

## FPC Calendar for the Week of March 8 - 15, 2020

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

### Sunday, March 15

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Fellowship Time/Celebration Station - Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Tabitha's Circle - Fellowship Hall
- 10:35 AM Cherub Choir - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor CE Bldg.
- 10:45 AM Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Von Maur Hall
- 10:45 AM Promise Land Sunday School - IN RECESS
- 10:50 AM Musikgarten - Room 307
- 2:00 PM *Guys & Dolls* Rehearsal - Von Maur Hall
- 2:00 PM David Fairweather Memorial Service - Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM David Fairweather Memorial Service Reception - Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 PM Mission Study Small Group - Parlor

### Monday, March 16

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 12:30 PM Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club - Parlor
- 5:00 PM *Guys & Dolls* Rehearsal - Sanctuary, Chapel, Donaldson Room
- 5:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting - Fireplace Room
- 6:00 PM Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth (CEFY) Committee - Parlor
- 6:00 PM Congregation Development & Fellowship (CDF) Committee - Room 309
- 6:00 PM Hospitality & Welcoming Committee - Rev. Katie Styr's Office
- 6:15 PM Worship & Music Committee - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - Donaldson Room

### Tuesday, March 17

- 9:30 AM The Divine Drama - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM *Guys & Dolls* Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball practice - Gym
- 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Parlor
- 7:00 PM The Divine Drama - Von Maur Hall

### Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Library Committee - Library
- 12:00 PM Lenten Prayer Service - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 PM Worship Task Force - Parlor
- 5:30 PM ACT Dinner - IN RECESS
- 5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - IN RECESS
- 6:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - IN RECESS
- 6:15 PM Bible Basics 201 - Parlor
- 6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM Troop 7 Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS
- 7:15 PM ACT - IN RECESS
- 7:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

### Thursday, March 19

- 5:30 PM Foundation Board of Trustees - Parlor
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Vesper Bells - Chapel
- 5:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

### Friday, March 20

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

### Saturday, March 21

- 9:30 AM *Guys & Dolls* Rehearsal - Sanctuary, Chapel, Donaldson Room
- 10:00 AM PUNCH Meeting - Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport

### Sunday, March 22

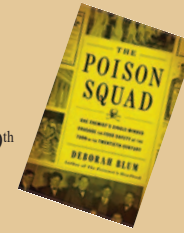
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## LIBRARY NEWS

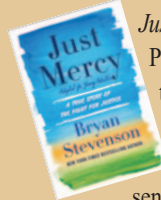
### From the FPC Library Corner

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

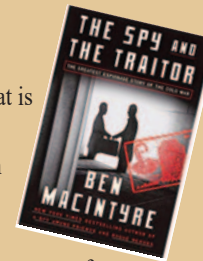
**Nonfiction:** *The Poison Squad* by Deborah Blum — By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, food in America was dangerous. Milk and meat were preserved with formaldehyde-- beer and wine with salicylic acid, canned vegetables greened-up by copper sulphate and rancid butter made edible with borax! In New York City it was estimated thousands of children were killed by adulterated milk. In 1883 Dr. Harvey Wiley, a chemistry professor at Purdue, was made chief chemist at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Twelve young men volunteered to be part of his Poison Squad! This is the story of the struggle to campaign for food safety and consumer protection.



*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson - In 1983 Bryan began his work with the Southern Prisoners Defense Committee. He met the head of SPDC on a plane and was told capital punishment means “them without the capital get the punishment.” Bryan began an internship at Harvard Law School and his first case was in a maximum security prison in Georgia. The prisoner was a young man sentenced to die for a crime he insisted he didn't commit. Bryan's first words to the prisoner were to reassure him he would not be executed anytime in the next year! Currently, Bryan is executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative and professor of law at New York University Law School.



*The Spy and the Traitor* by Ben Macintyre - A true Cold War spy story that is a real page turner! Colonel Oleg Gordievsky is from a KGB family—his father and brother both work for them. His father wears his KGB uniform even on weekends! Oleg joins the KGB and has risen through the ranks himself, serving in Scandinavia, Moscow and Britain. His wife's family also works for the KGB. As the book opens in 1985, we learn Oleg has been a spy for Britain for twelve years in London! The story of how he went from the KGB to lover of all things British begins with his father who felt the Communist party was God. John le Carre has called this story, “The best spy novel I have ever read.”



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, March 15, 2020

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.

### Camp Wyoming Early-Bird Discount Ends Today! Sign Up Now!

This Presbyterian camp offers programs for campers entering grades 1 through 12, and also needs teen staffers. Weeks include exciting themes like “Pirates” and “Music, Arts, and Drama.” For more information, check out [campwyoming.net](http://campwyoming.net) or pick up a flyer today! Act soon; the early bird discount ends today. Scholarships are available for campers; ask Pastor Katie for more information.

