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# *First Press*

## *First Presbyterian Church*

### *June/July 2021*

#### Confirmation Sunday at FPC



Last September, three youth, with teachers Pastor Stephanie and Elder Linda Longfield, embarked on a journey together called Confirmation. As a Confirmation class, they met over 25 times and studied the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, the Ten Commandments, prayer and the Lord's Prayer, the Sacraments, worship, and spiritual disciplines. They heard an overview of church history and talked about the history of the Presbyterian Church and of this particular Presbyteri-

an Church. They also discussed how this church is governed and considered areas of mission and ministry where they could use their gifts. They completed memorization work and worship reflections and spent the year in Sunday School studying the Gospel of Luke.

One of the most meaningful parts of Confirmation class was the relationship each student developed with his or her mentor. We give thanks for these mentors: Deb Stant (Thomas Blair), Beth Foxen (Ella Gunn), and Steve Foxen (Ryan McClain).

This incredible group of young people came to class ready to learn, asked excellent questions, challenged each other, and prayed for one another. They are truly a blessing to our church family.



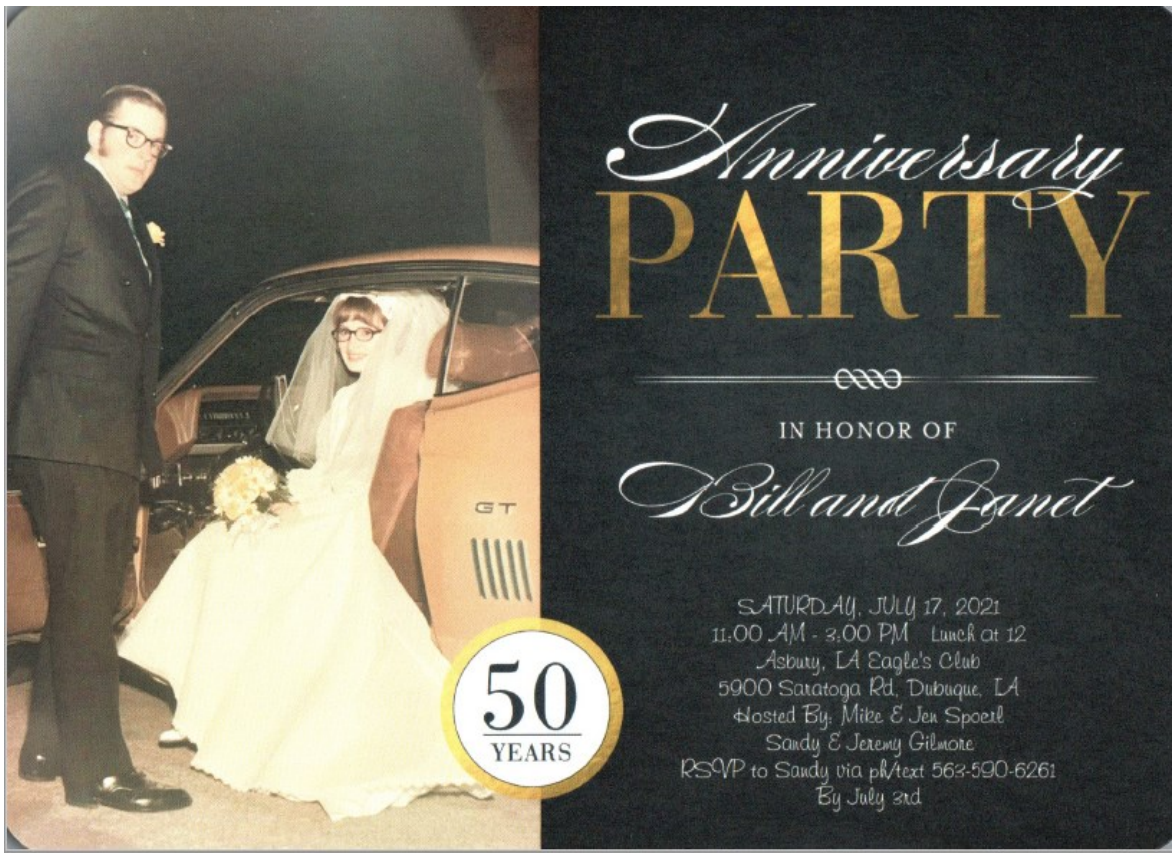
Thomas Blair and Ella Gunn were presented to the congregation by the Session during worship on Sunday, May 16, for the reaffirming of the baptismal covenant into which they were baptized. They professed publicly their faith and their desire to assume greater responsibility in the life of the church and God's mission in the world.

