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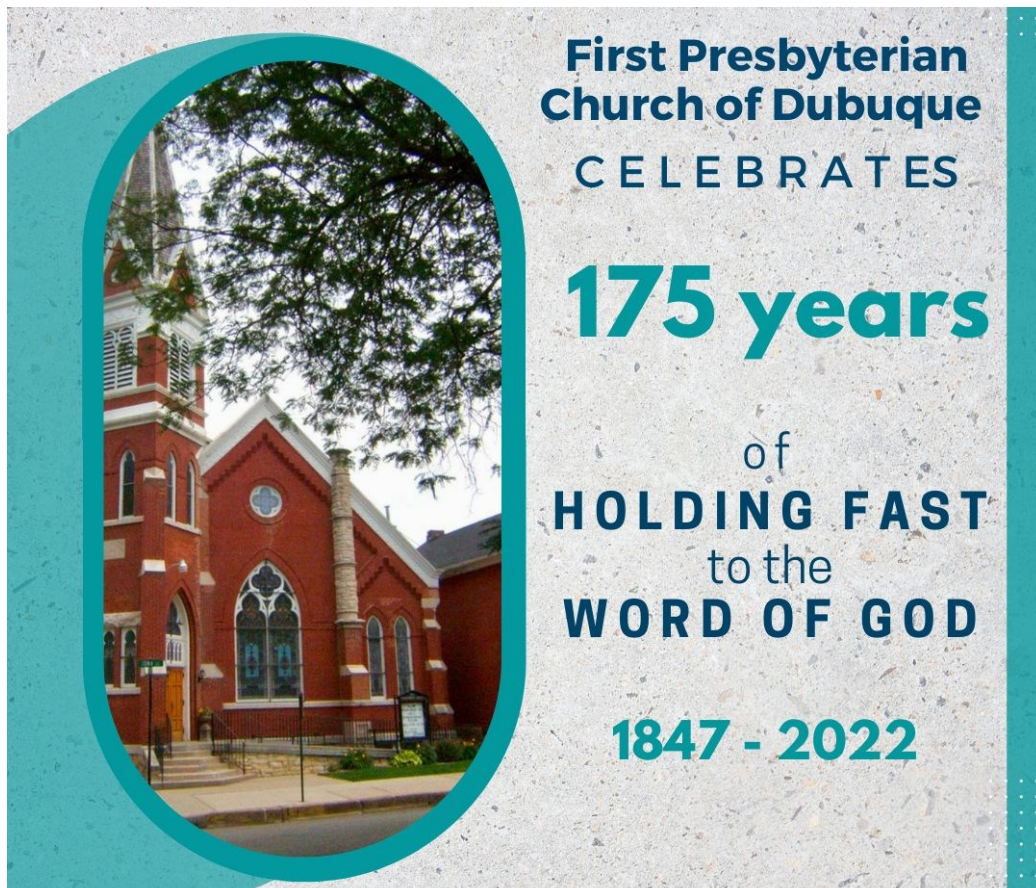


First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

✦ 1 John 4:19

FPC CELEBRATES 175 YEARS OF MINISTRY



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (MORE TO COME!)

October 1, 2022

5:30pm *175 Years of Sharing Jesus in Mission*
Potluck at Mark & Annalee Ward's

October 2, 2022

9:00am *175 Years of Sharing Jesus in Mission*
Presentation by our Friends from Thailand

October 23, 2022

10:15am *175 Years of Stewardship*
Guest Preacher: Rev. Katherine Achtemeier

December 18, 2022

10:15am *Christmas Program &*
Christmas Coffee Hour

December 24, 2022

7:00pm *Christmas Eve Worship*

May 28, 2023

10:15am *Looking Forward Celebration &*
Meal after worship

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RALLY DAY SUCCESS!

Rally Day was held on September 11 with Sunday school classes for 4yrs to 5th grade and adults. Following worship a wonderful lunch was served. Delicious sides and desserts were shared by all.



