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Summer Services at FPC!

Beginning Sunday, June 6,
8:30 AM outside service, 10:00 AM indoor service!

Join us in the Kirkwood parking lot at 8:30 AM on Sundays, beginning June 6, for outdoor services.
Children, singing and communion!

Or, come to the 10:00 AM service in Fellowship Hall, for which reservations are required.
For reservations, call 563-326-1691, x-209 Thursday or Friday prior to the service you plan to attend.
Leave your name, phone number, and the number of adults who will worship.
Your reservation request will be confirmed by a return call on Saturday.

This service will be socially distanced without singing or communion.

Fall 2021 Newsletter Schedule

Articles for the Fall 2021 edition of *The Broadcaster* newsletter are due by Friday, July 16, 2021.
Please submit information to Bobette Maginas (office@fpcdavenport.org).



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The First Presbyterian Church Caring Closet

As a Matthew 25 Church* where we actively and joyfully get involved with our community, we are developing a Caring Closet where our community can find items of clothing for their family, free of charge.

We are hoping that the Covid numbers continue to decline so that we can open our doors to our neighbors by the beginning of summer. The custodians have put a fresh coat of paint on the room and we have received donations of racks, hangers, and shelving.

How can you help? It is easy! As you go through your closet and find items that are no longer YOU or your family, bring those clean items (clothing and shoes) to the church at the designated times and we will add them to our “store” inventory. We are in need of all sizes of baby, children, women, and men items. We will also have a rack of professional clothing for those who may need items for interviewing or jobs.

Volunteering is a must in order to make this dream become a reality. We are looking for anyone who can help. We want the store to have consistent hours and your help would be greatly appreciated. We will be open a couple of days a week (still to



be determined) for three hours. If this is something that you would like to do, and you are able to work one shift a month or more, please call, text or email RuthAnn Tobey-Brown (563-265-1439; ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com).

Please help us make this dream a reality; the idea is simple but the end product is powerful.

Clothing drop off at the Iowa Sunday School door on Sunday (after parking lot church), Monday and Friday mornings (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM), or call and we will meet you at another time. We will be working to hang items and design the store, please let us know when you might volunteer to help so that we can reach out to our neighbors joyfully with purpose.

Items needed:

- Clothing and shoes in all sizes (babies, kids, men, and women)
- Hangers
- Clean grocery bags

* *FPC became a Matthew 25 church, a special consortium through the Presbyterian Mission Agency, in 2019. “Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities.”*



A Letter from the Pandemic Task Force

To the Congregation of FPC:

These past 13 months have been among the most challenging times in the great history of our church. While we are encouraged by the rapid delivery of effective vaccines throughout our country, this evil virus continues to cause pain worldwide and in our own community. I would like to take a moment to reflect on the decisions we have made to keep you safe, and provide an update on our plan to return to worship in our beloved building.

The pastoral care of our congregation has been the guiding principle of the members charged with serving on this task force; it is the most important question we ask of new ideas, the impetus behind any change in policy we have made, and the issue that keeps us up at night in the interim. The process of relaxing restrictions has thus been a slow one, and for many, a frustrating one. As soon as the weather allowed this spring, we returned to in-person worship in the Kirkwood Boulevard parking lot; that date this year fell on Palm Sunday. The following week, the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, the Sanctuary Choir once again led our worship — for the first time in over a year. You may have noticed some additional changes as well — community seating (though distanced), printed bulletins (printed and delivered contact-free), and new technologies that allow us to live-stream the service outdoors. We see these as positive steps toward returning to a more familiar sense of community.

As has long been the custom at FPC, outdoor worship will continue throughout the summer, moving to the traditional time of 8:30 AM on June 6 to account for the summer heat. We know from the CDC that outdoor events are safest right now, so our priority is to continue offering this solution. For those of you who are ready to return to in-person worship inside our building, we have begun a structured plan to allow for that option. Also beginning June 6, we will stream a second service at 10:00 AM from the sanctuary; a maximum of 25 people will be allowed to attend that service in-person from the Fellowship Hall. More information will follow in the next weeks regarding mitigation protocols for indoor worship (including information about registering for the service on the church website). We ask you to keep in mind that this is merely a transitional step; it is our hope to gradually welcome limited but growing numbers of worshippers back into the sanctuary in the months that follow. For those who continue to prefer worshipping from the comfort and safety of your home, we will continue to accommodate that preference with live-streaming moving forward.

