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# First Press

## First Presbyterian Church

# October 2018

## CROPWALK 2018: Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

The annual **Dubuque area CROP Walk**, sponsored by Dubuque Area Congregations United, will be held on **Sunday, October 7, 2018** gathering at 12:00 for a free lunch for the walkers, 12:30 for team photos, and then walking at 1:00pm from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The money raised from the walk is used to feed hungry people in Dubuque and around the world. **Thank you to Lesley Sheridan for serving as our FPC coordinator this year. Last year 17 FPC walkers raised over \$1400! To donate online go to: [www.crophungerwalk.org/dubuqueia](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/dubuqueia)**



### Stewardship Sunday

November 4, 2018

God calls us to wise and responsible use of all God has entrusted to us – our time, talents, life, money, health, the earth, and relationships to the Gospel. In the weeks ahead, you will receive a letter asking you to consider how God is calling you to be a faithful Christian steward. In a time of thankfulness, on Sunday, November 4, we will dedicate the gifts of our talents, time, and money as we pledge our continued support of Christ's work at First Presbyterian Church.

### Transition News

The Session at First Presbyterian Church is very determined to complete the steps needed to call a new pastor. After meeting with Presbytery personnel, the Session held church chats and gained information from an online survey to complete a mission study. After Presbytery approved their work, the Session called a congregational meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).



On August 26, the PNC was elected, and they have begun their work to write a Ministry Information Form (MIF). After this document is completed, it will need to be approved by the Session and then the Committee on Ministry (COM) before it can be uploaded into a computer database where Presbyterian pastors, who are seeking a call, can view it. The PNC is hoping to complete the MIF document in time for the October 14 Session meeting. Once the Session approves it, the MIF will be sent for approval by the COM that meets in early November. Please keep all involved in this process, including the person whom God is calling, in your prayers.



**PASTORAL**  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

# Mission/Stewardship

## Can you help??? Volunteer Opportunities



Kat had served as FPC's representative to both of the following organizations. Can you step in and serve as our representative to one or both of these during this transition time? If you are interested, please talk to Annalee Ward, Sandy Spencer or Judy Sheridan.

**Downtown Area Congregations United - DACU** – is an ecumenical organization that looks for opportunities for service in Dubuque. They encourage support of projects such as the Rescue Mission, People in Need, Children of Abraham, Habitat for Humanity and the CROP Walk. Their mission statement says: "We, the members of

DACU, people of diverse faiths and beliefs, are united by our belief in God, our concerns for justice and our call to serve others. Through prayerful dependence on God and respectful cooperation with each other, we will make a difference in our world by fostering an awareness and understanding of human need. We will be a supportive presence in this community and beyond through the generous sharing of our time, talents & resources." You can learn more about DACU at [www.dacuonline.org](http://www.dacuonline.org).

**Downtown Dubuque Christian Outreach – DDCO** – serves the spiritual and physical needs of those living in the heart of Dubuque. Through Christian outreach DDCO encourages individuals, congregations, and the community to engage in more intentional, cooperative, and compassionate care of one another especially those in the central, downtown neighborhoods. There are about 10 congregations involved with DDCO.

You can learn more by visiting <https://charterforcompassion.org/downtown-dubuque-christian-outreach>

*First Presbyterian Church,*

*Thank you for your donations to the Food Pantry this month. We are serving more people than ever and we so appreciate all your help.*

*Keep up the good work. Together we are making a difference in our community!*

*Blessings,  
Theresa Caldwell, manager*



Dear FPC,

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Victim Services Shelter with the YMCA. The paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers, and baby wipes are always a huge blessing to have at the shelter.

We also want to say a huge thank you for the donation of the shoes from Brown's. They are very cute and will be a very big blessing to a lady here at the shelter. Your donations, big or small, are always very appreciated!

Sincerely,  
The Staff at Victim Services Shelter, YMCA

## CAFÉ MINISTRY UPDATE!

Every 5th Thursday, volunteers from First Pres help serve a delicious meal at First Congregational Church. Cafe Ministry was August 30th. FPC folks served 143 people thanks to the generosity of this congregation! We've been asked to bring extra salads, hot dogs, buns, chips, and desserts because of the increase in the number of people served. Please know they appreciate it. We received so many "thank yous" from the people who came through the line. God's love shines through this important work!

