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First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

✠ 1 John 4:19

World Communion Sunday, October 3, 2021



World Communion Sunday is this Sunday. We join with churches around the world to celebrate our oneness in Christ by gathering at the Communion table. The Communion table today includes a display of a variety of breads, from a variety of origins, to represent the solidarity we share with the church around the world.

"There is one body, but it has many parts . . . So it is with Christ."

1 Corinthians 12:12

Stewardship Sunday

October 31, 2021

Stewardship in the Bible has to do with understanding our life - our time, treasure, and our talent - as given to us by God so we can manage it in a way that brings good to others on God's behalf. It is like when a family member, friend, or employer asks you to watch over something. As you "manage" what they have entrusted to your care; you're "stewarding."

This time of year is an opportunity to ask ourselves how we are doing at stewarding the gifts God has given us - especially as we begin to re-emerge from the uncertainty of the past 18 months.

Prior to October 31st, you will receive a letter encouraging you to thoughtfully and prayerfully engage the question: "How am I joining in God's work and ministry around me?" It is a time to consider how you will commit to sharing in the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church in 2022.

In the letter will be a pledge card to fill in with your financial commitment. You are invited to bring this card with you to worship on October 31 and place it in the offering plate as an act of dedication. If you are unable to attend worship in-person on the 31st, feel free to mail it to the church, in care of our treasurer, Bob Monthey.

Of course, we encourage you to think wide and deep about stewardship - because it is about so much more than finances. It is a way of living in commitment to God.

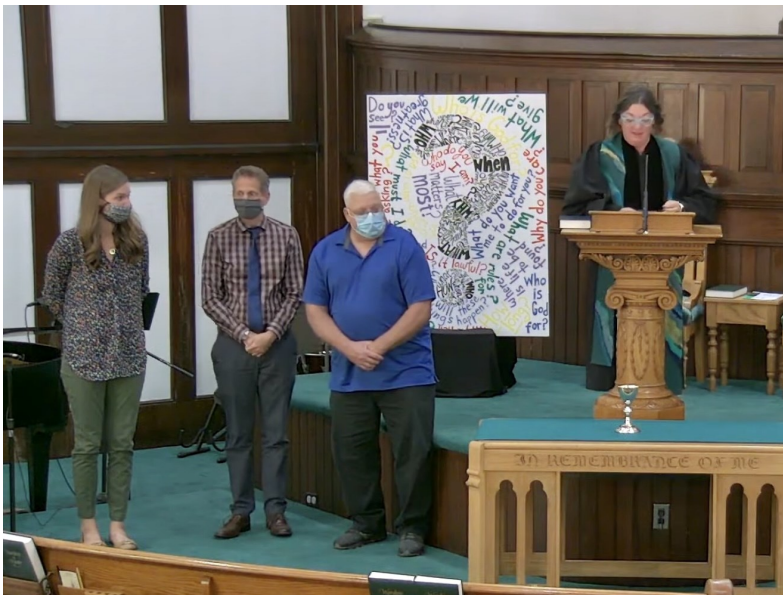


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School Is Off and Running!

Sunday School resumed on Rally Day, September 19. After a year of most classes meeting online, Sunday School participants met in person at 9:00 a.m. with the youth in the Fellowship Hall and the adults in the Coffee Hour Room. This year, Sunday School participants of all ages will be discussing and learning about the same passages that will be the focus of worship. As part of Rally Day, the congregation presented Bibles to our third graders (see article below) and the Sunday School teachers were commissioned in worship.



Teachers commissioned included:

Classes

Nursery
Youth

Adult

Teacher (s)

Lisa Reed
Joe Klinebriel,
Stephanie Ells
Sara Blair,
Lindsey Ward,
Mark Stant



Bibles for Our Third Graders

Rally Day was an exciting time for our third graders. Michael and Mackenzie received Bibles from the Christian Education committee, on behalf of the congregation. This gift is given in response to our baptismal vow to help God's precious children know about God's love for them through the reading of His Holy Word. Let us encourage our precious children to read their Bibles so they can know and follow Jesus.



"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Psalm 119:105

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Annual Congregational Meeting October 31, 2021

The purpose of the meeting is two-fold:

1. To elect elders, deacons, and at-large members to the 2022 Nominating Committee
2. To approve changes to the Terms of Call for Rev. Ells.

The congregation will also be asked to ratify the minutes from four congregational meetings held online from May 3, 2020-January 25, 2021. The meeting will take place following worship in-person and over Zoom. Information to join the meeting will be emailed to you before the meeting.



Serving Together!

It is exciting we have many of the church activities back after many, many months! This means we need your help.



The positions below are where we need volunteers to step-up:

- Communion Server Coordinator
- Congregational Life Committee (has 1 person currently)
- Children's Sunday School teachers (age 5-grade 2, all ages, and/or subs)
- Adult Sunday School teacher (once a month, need 2)
- Streaming Volunteers

If you don't see the spot you'd like to join in what God is doing, let Pastor Stephanie know!

Celebration Picnic

It was a beautiful fall day for celebrating as a church family. As the cake said, it was a "Happy Everything Party!" but especially we celebrated (belatedly because of COVID) the installation of Pastor Stephanie to FPC. Welcome Stephanie!!! Thanks to Jamie Dillman for organizing and to everyone who came out for fellowship.



IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Our Worship Banners

Many have commented about the lovely worship banners that adorn the sanctuary. These banners were purchased using memorial funds given over the years in memory of loved ones. We currently have 11 banners - 6 highlighting the liturgical seasons and 5 sharing favorite memory verses. Nine of them have memory plaques sewn onto the lower back hem. Here are the banners and to whom they are dedicated:

Advent/Christmas



Doris Walske

Epiphany



Not yet dedicated

Lent



Not yet dedicated

Easter



George Nacos

Pentecost



Duncan Brockway

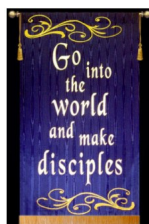
Thankful Harvest



Ruth Muir



Matthew 28:19



Lydia Sturman

Isaiah 43:1b



Barb Stant

Psalms 96:1



Betty Gronau

Romans 12:9



Leroy Vogt

I John 4:19



Katherine Achtemeier

DACU to Meet at FPC

Dubuque Area Congregations United will hold their Tuesday, October 26th @ 7:00pm DACU Delegate meeting/program at First Presbyterian Church in the sanctuary. Both Pastor Stephanie and Jean Holdener will be present and all FPC COVID protocols will be followed.

The program that evening will be an overview of the ministries of People in Need (PIN), the Dubuque Food Pantry, and the Rescue Mission.

DACU Dubuque Area
Congregations United

YOU'RE INVITED!

Poet and author Kaitlin Curtice will virtually deliver the Michael Lester Wendt Character Lecture at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2021.

As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Curtice offers a unique perspective on the intersection of Indigenous spirituality, faith in everyday life, and decolonization within the church.

The event is free and open to the public. Watch in person in John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center at the University of Dubuque or via livestream at bit.ly/WendtFall2021.



October 2021 Deacons of the Month: Mark & Deb

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10:15am Worship: Rev. Marsha Wilfong preaching Via live stream & in-person 1:30pm Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack & Leon Thompson	27	28 4:40pm Worship Via Zoom	29	30 4:45pm-7:00pm Café Ministry @ 1st Congregational	1 OCTOBER	2 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz 10:00am Session
3 World Communion Sunday 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching Via live stream & in-person Sacrament of Holy Communion 11:30am Deacons	4	5 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	6	7	8 5:00pm Girl Scouts	9
10 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching Via live stream & in-person 11:30 Mission Com.	11	12 4:15pm CE (Zoom)	13 5:15pm Choir	14	15	16
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Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Tarry Prine
- 8 Kristen Eby
- 13 Cherie Daniels
- 14 Hannah Eby
Jill Klinebriel
- 16 Harold Daniels
Mark & Debbie Stant
- 17 Tom & Dedee Cosgrove
- 18 Leith Fujii
- 20 Anthony Alba
Brandon Prine
- 22 Ashley Mort
- 23 Bob Wildermuth
John Dillman
- 24 Caden Sutter
- 26 Lindsey Ward
- 29 Richard Sturman



Your Church Family Needs You!

All areas of ministry at FPC could use your help. Please volunteer for one of the following committees by contacting one of the Session members below:

- Buildings & Grounds* – Tom Boelk & John Dillman
- Christian Education* – Linda Longfield
- Congregational Life* – Jamie Dillman
- Finance & Personnel* – John Dillman
- Memorial* – Sandy Spencer & Linda Longfield
- Mission & Stewardship* – Sandy Spencer



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

OFFICE HOURS



Pastor Stephanie can be reached at (cell) 507-227-8537 or 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 Monday & Wednesday from 9:00am—1:00pm.

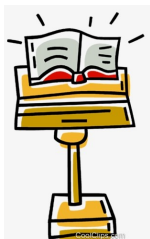
Administrative Assistant, Ginger Vander Broek, works from home

Monday & Wednesday from 9:00-1:00pm and at FPC Thursdays from 9:00-1:00pm. You can contact her at firstpresdbq@gmail.com

PREACHING SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

- October 4 Rev. Stephanie Ells
- October 11 Rev. Stephanie Ells
- October 18 Rev. Stephanie Ells
- October 25 Rev. Stephanie Ells



FPC Budget Update

August

Monthly offering: \$10,491
Budgeted need: \$13,300

Year-to-Date

Income: \$92,664
Expenses: \$95,469



Thanks
for Your
Support!



CROP Hunger Walk Celebration

We walked with the World on May 22!
Let's Celebrate!

Saturday, October 2, 10:00 am to Noon
Murphy Park

Open Air Pavilion, 1700 South Grandview

Because of your generosity, we raised over **\$15,000** to help feed hungry people in Dubuque and around the world.

That is cause for celebration!

Join us for this **FUN FAMILY EVENT** to celebrate the success of the 2021 CROP Walk!!

Experience a **hunger meal**, and learn more about the work that CROP supports in Dubuque and around the world through **learning activities**, challenges, **games** and displays.

Donations are welcome, but not required.
Any received will be added to the 2021 total.



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:

Any non-perishable food is in need, but also canned fruit, soup, coffee, hot chocolate, jelly, salt, pepper, paper towels, and shampoo.



Victim Services Shelter:

Along with paper products and cleaning supplies, packs of toothbrushes, pajamas of all sizes, twin and full sheets, and adult slippers.



Thank you for supporting these ministries.

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