

Announcements

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Joyce Chamberlain to our worship service. Joyce is an Honorably Retired minister member of Great Rivers Presbytery. Joyce retired from the church where Rev. Katie Styrk is now serving as Pastor and she is a tremendous leader in the life of Great Rivers Presbytery. Joyce serves there as the Chair of the Presbytery Personnel Committee and as the Co-Chair of a Presbytery-wide Task Force to evaluate and envision the future of Great River's organizational structure. Joyce lives in Davenport and worships with First Pres frequently.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called a meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, September 19, at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of election of officers.

Reconciliation Process Begins

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies directed our congregation and the Presbytery of East Iowa to participate in a reconciliation process; Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw has been engaged to facilitate our work. Beth is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA); serves as Executive Presbyter of Glacier Presbytery in Montana; and teaches on the faculty at University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Beth began her work in July by meeting with some individuals and learning about the events of the last few years. Beth's work is focused on helping us move forward as a congregation. If you would like to communicate with Beth, her e-mail address is blmccaw70@gmail.com. The reconciliation process, as designed and led by Beth, is expected to occur this fall and we anticipate the process to be completed by January 2022. Reconciliation is part of our work to rebuild and reinvigorate our congregation. We hope recruiting and calling a new senior pastor will follow the reconciliation process.

First Presbyterian Travel Fellowship's Mississippi Paddle Wheeler Sightseeing Cruise - with commentary!
Saturday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. – \$20 per person

You can join the FPC Travel Fellowship Mississippi Paddle Wheeler Sightseeing tour on Saturday, September 18 by signing up in the Narthex before the service today, September 12. Don't miss this great opportunity for fun and fellowship with your First Pres. friends! Here's the basic information about the Twilight Cruise:

Limited seats have been reserved by your Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee for a round trip cruise aboard the *Riverboat Twilight* from the Le Claire docks with ample free parking. Enjoy complimentary beverages and bring your own snacks. To reserve your cruise passage go to www.fpcdavenport.org and click the *Donate OnLine* button, then Travel Fellowship, then use your credit card. All tickets are \$20 each. Remaining tickets are available in the narthex before the service today, September 12 (or until all tickets are gone)! On Saturday, September 18 the committee will meet you at the Twilight dock at 10:30 AM with your "will call" tickets. For more info, call Linda Meadors (309-235-5806).

Making it as easy as possible to find a Vaccination Appointment

Want to get vaccinated or help someone else get vaccinated? Text your ZIP Code to GETVAX — G-E-T-V-A-X — (438829) and you will be texted back three nearby locations with vaccines in stock. If you prefer the information in Spanish, text your ZIP Code to VACUNA. That's 822862. Prefer a specific vaccine? No problem. Click on the text or visit Vaccines.gov. There are more than 75,000 places you can go to get a shot; 90 percent of Americans live within five miles of them.

Pickleball is Back! – Monday and Wednesday, 9:00-11:00 AM

We play pickleball in the FPC gym on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 AM. All are welcome to join the fun. Please contact Diane Schroder for more information.

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club – Monday, September 20, 12:30 PM

We will meet at 12:30 PM on Monday, September 20, in the church Parlor, with Sue Wagschal leading our discussion of *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa. All are welcome whether you've read the book or not! Masks a must.

Prayer Shawl Group and Knit for Kids -Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 PM

We meet Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Nancy Foster will host the group at her home, 2036 E. 32nd St. Davenport. If you want to make prayer shawls for the church - or blankets, hats or sweaters for Knit for Kids – please contact Karla Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-349-4000) or Nancy Foster (nancyotr97@gmail.com; 563-391-4622.)

Caring Closet News

Prom Night is a hit; many thanks to our donors, volunteers and customers! And, already, we're in need of additional inventory. If you have evening gowns and/or party dresses and/or dressy shoes to donate, this is your opportunity. It's as simple as bringing your formal wear to church, and our Caring Closet volunteers will take it from there. Our next Prom Night is Tuesday, September 14, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. If you're looking for a formal outfit, or know someone who would appreciate trying on and choosing their own FREE formal wear, we'll be waiting on Tuesday evening!

Fall Program Schedule

Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., for more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook.

Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays 7:00- 8:30 p.m., in the Choir Room

Vesper Bells

Thursdays 6:00 – 6:45 p.m., starting September 16, in the Chapel

MusikGarten

Online, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., starting September 12

Cherub Choir

Sundays, Sept 12 - Oct 10, 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. , Season of Creation Intergenerational Celebration, Von Maur Hall
Cherubs and Families attend

Sundays, starting October 17, 10:35 – 10:50 a.m. Cherub Choir; 10:50 – 11:20 a.m. Sunday School

Kirkwood Choir

Sundays, Sept 12-October 10, 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m., Season of Creation Intergenerational Celebration, Von Maur Hall
Kirkwood Choir and Families attend

Sundays, starting October 17, Alternating Schedule begins: Stay tuned!

Adult Christian Education

Sundays, Sept 12-October 10, 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m., Season of Creation Intergenerational Celebration, Von Maur Hall

Bible Basics

Summer Is Winding Down

Our summer series will finish a two-part video about Dietrick Bonhoeffer on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:15 PM.

The Zoom link is below:

<https://zoom.us/j/98965381440?pwd=TUdyMXItRTMrRXdFWnBEZONEKzBYUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440

Passcode: 240979

Bible Basics Beginning September 22, 2021

Bible Basics is moving back to our former WEDNESDAY meeting time!

On Wednesday, September 22 at 6:15 PM, we are starting an interesting eight-week study of the Psalms. We are going to use two resources for this study. The first is a free on-line course created by the Yale Divinity School: [Psalms - Yale Bible Study](#).

The curriculum provides a short video, a study guide, and discussion questions for each week. The topics include: What are the Psalms?, Psalms of Complaint, Hymns, Royal Psalms, Wisdom Psalms, The Human Condition, The Character of God, and The Psalms of Poetry.

The second resource recommended for the class is *The Book of Psalms*, by Robert Alter. Dr. Alter provides his own translation of the psalms and a commentary on all 150 Psalms. (\$15 paperback; \$10 Kindle) If you have been thinking about joining BB201, this would be a wonderful time to do so. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information. Here is the Zoom link for classes beginning on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:15 PM.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVfhFdz09>

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