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First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

✦ 1 John 4:19

MISSION COMMITTEE PUTS GRANT DOLLARS TO WORK

The Mission Committee installed the first of a series of rain collection barrels outside of the church manse. This simple, low-cost project will redirect rainwater from draining into the street so we can use it to water our plants and share with our neighbors for theirs as well!

We have several more projects coming up and we need your help! The dates below may change due to weather, so watch your email and the FPC Facebook page for updates!

Thursday, July 6 at 7pm: Solarization* Tarp Installation:

We will be rehomeing a few existing plants from our landscaping to Jackson Park and laying tarps to solarize the ground to prepare it for our new native species plantings. Bring a shovel, hammer, and wheelbarrow, if you have one.

Tuesday, July 18 from 5-8pm: Rain Barrel Painting:

Love to paint? Have artistic skill? New to painting or have no artistic skill? Come paint with us!

Stencils will be provided for those who are less confident.

Drop in for any amount of time between 5-8pm to help or cheer on others.

All ages and abilities welcome and wanted for each project!

**Solarization is the process of sealing tarps over the ground to capture the heat of the sun. This raises the temperature of the soil underneath the tarp to kill weeds and grass and reduces pathogens in the soil.*

Psalm 80:8-11

8 You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the brambles and briers and planted it.

9 You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;

11 it sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.



PASTOR OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Stephanie will be out of the office and on vacation through July 5th. For **day-to-day** needs June 26-28 and July 5, you may contact Ginger, the FPC Administrative Assistant, via email at: firstpresdbq@gmail.com. For **emergency pastoral care needs**, please contact Pastor Kaity Kemp, of 1st Congregational UCC, at (563) 581-1471.



Later in July & August the Pastor will be on vacation July 30-August 4 and again August 22-28. The Rev. Stephanie Schlimm will be covering pastoral emergencies. More details with her contact information will be in the bulletin. Rev. Dan Emmert and Rev. Morgan Frazer will be filling the pulpit.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNITY CORNER: A Celebration of Freedom



On the third weekend of June, the Dubuque community and FPC members “celebrated freedom!” by joining in the holiday celebration of Juneteenth. Though Juneteenth is not well-known by some, two years ago Juneteenth was made a federal holiday! The origins of Juneteenth date back to June 19, 1865, nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln emancipated enslaved Africans in America at the end of the Civil War, when Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas with news of freedom. More than 250,000 African Americans embraced freedom by executive decree on what became known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day.

This year the Dubuque community celebrated Juneteenth with many events. The Multicultural Family Center showcased poetry and art on Friday. They organized smiles and laughter with a festival in the park on Saturday. On Sunday in Washington Park, there was an eye-opening historical walking tour highlighting the Black community. Also on Sunday, but in Jackson Park, there was an impassioned community worship service featuring preachers and a combined choir from area Black churches.

The Multicultural Family Center marked its 14th Annual celebration of Juneteenth this year and FPC was grateful to have celebrated it with our neighbors!



CREATORS CAMP CELEBRATION

Join us to celebrate Creators Camp and also worship with our friends from St. Luke's UMC, Westminster PC(USA), and First Baptist on Sunday, August 20th @ 10:00am at the Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Garden.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS FOR THE PASTOR

Summer is always a busy time! With vacation and other scheduling conflicts, office hours for Pastor Stephanie have been modified. You can find her office hours listed on the following calendar pages.



SAVE THE DATE - RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 10!

JULY 2023

Deacons of the month:
Judy Sheridan & Deb Stant

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25 10:15am Worship: live stream Annalee Ward preaching 11:30am Neighborhood clean-up 1:30pm Bethany Home worship, Marsha Wilfong Pastor at Montreat	26 9:00am Newsletter deadline	27	28	29	30	1 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Kelly's Cafe Pastor on vacation
2 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Sam Felderman, preaching Communion	3	4	5 1:00-4:00pm Creators Camp @ St. Luke's UMC	6	7	8
9 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching	10 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor Office Hours	11	12 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor Office Hours 1:00-4:00pm Creators Camp @ St. Luke's UMC	13	14	15
16 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching	17 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor Office Hours 1:00pm CE (Zoom)	18	19 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor Office Hours 1:00-4:00pm Creators Camp @ St. Luke's UMC	20	21	22
23 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching 11:30am Neighborhood clean-up 1:30pm Bethany Home worship	24 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor Office Hours @ St. Luke's UMC	25	26 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor Office Hours 1:00-4:00pm Creators Camp @ St. Luke's UMC	27	28	29
30 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching Pastor on vacation	31	1 AUGUST	2 1:00-4:00pm Creators Camp @ St. Luke's UMC	3	4	5 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Kelly's Cafe

AUGUST 2023

Deacons of the month: Alex Jack & Tom Jack

SUN		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching	31		1 AUGUST	2 1:00-4:00pm Creators Camp @ St. Luke's UMC	3	4	5 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Kelly's Cafe
Pastor on vacation							
6 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Communion	7 1:00-4:00pm Pastor Office Hours	8	9 1:00-4:00pm Creators Camp @ St. Luke's UMC	10 1:00-4:00pm Pastor Office Hours	11	12	
13 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching	14 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor Office Hours	15	16 1:00-4:00pm Pastor Office Hours	17	18	19 9:00am-3:00pm John Knox Presbytery @ Richland Center, WI	
20 10:00am Worship: Creators Camp celebration @ Dubuque Arboretum	21 Pastor on vacation	22	23	24	25	26	
27 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Morgan Frazer, preaching 11:30am Neighborhood clean-up 1:30pm Bethany Home worship	28 9:00am Newsletter deadline	29 1:00-4:00pm Pastor Office Hours	30 9:00am-1:00pm Pastor Office Hours	31	1 SEPTEMBER	2 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Kelly's Cafe	

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

JULY BIRTHDAYS & 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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bryan Blair
- 5 Dedee Cosgrove
- 8 John & Kristen Eby
- 11 Brian Hallstoos
- 15 Nancy Zurcher
- 23 Paige White
- 25 Steve Foxen
- 28 Susan Ebertz



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FPC BUDGET UPDATE

June thru 6/8

Monthly offering: \$2,431

Budgeted need: \$13,600

Year-to-Date for 2023

Income thru May 31: \$47,082

Expenses thru May 31: \$64,596

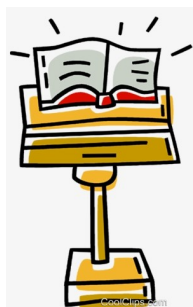


Electronic giving is available at FPC. For more information and/or to set up an account, please contact church treasurer Stephenie Morales at fpcdbq.treasurer@gmail.com

PREACHING SCHEDULE

JULY

- July 2 Rev. Samuel Felderman
- July 9 Rev. Stephanie Ells
- July 16 Rev. Stephanie Ells
- July 23 Rev. Stephanie Ells
- July 30 Rev. Dan Emmert



AUGUST

- August 6 Rev. Stephanie Ells
- August 13 Rev. Stephanie Ells
- August 20 Creators Camp celebration @
Dubuque Arboretum
- August 27 Rev. Morgan Frazer

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 pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, tuna, toilet tissue, bar soap, laundry soap, & garden produce.



Victim Services Shelter:

Along with the always needed paper products and cleaning supplies; antibacterial wipes and shampoo/conditioner.



Thank you for supporting these ministries.

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