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# ***First Press***

## ***First Presbyterian Church***

# ***November 2018***



### **Pledge Sunday is Nov. 4**

*Pledge Sunday is when we make a commitment to God to support the work and ministries at First Presbyterian Church.*

*Please prayerfully consider what you can commit to giving in the upcoming year and bring pledge cards to worship Nov. 4.*



### **It's that time again!**

Time for  
FPC's Christmas Play

On November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at FPC,  
we will begin practicing our  
Christmas play  
to be presented in worship  
on December 16.

If you are interested in participating,  
please let Linda know.



### **Please Join Us!**

*(Please note the time)*

**Christmas Eve Service of  
Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, December 24th  
at 7:00pm

# Mission/Stewardship

## Christmas Joy Offering

Advent is around the corner—December 2!

During Advent we take Joy offerings. What are those you ask? We add our gifts to Presbyterian churches all over where the gift will be used to provide assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and to develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. You'll hear more about it during the Minutes for Mission in December.



## Café Ministry Is Thursday, Nov. 29

This is our last opportunity this year to serve our neighbors who come for dinner to First Congregational Church. The numbers are growing and we've been asked to bring more food—for 150-200 people. After talking with their Café coordinator, we're going to try an experiment for November. We are **not** bringing salads—the preparers there will “whip something up.” But we're increasing everything else.

So, please sign up to serve and/or bring food—hotdogs, buns, potato chips, bars & cookies, and gallons of milk. Thanks for all you do to share the love of Jesus in these tangible ways!

*Dear First Presbyterian Church,*

*Thank you for your donations to help stock the shelves this month at the Dubuque Food Pantry.*

*We are so grateful for your continuing support in our mission to feed the hungry in our community.*

*With your help, we are blessing our city and its citizens.*

*Blessings,  
Theresa Caldwell, manager*



## We Walk Because They Walk



What a glorious day for a CROP Walk!

There were 16 walkers (Carvel Bloesch, Steve and Beth Foxen, Jean, Audrey and Michael Holden, Tom Jack, Bradley and Linda Longfield, Beth McCaw, Sam and Lupe Morales, Terri Gronau, Ella Gunn, and Lesley and Judy Sheridan) and 2 dogs on the FPC team!

We surpassed our goal to raise \$1,000 by raising . . . drum roll, please . . . \$1,090!!! Thanks be to God! We also thank Lesley Sheridan for coordinating the FPC team and all who walked or sponsored a walker in this year's CROP Walk!



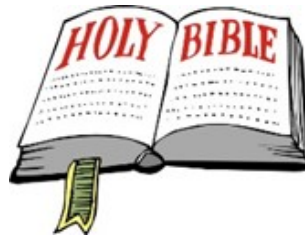
## Christian Education

### Please join us!

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



### What did Paul say?



The Adult Sunday School on Paul's letter to the Romans continues through November. We would love to have you join the discussion as we learn about the Good News of Jesus Christ. Bradley Longfield leads the class.

## Sharing Their Gifts!

This Advent, Sunday School students will help us celebrate in several ways:



1. By drawing pictures to decorate our Advent bulletins.
2. By taking turns lighting the Advent Candles at the beginning of worship each Sunday of Advent.
3. By participating in the Christmas program that brings to life the story of Jesus' birth.

Please thank the children for sharing their gifts with the church family!

### Luke Study Hits the Pause Button

The study of the Book of Luke being led by Marsha Wilfong every Wednesday at 2:00pm at Bethany Home will finish up on Nov. 14th. The study will resume again this spring. Keep your eye on the bulletin for a new start date.



**REMINDER**

We will be taking a short Sunday School break.

***There will be NO Sunday School on December 30th.***

See you again on January 6th!



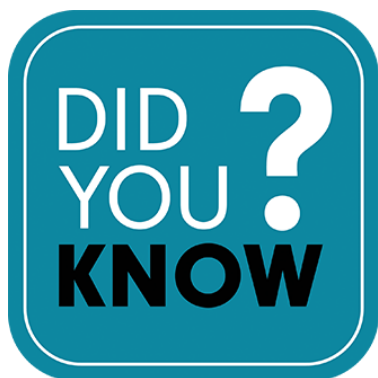
# News of the Church

## Transition News

News from your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC):



The forms have been filled out and approved by the Session. Now we await approval from the Committee on Ministry that meets in early November. If approved, the Ministry Information Form will be uploaded onto a national database that matches pastors and churches. Please continue to pray for the search committee who will work to discern whom God has chosen to be our next pastor.



*Did you know . . .* that UDS donated hundreds of choir anthems (sheet music) to the choir, hooray! We are happy to receive this donation of music from the UDS through Kristen Eby.