We thank each of you for your continued support of the ministries of FPC, for the ways you have been a community together while remaining safely apart, and for your loving patience and understanding as we navigate a situation that truly changes every day. We acknowledge that this has not been an easy year; FPC has a long history of weathering storms together with faith and resiliency, and we will weather this one as well.

In Christ,

Matt Bishop, Director of Music (on behalf of the Pandemic Task Force)

Session Highlights for April 2021

- The Session received an update from Nancy Chapman and John Gere on restoring and preserving the church's stained-glass windows. Because of the size and cost of the work needed, the project has been divided into two phases. The Session gave approval to Nancy and John to proceed with a grant application of up to \$50,000 for the first phase. The required \$25,000 in matching funds has been received from a charitable trust created by FPC members.
- Pastor Kathy Stoner-Lasala reported that she and the Clerk met with the members of the former CG&P Committee to receive their comments on the recently published Synod ARC report. Those comments were documented and will be shared with Session who will decide on future actions.
- The task force charged with identifying a person to facilitate a reconciliation process is preparing to interview three potential candidates. The task force is comprised of members from FPC, the Presbytery of East Iowa, and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies
- The Session made assignments to various committees to work on the seven recommendations made to FPC in the Synod ARC final report. Work on these items is to begin immediately.
- Y-T-D finances show income exceeding expenses, thanks to the continued support of the congregation.
- The Session approved a recommendation from the Pandemic Task Force for our summer worship schedule which will begin June 6. The schedule will include an 8:30 AM outdoor service and a 10:00 AM indoor service. The 10:00 AM indoor service will initially allow 25 people to attend in Fellowship Hall. Reservation will be required. Precautions will include masks, physical distancing, no singing, and the use of air filtration devices. More details will be made available in upcoming bulletins and E-news.

A Note from the Deacon's Outreach Committee

Thank you to all who donated to the Toilet paper drive in March. We collected 577 rolls and \$170.00 in donations. Both paper products and funds will be delivered to the Fresh Start Center of Humility of Mary Services. Thanks again for your generous support!

Activities and Events at FPC!

Women of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, May 11 and 25, 10:00 AM

Women of Hope Bible Study meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 AM. Presently, we are meeting on Zoom, but with the hope for good weather, we may be meeting outdoors. As the basis for our study, we are using the PW(Presbyterian Women)/Horizons Bible Study entitled "Into the Light." If you are interested, please feel welcome to join the group. For more details, contact Jeanne Sherwood (563 391-9287; jssherwood@gmail.com).



Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club

Monday, May 17, 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 May 17 when Penne Duncan will lead the discussion of *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Please call Lois Boyer (563-940-3024) for Zoom information.

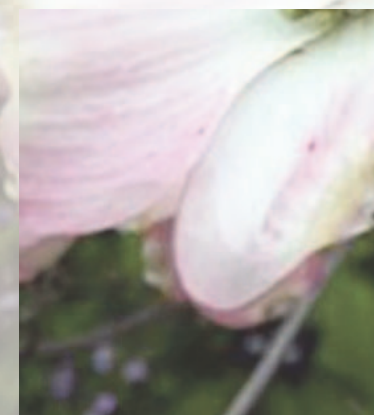
Blessing of the Animals Worship Service

Sunday, June 27, 8:30 AM

The Blessing of the Animals is an ancient custom associated with St. Francis of Assisi. Always at home in the company of the disadvantaged and the dispossessed, Francis recognized the Divine Spark in the beauty of creation, in the love and companionship of animals, and in the poor. Francis became known as the Patron Saint of Animals and is one of the most admired monks and mystics in the history of the church. Bring your pet, large or small, to be blessed and celebrated. Pet family photos will be taken after the service.