**Just a Reminder:** Articles for the April/May edition of the Broadcaster are due today!

### Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club - Monday, March 16, 12:30 PM

Between the Covers Book Club (BTC) is meeting on Monday, March 16, at 12:30 PM in the Parlor when Sue Wagschal will lead the discussion of *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Please call hostess Sue Wagschal (563-343-6660) to RSVP if you plan to attend.

### FPC's Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, March 22, 10:30 AM

Each year the church sets aside time for the Annual Congregational Meeting and encourages every member to attend. Typically, an annual meeting may consider such business as hearing reports from the Session or selected committees of Session, a report from the Board of Deacons and other organizations of the church, and receiving the 2020 budget.

### Kids Against Hunger

Sunday, April 19, 4:00 PM, Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 PM

Death from starvation is a reality in this world. You can help eradicate hunger by packing highly nutritious meals, rich in protein and fortified with vitamins and minerals, that when boiled provide nourishment to starving children. Generally, 10-12 people fill packages assembly-line style. Approximately 1,400 meals can be prepared/packed/and ready to ship in about an hour.

Beginning March 22, you will have opportunity to sign up to participate/sponsor someone at a cost of \$30/person. During the weeks prior to April 19, there will be a sign up table at the back of the sanctuary before and after worship. Members of the Mission Connection committee will be at that table and able to answer your questions about this worthwhile organization and our participation. You will also see a “tear off” sign up in the bulletin where you can indicate your interest or support. You can drop that tear off in the collection plate, or take it back to the sign up table.

Remember James 2:14-18: “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

### Per Capita - \$38 per member

Per capita is the annual contribution each Presbyterian makes to support our denomination's local, national, and international ministries. This year it is \$38 per member. A member is one who has been confirmed or has been welcomed into the congregation by confession of faith, letter of transfer from another congregation, or reaffirmation of faith. Please use a Per Capita envelope from the pew racks and place it in the offering plate, or pay online.

### FPC Office Hours and Call Handling Method - as of Monday, March 2

The office will no longer close for lunch. Office hours are 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM each weekday. Additionally, callers will receive a greeting with a staff directory allowing them to dial directly the staff member to whom they wish to speak. Callers may dial zero at any time during the message to be connected to the office.

## CONGREGATION UPDATES

### Mission Study Groups

The last Mission Study Small Group will be held Thursday, March 19 at 2:00 PM at the home of Mark and Karla Jones, 5910 Crow Valley Dr., Davenport. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office (563-326-1691; office@fpcdavenport.org) or Pastor Mark (galbraith@fpcdavenport.org) to register.

### Fellowship Celebration in Fellowship Hall!

Honor a special event in your life on a Sunday of your choice in Fellowship Hall! It's easy to do! Volunteer to be a Celebration Host! There are still two Sundays from which to choose: March 22 and April 19. Count your blessings and pick your Sunday! The Celebration Station notebook is located in Fellowship Hall. 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!

### Grant Funds Available - The Deacons' Endowment Fund

Applications are being received March 15 through May 15 for grants from the Deacons' Endowment Fund. These grants are intended to provide seed money to help groups and organizations within First Presbyterian Church and our church community to develop new mission, outreach, pastoral care and spiritual development programs. The maximum grant that will be awarded is \$5,000. In prior years Deacons' Endowment Fund grants has been awarded to help start Habitat ReStore's Health & Home Store, to secure a therapy dog for Sudlow Intermediate School, to help QC Symphony Orchestra pay for private tutoring for neighborhood music students, to help AMKA Africa School Foundation support students and to benefit other programs and projects. Additional information and applications are available through the church office, at the Welcome Desk, or from Mike Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com).

## CARING FOR OTHERS

### Tabitha's Circle - Today, 10:30 AM



All those who sew or who would like to sew some simple dresses and shorts are invited to join us today at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. 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.

## LENT AT FPC

### Lenten Prayer Services - Wednesdays, through April 8, 12:00 PM

Wednesday noon Lenten midweek services run through Wednesday, April 8, and feature "Holden Evening Prayer," a widely used liturgy of word and song, composed by Marty Haugen. The messages will be a six part "readers theater" series called "The Temptations of Jesus," presented by Ted Brown and Alex Gilson. Bring your lunches, voices, and open hearts for a meditative and celebrative worship experience. The services will meet in Fellowship Hall.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

During Lent, Presbyterians around the nation collect donations as part of One Great Hour of Sharing – a collection which benefits Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, hunger programs, and grants for local ministries. Last year, this offering went to assist flood victims in our area – this year, it's time to pay it forward. Every household is invited to pick up a "fish bank" and devotional calendar at the beginning of Lent. Every date will include a brief exercise and prayer, which can be done alone or as a family. You're encouraged to spend this Lent taking stock of our blessings and collecting donations. On Palm Sunday, we'll collect these banks as part of our joyous celebration! Join us for this season of contemplation and humble service. Pick up your devotions and banks at the back of the Sanctuary.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Sundays, 10:45 AM

**Today:** Pastor Mark begins a video discussion series by Dr. Ken Bailey called, "The Astonishing Jesus Through the Lens of Luke."

