

THE BROADCASTER

The quarterly newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport



PNC Approval

The Presbytery of East Iowa has granted First Pres permission to form the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to call a Senior Pastor/Head of Staff! This permission is limited to forming the PNC and setting the PNC to work on folding together into a single mission study statement:

- the Envisioning 2020 report,
- the Mission Study was completed while Pastor Mark was with First Pres,
- the mission/vision work of the Congregational Marketing & Growth Committee, and
- the Reconciliation Process reports.

The Nominating Committee has begun the work of identifying a slate of candidates for the PNC; a meeting of the congregation to elect the PNC will be called when the Nominating Committee has assembled the slate.



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FPC E-News

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Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Fellowship

Wednesday, November 24 | 7:00 pm

One of our most beloved events will take place again this year on Wednesday, November 24 immediately following the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service which will start at 7:00 pm. Please drop off a pie to share in a disposable pie plate between 6:30-7:00 that evening. The CDF Committee will cut and serve individual pieces of pie from behind the counter in Fellowship Hall (second and third helpings are encouraged!). Pies can be homemade or store-bought. Whipped cream will be added to pie slices as requested. Coffee and tea will also be served by committee members. *Masks are required while you are not actively eating or drinking...but we will be together giving thanks and sharing our blessings IN PERSON once again.

PUNCH Thanksgiving Dinner at First Baptist

Thursday, November 25 | 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Thursday, November 24

This year's PUNCH Thanksgiving Dinner will be resuming in-person meals at First Baptist Church while still offering a carryout option. PUNCH is requesting volunteers from First Pres to serve drinks - 4 volunteers needed per shift (10:30am-noon, noon-1:30pm + cleanup time). FPC is also collecting food items (cooked and ready to serve mashed potatoes, green beans, cornbread stuffing, dinner rolls, and pumpkin pies, plus unopened gravy cans). To volunteer or donate food, please contact Paula Hartmann (ppelhartmann@aol.com).

Caring Closet

Open Tuesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm & Fridays 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Holiday Shopping Evenings November 30 & December 7 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Donations can be dropped off during open hours & Sundays 10:45 am - 11:45 am

The Caring Closet is collecting the following:

Children's Toys

- Toys
- Games
- Books
- NO Stuffed Animals

Accessories

- Purses
- Jewelry
- Ties
- Belts

Adult & Children's Clothing

- Shoes & Boots
- Sweatshirts & Sweaters
- Coats & Jackets
- Scarves
- Hats
- Gloves/Mittens
- Socks
- Underwear (new)

Home Goods

- Towels & Washcloths
- Bedding (Sheets, Blankets & Pillows)
- Kitchen Items

Toiletries

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Disposable Diapers (all sizes)

If you would like to help, contact:

RuthAnn Tobey-Brown 563-265-1439 | ruthtobeybrown1@gmail.com

PAS Concert: Ring of Kerry

Saturday, November 20 | 7:00 pm

Ring of Kerry is a bursting-with-energy Irish music group that captures the hearts of listeners. All five of its engaging musicians sing and play several instruments; from the thundering sound of the bodhran to the sparkle of the hammered dulcimer; from the lilt and rhythm of fiddle and guitar to the haunting wails of the flute and pennywhistles, the band has developed a blend that is animated, ruggedly beautiful, and fun. Face masks required; venue mapped for social distancing. You may purchase tickets in the church office Monday-Friday, 9:30 am-noon, or online at Eventbrite (<https://bit.ly/3kcZlpn>).



An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 3 | 9:30 am

Kickoff the liturgical season of Advent with a service featuring readings, hymns, and carols sung by the Chamber Chorale. This service is an intimate way to prepare our hearts and voices for the season of expectancy and the busy month that follows.