*Did you know . . .* that Lyle and Rachel Vander Broek have a new address?  
3227 Fiore Ct.  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

## Children of Abraham

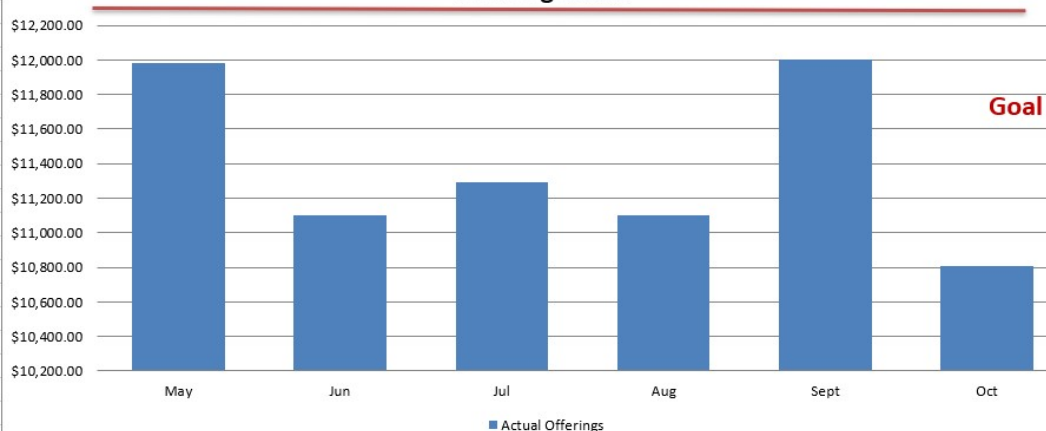
A frank series of conversations on faith from personal perspectives. CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM will meet again on Thursday, November 15th at Loras College in the Alumni Center Ballroom discussing the topic of "Evil."



## Calling All Christmas Elves!

Please join us on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00-11:00am to decorate the church for the upcoming Advent season.

Offering Totals



## FPC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October	2017	2018
1 <sup>st</sup>	77	66
2 <sup>nd</sup>	85	67
3 <sup>rd</sup>	78	51
4 <sup>th</sup>	77	76
5 <sup>th</sup>	71	n/a

# November 2018

## Deacons of the Month: Jamie Dillman & Mark Stant

Sun		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2	3 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends Food for the 1st	5	6 Election Day 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	7 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany 6:30pm Choir	8	9	10 8:30am Congl. Life 9:00am Deacons	
9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion Pledge Sunday Congregational Meeting							
11 Veterans Day Supplies for the 2nd	12	13 4:15pm CE @ Foxen's 6:30pm Session	14 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany 6:30pm Choir	15	16	17	
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18 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching 1:30pm Christmas play rehearsal	19 3:45pm Mission	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24	
25 Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel	26	27	28	29 5:00-7:00pm Café Ministry @ 1st Congl. Church	30	1 DECEMBER 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine	

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries: November

- 4 Lynn Sutter  
Bill & Karen Stant
- 7 Carlie Boelk
- 12 Tim Sheridan
- 13 Tim Boelk
- 17 Harold & Cherie Daniels
- 21 Stu Bear
- 23 Henry & VeNita Fawcett
- 28 Judy Sheridan  
Jean Holdener



## OFFICE HOURS

### Secretary Hours:

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



## PREACHING SCHEDULE

### NOVEMBER

November 4 Rev. Bradley Longfield  
November 11 Rev. Tim Slemmons  
November 18 Rev. Dan Emmert  
November 25 Rev. Beth McCaw

## 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>

## 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 is available at FPC. If you are interested, please pick up an information sheet in the Coffee Hour room or contact the church treasurer, Bob Monthey.

# Around FPC & in the Community

## “Christmas Basket Give Away”

Partnering with the Dubuque Food Pantry is another way we can be the hands and feet of Christ this Advent season:



**Dubuque Food Pantry**

**P.O. Box 1664**

**Dubuque, IA 52004-1664**

**(563) 583-4440 • [dubuquefoodpantry@yahoo.com](mailto:dubuquefoodpantry@yahoo.com)**

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October 14, 2018

Dear Friends,

The Dubuque Food Pantry is planning its annual “Christmas Basket Give Away”. Last year the Pantry was able to give out 526 food baskets to needy families. Will you please consider helping us with this important community outreach as we help to make Christmas special for our friends in need. The Food Pantry is asking your church/congregation, organization, or business to consider donating hams or other meats (between 2 and 5 pounds).

We are also in need of canned goods to put in the baskets, especially:

Coffee/tea	baking supplies
canned fruit	toothpaste
ramen noodles	soup
canned sweet potatoes	boxed potatoes
cake or brownie mixes	flour
personal care items	sugar

Please have non-perishable items to us no later than Wednesday, December 12, so we can sort and pack them into the boxes.

Due to lack of refrigerated storage space, we are also asking that you store the hams until the collection date of Dec. 14. We will be opened from 8 – 4 on this day.

If your group is willing to participate in this event, Please call the Food Pantry (583-4440) and let us know we can count on your support. It would be helpful to know about how many meat items you will contribute.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call weekdays between 10 and 4.

With your involvement in this “Christmas Food Basket Give Away”, the Pantry will again be able to reach out to the needy of our community.

Blessings!

*Theresa Caldwell, Manager*

## Food for the First November



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, 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.