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Meet Bridging Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

I was ordained to an interim pastorate serving a two-church yoke in western Minnesota; I've served churches in transition in Minnesota, New Jersey, Delaware, Colorado and Illinois. Today I am in the ranks of recently retired pastors.

In 2007 I earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew Theological Seminary and later joined the faculty of Drew's D.Min. program. With teaching partner Dan Kroger, D.Min., I taught research methods in a summer intensive, and then lead students through the two year process of designing, implementing and writing about their ministry projects.

As a presbyter, I've served on Committee/Commission on Ministry in four presbyteries; in 2016 I finished a six year term as COM Moderator in Great Rivers Presbytery. Today serve as a member of the Administration Team of Great Rivers Presbytery and as a Commissioner to the Synod of Lincoln Trails. It was my privilege to serve as a commissioner to the General Assembly (2014).

I am married to Frank Lasala and we live in Monmouth where Frank served as a physician (he retired on January 8, 2021). Frank is an

alumnus of Bradley University in Peoria; he completed his residency training in Peoria as well, at Methodist Medical Center. We navigated for years around drop-cloths and stepladders as work progressed (more slowly than we wished!) on restoration of our Queen Anne Victorian home. This is our third, and last, historic restoration.

I'm a sports fan (Philadelphia teams) and take delight in the NCAA "March Madness" tournament. We have one son, Jacob Lasala, Ph.D., whose passion is preservation of sea turtles. Jake works as a Post Doctoral research scientist for Mote Laboratories in

Sarasota, FL. He is engaged to marry Erin Kersh, a civil engineer whose firm is based in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.



The Ministry to Which I Believe God is Calling Me

I want to serve with a church of minister members who,
invited graciously into relationship with God and each other, and gifted in diversity and equality by the power of the Spirit:
seek God's Word in the words of Scripture; find our stories in the story of Jesus;
bear His story beyond ourselves; expect the Gospel to change lives;
respond to what Jesus has done for us with heartfelt worship, rest, service, growth, play and generosity;
know the "News" is too "Good" to remain inside the church's walls;
welcome searchers longing for significance and purpose in their lives;
search out, affirm and develop the unique gifts by which the Spirit enriches each believer's life;
embraces the adventures and struggles of discipleship;
train and equip each member for ministry;
trust the Gospel to heal racial, cultural and class divisions; hunger for justice and authentic community;
and live by prayerful commitment, safe in the arms of God's love and mercy.



“Do not be afraid;
I know that you are looking
for Jesus
who was crucified.
He is not here;
for he has been raised,
as He said.”

Matthew 28:1-7

The staff of First Presbyterian Church
wishes you a

Blessed Easter

2021 Annual Congregational Meeting

The 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, February 28, 2021. You may request a paper copy of the Annual Report by contacting the church office.

	December 2020		December 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	175,083	83,646	96,306	65,185
Custodial Accounts Income	5,097	-	18,050	-
Compensation Expenses	(39,029)	(50,348)	(48,438)	(61,320)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(38,874)	(28,785)	(41,461)	(21,891)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(5,097)	-	(18,050)	-
Surplus (Deficit)	97,180	4,513	6,407	(18,026)
	2020 Year-To-Date		2019 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	952,503	865,754	901,893	852,675
Custodial Accounts Income	81,794	-	94,987	-
Compensation Expenses	(550,296)	(598,954)	(589,095)	(664,225)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(187,485)	(248,260)	(245,125)	(290,780)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(81,794)	-	(94,988)	-
Surplus (Deficit)	214,723	18,540	67,672	(102,330)

***PLEASE NOTE: Year-To-Date Surplus of \$214,723 includes the following:

2020 Paycheck Protection Program Grant:	\$50,000
Compensation savings due to Open HoS (9/16 - 12/31) & suspended Nursery Services:	\$47,983
Associate Pastor Reserve Income:	\$86,851

The surprisingly positive financial outcome reflects that 2020 was a very unusual year for our church. While many aspects of the church's operations were quite unusual, three easily identifiable items that contributed significantly to the surprisingly positive outcome are listed above.