It was a day of rejoicing for the church family! We celebrate the gifts and graces that these young people bring to First Presbyterian Church.





# In the Life of the Church



## You Are Invited!

The family of  
Bill & Janet Spoerl  
invite you  
to help them celebrate  
50 years of marriage.

The event is July 17th  
from 11am-3pm at the  
Eagle's Club in Asbury.  
Lunch is served  
at 12pm.

Please RSVP to  
Sandy Gilmore  
no later than July 3rd  
by either  
phone or text message  
563-590-6261.

## Pastors-on-Call in June & July

Pastor Stephanie will be on Study Leave June 19-July 3 to attend the Montreat Worship & Arts Conference in North Carolina and take a personal retreat. She will be on vacation July 4-10 in Lincoln, NE.

### Providing Pulpit Supply & pastoral care coverage are:



- 6-19-6-22 Emergency pastoral care coverage –  
Rev. Bradley Longfield 563-589-3776
- 6-20 Pulpit Supply - Rev. Bradley Longfield
- 6-23 to 7-3 Emergency pastoral care coverage -  
Rev. Marsha Wilfong 563-583-6571
- 6-27 Pulpit Supply - Rev. Chaz Ruark, JKP Executive Presbyter
- 7-4 Pulpit Supply - Samuel Felderman
- 7-4 to 7-10 Emergency pastoral care coverage –  
Rev. Samuel Felderman 515-490-9997

## Bee Branch Construction Update

Bee Branch Watershed Flood Project on 17th, the north side of church, is being done this spring and summer. Work involves extending a new 10 ft. x 5 ft. box culvert at Heeb St., 30 feet east of the church. They will also install an intake grid that spans the entire width of 17th St. to capture overflow drainage before it reaches Central Ave. Portzen Construction is doing the work.

Also, the alley behind church is slated to be worked into a permeable green alley by next year.

We have received permission to park in the old funeral home lot when needed for church events.



# Mission News

## Trees Forever Follow Up

On Saturday, May 15, the cold rain did not stop Hannah and Alex Eby, Alex and Tom Jack, and Judy Sheridan from planting trees on the eastern boulevard of Rhomberg Ave. over a span of two blocks just south of the Dairy Queen near the Point.

The church's team joined eleven other teams at Marshall School, all volunteer workers for Dubuque Trees Forever, to help the city plant what is planned to be 12,000 trees by the year 2025! Our team planted five trees! The church team planted gingko, Kentucky coffeetree, crab apple, and elm trees that we affectionately named Practice, Rooty, Stumpie, Rufus, and in honor of the dog anxiously watching us complete our task, Pee Tree! Go Presbyterian Trees!



## Save the Date! July 29 Is Café Ministry



Thank you to all who donated last month to Café Ministry! Because of you there was enough food for all! 1st Congregational Church will soon be welcoming in-person volunteers again to serve the community. Food donations and five volunteers will be needed in July. Details coming soon about how to sign up.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Update

For over 60+ years, Presbyterians have donated generously to One Great Hour of sharing, supporting 3 major areas:

- 1) **Self Development of People** receives 32% of funds donated.
- 2) **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** receives 32% of funds donated.
- 3) **Presbyterian Hunger Program** receives 36% of funds donated.

