

FPC Calendar for the Week of November 17 - 24, 2019

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

Sunday, November 17

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time/Celebration Station - Fellowship Hall
- 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
- 1:00 PM Dance Rehearsal for Christmas Concert - 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 18

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 12:30 PM Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club - Parlor
- 5:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting - Fireplace Room
- 6:00 PM Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth (CEFY) Committee - Parlor
- 6:00 PM Congregational Development & Fellowship (CDF) Committee - Room 304
- 6:00 PM Hospitality & Welcoming Committee - Von Maur Hall
- 6:15 PM Worship & Music Committee - Director of Music's Office
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting - Von Maur Hall
- 7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - Donaldson Room

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

- 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 Troop 7 Committee Meeting - Room 105
- 6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall, Gym
- 7:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, November 21

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 12:30 PM CASI New Horizons Band Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
- 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 22

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

Saturday, November 23

- 1:00 PM Dance Rehearsal for Christmas Concert - Sanctuary

Sunday, November 24

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NEWS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Financial Summary for the month of September 2019

| | September 2019 | Budget | September 2018 | Budget |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 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. | | | | |

Note from the Finance Manager

Have you tried our text giving option? In a matter of seconds, you can make a weekly offering, respond to a special appeal, or set up a recurring donation by simply sending a text with the amount you would like to give to our secure account at (844) 945-0497. If you would like to know more about our text giving option, please contact the Finance Office at olson@fpcdavenport.org or 563-326-1691, Ext. 219. Thank you for your spirited generosity!

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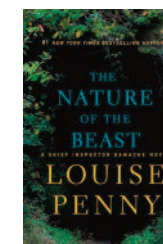
Kandis Cooper*
Nursery Coordinator

*Denotes part-time employee

FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, November 17, 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.

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club



Monday, November 18, 12:30 PM

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club will meet in the Parlor at 12:30 PM on Monday, November 18, with Lois Boyer-Fitzpatrick leading the discussion of *The Nature of the Beast* by Louise Penny. Please call hostess Lois Boyer-Fitzpatrick (563-940-3024) to R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend!

(BTC) Between the Covers Book Club is IN RECESS for the months of December and January.

Auditions for Guys and Dolls – Sunday, November 24, 2:00 PM

You are invited to audition for all roles and chorus for the First Presbyterian Church PAS production of *Guys and Dolls*. Performance dates are March 28 and 29, 2020, with rehearsals set to begin in January. To request an audition packet or more information, please email Director of Music Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org).

Craft Club - Monday, November 25, 1:00 PM

Craft Club is the last Monday of every month! Please join us on Monday, November 25, from 1:00-3:00 PM in Von Maur Hall to make crosses. Please bring a piece of wood around seven to ten inches and your favorite scrap of fabric. All other materials needed will be supplied and there will be extra material available. Come on out and have some fun! If you have questions, please contact Colleen Dueñas (nonna428312@gmail.com).



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

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Today, the Biblical justice series concludes with a final session that pulls it all together.

November 24 – ACE is IN RECESS.

If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Barb Ehrmann at ptbee02@gmail.com.

Bible Basics - Wednesdays, 6:15 PM, Parlor

November 20 – *Jeremiah*

We are reading through the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. For November 20, read chapters 29-35. Jeremiah writes to those in exile with hope for restoration – but it will be awhile. For more information and study outlines please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314).

November 27 – Bible Basics is IN RECESS.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

Fun Times on Wednesday and Sunday Nights! Hope you can join us!

Kirkwood Club - We are exploring things we are thankful for and how God provides for us. We will be doing a service project on Wednesday, November 20, for the homeless and those less fortunate than us. We will also be sharing a meal together on these two nights. On November 27, we will attend the Thanksgiving Eve service and Pie Fellowship. Friends are always welcomed to join us!

6-12th Grade Youth Group - Today, we will be working on our monthly service project of Bag of Blessings. We will have dinner before assembling our bags for the needy. We will be putting our college care packages together for our church members in college on November 24. We will also be discussing our Christmas Eve Service. Friends are always welcomed to join us!

Starting December 4, we will be moving ACT to Wednesday night. We know this might not work for some families, however, we would like to try it for a few months. We hope that by having all youth activities on Wednesday, more families will be able to participate fully. The 6-12th grade will have choir at 6:00 PM and dinner following with youth group. We plan on wrapping up by 8:00 PM on these nights. We also hope to offer weekend opportunities so all our 6-12th grade youth can participate.

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.

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

FPC Puzzle Exchange!

We have an adult puzzle exchange here at FPC! Please gather your old puzzles and bring them to the church. You can drop them in the office for Colleen Dueñas, or the two window wells to the left of the Deacons' Corner in Fellowship Hall. 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.