2021 Per Capita - \$38 per Member

Per Capita is the annual contribution each Presbyterian makes to support our denomination's local, national, and international ministries. 2021 Per Capita due is \$38 per member, which is the same amount due for 2020. 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. You can submit your annual Per Capita by mail or you can pay online.

New Pledges Welcome

New pledges are welcome throughout the year, and every gift is important – however modest. Pledges can be made by calling the Finance Office, by pledging online at www.fpcdavenport.org, or by filling out a pledge card and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday, once indoor worship resumes. As a reminder, those who have pledged online in the past must go online each year to renew their pledges; pledges from previous years are not automatically renewed.



The Broadcaster:
This newsletter is a quarterly publication of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, IA

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Session Highlights for February 2021

- Nancy Chapman and John Gere updated the Session on the stained-glass window restoration project. They provided a brief history of restoration work completed, information on additional work that is needed, and the potential funding sources for that work, including the status of grant proposals.
- Approved a motion from the Pandemic Task Force that will allow for the start of outdoor Sunday worship and communion as early as March when weather allows.
- Approved a motion from the Personnel Committee for Sarah Greim and Paula Hartmann to assume responsibilities in Christian Education for the short-term.
- Received an e-mail from the Synod Administrative Review Committee that their final report is should be provided to the Session and the Presbytery of East Iowa on March 1, 2021.
- Appreciation was given to Rev. Dr. Pam Saturnia, FPC Muscatine, who has been our Moderator since September 2020. This was her last Session meeting with us. Rev. Kathy Stoner-Lasala will assume that duty in March.



Deacons’ Toilet Paper Drive - Through March 31

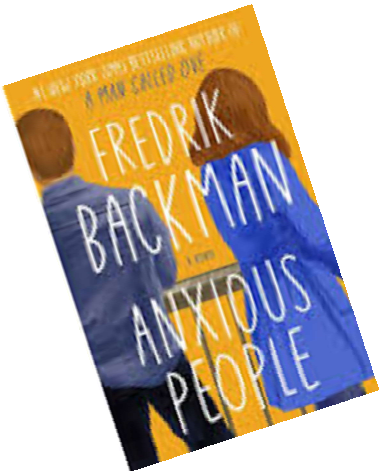
Once again, the Deacons are sponsoring a toilet paper drive. From now until March 31 you may bring donations to the church, which will be given to the Humility of Mary Shelter services.

Last year we collected over 1,200 rolls, right before the shortage began. Our goal is 1,500 rolls. Not shopping during the pandemic? Send your monetary donations to the church office. Deacons await to do your toilet paper shopping for you! Let’s demonstrate love in action and support this worthy cause.



Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development Committee

The Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development (PCSD) Committee is mostly on hold. Though the COVID pandemic has resulted in the suspension of most of our programs, InTouch Committee members will deliver Easter treats to shut ins in late March. We don’t want to miss anyone! Please contact Colleen Dueñas on Messenger if you want to add a church member to the list.



Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club

Monday, April 20 and May 18, 1:00 PM

Join us at Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club for great reads, discussion and fellowship. We will meet at 1:00 PM via Zoom on the third Monday of the month in March, April and May. In March, Sue Wagschal will lead the discussion of *Anxious People* by Fredrick Beckman. Please call Lois Boyer (563-940-3024) for Zoom information.

Join Us for Adult Christian Education (ACE) this Spring!

ACE meets every week from 10:45-11:45 AM on Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/91539050753?pwd=b2JYN0VyOW52N0ZESHQ2YUhyelhtUT09>, or dial 312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID: 915 3905 0753 and Passcode: ACE.

Here are our upcoming events:

March 7: *Imago Dei: Who are We?*

Our Lenten study series *Testimony: Vocabulary of Faith* continues with a discussion of our identity as children of God.