Christmas Concerts

Risen with Healing in His Wings

Saturday, Deceember 18 | 7:30 pm & Sunday, December 19 | 4:00 pm

The Music department at FPC is excited to resume its tradition of celebratory Christmas concerts, and after a year with no in-person concert, you'll want to be sure to reserve your seats in advance. This year's concerts, on the third weekend in December, feature many of the church's great and beloved ensembles: the Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Chorale, Vesper Bells, Kildalton Quartet, and Celebrations Singers, accompanied by full orchestra and Principal Organist Alex Gilson. *Face masks required.



This year's repertoire is centered around a theme of healing. As the world continues to deal with the effects of COVID-19 and its many variants, it is our hope that this year's concerts will bring about a sense of healing and recovery in our community. These concerts will be both a celebration of our Christmas traditions and an acknowledgment that many people are still grieving the loss of loved ones, of jobs, and of normalcy.

Saturday Tickets <https://bit.ly/3mMzwnm>

Sunday Tickets <https://bit.ly/3kcZZbT>



December Fellowship Opportunities

Ugly Sweater Party

Friday, December 17 | 6:00-8:00pm

All adults are invited to FPC's annual Ugly Sweater and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

December Events for Children & Youth

Polar Express Party for Kids (Date TBD)

White Elephant Gift Exchange for 6th-12th grade youth (Date TBD)

ACE Advent Series

Sundays, Dec. 5-19 |
10:35-11:20am

Featuring *A Weary World:
Reflections for a Blue Christmas* by
Kathy Escobar

Christmas Eve Schedule

4:00 pm Youth Christmas Pageant
9:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service
11:00 pm A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



Carnival Sunday with Ivory&Gold



Sunday, January 30 | 9:30 am

Husband and wife Jazz duo Jeff (piano) and Anne (flute, vocals) Barnhart return to First Pres for a special morning of Jazz music. Praised by The L.A. Jazz Scene as a musical duo that can “draw out the beauty in the rich melodies and play the music... with taste, sensitivity, and a real affection for the idiom,” Ivory&Gold® celebrates the greatest examples of American Jazz, blues, ragtime, Broadway, and hits from the Great American Songbook.

After their lauded 2001 premiere at the Jazz Festival in Sun Valley, Idaho, Ivory&Gold has been invited to appear in hundreds of venues from coast to coast and in England.



Finances

	October 2021		October 2020	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	89,565	41,520	48,257	56,680
Custodial Accounts Income	4,070	-	242	-
Compensation Expenses	35,343	51,690	39,042	51,258
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	10,720	12,482	10,264	17,015
Custodial Accounts Expenses	4,070	-	242	-
Surplus (Deficit)	43,502	(22,652)	(1,049)	(11,593)
	2021 Year-To-Date		2020 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	635,566	524,594	665,511	707,638
Custodial Accounts Income	35,276	-	75,813	-
Compensation Expenses	386,797	438,633	473,146	498,258
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	161,559	172,568	132,088	201,265
Custodial Accounts Expenses	35,276	-	75,812	-
Surplus (Deficit)	87,210	(86,607)	60,278	8,115

All numbers are rounded.

We ask all of our members to fulfill their 2021 pledge prior to December 31. Donors must deliver checks on or by December 31 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2021. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2022 (January 2) will not qualify for a charitable deduction in 2021, even if the check is predated. However, under the so-called “mailbox exception,” checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2021 will be deductible in 2021 though they are not received by the church until 2022. As always, thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Finance Office at olson@fpcdavenport.org or 563.326.1691 ext. 219.