### Announcing a New Bible Study Class!: Bible Basics 201

Wednesdays, 6:15 PM

**March 18** - We continue our Lenten series on the Seven Last Words of Christ. This in-depth study will close-read scripture to explore Jesus' words during his final hours on earth. This week we look at Matthew 27 and Mark 15. Contact Pastor Katie to get on the weekly email list for more details, or just show up Wednesdays at 6:15 PM!

### Women of Hope Bible Study - Wednesday, March 25, 10:00 AM

Women of Hope Bible Study will meet Wednesday, March 25 at 10:00 AM in Von Maur Hall. Study books are provided and the group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays, September through May. New members are always welcome!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### March Madness - Hymn Edition

Ever wonder what the congregation's favorite hymn is? Now is your chance to vote! During Lent you will have an opportunity to vote each week via NCAA Tournament-style brackets, halving the list each week from 64 choices down to the #1 favorite, which will be revealed on Easter Sunday. This is a fundraiser for the church's general fund: a single weekly bracket costs \$5, or you can buy a packet of 6 for \$20. The winning hymn will be featured prominently in worship on one of the Sundays following Easter. A volunteer will be selling brackets in the narthex for the next few weeks.



### Broadway Musical: *Guys & Dolls*

Saturday, March 28, 7:30 PM, Sunday, March 29, 4:00 PM

\$15 adult/\$10 student

The talented singers, actors, and dancers of First Pres. return us to the Broadway stage with a production of the multiple Tony Award-winning show *Guys & Dolls*. After running for 1,200 performances following its 1950 opening on Broadway, the fast-paced musical comedy is revived frequently and continues to captivate audiences and critics alike. Made famous by a 1955 movie adaptation starring Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons, Frank Sinatra, and Vivian Blaine, the show includes such great number as "Luck Be a Lady," "The Oldest Established," and "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat."

All musicals at First Pres. are produced with in-house talent and a topnotch creative team from the church that handles set design, props, costuming, choreography, and directing. Come experience the multitude of great talent within our community, from the live band of local musicians to the superb acting talents of many of our congregants.

## FELLOWSHIP & FUN

### Craft Club - Monday, March 30, 1:00 PM

Craft Club is the last Monday of every month! Our next meeting is Monday, March 30 from 1:00-3:00 PM in Von Maur Hall. This month we will do bunny crafts for Easter. On Monday, April 27, we will be doing a Mother's Day craft! Come on out and have some fun! Questions– please contact Colleen Dueñas (nonna428312@gmail.com). If you would like to join craft club but the day and time do not work for you, please suggest an evening and time that is better suited.

### Socializers - Sunday, April 26, 11:30 AM

Join us on Sunday, April 26 at 11:30 AM (after ACE) for a lunch and learn opportunity! Bring a dish to share, and get ready for conversation and fellowship. Our presenter this month will be Christine from Refuse to Be a Victim, a Quad City organization that teaches situational awareness and personal safety. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Financial Summary for the month of December 2019

	December 2019		December 2018	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	96,306	65,185	91,940	119,775
Custodial Accounts Income	18,050	-	13,813	-
Compensation Expenses***	48,438	61,320	152,456	87,075
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	41,461	21,891	18,701	3,732
Custodial Accounts Expenses	18,050	-	13,813	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>6,407</b>	<b>(18,026)</b>	<b>(79,217)</b>	<b>28,968</b>
	2019 YTD		2018 YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	901,893	852,675	955,283	997,771
Custodial Accounts Income	94,987	-	96,617	-
Compensation Expenses***	589,095	664,225	734,528	727,932
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	245,125	290,780	256,031	268,411
Custodial Accounts Expenses	94,988	-	96,617	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)***</b>	<b>67,672</b>	<b>(102,330)</b>	<b>(35,275)</b>	<b>1,428</b>

### Finance Committee Comments on Financials

Calendar year 2019 financial results show the general fund with a surplus. This is good; however, it is not indicative of the future. Three general areas contributed to 2019's surplus: first, compensation expense was lower than 2018 by \$145,000 because staff positions were reduced or eliminated. Second, non-compensation expense was lower by \$11,000 compared to 2018. Third, the general fund used \$95,000 from our custodial (or savings) accounts. These three areas offset lower revenue of \$54,000 compared to 2018. A positive surplus does not indicate that our church is thriving. Rather, this outcome was achieved through shrinking our expenditures which reflect our shrinking church. Total expenses in 2019 were \$929,000. With 2020 received pledges totaling about \$637,000, we should anticipate even smaller expenditures during 2020.

### Easter Flowers 2020



The chancel will reflect the joy of the season with many beautiful spring plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you wish to order a plant, complete this form indicating how you would like to be listed in the Easter bulletin, and place the slip, with your donation check, in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office, **no later than Sunday, March 29.**

### Easter Flowers 2020

In memory or in honor of: (circle one)

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