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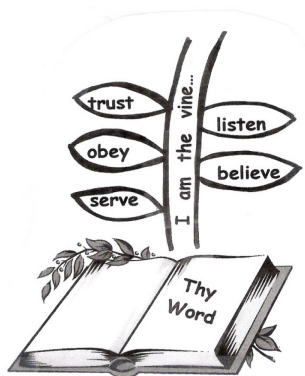


# ***First Press***

## ***First Presbyterian Church***

# ***June 2018***

## **VBS 2018 Is Almost Here! — "Growing in the Gospel"**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**June 11-15!**

Have you invited your  
friends and family members?

Registration forms are available  
in the Coffee Hour Room.

### **Meet our Summer Intern!**

Hello, I am Katrina Richardson and I'm very grateful to be your graduate intern. I'm a candidate for ordination in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), having recently graduated from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. At UDTs I was a Wendt Character Scholar and was awarded the UDTs Presidential Scholarship. I hold a B.A. in political science and have professional experience in church administration and social work.

My family and I moved from our hometown of Guthrie, Oklahoma to Dubuque in pursuit of God's call in July of 2015. Dubuque has quickly become home. Billy, my husband of 15 years, is a band director at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. Our daughters are Laina (8) who enjoys reading animal encyclopedias and is feverishly pursuing a career as a felinotologist and Ruby (6) who loves to attempt headstands and aspires to be a mom and a teacher in the church. I'm passionate about cooking Mexican food and creating homemade strawberry lip balm. Our family enjoys camping, hiking, and spending time with our 22 year- old cockatiel, Tweetle, and our 5 year-old cat, Amber.

Since our move to Iowa, we have made it a family challenge to try ALL the delicious varieties of popcorn found in local stores. So far, Ruby Red is our favorite with its dark soft hulls and bright white fluff, but its name most certainly creates a bias.

Now that you know a little about us, I look forward meeting you. I thank God for the opportunity to get to know First Presbyterian and the City of Dubuque more and more each day. I am humbled and grateful that I get to serve God in this unique way and I am excited to see what God has in store for the next 3 months.

Joyfully,  
Katrina Richardson



# Mission/Stewardship

## Mission Trip Update

### First Pres! You are AWESOME!

Jonah & Elias Brehm, Ethan Blair, Sam & Lupe Morales, and Gabe Vander Broek, along with their tireless leaders Steve Foxen and Bryan Blair, are getting stoked about serving in mission in Green Bay, WI (June 24-30). They will be ready to tell you all about it on Sunday, July 1 . . . so mark your calendars now.

Because of monetary gifts given and various fundraisers, the team's registration is covered. What remains is

earning funds to pay for two vehicles traveling to and from Green Bay, and be pressed into service throughout the week.

Work crews of Mission Team participants have been put to work to cover traveling expenses by tilling, mulching, and engaging in various other yard work. Thank you for the opportunities given to earn their way!



## Missionary Mailbag

Dear Members of Session and FPC,

Thank you for your generous gift toward my ministry in Bahrain! I appreciated the opportunity to worship with you during much of my time in seminary and appreciate the opportunity to partner with you in ministering to the people of many different nations in Bahrain. While I am continuing to raise funds, the RCA has decided to send me for my first year of service in Bahrain. Thank you for enabling me to begin. I'm excited to get started! Shortly after arriving I'll also have an opportunity to meet other missionaries at a regional retreat in Oman. Thank you!

In Christ, Andy Smothers



## DBQ Food Pantry "Lunches to Go"

"Lunches to Go" is for children ages newborn to 18 years old. Each child will get his/her own bag to fill. This is open to any child in the Dubuque area.

The program runs June 7-August 22. Operating hours are Monday—Friday 10:30am -12:00pm.



## A note of thanks from the Food Pantry:

*First Presbyterian Church,*

*Thank you again for being a blessing to your community. Congregations like yours are so vital to our mission. You see the need on a regular basis and we are so grateful for your willingness to help. May God bless you abundantly for all you do!*

*Thank you for your generosity.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Theresa Caldwell, mgr.*

*Thank you*

## SERVE WITH CAFÉ MINISTRY THIS AUGUST 30th!

Join us to serve a meal to over 100 hungry people. We are serving chili (donated from Wendy's); hot dogs, salads, chips and desserts (donated by FPC folks). Thank you to all who continue to help with this ministry. It only takes about 2 hours of time. See the sign-up in the Coffee Hour Room. THANK YOU!