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Stewardship Update

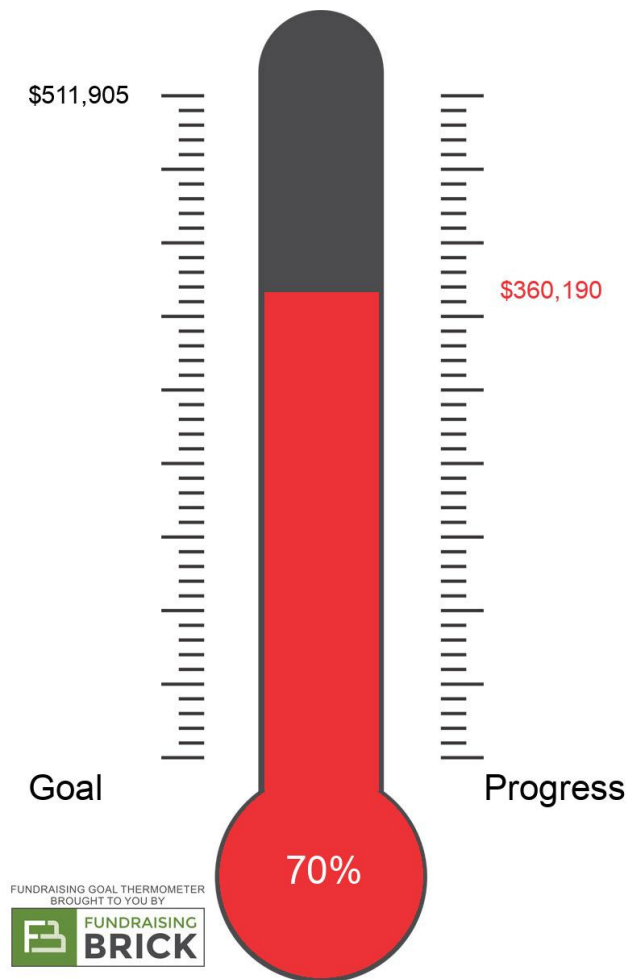
“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you give will be measured to you.” -Luke 6:38

Giving, one of the ultimate acts of faith, demonstrates our belief in God who helps us provide for and serve others. Giving manifests our faith in First Presbyterian’s role in God’s future.

Sunday, November 7th, we offered our pledges during the worship service. We realize many tune into our worship services virtually and so you can also show your faith in God’s future by pledging online or returning your pledge card to the church by Sunday, November 21st. If you have returned your 2022 Stewardship Cards or set-up your online pledge already: a sincere thank you!

Your generosity and commitment to the many missions of FPC have resulted in confirmed pledges of \$360,190. You have launched us toward \$511,905, our 2021 pledge total!

If you want help setting up your online pledge, please contact Kristine Olson, Finance Manager, atolson@fpdavenport.org or (563) 326-1691 x219.



Holiday Church Office Closures

The church office will be closed on the following days:

- Thanksgiving and the day following (November 25-26)
- Christmas Eve and the week following Christmas (December 24, 27-31)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 17)

Advent/Christmas Poinsettias

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, the Chancel Guild will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be a part of this wonderful tradition, please complete and return the form (in the bulletin) and donation to the church office or place in the offering plate. The deadline for making memorials is Wednesday, November 24. You are welcome to pick up your poinsettia after the service on either Sunday, December 26th, or Sunday, January 2nd, or leave it for another congregation member to enjoy.

In Memory or Honor of _____
please circle one

Given by _____

Ways to Affect Giving

It is your gracious financial commitment to FPC that allows FPC to continue its ministries and missions to help support church members, community, and staff. However, the very meaningful act of placing your gift in the offering plate each Sunday has not been an option during much of this challenging year. Many of you have asked how you can continue your financial support and have been able to continue to give. For anyone looking for alternative ways to give, here are a few other ways to effect giving to the church:

- Automatic Bank Payments (ACH) and Credit Card Payments –Go to www.fpcdavenport.org and click the “Donate Online” link located on the top of the website.
- Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) – Please discuss with your financial/tax advisor to determine if this option is available and right for you. When directing your required minimum distribution to the church, please notify the Finance Office so that we can ensure you receive full contribution credit.
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) – Please discuss with your financial/tax advisor to determine if this option is available and right for you. Also, please notify the Finance Office so we can provide instructions on how to process the donation to the church and to ensure you receive full contribution credit.
- Gifting Stock – When stock is gifted to the church, please notify the Finance Office so we can provide instructions on how to process the donation to the church and to ensure you receive full contribution credit.

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