In addition to celebrating your own happy pets, you are encouraged to bring donations for the King's Harvest (No Kill) Animal Shelter in Davenport so that animals waiting for their furever homes can be well cared for. Items needed include dry or canned dog and cat food, cat litter, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, pump hand soaps, and office supplies. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted. A donation table will be set up next to the photo staging area.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Bix Race Day Fellowship Concessions

If the pandemic situation continues to improve, the Congregation Development and Fellowship Committee is looking forward to resuming our annual "Bix Race Concession," with proper social distancing and masking, of course.

Grab a lawn chair and join other FPC members and friends to watch the Bix race on our church's Kirkwood Boulevard lawn. This annual event is eagerly anticipated and is a fun way for the FPC community to participate in the race day festivities. Donuts and beverages will be served per the Pandemic Task Force guidelines (free will donation gratefully accepted). The date is Saturday, July 24. Festivities begin at 7:00 AM and continue to 11:00 AM. Hope to see you there!



The Broadcaster:

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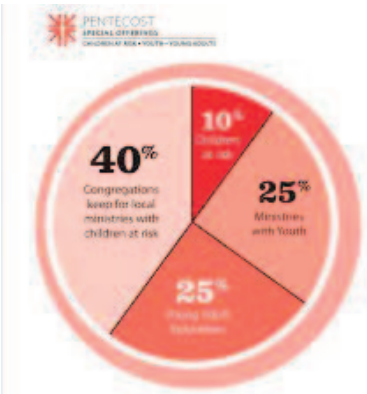
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Pentecost Offering



A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Teach us, as your children, God, and by your children, too.
Gather us all in your house,
that we might share all that we have with one another.
Amen

Financial Summary for the month of March 2021				
	March 2021		March 2020	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	70,587	63,800	62,002	62,211
Custodial Accounts Income	2,976	-	15,246	-
Compensation Expenses	43,448	41,490	50,815	49,479
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	19,974	29,026	15,374	31,448
Custodial Accounts Expenses	2,976	-	15,246	-
Surplus (Deficit)	7,165	(6,716)	(4,187)	(18,716)
	2021 Year-To-Date		2020 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	242,489	226,154	322,399	322,608
Custodial Accounts Income	3,957	-	29,356	-
Compensation Expenses	121,019	123,791	150,850	149,514
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	50,618	58,055	45,521	61,595
Custodial Accounts Expenses	3,957	-	29,356	-
Surplus (Deficit)	70,852	44,308	126,028	111,499
All numbers are rounded.				

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.

Donate Online to Birdies for Charity

In the past few years members have asked about our participation in the Birdies for Charity® program. The Session approved the use of the program in May of 2018. If you already participate in the program, please consider adding First Presbyterian Church to the organizations you support. If you’re new to Birdies, this is an additional way to make your annual gift and support the mission of First Presbyterian Church for their annual gift.

Here are some Birdies for Charity® facts:

- It is gratifying to know that 100% of every designated pledge to First Presbyterian Church that is collected goes directly to First Presbyterian Church.
- Plus, the tournament delivers a second check from between 5% and 10% of that charity’s final total. That means each pledge generates a bonus gift through the generosity of the Birdies for Charity® program.

Here’s how you can participate:

- Complete the pledge form indicating the amount of the lump sum gift now, make your check payable to the Quad Cities Gold Classic Charitable Foundation; and
- Return all forms (and lump sum payments, if applicable) by June 21 to Birdies for Charity®, 15623 Coaltown Rd, East Moline, IL 61244.
- You can also donate online, by visiting and selecting First Presbyterian Church of Davenport (#2196) or other charity of your choice.

The John Deere Classic takes place on July 5-11 and the pledging has begun. So, let’s enjoy the tournament while also raising money for our ministry together at First Presbyterian Church of Davenport.



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

ACE will continue virtually through the end of May before recessing for summer.

May 2 - In Recess

May 9 - Covenant: God in Relationship

Covenant is the primary way in which God relates to humanity through the work of the Spirit, binding us together into community so that we may experience the in-breaking of God’s grace and love in our lives.

May 16 - Christian Community: God of Belonging

Created and sustained by the Holy Spirit, Christian community is marked by embodied compassionate love that connects us to one another and God so that we are encouraged and accountable in the direction of our common lives of faithfulness.