The next Café Ministry is November 29th. Keep a look out for the sign-up.



# Christian Education



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS OFF AND RUNNING!

Sunday School resumed on September 9. Following intergenerational Opening Exercises, students headed to class.

### Classes

### Teacher(s)

Opening Exercises  
Nursery  
Preschool- 1st grade  
2nd—5th grade  
Middle School  
High School  
Adult

Linda Longfield & Kristen Eby  
Elissa Smith  
Tracy Wildermuth  
Sara Blair & Joe Klinebriel  
Beth Foxen & Linda Longfield  
Mark Stant & Steve Foxen  
Bradley Longfield

In worship, Bibles were given to third graders Sam Klinebriel and Laina Richardson and Sunday School teachers were commissioned. Following worship, many enjoyed a delectable luncheon. Thanks to all who brought food, set up and /or cleaned up. Special thanks to the Congregational Life committee: Terri Gronau, Suzanne Heber, Deb Stant, Steve Foxen and Tracy Wildermuth. What a terrific start to an exciting new Sunday School year!

## FPC's Sunday School Christmas Play

On November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at FPC, we will begin practicing our Christmas play to be presented in worship on December 16. Scripts and rehearsal schedules will be distributed in late October. If you are interested in participating, please let Linda know soon.



## You're Invited!!



The Christian Education committee will meet on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4:15 pm at Beth Foxen's home, 3475 Daniels St.



Please join us as we prayerfully plan to help our church family to ...



# In the Life of the Church

## FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!!!

Thanks be to God for the glorious day to hold the annual church picnic! About 50 folks attended and enjoyed food, fun, and fellowship at Murphy Park in the Bennett Pavilion. Visiting with friends, climbing trees, playing frisbee, going for walks and competing in a rousing game of badminton were just some of the highlights of this year's picnic.

Thanks to the Congregational Life committee for their planning and hosting of this fun event.



The FPC Café Ministry crew from August. Be on the look out for the sign up in November to help feed the hungry by donating either your time, food items or both!



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## Children of A braham

A frank series of conversations on faith from personal perspectives.

Next topic:  
Prayer, Body, and Soul

October 18th, 7:00pm  
at the Multicultural Family Center  
1157 Central Ave.



# October 2018

## Deacons of the Month: Terri Gronau & Suzanne Heber

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany 6:30pm Choir		1:30pm Manor Care: Tom Jack	8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
7 World Communion Sunday <b>Food for the 1st</b> 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion 12:00pm Free CROP Lunch for walkers @ Holy Trinity Lutheran 1:00pm CROP Walk @ Holy Trinity	8	9	10	11	12	13
			2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany			8:30am Congl. Life 9:00am Deacons
14 <b>Supplies for the 2nd</b> 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching 11:30am PNC	15	16	17	18	19	20
		6:30pm Session	2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany 6:30pm Choir			
21 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Tim Slemmons, preaching 11:30am PNC	22	23	24	25	26	27
			2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany			
28 Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Lyle Vander Broek, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel	29	30	31	1 NOVEMBER	2	3
			2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany		1:30pm Manor Care: Tom Jack	8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries:

### October

- 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 Rachel Vander Broek  
Leith Fujii
- 20 Anthony Alba  
Brandon Prine
- 22 Ashley Mort
- 23 Bob Wildermuth  
John Dillman
- 24 Caden Sutter
- 26 Lindsey Ward
- 29 Richard Sturman

## To Keep in Your Prayers...

As they continue their studies, or begin college anew, please keep these students in your prayers. Please also remember staff members, teachers, and all of our other students during the new school year.

We ask God to be with them and their families:

Cooper Boelk	<i>University of Dubuque</i>
Naomi Brehm	<i>University of Illinois</i>
Micah Dillman	<i>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</i>
Tatum Hallstoos	<i>Columbia University</i>
Bobby McCaw	<i>Calvin College</i>
Tim McCaw	<i>Trinity International University</i>
Brandon Prine	<i>Wartburg College</i>

## OFFICE HOURS

### Secretary Hours:

Monday	9:00-1:00pm
Wednesday	9:00-1:00pm
Thursday	9:00-1:00pm



## PREACHING SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER

October	7	Rev. Beth McCaw
October	14	Rev. Bradley Longfield
October	21	Rev. Tim Slemmons
October	28	Rev. Lyle Vander Broek

