation that Celebration Hosts will step forward for every Sunday for the remainder of the year. *There are no treats today, as no one signed up.* Other Sundays also remain open: December 15, 22, 29. Count your blessings and pick your Sunday! It’s easy to do. The Celebration Station notebook is 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!

New FPC Pet Policy Passed By Session

Session passed the following policy in reference to pets being on church property. This pertains to all visitors, members, volunteers, and staff.

First Presbyterian Church wants to be welcoming to all life, including the animals. To maintain a balance between the church members, staff and visitors we have to consider those that are allergic and have fears of animals. Pets/animals are not allowed in the church or on the church property except in the case of certified therapy guide or therapy service animals that are in a certified therapy training program. Owners will complete the form (available from the church office) indicating the certification of training and vaccinations. If the animal owner is staff, the form will be kept in their personnel file. If the animal owner is a church member or visitor, the form will be kept in the church office. The form must be updated yearly. The therapy animal must be in the owner's control, be that by a secure/gated office or by leash or carrier at all times. The owner of the animal is responsible/liable for any damage or harm caused by the animal and the cleaning up of the animal's waste. The exception to this policy is the "Blessing of the Animals" service held outdoors. Animals are to be leashed, caged or otherwise restrained for the safety of the congregation and other animals in attendance.

Announcing a Move to One 9:30 AM Worship Service - December 1

December 1 we are One in the Spirit.

December 1 is the beginning of Advent, the start of the liturgical year.

December 1 marks the first Sunday of our single, 9:30 AM Service of Worship.

All of your favorite elements of Sunday mornings are prayerfully placed in the schedule printed below. The central element is time for worshipping together. Surrounding the worship time is fellowship time to greet each other and enjoy conversations and friendships new and renewed.

Education time will follow Worship and fellowship, beginning at 10:45 AM and concluding at 11:30 AM. Our youngest family members, the Cherub Choir and Musikgarten participants will continue their musical education while children, youth, and adults participate in their age appropriate classes.

Advent is the time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. Advent marks the next step in building our future together as a congregation. The time has come to blend our voices in prayer and praise as we worship together as a united community of faith.

New Sunday Morning Schedule Starting December 1, 2019

Choir Warm-up	8:45-9:15 AM
Worship	9:30-10:30 AM
Cherub Choir	10:35-10:50 AM
Musikgarten	10:50-11:25 AM
Children & Youth Education	10:45-11:30 AM
Adult Education	10:45-11:30 AM
Fellowship Time	9:00-9:30 / 10:30-11:15 AM

Looking forward to worshipping together beginning December 1 at 9:30 AM!

CONGREGATION NEWS

Session Highlights for October 2019

- 1) The Single Service of Worship schedule was unanimously approved and will begin December 1, 2019.
- 2) Joyfully approved Tracey Seaman and Heather Calvert for active membership and fellowship.
- 3) FPC pet policy was approved.
- 4) October 27 Harpsicord Recital and reception will be hosted by Matt Bishop and the Worship and Music Committee. Free-will donations for refreshments are designated for CEFY programming, supporting the congregation’s children and youth.
- 5) The Emergency Task Force has completed their work and all duties have been distributed to trained staff and volunteers for ongoing monitoring and updating. The task force was formally dissolved with appreciation for their thorough work.
- 6) Worship and Music Outreach fund raising bake sales will be on Sunday November 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM, and at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2020, and April 5, 2020.

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Financial Summary for the month of September 2019

	September 2019		September 2018	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	57,877	65,185	64,123	56,660
Custodial Accounts Income	4,847	-	8,508	-
Compensation Expenses	60,788	66,321	54,164	64,010
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	14,281	19,991	29,914	87,462
Custodial Accounts Expenses	4,847	-	8,508	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(17,192)	(21,127)	(19,955)	(94,812)
	2019 YTD		2018 YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	646,751	657,120	689,712	717,526
Custodial Accounts Income	67,737	-	68,029	-
Compensation Expenses	435,729	480,264	467,926	514,640
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	170,133	228,107	209,093	227,921
Custodial Accounts Expenses	67,737	-	68,029	-
Surplus (Deficit)	40,888	(51,251)	12,693	(25,035)
All numbers are rounded.				

CARING FOR OTHERS

Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 PM

The Prayer Shawl Group meets Tuesday, November 12, 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.

CARING FOR OTHERS

PUNCH Blessing Box Drive - Sunday, January 20



People United Neighbors and Churches (PUNCH) will have a Blessing Box drive on January 20, 2020, as a service project in conjunction with Dr. Martin Luther King day celebration. Blessing Boxes are sites around our Hilltop neighborhood which have food and hygiene products available for those in need. The Deacons have been asked to set up collection boxes. They will be located in the back of the sanctuary and outside the church office.. Please help donate much needed items such as **personal products** - toothpaste

and toothbrushes, mouthwash, soap and body wash, lotion, Vaseline, feminine hygiene items, deodorant and sanitizer, razors and shaving cream; **cleaning products** - laundry soap and bleach, bathroom and household cleaners, paper towels, Kleenex. **Socks, gloves, and hats also needed.** These items will be picked up January 20, 2020. Thank you for this opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Any questions please contact Debbie Keenan (815-621-8009).

MUSIC MINISTRY

Musikgarten - Sundays, 10:20 AM

We celebrate setting aside 30 minutes on a Sunday morning – the best 30 minutes of the week – to spend singing and playing with our littlest ones as they learn and grow in a God-centered musical family. Musikgarten is for infants through three year olds and their parents and/or grandparents. Our 30 minute Musikgarten class meets between services on Sunday mornings from 10:20-10:50 AM in Room 307, following the Sunday School schedule. Come and join us! We would love to celebrate with you! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (kathryn15@gmail.com; 563-505-0471).



PAS: Pianist Ivan Moshchuk - Saturday, November 16, 7:30PM

(\$15 adult/\$10 student)



The 28th Season of the Performing Arts Series officially begins on November 16 with a recital on the church’s beautiful Steinway piano featuring Russian-born award-winning pianist Ivan Moshchuk. Moshchuk is emerging as a distinct and unconventional voice in the world of classical music. His performances include major cities across Europe, North America, and Asia, on stages such as the Concertgebouw, Suntory Hall in Tokyo, and Detroit’s Orchestra Hall. He has appeared at the Gilmore, Banff, and Great Lakes Chamber Music Festivals alongside the Attacca and Telegraph Quartets, and collaborated with established orchestras, most recently with the Charleston Symphony and the Kharkiv Philharmonic in Ukraine.

As a recording artist, Ivan’s most recent album features premiere recordings of American-Italian composer David DiChiera. Ivan’s live recitals have been broadcast on WFMT in Chicago and American Public Media’s *Performance Today*. In 2016, Ivan’s passion for collaboration brought him back to Detroit to create the Detroit Sessions, a nonprofit organization that bridges communities and elevates cultural vibrancy by bringing together different artistic disciplines. The Detroit Sessions have been featured on ClassicFM in London.

Following his concerto debut at age 11, Ivan received numerous awards and prizes, including First Prize at the Arthur Fraser International Piano Competition in 2007 and the 2010 Gilmore Young Artist Award. Ivan was invited to study under Leon Fleisher at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, graduating in 2013. He then moved to Paris to pursue studies in the visual arts and philosophy. He is currently studying at the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in the studio of Benedetto Lupo.