

Announcements

Prayer Shawl Group and Knit for Kids

The Prayer Shawl Group is meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Karla Jones is hosting in her home, 5910 Crow Valley Park Drive, Davenport. All who have interest in making prayer shawls for the church or blankets, hats or sweaters for Knit for Kids are welcome to attend. Questions, contact Karla Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-349-4000).

Between the Covers Book Club

The Book Club's next meeting will be Monday, October 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. The book we will discuss is The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict. Irene Huffman will be our discussion leader. We don't require you to read the book, but reading the book makes for a better discussion! Come join us!

Offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been busy in recent weeks and months offering needed supplies and volunteers to those hard hit during the year's many natural disasters in our nation. Starting last Sunday, our church has been receiving donations that will go directly to PDA. You can donate through our church online, or write a check to FPC, indicating that it is for the PDA collection. Special envelopes are in the pews. Information about the mission of PDA can be found on its website: <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

From Our Stewardship Committee

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." --Luke 6:38

Giving is one of the ultimate acts of faith. It is a demonstration of our belief in God to help provide for and serve others. It is a manifestation of our faith in the role that First Presbyterian Church will play in the future of our families and our community. With this in mind, as well as thinking of this passage from Luke, we're excited to announce the theme of this year's stewardship season: **Give, and it will be given to you**. 2021 has challenged our congregation in many ways, and this campaign is no exception. However, with pandemic safety protocols in place, we have been blessed to come back together as a congregation at last. Our church has had many reasons for celebration this year, even in challenging times. This year, we will come together on **Stewardship Sunday, November 7th**, to present our stewardship pledges during worship. We realize many of you are still tuning into our worship services virtually. If you are not turning in your pledge card in person on November 7th, we hope you will show your faith in the future by pledging online or returning your pledge card by Sunday, November 21st. Thank you!

Newcomers' Inquiry

A Newcomer's Inquiry will be held on Sunday, November 14, 12:30 p.m. We invite anyone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a member of, or learning more about, First Presbyterian Church to attend a Get-Together with some church staff and representatives from the Session, Board of Deacons, and the Hospitality and Welcoming Committee. This event offers the opportunity to ask questions and meet some members of our congregation but does not require making a membership decision. Please let the church office know if you are interested in attending at 563-326-1691. --Hospitality and Welcoming Committee

Presbytery of East Iowa Book Study

Rev. T. Denise Anderson, Coordinator, Racial & Intercultural Justice, PC(U.S.A.), & Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016-18) will speak at our November Presbytery Meeting. Denise has challenged us to an All-Presbytery Book Read of *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. For a free Self-Paced Study Guide:

[Caste-Book-Study-Entire-Documnet.pdf \(peia.org\)](#) or

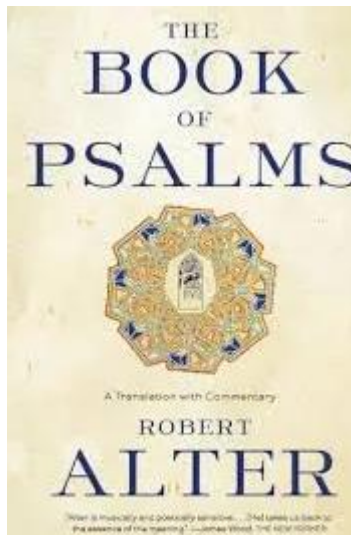
[CASTE Book Study: A Self-Paced Study Guide for the Presbytery of East Iowa – Presbytery of East Iowa \(peia.org\)](#)

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.



Bible Basics 201 A Study of Psalms



Bible Basics has begun a series of lessons on the Psalms. We are using a curriculum from Yale Divinity School. Here is the link to the study material: <https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/psalms> We are also using The Book of Psalms, by Robert Alter. Dr. Alter provides his own translation and a commentary on all 150 Psalms. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM on Zoom. Here is the schedule for up-coming lessons:

- October 20 Royal Psalms
- October 27 Wisdom Psalms
- November 3 The Human Condition
- November 10 The Character of God November 17

Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

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	August 2021		August 2020	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	53,921	37,360	52,322	50,860
Custodial Accounts Income	2,897	-	4,072	-
Compensation Expenses	39,216	45,421	46,746	48,038
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	15,230	21,633	14,888	26,275
Custodial Accounts Expenses	2,897	-	4,072	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(525)	(29,694)	(9,312)	(23,453)
	2021 Year-To-Date		2020 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	493,642	445,059	571,578	600,808
Custodial Accounts Income	24,788	-	103,604	-
Compensation Expenses	312,699	337,764	389,936	396,652
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	132,956	142,647	110,690	163,180
Custodial Accounts Expenses	24,788	-	103,604	-
Surplus (Deficit)	47,987	(35,352)	70,952	40,976

All numbers are rounded.

	September 2021		September 2020	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	52,359	38,015	45,680	50,150
Custodial Accounts Income	6,418	-	(28,035)	-
Compensation Expenses	38,755	49,179	44,168	50,348
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	17,882	17,439	11,137	21,070
Custodial Accounts Expenses	6,419	-	(28,035)	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(4,279)	(28,603)	(9,625)	(21,268)
	2021 Year-To-Date		2020 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	546,001	483,074	617,256	650,958
Custodial Accounts Income	31,205	-	75,570	-
Compensation Expenses	351,454	386,943	434,104	447,000
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	150,841	160,086	121,826	184,250
Custodial Accounts Expenses	31,204	-	75,569	-
Surplus (Deficit)	43,707	(63,955)	61,327	19,708

All numbers are rounded.

Cocoa and Caring ...Warm Hands and Warm Heart

Once again, this winter, we will reach out to our First Church neighborhood with hot cocoa, candy canes, warm mittens, gloves, hats and lots of Christmas spirit. On Tuesday December 7th between 3 and 5pm, we will hand out Christmas blessings at a table outside the front doors of the sanctuary on Kirkwood Boulevard. Now is the time to start bringing donations of these items to place in the container at the back of the church sanctuary. Any questions, call or text Cathy Pratscher-Woods at 563-349-2288.



Dear friends in Christ,

It has been a privilege to come alongside the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport and the Presbytery of East Iowa as you seeking healing and hope in your relationship in order to move forward together in Christ's call.

There will be specific opportunities throughout this fall for leaders to address practical points. And either before or after the holidays there will be a time in which individuals can share the ways they have been impacted, and to name what is needed to move forward in a more whole and functioning relationship.

Between now and then, we seek to keep our ears and hearts open to the voice and Word of God. This is grounding in the midst of much human activity, and forms us in faith. The experience of sharing attention to God's word, and praying for the world, also reminds us that we are called to the same kingdom work.

A series of 30 minute devotional times via Zoom is scheduled. I hope that you will consider attending one or more. They are at various times in order to accommodate the diverse schedules of individuals. I will lead these with different ways to listen to Scripture, and to pray for God's beloved world. These are gatherings in which precipitating conflicts are decentered – we practice gathering for Word and prayer and this creates a foundation for talking later about wounds and needs. No one will be put on the spot to talk or share, the focus will not be contentious. May these be small oases in the week that nourish your soul.

Sunday October 17	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday November 2	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday October 19	5:30 p.m.	Friday November 12	9:00 a.m.
Thursday October 28	9:00 a.m.	Tuesday November 16	5:30 p.m.

Please check your e-News for a link to the zoom call for the devotional time that you would like to attend.

It will be good to listen for God and lean into our call together. Please be in touch as is helpful.

Yours in Christ,

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