These offerings are a powerful witness to God's Love.

This year we thank First Presbyterian congregation for their generous contribution of \$930.00. The Mission Committee voted to donate \$570.00 bringing our total church contribution to \$1500.00 to One Great Hour of Sharing.





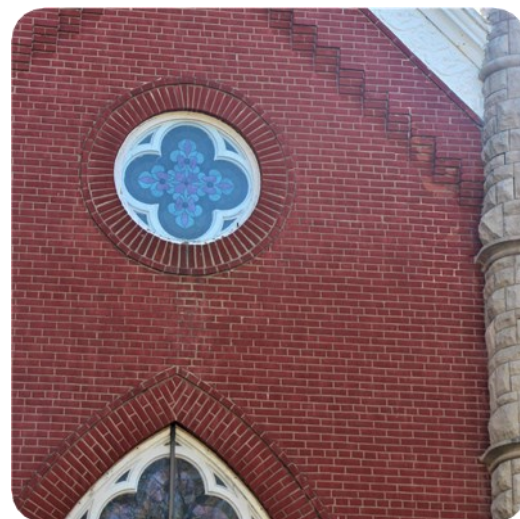
# In the Life of the Church

## The Waters Run Through Here



During the week of Architectural Days this year, the picture below was featured as one of the architectural “clues” for the scavenger hunt by Dubuque Main Street – on Saturday of that week (the day of the CROP Walk) a “Walking tour” was conducted from Jackson Park going south to the library and back, viewing the architectural and cultural history of the area. You can view this tour and the one conducted last year (which featured our church) during the pandemic at the following website: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7dBdYE\\_FaQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7dBdYE_FaQ)

The importance of the Jackson Park area is that, even before the white settlers moved in (15 years before the founding of First Presbyterian in 1847), the grounds where the water flowed down off the bluffs always provided a good home to the people who lived here. Soon those waters were diverted from the park to flow down the street just north of the church; and even today, those same waters are once again being diverted. The sight of the six-foot tall culverts being installed beneath 17th Street makes it clear that as the church approaches her 175th anniversary in 18 months, like the waters coming off the bluff, the common thread continually being revealed is the significance of our church to the community here on the corner of 17th and Iowa Streets.



### Mission Mailbag

#### From Presbyterian Mission:

Dear FPC,

As stewards of all of God’s creation, we are blessed by your gift to continue God’s work through us. On behalf of Presbyterian Mission please accept our gratitude for the ways in which you have helped to lift and love others. Together we share the Good News in both word and deed.

Yours in Christ,  
Bill McConnell,  
Mission Engagement Advisor

#### From the Dubuque Food Pantry:

*First Presbyterian Church,*

*Thank you for your donation of \$25 and 32lbs. of food that you gave to the Dubuque Food Pantry. There are members in the community that are being hit hard by*

*the COVID 19 pandemic. It is through the concern of people like you that the DFP is able to respond to emergency food needs in our community.*

*God bless you for your generosity!*  
*Theresa M. Caldwell, manager*

#### From the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA:

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

The Dubuque Community Y strengthens our community by encouraging youth development, healthy living, social responsibility, the elimination of racism, and the empowerment women. For over 150 years, the Y has proudly served the tri-states by building healthy spirits, minds, and bodies.

The Victim Services Shelter truly appreciates your support!

