

THE BROADCASTER

The quarterly newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport



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Hi! My name is Kristy Woodrow. I am excited to be joining you all as the Director of Christian Education! I will be living in the area with my three cats: Pumpkin, Sophie, and Lily.

I grew up in Newton, New Jersey with my mom and three younger siblings. I attended Centenary University for undergrad where I studied social work and history. My focus was on macro social work. I recently graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary where I received a dual Master's of Divinity and Master's of Christian Education and Formation. My focus here was youth ministry. I have been volunteering with the youth and children's ministries at my home church since I aged out of the youth group ten years ago.

Outside of church, I love reading, writing, hiking, volunteering, learning, playing video games, and travel. I am passionate about child welfare, human trafficking, and LGBTQIA+ rights, among other social justice issues. I am excited to learn and grow with each and every one of you!



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FPC E-News

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DEACONS 2022

Much of the work of our deacons... caring for our church family, caring for our community, caring for the world around us... has been tremendously impaired by the events of the last 2 ½ years. Your Board of Deacons is eager to reignite the flames of service within our congregation. Despite being a smaller congregation for now, our flame can burn just as brightly, a beacon for those in need, and for those eager to serve.

It is important that we return to our roots of service with enthusiasm, fervor, and passion. It has been too long. Our community – indeed our world – needs us to step forward and contribute. Your deacons are honored to lead these efforts, and your participation, financial contribution and prayerful support is vital to our success and commitment to serve.

We are excited to kick off our fall season with the following events!

Come join us! We are thrilled to announce that Kids Against Hunger returns to FPC! An annual tradition, this is a multigenerational opportunity to come together and support others throughout the world creating nutritious food packages for delivery. Kids Against Hunger will be held Saturday, September 24 at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$20 per person.

Sunday, October 1st is a big day at FPC!

- World Communion Sunday: Join us as we celebrate communion with all faith communities around the world. In addition...
- It's Crop Walk time! Sign up, collect sponsors or donations, and join a group from FPC in the annual Crop Walk, raising money to fight world hunger. This year's walk will traverse the new I-74 pedestrian pathway over the Mississippi River.
- Homecoming: We are thrilled to return to our Homecoming service and luncheon, a special service and recognition of those older adults in our congregation. This is a wonderful opportunity to once again reconnect and serve those who have so faithfully served before us. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering to support this special event.

Look for more announcements to come with more opportunities to serve!

CARING CLOSET



We want to thank all of you for the donations which has enabled us to have a free "store" for our neighbors in need. This fall we will once more have our formal nights for homecoming and our toy give away for Christmas. Our weekly shopping times are Sunday 9:30-10:00AM, Tuesday 9AM-noon, and Friday 2-5PM.

FROM THE SOUTHWOOD HERITAGE CENTER

We recently celebrated a new confirmation class completing their studies and beginning active membership in our congregation. It was wonderful to share that day together.

First Presbyterian Church has been sharing our faith with our youth for a long time. Maybe you would find it interesting to see the confirmation classes of 20, 40, and 50 years age, as recorded in the records from the Southwood Heritage Center. Do you recognize any of these names?

20 Years Ago

The Confirmation Class of 2002: Daniel D'Angelo, John Davis, Amanda Emerick, Jacob Heninger, Kathryn Hennessey, Andrew Huber, Elizabeth Olson, Jennifer Irey, Danielle Jones, Katherine Karll, Emma Schroder, Christopher Wells.

40 Years Ago

The Confirmation Class of 1982: William Carr, Jr., Christopher Chonto, Jean Roberta Darbyshire, Wendy Dedmon, Jennifer Duitsman, Ann Ewoldt, Kathleen Harmelink, Susan Hickenbottom, Bethia Hodson, Laura Johns, Christopher Johnson, Steven Spindler, Aletheia Turner.