May 23 - Accessibility & 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 churches can better support all of their members.

May 30 - Summer Recess begins

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

Bible Basics 201 - Tuesdays, 6:15 PM

We are continuing to read through the Minor Prophets. Below is our schedule for May. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information or handout material. Join us anytime.

May 4: Obadiah May 11: Zechariah May 18: Haggai May 25: Malachi

Here is our Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/98965281440?pwd=TUdyMXItRTMrRXdfWnBEZONEKzBYUT09>
Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440
Passcode: 240979

Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth (CEFY)

Summer Musikgarten and Cherubs



We’re going to continue Zooming through summer together on Sunday mornings! Musikgarten starts at 10:30 AM. We talk, laugh, share what’s going on in our lives, sing together and just enjoy seeing each other. Cherubs continue from 11:00-11:15 AM. If you’re on my email list, you will continue to get the Zoom link each week. If you would like to be added to our list, let me know. We have room for everyone and would love to have you join us! For more info contact Kathy Middleton at kathrynbl5@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible Camp!

Parents — Vacation Bible camp will be held the week of June 27.
Stay tuned for more details!

Kirkwood Choir

Kirkwood Choir is in recess until the fall. Have a wonderful summer! Look for information about coming choir activities in the Fall 2021 Broadcaster!



Easter Egg Dash

Earth Day Clean Up





PAS Virtual Concert: Alex Gilson, Organist
Saturday, May 1, 7:30 PM

FPC Principal Organist Alex Gilson provides his annual concert, this year a pre-recorded virtual recital of organ masterworks from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries on the Magnusson Memorial Organ. You may watch the recital on Vimeo for up to two weeks after the date of airing, or request a DVD be mailed to you. On-demand access is \$15/adult and \$10/student and may be purchased from the church website or here: <https://fpc.betterworld.org/events/pas-virtual-concert-alex-gilson>.

Piano Recital: Juliana Han,
Postponed to the 2021-2022 Season



GUYS AND DOLLS
BROADWAY MUSICAL

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

\$15 ADULT & \$10 STUDENT

PAS Musical Guys and Dolls - July 24-25

The Music Department of FPC is still planning on a production of the hit Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls* for July 24 and 25. Stay tuned for further details about safety/mitigation procedures. Any tickets purchased for a past show date are transferable to the new dates (Saturday tickets for July 24, Sunday tickets for July 25).



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Virtual Trivia Night - Friday, May 14 - 6:00 PM

The Music Outreach Committee will hold a Virtual Trivia Night as a fundraiser for the Sanctuary Choir's 2022 tour to Ireland. This fun, family-friendly evening will take place over Zoom, and requires no technological prowess beyond using Zoom. Similar to in-person trivia events, teams of 8 are \$100/team; alternatively, you can pay \$12.50/person and be assigned to a team. Teams will be able to purchase "double downs" and "mulligans" for additional prices. Participation is limited, so please email or call Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1291, ext. 201) to reserve your spot.

OFFICIAL PLEDGE FORM

First Presbyterian Church of Davenport

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

2196

BIRD NUMBER

I pledge and promise to donate:

☐ \$ _____ one-time flat donation.

Please attach payment. Checks payable to

Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation.

☐ \$ _____

extra donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund

Donations to the BFC Bonus Fund (#1041) help provide the 5% match for all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDIES & WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2021 LEXUS NX!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.
Only 1 grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law.

BIRDIES SCORED (YEAR)

2,160	(2011)	2,040	(2014)	1,918	(2017)
2,113	(2012)	1,990	(2015)	2,355	(2018)
2,142	(2013)	1,982	(2016)	2,091	(2019)

PLEDGE INFORMATION (Please print)

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE OR EMAIL



Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you can win some great prizes. But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive 100% of the donations pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a **guaranteed 5% match**.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at **15623 Coaltown Rd., East Moline, IL 61244**.

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I pledge \$ _____ one-time donation

I guessed _____ birdies would be made

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK NO. _____



One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a **2021 Lexus NX**, courtesy of Smart Lexus of the Quad Cities. Other prizes awarded by random drawing.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties and other prizes determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by **June 21, 2021**.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com.
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.