March 14: *Self-Development of People Panel*

Join us for a panel presentation and Q&A all about the PC(USA)’s Self-Development of People program! SDOP partners with community groups to provide change by, for, and with low-income people. Presenters will be Margaret Mwale, PC(USA) Associate for Community Development and Constituent Relations, Mandy Adams Henderson, Chair for the National SDOP Community & Church-Wide Relations Committee, and Rev. Dr. Bec Davis, SDOP Committee Member.

March 21: *Covenant: God in Relationship*

March 28: *Grace: God Who Saves*

April 4: Easter Sunday: ACE is IN RECESS

April 11 – May 16: To Be Announced

May 23: *Accessibility and Inclusion in the Church*

The Access and Inclusive Mission Program works with Presbyterian churches to make sure that people of all ability levels are fully part of church life. Marcia Murphy will present information about how to churches can better support all of their members.

Bible Basics 101 - Wednesdays, 6:45

This class is designed for those wanting to revisit many of our favorite childhood Sunday school stories or even hear about them for the first time. All are welcome. Join in anytime. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information.

Zoom information for Bible Basics 101:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93804817828?pwd=S1R3ZlB2Ly9zeGh3YnJoNEhDaVBjQT09>

Meeting ID: 938 0481 7828

Passcode: Jonah

Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth (CEFY)



Zoom Sunday School Fun!

Sunday School is Online

Children from preschool to fifth grade are invited to join us online for Zoom Sunday School! We meet from 10:30-11:00 AM every week for Bible stories, sharing, and learning together. For security, the Zoom link is being emailed - please contact Paula Hartmann or the church office to become part of our weekly emails. Each week's lesson includes a craft or game - you can pick up each month's activity packs at the church office!

Confirmation Class Begins!

Spring is almost here and it's time to start confirmation! This class is for 7th and 8th graders to officially become church members. So that we're able to meet in person, this year's class will be a little different than before. We'll meet from 10:30-11:15 AM on Sundays from March 7 to May 17. This intensive class will include service activities, worship leadership, and learning about other faiths. Our fantastic teachers this year are Sarah Greim, Al Frohlich, and Amy and Mike Saskowski! Families, you should have gotten an info letter in the mail - if you haven't, please contact the church office.

Kirkwood Club

Wednesday, March 24 and April 28, 6:00-6:45 PM

Save the dates for our upcoming Kirkwood Club activities! We'll meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 PM on March 24 and April 28. Hope to see you there! To get Kirkwood Club updates, email Sarah Greim or text @fpcdkids to 81010.

Youth Group

Sunday, March 28 and April 18, 1:00-1:45 PM

Save the dates for youth group fellowship activities! Everyone is welcome. We'll meet Sundays from 1:00 - 1:45 PM on March 28 and April 18, outside, weather permitting. To get updates, email Sarah Griem, segreim@gmail.com, or text @612thgra to 81010.



PAS Season Kickoff
Cellist Hannah Holman and Pianist Matt Bishop, Virtual Recital!

The 2021 PAS season begins with a concert featuring QCSO Principal Cellist Hannah Holman, accompanied by Director of Music Matt Bishop. Due to COVID restrictions, this concert will be virtual-only. Ticket purchasers will receive a private link to the pre-recorded concert video, set to premiere on Saturday, March 13 at 7:30 PM. If you prefer, a DVD of the concert can be sent to your home as well. Tickets are available at the church website, or by calling the church office.

Hannah Holman's career has encompassed orchestral and chamber music, solo performances, and teaching. In a review of the second CD she recorded with pianist Rene Lecuona, Fanfare magazine declares "her tone and technique are the stuff that cello legends are made of... Holman's cello sings with a lustrous tone that's hard to resist."