FEASTING ON THE WORD

Sunday School is off to a great start, here students are encouraged to talk with God through prayer.



JOINT YOUTH GROUP IS OFF AND RUNNING!

Youth Group is BACK at FPC! On Sunday, September 18th, from 5-6:30pm youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us and our friends from Westminster PC(USA) for the kick-off of our joint Youth Group. Pastor Stephanie and Sam Morales will be the leaders from FPC, and will be joined by adults from WPC. We will meet every other week, playing games, learning about God, connecting with friends, and...of course...eating snacks!

- October 2, WPC
- October 16, FPC
- October 30, WPC - PJ'S, PIZZA, & PG PARTY
- November 13, FPC
- December 4, WPC
- December 18 - CHRISTMAS PARTY



MISSION/STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 23RD

On the 23rd you are invited to bring your pledge card (coming in the mail soon) to worship and place it in the offering plate as an act of dedication. The act of pledging is a spiritual commitment to God. This is an annual opportunity for each of us to prayerfully consider how to steward our gifts and support the future of our church.

In thanksgiving for our 175th anniversary as a congregation, we invite all to consider giving beyond our normal tithe: an extra gift of \$1.75, \$17.50, \$175, or

\$1,750 this year. If you are unable to attend worship in person that Sunday, mail your pledge card to FPC in care of our treasurer, Stephenie Morales.



WELCOMING OUR FRIENDS FROM THAILAND

Please help us welcome our friends from Thailand by coming to a potluck at the Wards' home on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 5:30pm. RSVP to Hannah Eby. And thank you to the Wards for hosting this potluck!

They will also be offering a presentation and conversation about their mission work during Sunday School on Oct. 2 in the Coffee Hour room. Help us give them a warm welcome to Dubuque!



COMMUNITY CORNER by Tom Jack



As we prepare to receive missionaries into our midst this week, let us pause to remember another missionary couple who came to the shore of the Mississippi river 175 years ago from overseas. Their personal feelings about coming here have been lost to history, but we do know they came with a call from God on their heart. That call was strong enough to sustain them in the midst of the rigors they encountered in this wilderness, even when they learned the Natives to whom they intended to carry the Gospel were no longer here. Even though the call of God does not change, humans must always be adjusting their ways to implement that call. This week we will learn how other missionaries adjust.

175 years ago, the Flurys adjusted by shifting the focus of their call: consider the adjustments required of the Mesquakie tribe who had lived on this land long before white settlers arrived in the late 1700's. After their defeat in the Blackhawk War, according to terms of the Treaty of 1832 with the American government, they were made to move to what is now western Iowa. What followed were further dislocations to what is now Nebraska and Kansas before some of them returned to appeal to the new state of Iowa. They asked the governor for permission "to buy some of their land." Incredibly, the state had to determine if the Mesquakie tribe were considered "people" before granting them this "privilege" of owning land. Today the Mesquakie tribe lives on the land they purchased in Tama, Iowa. They learned how to protect themselves from harm caused by perceptions.



Ironically, the German settlers had to adjust their lives as well. For many years, society's perceptions devalued them simply because they did not look like or speak like the dominant "American people." Both our German and Native heritage teaches us that life imposes painful changes: we must learn to adjust to these changes.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF MINISTRY WITH FAMILIAR FACES

We welcome back Rev. Katherine Achtemeier on Sunday, October 23rd. She will be sharing God's word with us at 10:15am as we consider together the meaning of godly stewardship. Following worship there will be a BODACIOUS coffee hour with cake and goodies to celebrate 175 years of spiritual leadership at FPC.

In celebration of our 175th anniversary, we will feature updates from our former SPMs. It's amazing how God has used FPC to equip the church and her leaders all around the country and the world.