## Your Church Family Needs You!

All areas of ministry at FPC could use your help. Please volunteer for one of the following committees:

- Buildings & Grounds* – Chris Daniels & Alex Jack
- Christian Education* – Linda Longfield
- Congregational Life* – Terri Gronau
- Finance & Personnel* – John Dillman & Bob Monthey
- Memorial* – Linda Longfield & Rachel Vander Broek
- Mission & Stewardship* – Annalee Ward
- Worship* – Rachel Vander Broek



ELECTRONIC GIVING has arrived at FPC. Information was included in your quarterly statement from the church. If you have questions or would like more information contact church treasurer, Bob Monthey.



# In the Life of the Church

## The Bee Branch Extension Project



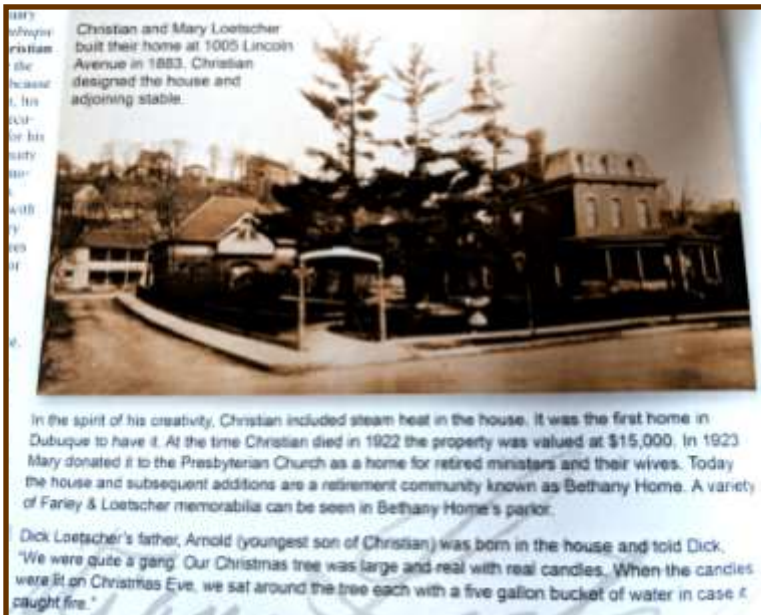
You may have noticed the work being done on 17th Street right by the church. This is part of the Bee Branch extension project. The purpose of this project is to increase the capacity of the storm sewer from the Lower Bee Branch Creek up 17th Street to West Locust Street. A larger storm sewer and additional high-capacity storm drains will help alleviate the flash flooding frequently experienced on these streets. The estimated completion date of the entire project is 2021.

It is our understanding from letters received from the city of Dubuque that this year's work will stop at the current site of Heeb Street – Segment 4 of Phase 2. Parking will be an issue as the project advances up 17th Street. We will keep you posted.

For more information visit <http://www.cityofdubuque.org/1824/17th-St-W-Locust-St-Project>

## FPC Connection to the Community

First Presbyterian Church has a long history in Dubuque. Local historian Carole Loetscher mentions our church in her new book, "Wood: The History of Farley & Loetscher Manufacturing Company Once the Largest Millwork Company in the World." The pulpit and one stained glass window are from her family's company.



Bethany Home began as the Loetscher family home and then was given to the Presbyterian Church.

## Food for the First October



The Dubuque Food Pantry needs your help. All non-perishables are welcome especially macaroni & cheese, tuna and other canned meat, soup, peanut butter & jelly, cereal, rice, pasta, boxed potatoes, #3 baby food, diapers (size 3-5), and baby wipes.

Please place your donations to Food for the First in the basket in the Narthex. Your generous donations assist those in need in our neighborhood and help to make their lives a little brighter.

**Thank You!**

## “Supplies for the Second”

While serving at the Domestic Violence Center we learned how we can help by providing supplies that are **always needed: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, cleaning products, laundry detergent, diapers/wipes, and personal hygiene items.**

**This month’s major needs are toothbrushes and disinfecting wipes and sprays.**



Please bring your “Supplies for the Second” to the church and place them in the basket in the narthex the second Sunday of each month. Terri Gronau delivers them to the collection site.

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