In addition to her work with the New York City Ballet Orchestra, Ms. Holman is the principal cellist of the Quad City Symphony, a position she has held since 2008. She began her professional career in England playing with the English String Orchestra under Yehudi Menuhin and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle. Her previous orchestral work also includes serving as assistant principal cello with the Michigan Chamber Orchestra, the Richmond Symphony; and the American Sinfonietta.

An active chamber musician, Ms Holman helped found Trio 826 and was a founding member of the Beaumont Piano Trio, which performed around the United States and England, and was also a founding member of Quadrivinium, a music ensemble in residence at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. From 2002-2011, she was a member of the Maia Quartet, the University of Iowa's quartet in residence, which toured China, Japan, and throughout the United States, including teaching residencies at Interlochen Center for the Arts, the Great Wall International Music Academy in China, and the Austin Chamber Music Center. She regularly performs in chamber ensembles with musicians from throughout the United States. As a soloist, Ms. Holman has performed with orchestras in Michigan, North Dakota, Minnesota, Virginia, Georgia, and Iowa.

A dedicated private teacher who finds great fulfillment in helping students of all ages grow musically, Ms. Holman was on the University of Iowa music faculty from 2002-2012, and has served on the faculties of the Worcester College (UK), Michigan State University Community School, and Virginia Union University. She has participated in numerous festivals, and has been on the faculty of the Eastern Music Festival since 2001 and currently serves on the faculty of the International Cello Institute.

Ms. Holman studied at the Eastman School of Music and Michigan State University, where she completed her Bachelor of Music degree. She obtained her Master of Music Degree with Fritz Magg at the New England Conservatory.

Two Concerts in May
Save the Dates!

Alex Gilson, Organ Recital
Saturday, May 1, 7:30 PM

Juliana Han, Piano Concert
Sunday, May 16, 7:30 PM

GUYS AND DOLLS
BROADWAY MUSICAL

JULY 24 | 7:30 PM
JULY 25 | 4:00 PM

\$15 ADULT & \$10 STUDENT

PAS Musical Guys and Dolls Postponed to July 24-25

The Worship & Music committee has decided to again postpone the FPC production of Guys and Dolls to Saturday, July 24 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, July 25 at 4:00 PM. Tickets are transferable to the new date (Saturday tickets to the new Saturday date, Sunday tickets to the new Sunday date) - there is no need to reprint tickets. If these new dates represent a conflict to your schedule, you may request a full refund of the ticket price. *Although it is our strong preference to be able to offer this production to a full, in-person audience, we ask for your patience as we continue to track the vaccination rollout in our area to make sure this is a safe endeavor; we are also looking into ways to create a virtual option for audience members who may not yet feel that it is safe to attend in-person.

Virtual Silent Auction for Ireland Trip, Ends March 17 - Support Our Music Mission Outreach

During these short cold days of winter a team of FPC musical leprechauns have been building a Virtual Auction site (<http://betterworld.org/auctions/st-patricks-day-silent-auction>) where church members and visitors can bid on new items, collectibles, and services from the comfort of their homes beginning March 1 with the finale day being (of course) St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The finale event will take place on March 17 at 7:00 PM via Facebook Live (from the church's Facebook page), and will include Irish music and information about auction items and the 2022 choir tour; bidding ends at 8:00 PM on that day. Here is a wee *samplin'* of auction items!

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| Private pool party complete with margaritas | John Deere collectibles gift basket |
| \$100 Biaggi's gift card | Handy Man for a Day |
| Handmade hardwood snack table | Signed and framed photography |
| Hawthorne and Halverson original artwork | And so much more! |

All funds raised during this 17-day virtual auction will support our Sanctuary Choir's Music Mission Outreach in Ireland in July 2022. Mission projects taking place in Ireland will be shared in future Broadcasters and pre-trip programs. But for now our leprechauns want you to get comfortable with the website and visit it often from March 1-17!

It's Easy to navigate, check your items, and pay online (<http://betterworld.org/auctions/st-patricks-day-silent-auction>;

It's Fun to learn what your church friends are donating;

It's for a Good Cause — music and mission!