Thank you,  
Tony Calabrese, President/CEO



# June 2021

## Deacons of the Month: Jamie Dillman & Franklin Yartey

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching Via <a href="#">live stream</a> & in-person	31	1 JUNE 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	2	3	4	5 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz
6 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching Via <a href="#">live stream</a> & in-person 11:30am Deacons	7	8	9	10	11	12 9:30am Session
13 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching Via <a href="#">live stream</a> & in-person	14	15 4:30pm Worship Com. Via Zoom	16	17	18	19 Pastor out of the office →
20 10:15am Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield preaching Via <a href="#">live stream</a> & in-person	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:15am Worship: preacher: Executive Presbyter, Chaz Ruark Via <a href="#">live stream</a> & in-person 1:30pm Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack & Kristen Eby	28	29	30	1 JULY	2	3

# July 2021

## Deacons of the Month: Mark & Deb Stant

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10:15am Worship: Executive Presbyter, Chaz Ruark preaching Via <a href="#">live stream</a> & in-person 1:30pm Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack & Kristen Eby <i>Pastor out of the office</i>	28	29	30	1 JULY	2	3 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz
4 10:15am Worship: Rev. Samuel Felderman preaching Via <a href="#">live stream</a> & in-person	5 <i>Independence Day</i>	6 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	7	8	9	10
11 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching Via <a href="#">live stream</a> & in-person	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching Via <a href="#">live stream</a> & in-person 1:30pm Bethany Home worship: Pastor Stephanie & Kristen Eby	26	27	28	29	30 5:00pm Café Ministry @ 1st Congl.	31 11:00am Donna Meyer Celebration of Life

## June Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 2 Chris & Jean Holdener  
Terry & Kate Tietjen
- 3 Bradley Longfield
- 8 Tom Cosgrove
- 14 Derrick & Lindsey Ward
- 17 Harvey Ward  
August Ward
- 18 Louise Daniels
- 20 Tim McCaw
- 23 Mark Stant
- 24 Derrick Ward
- 26 Mark & Annalee Ward
- 27 Tom Jack
- 28 Jim Prine

## July Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 3 Tony & Emily Herbst
- 4 Jamie Dillman
- 5 Zachary Alba  
Steve & Beth Foxen
- 6 Bryan & Sara Blair
- 7 Annette Boelk
- 8 Tom & Joanne Jack
- 11 Mark Ward
- 14 Roger Ebertz  
Cooper Boelk
- 16 Joanne Jack
- 23 Breck Biechler  
Willa Biechler  
Piper Biechler
- 26 Terry Tietjen
- 29 Hunter Brehm  
Karen Stant
- 30 Eva McCaw



Pastor Stephanie can be reached at (cell) 507-227-8537 or [fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com). In case of emergency, call her cell. If she does not answer, leave a voice message and she'll return the call. **Office hours are Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00am—1:00pm.** *Pastor Stephanie will be out of the office June 19-July 10.*

**Administrative Assistant, Ginger Vander Broek, works from home Monday & Wednesday from 9:30-1:30pm and at FPC Thursdays from 9:00-1:00pm.**

### FPC Budget Update

**May**

Monthly offering: \$14,649  
Budgeted need: \$13,300



Electronic giving is available at FPC. For more information and/or to set up an account, please contact church treasurer Bob Monthey at [fpcdbq.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.treasurer@gmail.com)

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

### June

June 6	Rev. Stephanie Ells
June 13	Rev. Stephanie Ells
June 20	Rev. Bradley Longfield
June 27	Rev. Chaz Ruark

### July

July 4	Rev. Sam Felderman
July 11	Rev. Stephanie Ells
July 18	Rev. Stephanie Ells
July 25	Rev. Stephanie Ells

# Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Now that we are having church in person, we invite you to donate to the Dubuque Food Pantry on the first Sunday of the month and the Domestic Violence Victim Services Shelter on the second Sunday of the month. You can bring items to church on Sunday or drop them off during the pastor's office hours.

You may also choose to give monetary gifts by sending a check to FPC marked for the Dubuque Food Pantry or Victim Services Shelter.

## Items particularly needed include:

### DBQ Food Pantry:

Soups, canned vegetables, canned pastas, paper towels, and toilet paper as well as #3 baby food, diapers (size 3-5), and baby wipes.



### Victim Services Shelter:

Disinfecting wipes, shampoo/conditioner, and paper products.



Thank you for supporting these ministries.

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