# June 2018

# Deacons of the Month: Steve & Beth Foxen

Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
27	9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home worship	28		29	11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	30		31	5:00-7:00pm Café Ministry @ 1st Congl.	1	JUNE 1:30pm Manor Care: Katrina Richardson	2	8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
3	10:15am Worship: Katrina Richardson, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion	4		5	11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	6		7		8		9	8:30am Congl. Life 9:00am Mission Team work day 10:00am Worship Com.
10	10:15am Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching Mission Team Commissioning 11:30am Church Chat in sanctuary	11	9:00-11:30am VBS 1:00pm Mission Team work day	12	9:00-11:30am VBS 3:45pm Mission 6:30pm Session	13	9:00-11:30am VBS	14	9:00-11:30am VBS 11:45am Youth Pizza & Planning Lunch	15	9:00-11:30am VBS 6:00pm Mission Team Tool Party @ Blair's	16	
17	Father's Day 10:15am Worship: VBS Sunday	18		19		20		21		22		23	
24	8:00am Mission Team departs for Green Bay, WI 10:15am Worship: Rev. Lyle Vander Broek, preaching 11:30am Church Chat in sanctuary 1:30pm Bethany Home: Katrina Richardson & Jill Klinebriel	25		26		27		28		29		30	8:30am-12:00pm Mini Session Retreat
Mission Team in Green Bay, WI—please be in prayer													

## June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

- 2 Chris & Jean Holdener  
Terry & Kate Tietjen
- 3 Bradley Longfield
- 6 Clint Biekert
- 8 Tom Cosgrove
- 12 Rachel & Lyle Vander Broek
- 14 Derrick & Lindsey Ward
- 17 Harvey & August Ward
- 18 Carvel Bloesch  
Louise Daniels
- 20 Tim McCaw
- 23 Mark Stant
- 24 Henry Fawcett  
Derrick Ward
- 25 Justin Alba
- 26 Mark & Annalee Ward
- 27 Tom Jack
- 28 Jim Prine
- 30 Donna Meyer

## OFFICE HOURS

### Pastor:

Thurs. 10:00-12:00pm

Or by appointment



### Secretary & Administrator:

Mon. 9:00-1:00pm  
Wed. 9:00-1:00pm  
Thu. 9:00-1:00pm

### 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

## Honoring Our Teachers 2018

Please join in thanking our dedicated teachers who have blessed our church family through their service.

### Class

### Teachers

Nursery

Elissa Smith

Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> gr

Tracy Wildermuth

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grades

Sara Blair & Joe Klinebriel

5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

Beth Foxen & Linda Longfield  
Jennifer Pattee

Confirmation

Kat Achtemeier & Linda Longfield

High School

Mark Stant

Adult Class

Lyle Vander Broek, Mark Achtemeier, Jennifer Pattee

Substitutes

Deb Stant, Steve Foxen, Bryan Blair, John Eby, Dedee Cosgrove, Bradley Longfield

Opening

Kat Achtemeier, Kristen Eby, Jennifer Pattee, Deb Stant

"Teach the way of God in accordance with truth."  
Luke 20:21

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

### JUNE

June 3	Katrina Richardson
June 10	Rev. Bradley Longfield
June 17	VBS Sunday
June 24	Rev. Lyle 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

## Transition News

The Session values your opinion as we move forward in ministry and mission at First Presbyterian Church. In June, members will receive a short survey to complete (emailed or sent to you). On June 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, the Session will hold brief “church chats” after worship. During a church chat, members and friends of FPC are invited to participate in a small group and share their joys, hopes, concerns and questions about the pastoral search process.

At its May 22<sup>nd</sup> Session meeting, Rev. Timothy Rupert led the elders through a series of questions in advance of beginning the mission study. They look forward to hearing from the congregation before a mini retreat on June 30.

We welcome Katrina Richardson as our graduate intern for the summer. Katrina, who recently graduated from UDTs, will preach, help with visitation & VBS, and provide worship leadership. See her bio in this newsletter.



## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) WILL HOLD ITS NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING JUNE 16-23, 2018

The 223rd General Assembly (GA) will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, June 16 - 23, 2018. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of clergy and elder commissioners elected by each of its 173 presbyteries. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements. The assembly acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries.



# Thank You!

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The session wants to thank the Retirement Party Task Force for their hard work creating the wonderful day celebrating Rev. Achtemeier's ministry with us.

Task Force members were Rachel Vander Broek (chair), Roger Ebertz, Joyce McClain, Cheri Daniels, Terri Gronau, and Linda Longfield. Thanks for a job well done!

## Food for the First June



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!**  
Mission Committee

## "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, boxes of tissues, toilet bowl cleaner, cleaning products like Windex, laundry detergent, diapers.

**This month's major needs are dental floss, deodorant, and body wash.**



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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