50 Years Ago

The Confirmation Class of 1972: Debra Block, Jennifer de Silva, Paul Dunlap, David Eckhardt, Timothy Francis, Linda Giddings, Stephanie Greer, Jay Hamilton, Jack Hill, David Holzinger, William Iglehart, Kimberly Koster, David Manlove, Mary Marron, Kae Lynn Mart, Allison McKay, Julie Rauch, David Schafnit, William Schneider, Lynn Marie Vander Woude, William Wagschal, Ray Yoder, Nancy Zimmerman, Jill Zurburg.

STEWARDSHIP - GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS

Throughout the first several months of 2022, our church has been given light, hope, and love. We celebrated the tremendous gifts given by all within the congregation since last autumn's Stewardship season, we rejoiced together in-person once again on a regular basis, and we are now on our way to welcoming two exciting members to our church family: a new Director of Christian Education, and a new Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. With these extraordinary gifts we've been given during a turbulent and transformational time in our church's history, are we choosing to receive it and pursue it?

This fall, our stewardship campaign will be a reflection of the incredible faith, perseverance, and enthusiasm all members of our church have exemplified throughout the past year. God continues to be with us, our families, our friends, our community, and our world as we prepare for the future with more grateful and abundant hearts.

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

-Lamentations 3: 21-23

As you prayerfully consider your philanthropic support for the calendar year 2023, please know that gifts of all sizes are appreciated. More information on this year's stewardship campaign will be announced in the coming weeks during worship. In the meantime, you are welcome to contact Patrick Downing (319) 572-5663, patrickgdowning@gmail.com, if you have any questions about this year's campaign. If you have questions about online, stock, or RMD gifts, please contact Kristine Olson (563) 326-1691, olson@fpcdavenport.org.

THE 2022-2023 SEASON OF THE PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Alpin Hong, pianist

Friday, October 23 | 4:00 pm

Versatile concert pianist Alpin Hong makes his return to FPC. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$10/student.

FPC Christmas Concerts: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

Saturday, December 17 | 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 18 | 4:00 pm

A multicultural celebration featuring the Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Chorale, Celebration Singers, Vesper Bells, and orchestra. Free tickets required.

Alex Gilson, organist

Friday, February 10 | 7:30 pm

Principal organist Alex Gilson presents his annual concert on the Magnusson Memorial organ, an evening of blockbuster organ masterworks. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$10/student.

Alla Boara

Friday, March 3 | 7:30 pm

This unique American ensemble fusing early Italian folk music with Jazz makes its QC debut; presented in partnership with Quad City Arts. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$10/student.

Good Friday Tenebrae

Friday, April 7 | 7:30 pm

Featuring the Sanctuary Choir, Vesper Bells, and orchestra. Free admission, not ticketed.

Broadway Musical: The Addams Family

Friday, July 7 | 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 8 | 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 9 | 4:00 pm

Our summer musical is the award-winning Broadway adaptation of *The Addams Family*, featuring an abundance of FPC talent. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$10/student.





MUSIKGARTEN

Q-What is 10 years? A-The year we are about to begin this fall with our Musikgarten program!

Q-What is 4th grade? A-The current age of the kids who were our original “Musikgarten Babies.”

Q-What is 6 days? A-The age of the youngest Musikgarten participant the first time she attended.

Q-What happens in September, 2022? A-BIG NEWS! We’re bringing back our Musikgarten class IN PERSON on Sunday mornings, in addition to keeping our online Sunday morning class.

Since 2013, Musikgarten has been a much loved FPC Sunday morning opportunity for young children and their families. Steve Jobman introduced the program to us as a way to expand our music program and make sure we had something for everyone, including our very youngest family members. Assisted by Kathy Middleton, who had retired from teaching elementary music a year earlier, we sat on the floor in the Parlor where we learned to sing, dance, play instruments and enjoy each other for what we all considered to be the best 30 minutes of the week. It’s hard to believe that our babies from that first year are now heading off to school as 4th graders!

When Steve left for his new position in 2015, Kathy stepped into the leadership role for the Musikgarten and Cherub programs. We made our Musikgarten home on 3rd floor, still sitting on the floor, singing, dancing and playing together. Musikgarten is for infants through 3 year olds and their families. We have had newborns as young as 6 days old come to their first class. (It’s never too early!) We’ve had grandparents visiting from out of town come and join us. We’ve also had 4 generations attend class with baby, dad, grandma and great-grandma all sitting on the floor playing together. You can’t get much more special than that!

