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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.)

Please Make a Note of it...

December Newsletter Schedule: Articles for the December edition of *The Broadcaster* newsletter are due November 13. Please submit to Bobette Maginas (office@fpcdavenport.org).



The 2019 Annual Report

Committee reports for the 2019 Annual Report are due December 31, 2019. For more information, contact Bobette Maginas in the church office (office@fpcdavenport.org). The 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

Announcing a Move to One 9:30 AM Worship Service Sunday, 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 and 10:30-11:15 AM

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

FPC Fall Grounds Clean Up

November 2, 8:00 AM

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has planned FPC's annual Fall Clean Up for Saturday, November 2, from 8:00 AM to noon. Please come take part in getting the church grounds ready for winter. The committee will provide coffee and treats for all helpers! Bring your own rakes and tools to cut back plants. The church will provide lawn waste bags, and has a wheelbarrow and small rolling carts for use. For more information, please contact Darren Long, Facilities and Custodial Supervisor (533-326-1691; long@fpcdavenport.org).

Deacons' Endowment Fund Donation to Argrow's House

The Deacons' Endowment Fund approved a donation to Argrow's House, an organization helping women who are survivors of violence. Argrow's House provides therapy, jobs making and selling beauty products, and a clothes closet for women who they assist. To learn more, check out their website: <https://vimeo.com/311285179>.

The Deacons' Endowment Fund provides grants to new and upcoming ministries in our community. Previous grant recipients include PUNCH's neighborhood gardens program and the Habitat ReStore.

Members of the Women of Hope Bible Study group are pictured here volunteering at Argrow's House, making Easter baskets for the children of domestic violence survivors.



Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship - Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 PM

The traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship begins at 7:00 PM on November 27, the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. A sharing of homemade pies at a fellowship get-together after the service is sure to get the Thanksgiving holiday off to a sweet start. The evening is a great time for the church family to recount blessings and give thanks to God. Bake your favorite pie and bring it to church on Thanksgiving Eve (you may drop off the pie earlier in the day, or before attending the service). This is a special time to worship and thank God for the abundant blessings received throughout the year.



Congregation News

A note from Pastor Mark

God's beloved people.....

'Tis the season.... because the holidays are upon us (again)...It is traditional "stewardship" time.... and it is the month in season to give thanks.

But as I believe that stewardship is 24/7/365 whole life thing, and not just solely about money and church budgets, giving thanks is also a 24/7/365 proposition.

Why?

From my backyard here's what some guy named Martin Luther says about giving thanks:



"I hold and believe that I am God's creature, that is, that God has given me and constantly sustains my body, soul, and life, my members great and small, all my senses, my reason and understanding, and the like; my food and drink, clothing, nourishment, spouse and children, servants, house and farm, etc. Besides, God makes all creation help provide the benefits and necessities of life—sun, moon, and stars in the heavens; day and night; air, fire, water, the earth and all that it yields and brings forth; birds, fish, animals, grain, and all sorts of produce. Moreover, God gives all physical and temporal blessings—good government, peace, security." (Martin Luther, The Large Catechism, "Explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed)

In light of this, why give thanks? Truthfully speaking God doesn't need it or demand it. For to demand or even expect thanks is no longer relationship, but coercion.

So why give thanks?

To help us be mindful and aware that every blessing, even the very giftedness of life, our life itself, comes from the goodness and parental heart of God. God celebrates us, celebrates what we become, and celebrates this dynamic ongoing creation we are called to steward, develop, make something of. To give thanks is to be reminded that nothing we have originates from us, but from the very parental heart and hands of God.

Just as we feel acknowledged, delighted, affirmed when we are thanked for what we have given, I would like to surmise that God, although God does not demand thanks, feels likewise when we give thanks. I'm sure God smiles and feels his heart warmed as we do when we are thanked. Giving thanks is a daily exercise, a discipleship thing, a relationship thing, a life thing itself.

Second, giving thanks every day to God for all of God's blessings (and to each other for the blessing our neighbors are) builds an "attitude of gratitude," that is healing, restorative, upbuilding and opens up a future wide-open full of possibilities.

How about practice, every day of this month of Thanksgiving, taking a few minutes a day to pause, remember, and give thanks to God for all of God's goodness to you and to us? The resources are legion for you to choose from that fit you.

May I suggest one? My Auntie Suzie uses a daily resource that you can look up: <https://annvoskamp.com/ann-voskamp/>. The exercise is, at the end of each day, list at least three things to God that you are thankful for. I have adopted this practice in my own life. Whether I write it down or just speak it to God in prayer before I go to sleep, I find this exercise helps keep me mindful, aware, thankful and grateful.