HELLO! From MAGGIE LEWIS—SPM 2015-2016

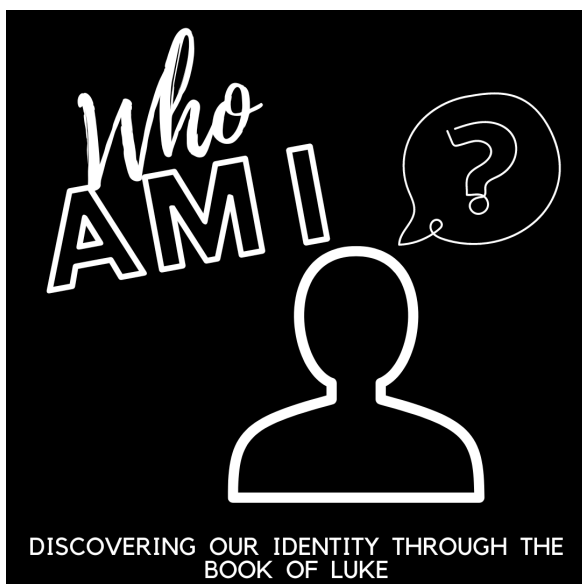
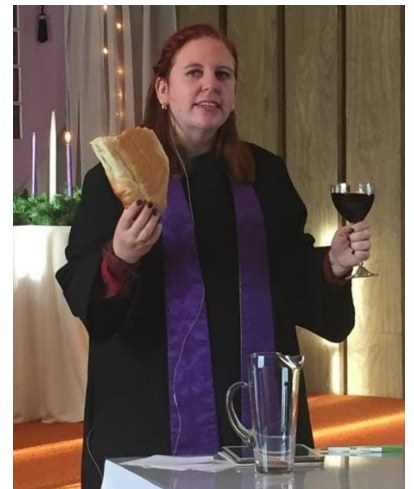
Friends in Christ,

It was a pleasure to serve as your SPM student in 2015-16. I completed the rest of my SPM as a licensed United Church of Christ student-pastor in Southwest Wisconsin. Just prior to graduation, I attended the Global Ecumenical Theological Institute as an "emerging theologian" with the World Council of Churches in Arusha Tanzania. I graduated from UDTs in May 2018 and was ordained in Glacier Presbytery on July 28, 2018. I served two rural congregations in Chinook and Havre, Montana for three years, and then moved to Hamilton, Montana where I have been serving as an interim pastor since July 2021. During my time in Glacier Presbytery, I have served on the Committee of Ministry, filled in as interim Stated Clerk, and now as Presbytery Moderator.

Exciting news - I just accepted a call to serve as the UKIRK Campus Pastor at the University of Oregon in Eugene, starting in mid-October, and will be joining Presbytery of the Cascades!

I am grateful to have been part of a chapter of FPC's journey and for the wisdom and experience I gained!

*Peace,
Maggie Lewis*



FALL SERMON SERIES

Throughout the fall, our sermon series will draw us into the book of Luke.

Together, we will explore the question of identity. *Who Am I?* in relation to ourselves, one another, and God. We will discover that what we presume about ourselves in these relationships is mirrored in how we live. *How are we reflecting the image of God?*

If you want to explore these questions more deeply, we invite you to join us in Sunday School at 9:00am. We will discuss the sermon text with our church community through open conversation where no one person is the expert, but everyone is learning together.

OCTOBER 2022

Deacons of the Month: Alex Jack & Franklin Yartey

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home worship	26 9:00am Newsletter deadline	27	28	29	30	1 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz 9:00am Visitation for Bill Stant 9:30am CROP Walk @ St. Elias 10:30am Celebration of Life for Bill Stant 5:30pm Potluck @ Wards'
2 World Communion Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Missionary presentation 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion 5:00pm Youth Grp @ Westminster	3	4	5 11:00am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	6	7	8
9 <i>Supplies for the 2nd</i> 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching 11:30am Mission Com. meeting	10	11	12	13	14 9:30am Pastor at John Knox Presbytery Council	15
16 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching 5:00pm Youth Group @ FPC	17 Pastor leading worship @ Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation Retreat	18 Pastor leading worship @ Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation Retreat	19 7:15pm Choir Retreat	20	21	22 9:00am-Noon Officer visioning gathering
23 Stewardship Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Kat Achtemeier preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home worship	24	25	26	27 7:00pm Children of Abraham @ Temple Beth El	28	29
30 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching 11:15am Congregational Meeting	31 9:00am Newsletter deadline	1 NOVEMBER	2 11:00am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	3	4	5 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