We were all happily “doing our thing” when the pandemic struck and, out of necessity, we found ourselves staying at home. I went into a bit of “Musikgarten withdrawal” at that point and was trying to figure out how I could stay in touch with all the kids and their families. Coming to the conclusion that there really was only one option, I decided that we were going to Zoom our Musikgarten classes. Part of me thought this was a real possibility and we would figure out how to make it work. Part of me thought I was nuts to even consider it. After all, who Zooms with babies?! But it would only be for a few weeks and then we’d be back to normal. At least, that’s what I told myself. Well, 2 ½ years later, Musikgarten is still Zooming online. It’s still the best 30 minutes of the week. The babies who started Zooming with me are now walking, talking, sometimes silly 3 year olds, having conversations with me and each other about what’s happening in their lives, what they had for breakfast and what their favorite activity is that they want to do during Musikgarten that day. We’re still singing, dancing and playing instruments together.

As good as that is, it’s about to get even better! We’re coming back IN PERSON to our Musikgarten room on 3rd floor in September! We’ll be meeting at the same time as the Sunday School classes (10:35 AM) and will follow the Sunday School schedule. I will still have the online option at 8:30 AM on Sunday mornings for those who prefer to social distance with their little ones. If you have family members or friends with young children, please invite them to come! We would love to include them in our Musikgarten adventures!

WINDOWS RESTORATION

You may have seen scaffolding on the side of the church and a lift on the church grounds recently and wondered what's going on. There is good news to report. Once this work is done, all church stained glass windows will have the exterior woodwork repaired and a protective covering installed. They will be protected, some for 125 years.

Our congregation has been blessed in so many ways. One of those blessings came in 1898 when the congregation decided to build our magnificent church building on the outskirts of Davenport. It is a landmark house of worship with a grand design of gables, arches and a massive tower. During the construction phase, church leaders went further, commissioning beautiful stained glass windows for our sanctuary and chapel. They engaged the J & R Lamb Studios from New York to design our glorious stained glass windows. Many were sponsored by members of the congregation and dedicated to loved ones with a plaque.

Those windows have stood the test of time, although they sometimes need some tender loving care by the congregation. In the late 1990's significant repair to the stained glass itself was done to most of the beautiful stained glass windows as part of the Bridge Builders Campaign. At the same time, repair of the exterior woodwork, long exposed to the elements was done to many of those windows and an exterior protective covering installed. That work was paid for by congregational members who dedicated windows to loved ones.

However, not all windows were restored and protected at that time. It became clear about twenty years later that it was important to complete the work and address the exterior of windows that were not yet protected. That work was broken into phases:

- In 2019 some of the stained glass was replaced in the major East and West windows in the sanctuary and windows on the South end in the basement level needed work on the glass and exterior woodwork.
- In 2022 there were two projects done back-to-back:
 - June-July: 35 windows, primarily in the tower, SW corner and three round windows up high. The exterior woodwork was repaired and protective coverings were installed.
 - August-September: 29 windows, mostly in the chapel area. The exterior woodwork is being repaired and protective coverings installed. Our vendor for all of this work is Glass Heritage LLC, of Davenport, which has extensive experience in this field, with accreditation from the Stained Glass Association of America. We would like to thank and acknowledge those who helped to complete this important work:
 - **June-July 2022 phase:**
 - Grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa (\$29,959)
 - Distribution from the Paul and Dorothy Cunnick Trust (\$20,000)
 - Gifts from Vickie Palmer Pruter and Don Pruter and memorial gifts from congregation members (\$28,000)
 - **August-September 2022 phase:**
 - Grant from FPC Foundation Development Fund \$25,000
 - Distribution from the Paul and Dorothy Cunnick Trust \$25,000
 - Note: a grant application was submitted to the State Historical Society of Iowa for this phase, but the State was not able to fund our project presently.

We acknowledge that even though the exteriors of all our stained-glass windows will now be restored and protected, that does not mean these windows are maintenance-free forever. However, the expectation is any maintenance will be greatly reduced due to this work being done.