It is widely known and time-tested developing a consistent habit takes 30 days. Consistency over time with any habit is transformative and life-giving.

Give it a try! See what happens.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Thanksgiving month!

In partnership,

Pastor Mark



Prayer Vigil

Sunday, November 3, 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. Please, 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.

Worship Host Volunteers Needed

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. You may 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, at 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. To help the Hospitality and Welcoming Committee to make lunch plans, please RSVP to Jeanne Sherwood (563-391-9287; jssherwood@gmail.com).

FPC Updates

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. This act is very meaningful. 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.

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Payments – When directing your required minimum distribution to the church, **please notify the Finance Office** so that we can give full contribution credit.

The instructions for directing our Required Minimum Distribution Check are below:

Check should be made payable to: First Presbyterian Church of Davenport
1702 Iowa Street
Davenport, IA 52803

Gifting Stock – When stock is gifted to the church, **please notify the Finance Office** of the following information so we can give full contribution credit:

1. Number of Shares Transferred
2. Company or Stock Symbol
3. Date of Transfer

The instructions to transfer stock are below:

Pershing LLC Tax ID# 13-2741729
One Pershing Plaza
Jersey City, New Jersey 07399

FBO: First Presbyterian Church
1702 Iowa Street
Davenport, IA 52803
Phone (563) 326-1691

Account Number: JAU101076
DTC Number: 0443

Financial Summary for the month of September 2019

	Sept. 2019	Budget	Sept. 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.				

Year-End Reminder

We ask all of our members to fulfill their 2019 pledge prior to December 31. Donors must deliver checks on or by December 31 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2019. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2020 (January 5) will not qualify for a charitable deduction in 2019, even if the check is predated to or actually written in 2019. However, under the so-called "mailbox exception," checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2019 will be deductible in 2019 though they are not received by the church until 2020.

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.



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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, for example: 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. Many Sundays remain open: November 3, 17, 24 and 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.



Session Highlights for October 2019

- The Single Service of Worship schedule was unanimously approved and will begin December 1, 2019.
- Joyfully approved Tracey Seaman and Heather Calvert for active membership and fellowship.
- FPC pet policy was approved.
- October 27 Harpsichord 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Welcome Helen Mary Styr!t!

Congratulations to Pastor Katie and Philip Styr who welcomed their beautiful new baby girl, Helen Mary, on Saturday October 26.



FPC’s Michelle Mahrt New Membership Database Coordinator

Michelle Mahrt, the afternoon Administrative Coordinator since October, 2016, began her new position as Membership Database Coordinator here at First Presbyterian in early October.

Women’s Non-Fiction Book Club IN RECESS Until February

The Women’s Non-Fiction Book Club will be IN RECESS from November through January 2020. Look for information about the next meeting of the club in the New Year! All women are welcome, including members, friends, and visitors.

Boys and Girls Club Has Relocated to JB Young Opportunity Center

The Boys and Girls Club has moved to the JB Young Opportunity Center, where the Club’s Teen Center is already located. Torri Smith, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley, states, “We will miss being at the church and value the partnership we have had for the past 20 years.”

Interested in a Trip to the Holy Land?

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

Read a Good Book Lately?

Library News - When was the last time you checked out the church library?

The Library Committee has diligently updated the collection, spending 600 + hours on library records.

New listings of the collection are available on the library desk, sorted by author and title (for use in the library).

Most Sundays, a Library Committee member is available for questions. Members of the committee include Susan Stoesser, Bev Koos, Marilyn LeBuhn, Vivian Norton, Irene Huffman, and Kirk Christie.

Each year 100 + books are added to the collection.

We’re starting a new feature, “Library Staff Picks.” Committee members will feature a brief summary of the selected book each month. Check out these featured selections!

Many thanks to the congregation for supporting the library through donations, memorial gifts, and monetary support. We now have 3000 + books in the collection!

From the FPC Library Corner

Check out the *NEW* library books received at FPC!

Non-Fiction Books for Adults: *The Inner Life of Animals*, by Wohlleben - Filled with wonderful descriptions, this book shows animals think, feel, and know in similar ways to us. *Eight Years to the Moon*, by Atkinson - Having interviewed over 30 people still living today, this science journalist describes NASA’s Apollo program from its beginning to its end. She tells the struggles, triumphs, disasters, the day-to-day hard work of putting men on the moon in a way that is a pleasure to read. *Out of the Dog House*, by Portillo and Yeager - The story of the humble beginnings of Portillo’s restaurant.