OCTOBER 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 people below:

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| <i>Buildings & Grounds</i> | – Tom Boelk & John Dillman |
| <i>Christian Education</i> | – Sara Blair |
| <i>Congregational Life</i> | – TBD |
| <i>Finance & Personnel</i> | – John Dillman |
| <i>Memorial</i> | – Sandy Spencer |
| <i>Mission & Stewardship</i> | – Hannah Eby |
| <i>Worship</i> | – Bryan Blair & Kristen Eby |



Electronic giving is available at FPC. For more information and/or to set up an account, please contact church treasurer Stephenie Morales at fpcdbq.treasurer@gmail.com



OFFICE HOURS:

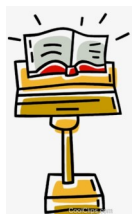
Pastor Stephanie can be reached at (cell) 507-227-8537 or fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com. In case of emergency, call her cell. If she does not answer, leave a voice message and she'll return the call. Office hours are Monday & Wednesday from 9:00am—1:00pm.

Administrative Assistant, Ginger Vander Broek, works from home Monday & Wednesday from 10:30-2:30pm and at FPC Thursdays from 10:30-12:00pm.* You can contact her at firstpresdbq@gmail.com. *Office hours may change slightly week to week.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

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| October 2 | Rev. Stephanie Ells |
| October 9 | Rev. Stephanie Ells |
| October 16 | Rev. Stephanie Ells |
| October 23 | Rev. Katherine Achtemeier |
| October 30 | Rev. Stephanie Ells |



FPC BUDGET UPDATE

September thru 9/25
Monthly offering: \$6,882
Budgeted need: \$13,600

Year-to-Date for 2022
Income thru 9/25: \$91,308
Expenses thru 9/25: \$122,368



IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow worship on Sunday, October 30th. We will meet to elect elders, deacons, and at-large members to the 2023 Nominating Committee. We will also vote to approve changes to the Terms of Call for Rev. Ells.

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

DUBUQUE AREA

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Saturday, October 1, 9:30 am

St. Elias, the Prophet, Orthodox Church

Join us for a FUN FAMILY EVENT to raise money for the hungry of Dubuque and the world.

The CROP walk starts at St. Elias Church Social Hall, 419 North Grandview, entrance on Bennett Street, travels down Grandview Avenue to the park at Rockdale Road, then back to St. Elias.

Breakfast snacks will be served during registration at 9:30 am.

The walk begins at 10:00 am with a devotion and dedication to honor Maryann Caudill-LoGuidice.

Sack lunch served after the walk, provided by Thrivent Financial.

For more information contact Morgan Frazer, 563-581-1200.

Online donations can be made at www.CROPHungerWalk.org, designate Dubuque, IA

Walk with the World—We walk because they walk!



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:15pm. Choir is directed by Kristen Eby. As always, all are welcome to join this important ministry and have fun and fellowship! For questions, contact Kristen.



SHARE THE COST

Each year FPC pays John Knox Presbytery a “per capita” for each member of the church. This money goes to support the work and ministry of John Knox Presbytery, the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and the General Assembly. This year that amount is \$35.15 per member: GA-\$9.85, Synod-\$5.50, JKP-\$19.80. If you would like to help defray the cost to the church, please place your check in the offering plate and make a note on the memo line: “Per capita.”



Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

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.