Annual Ugly Sweater Party - Sunday, December 8, 5:30 PM

Are you ready to get your Ugly Christmas Sweater on? Are you sad when you find out that you are too “old” or “young” to attend the party? Well this year you are in LUCK! We will be having an all generations party! Yes, come one, come all! We'll gather on Sunday, December 8, from 5:30-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Wear your ugliest Christmas Sweater, bring a dish to share and a \$10 gift for our gift exchange. There will be a kids party (aka childcare) available. Questions? Please email Sarah Greim (segreim@gmail.com).

CONGREGATION UPDATES

Pastor Katie Styrts on Maternity Leave Until December 29

Pastor Katie will be away on maternity leave until December 29, and looks forward to worshipping with you all then. Until then, Pastors Mark and Pat will be handling all pastoral care and church concerns. Thank you for giving the new family space to welcome Helen into the family.

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. For information, please contact either Jeanne Sherwood (563-391-9287; jssherwood@gmail.com), or Bill Yingling (563-343-6081; billyingling58@gmail.com).

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. If you have questions, please contact Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com; 563-505-4964).

Warm Hearts and Warm Hands - Tuesday, December 10, 3:00 PM



First Presbyterian Church likes to reach out to our neighborhood families whenever possible. On Tuesday, December 10, we will be providing a warm cup of cocoa (with marshmallows and candy cane) and gloves, mittens and hats to warm the hands, heads and hearts of our neighbors. This is a meaningful outreach activity that takes place on Kirkwood Boulevard in front of the church door between 3:00 and 5:30 PM. We already have a donation of knitted hats with matching gloves from a non-church member. We need more mittens, gloves and hats for toddlers, kids and adults. You can purchase inexpensive

waterproof ski gloves at Menards that are perfect for adult men or women. Inexpensive winter apparel can also be purchased at Walmart, Kohl's and the Dollar Tree. We will also be providing information about our Christmas services to all those who stop by. Please help us spread the Christmas spirit to our neighbors by donating some hats, gloves or mittens. We will also need a few folks to spread the Christmas spirit as well as the cocoa and winter apparel on December 10. Look for the basket with the sign at the back of the sanctuary. Join us! Any questions, please contact Deacon Cathy Pratscher-Woods (563-349-2288 (text or call); james.woods@mchsi.com.)

PUNCH Blessing Box Drive - Sunday, January 20



People Uniting 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).

THANK YOU!

A Heartfelt Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to the anonymous donor of yarn to the Prayer Shawl Group. We are very appreciative to receive such a generous amount of yarn! We were like “kids in a candy store” sorting through all the colors and types of yarn! We will make shawls and blankets with all of it. Thank you!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Pie Fundraiser - Sunday, November 24, 6:30 PM

Just in time for Thanksgiving, the choir is hosting a Pie Fundraiser between services next Sunday, November 24, in the Fellowship Hall. Homemade pies are available for a free-will offering. All proceeds benefit the mission component of the 2021 Music Outreach Trip to Ireland.

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8, 9:30 AM and Sunday, December 24, 11:00 PM

The music ministries are pleased to offer two different Lessons and Carols services in December. The Lessons and Carols service is a tradition that developed in England after WWI as church leaders sought to bring more creative worship into the Anglican Church following the war. The service grew in popularity, and many major churches across denominations throughout Europe and America present them each year.

Sunday, December 8, 9:30 AM - An Advent Service of Lessons & Carols

Kickoff the liturgical season of Advent with a candlelight service featuring readings, hymns, and carols sung by the *Chamber Chorale*. This service is an intimate way to prepare our hearts and voice for the season of expectance and the busy weeks that follow.

Sunday, December 24, 11:00 PM - A Christmas Eve Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

For the third consecutive year our Christmas Eve celebrations will include a traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, to end as the clock strikes midnight. This service features beloved Christmas carols from the *Sanctuary Choir* and *Cecelian Carolers*.

The FPC Christmas Concert “Let Heaven and Nature Sing”

Saturday, December 14, 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 15, 4:00 PM

The Christmas Concerts at First Pres. have become a much anticipated event in the Quad Cities. This year's concerts, on the third weekend in December, feature many of the church's great ensembles: the *Sanctuary Choir*, *Chamber Chorale*, *Vesper Bells*, *Kildalton Quartet*, *Celebrations Singers*, and *Cecelian Carolers*, accompanied by full orchestra and dancers. This year's concert is centered around our calling to be stewards of God's creation. Utilizing carols and readings that feature natural imagery, this concert is both a celebration of our environment and a reminder that we are charged with its protection. As a practical act of stewardship, we are asking for concert attendees to bring non-perishable pet food (in individual, unopened containers) to be donated to King's Harvest Pet Rescue. *Be sure to reserve your complimentary tickets in advance by calling or visiting the church office during regular business hours!*



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2019

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, the Chancel Guild will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be part of this wonderful tradition, please complete the form and send it to the church office or place it in the offering Plate. **The deadline for making memorial donations is Sunday, December 8, 2019.**

In Memory or Honor of: _____
(circle one)

Given by: _____