Fiction Books for Adults: *Where’d You Go, Bernadette*, by Semple - A satirical novel about a woman in Seattle who mysteriously disappears. *The Night Fire*, by Connelly - A Bosch/Ballard mystery. *The Other Einstein*, by Benedict - Mileva Maric is in an all-male physics class in Zurich where she meets and eventually marries Einstein. Benedict shows how brilliant Mileva is and ponders who initiated some of the theories with which her husband is credited. *The Testaments*, by Atwood - The conclusion to the book *The Handmaid’s Tale*.

Fiction Books for Children: *The Pigeon Has to Go to School*, by Willems - The pigeon worries about his first year at school and is reassured that it will be good. *Wishtree*, by Applegate (third to sixth grade, but adults love it too) - Red, the oak tree where people hang their wishes, becomes friends with a new girl in the neighborhood. When his property owner decided he should be cut down, she and her friend and the animals come to his defense.



November Library Staff Pick

This month’s selection is made by Irene Huffman - *Out of the Dog House* by Dick Portillo: “This is a great rags to riches story. Dick Portillo, son of Mexican and Greek immigrants, turned a \$1,100 investment into a billion-dollar profit. There are many amusing stories, including his feud with Mike Ditka. Very readable!”



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: _____

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 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).

FPC Puzzle Exchange Begins! - Sunday, November 3

We are starting an adult puzzle exchange! Please gather your old puzzles and bring them to the church. You can drop them in the office for Colleen Dueñas. We will be using the two window wells to the left of the Deacons' Corner in Fellowship Hall. We will have big-piece and small-piece puzzles. Our official opening date is Sunday, November 3. 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.

Manna & More - Sunday, November 10, 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 November we will serve waffles, apple compote, sausage, Cool Whip, fruit, and assorted beverages. The cost to attend is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children (12 years and under). We look forward to seeing you!

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

All those who would like to sew simple dresses and shorts are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 PM on Sunday, November 11. 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.

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

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...? Why are prayer shawls hanging around the church? It is so you can be a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry of FPC. You are a vital part of this ministry—you know people who need prayers. You know those who are in hospice, having surgery, expecting a new baby, lonely and depressed, undergoing chemo, graduating, getting married, grieving the loss of a loved one. You get the picture...you are the eyes and ears of this ministry. Become a part of this ministry and give a prayer shawl to someone you know. It is your way of showing people that we as a church community love them and care for them.

Each shawl, upon completion, is blessed by the members of the Prayer Shawl group. Each shawl is tagged with the Wrapping Prayer (www.shawlministry.com): "We pray that when you wrap this shawl around you, you will feel the Lord wrapping his arms around you, holding you, comforting you, loving you, healing you, guiding you, and giving you peace." When you give a prayer shawl, you give God's love.

The Prayer Shawl group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:00 PM, in the Parlor. Please join us. Contact Karla Jones (563-332-9314; mkjones@mchsi.com) or Nancy Foster (563-391-4622; nancyotr97@gmail.com) with questions.

Knit for Kids - Another opportunity to use your knitting or crocheting skills is Knit for Kids, 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. 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, on the coat racks in Fellowship Hall and near the main office at all times during the week.

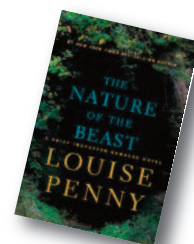
Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club - Monday, November 18, 12:30 PM, Parlor

Between the Covers Book Club (BTC), meets in the Parlor on Monday, November 18, at 12:30 PM for dessert and a discussion at 1:00 PM. Hostess Lois Boyer-Fitzpatrick will lead our discussion of *The Nature of the Beast* by Louise Penny. Please call Lois Boyer-Fitzpatrick (563-514-3094) to RSVP if you plan to attend Book Club!



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).



Christian Education

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

November 3 – Jed Stecklel continues his series about Biblical justice and will lead a discussion about Jesus and justice.

November 10 – This week focuses on defining the Kingdom of Heaven.

November 17 – 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. We hope to see you at ACE!

Women of Hope Bible Study - Wednesday, November 13, 10:00 AM

Women of Hope Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at 10:00 AM in Von Maur Hall and will be IN RECESS on November 27. Study books are provided and the group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from September through May.

Bible Basics - Wednesday, November 6, 13, 20, 6:15 PM

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.

November 13 – *Jeremiah*

We continue our reading of Jeremiah, the OT prophet during the time of the Babylonian exile. For November 13, read chapters 22-28 of Jeremiah. Jeremiah's call for repentance remains strong. God's promise also remains strong.

November 20 – *Jeremiah*

We are reading through the OT 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.

November 27 – Bible Basics is IN RECESS.

For more information about Bible Basics and study outlines, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314).

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.

Music at First Pres.

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

\$15 adult/\$10 student



The 28th Season of the Performing Arts Series officially begins 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.