On August 7 at the Bix Liturgy Service, Linda Meadors introduced a video prepared by a small group from our congregation to share the beauty of our stained glass windows. If you have not seen it yet, please look at it on the church website under "Information." If you would like to read more about our glorious stained glass windows, please read the book on the J&R Lamb Windows authored by Gay Hoyt. It is also available on the church website.

Any donations designated for future maintenance of these beautiful windows are gratefully received.

UPDATE ON PASTORAL LEADERSHIP AT FPC

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The twelve members of the PNC have been meeting weekly since January preparing the necessary paperwork, researching potential pastoral candidates, and discussing some of our options for the best possible head pastor at First Pres. We have held Zoom interviews with several interested candidates and have also met in person with some. We hope to be able to share good news with you in the next Broadcaster (and possibly before). For the most up-to-date information, check the weekly on-line eNews or listen for announcements during Sunday worship services. In the meantime, the PNC asks for your continued prayers at this time of opportunity and excitement!

Mike Bawden	Jeff Gomez
Judy Hawthorne	Kathy Knox
Craig Foster	Anna Putnam
Diane Schroder	Al Frohlich
Doug Wells	Katrina Williams
Dianna Darland	Elisabeth Riedesel

TRANSITION PLAN FOR PASTOR LEADERSHIP

Our contract with Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala for Bridging Pastor services is coming to an end; she has accomplished the list of deliverables contained in her contract. Though our Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work and remains on schedule, our called and installed Pastor/Head of Staff will not arrive before Pastor Kathy must depart. Who will steer our church on a steady path until our new Pastor's call begins? Read on

To carry First Pres through the last stages of the PNC's search, Session has approved a 50/50 job share arrangement with Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala and Rev. Elissa Bailey. Our Pastoral Associate Rev. Pat Halverson will continue both her provision of pastoral care and her practice of preaching and leading worship approximately once each month.

Pastor Elissa or Pastor Kathy will fill the pulpit most Sundays and Pastors Elissa and Kathy will split the work of moderating, staff supervision and meeting support. Apart from in-person preaching and worship leadership, Pastor Elissa will work remotely. With a couple exceptions, Pastor Kathy will also be working remotely while she supports her and her husband's families between now and the middle of September when she'll return to Davenport for in-person ministry until September 30.

When the time comes that Pastor Kathy must depart, Pastor Elissa will continue to provide half-time pastoral services until December 15 or until our new Pastor/Head of Staff arrives.

Many thanks to Pastors Elissa, Pat, and Kathy for providing stability as we await our new Pastor's arrival!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Buildings & Grounds have completed the following projects this spring and summer.

1. Completed the second phase of the art glass windows in the Sanctuary and.
2. Patched some of the stone on the tower above the Porte Cochere.
3. The spring grounds clean up on May 7th was a success. Thanks to everyone that helped and a very special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 7. Their assistance made this possible.
4. The LED lighting upgrade for the parking lot lights has been completed.
5. Our maintenance staff has completed the painting of the classrooms on the 3rd floor of the CE building for the start of Sunday School this fall. They are currently working on the Choir Room. Their work on these areas saving the church quite a bit of money.
6. We are anticipating having the broken concrete replaced this fall.
7. The roof work on the chapel has been completed.

Thanks to all who help with the work around the Church, both day to day and long term.



KIRKWOOD CHOIR

Hey, Kids! Have you heard the news? Kirkwood Choir is ready to kick off a brand new year on September 11! Anyone who is Kindergarten-5th grade is welcome to come and sing with us. We'll be rehearsing in Room 301 right after the Children's Message on Sunday mornings. (9:45-10:30)

Miss Linda and Miss Kathy will be team-teaching so you know it's going to be lots of singing and fun. Parents will be receiving more information. If you're new to FPC, please make sure we have your contact info so we can include you. Got questions? Contact Kathy Middleton 563-505-0471.

NEWCOMERS' INQUIRY

The Newcomers' Inquiry, scheduled for Sunday September 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, will provide a look at First Presbyterian Church, what we do, what we believe, what our faith questions might be, how we are governed, and how we are connected to our denomination (which is the Presbyterian Church [USA]).

Bring your questions and join us for conversation and refreshments! For more information, call Paula Burnett at 563-349-9046.

FOUNDATION GIVING

Our Stewardship gifts are the funds that make up FPC's general fund. Each year we make a budget for church expenditures based on what has been pledged in the Stewardship Campaign.

As we approach the autumn season and this year's Stewardship Campaign, we hope you may also consider a gift to the Foundation of FPC. Gifts to the Foundation are made not instead of but rather IN ADDITION TO Stewardship giving.

Past gifts to the Foundation serve the church in current times. Examples where FPC Foundation funds have been used include parking lot improvements, search committees and relocation costs, the Heritage Room, and roof repairs, to name a few.

An easy way to support the Foundation of FPC is to include the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy, or other planned giving vehicle.

For additional information about the Foundation of First Presbyterian Church, contact the church Business Office at 563-326-1691, ext. 219, or olson@fpcdavenport.org.

JULY'S FINANCIALS

	July 2022		July 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 41,289	\$ 47,962	\$ 40,770	\$ 44,230
Custodial Accounts Income	45,572	-	10,992	-
Compensation Expenses	(45,119)	(53,623)	(33,507)	(43,191)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(14,965)	(23,792)	(15,221)	(13,018)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(45,572)	-	(10,993)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$18,795)	(\$29,453)	(\$7,959)	(\$11,979)
PPP2 Grant	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$18,795)	(\$29,453)	(\$7,959)	(\$11,979)
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 351,681	\$ 400,300	\$ 439,721	\$ 407,699
Custodial Accounts Income	76,270	-	21,890	-
Compensation Expenses	(298,000)	(334,936)	(273,484)	(292,266)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(129,990)	(169,560)	(117,721)	(121,091)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(76,269)	-	(21,894)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$76,308)	(\$104,196)	\$48,512	(\$5,658)
PPP2 Grant	108,000	108,000	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$31,692	\$3,804	\$48,512	(\$5,658)

All numbers are rounded.

IRELAND TOUR, JULY 2022

A Reflection on the July 2022 Sanctuary Choir Music Outreach Trip to Ireland

by Kathy Yoke

Content, happy, grateful, humble, hopeful. These words describe the Irish people and my feelings as I reflect on the 2022 FPC Sanctuary Choir Musical Outreach Tour. This unassuming country, the size of Indiana with 5 million citizens welcomed us the same week that their Ukrainian refugee population reached 40,000. The openhearted generosity of the Irish is inspiring, heartwarming, and uplifting. We were immersed in it!

Sixty travelers daily went their separate ways seeking their heart's delight. The cliffs, caves, castles, coasts, culture, culinary delights, landmarks, history, art, and music were often awe-worthy. There was "music" everywhere, as in "Music Down in My Soul" that we sang in concert and as an encore. "There must be a God, somewhere." Over my head, in the air.

Four evenings, when we all gathered after a day of traveler activities for rehearsal of the one-hour concert, shared delightful dinners (one received a standing ovation!), greeted the people at the church doors, sang the Lutkin Benediction in the church yard before processing in, and offered music we love to the loving and loveable Irish gathered, were Spirit-filled, unifying, treasured experiences! "The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you."

The Irish concert goers donated over \$8,000 for local Ukrainian refugees, homeless, hospice facilities and general church funds. Members and friends of FPC Davenport donated approximately \$1,400 that was shared with HOPE Galway and the Alice Leahy TRUST in Dublin.

For me, among the fondest and most treasured memories was singing the Doxology outside the TRUST welcome center on the Bride Street curb with Alice Leahy, Matt, Cassie, Cathy, and Jo, impromptu and *a capella*, arms around each other's shoulders, as our patient and delightful taxi driver looked on. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below...Amen"

I am grateful for the gift of these days with the Irish in their beloved country, to learn, grow, and praise God through the music, in community. I will not forget Ireland and hold the Irish and FPC Sanctuary Choir in my heart!







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