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First Press

First Presbyterian Church

March 2019

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

On Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00pm, the faith communities of the University of Dubuque, First, and Westminster Presbyterian Churches, will hold a service of worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Loren Shellabarger will preach and the service will include the Imposition of Ashes and the Celebration of Holy Communion.

A light supper of soup and salad will be served from 6:00-6:45pm to all who'd like to come. A freewill offering will be taken.

Childcare will be provided.

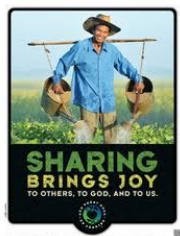
Don't Miss Out!

Join us for another Adult Game Night on
Saturday, March 23rd from 4:00-7:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall.



Steve Foxen will be supplying Sloppy Joes and Terri will have cheese dip. Bring your favorite snacks to share and gear up for some fun and fellowship!

Sunday, March 10



One Great Hour of Sharing...

How are OGHS gifts used by the PC(USA) offering?

*To feed the hungry,
help in the face of disaster, and to support
people seeking to climb out of poverty.*

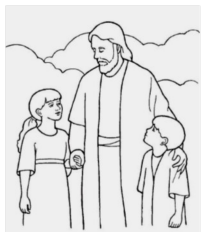


Last year's offerings totaled nearly \$1575. We hope to match it this year!
OGHS envelopes will be in the pews March 10th through Easter (April 21).

Christian Education

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JOURNEY WITH



JESUS

JUNE 24 - 28, 2019
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
@ FPC



Thanks to a late field goal in overtime, we topped last year's record giving by sending \$755 and 172 non-perishable food items to the Dubuque Food Pantry. Nationally 4,343 groups have reported their participation, raising more than 9 million dollars in cash and food for local charities. Thanks be to God!



Adult Sunday School

"Lord, teach us to pray,"
the disciples said to Jesus.

Starting March 3, the adult Sunday School class will be learning to pray using Gary Hansen's book *Kneeling with Giants*. Beth McCaw and John Eby will be leading the class. Copies of the book will be provided.

Please join us as
we refresh and renew our life of prayer.

Hey, all you Potential Campers: Camp Wyoming Is Calling!

Did you know that Camp Wyoming, a wonderful Christ-centered camp, is only 50 minutes away from Dubuque?

Campers are encouraged to take advantage of the new tiered pricing and available scholarships from the Presbytery.

Want to find out more?

- Pick up a Camp Wyoming brochure in the Coffee Hour Room.
- Or speak to a member of the Mission/
Stewardship Committee

**CAMP
WYOMING**
Sacred Space. Growing Faith.



March 2019

Deacons of the Month: Jamie Dillman & Hannah Eby

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 MARCH 1:30pm Manor Care: Tom Jack	2 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
3 Food for the 1st 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching Sacrament of Holy Com-	4	5 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	6 Ash Wednesday 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany Home 6:00pm Soup Supper @ Westminster PC 7:00pm Ash Wednes-	7	8	9 8:30am Congl. Life
10 Daylight Savings Be- gins! Supplies for the 2nd 9:00am Sunday School for all	11	12	13 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany Home	14	15	16 10:00am Session
17 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Tim Slemmons,	18	19	20 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany Home	21 7:00pm Children of Abraham @ Tri-State Islamic	22	23 4:00pm Game Night
24 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preach-	25	26	27 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany Home	28	29	30
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Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Birthdays and Anniversaries March

- 8 Chris Daniels
- 9 Ryan McClain
- 10 Aaron Wildermuth
- 13 Preston Yartey
- 17 Tim & Judy Sheridan
- 18 Mackenzie Daniels
- 20 Mark Achtemeier
- 21 Shannon Dykstra
- 23 Ron Herbst
- 25 Janet Spoerl
- 26 Kate Tietjen
Kip Ward
Jocelyn Tietjen
- 30 Thomas Blair

To Keep in Your Prayers...

As they continue their studies please keep these students in your prayers. Please also remember staff members, teachers, and all of our other students during the 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:

<i>Buildings & Grounds</i>	– Tom Boelk & Alex Jack
<i>Christian Education</i>	– Linda Longfield
<i>Congregational Life</i>	– Terri Gronau
<i>Finance & Personnel</i>	– John Dillman
<i>Memorial</i>	– Sandy Spencer & Linda Longfield
<i>Mission & Stewardship</i>	– Annalee Ward & Sandy Spencer
<i>Worship</i>	– Kristen Eby & Bradley Longfield

OFFICE HOURS



Admin Assistant:

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

PREACHING SCHEDULE MARCH

March 3	Rev. Bradley Longfield
March 10	Rev. John Armstrong
March 17	Rev. Timothy Slemmons
March 24	Rev. Beth McCaw
March 31	Rev. Beth McCaw



Electronic giving is available at FPC. There's information on how to set up online giving in the Coffee Hour room or you can contact church treasurer, Bob Monthey.

From the Mission/Stewardship Mailbag:

Giving to mission throughout God's world can bring astounding results. Read this and give thanks for how God is at work in our midst:

From Theresa Caldwell of the Dubuque Food Pantry:

Dear First Pres Church,

Thank you for your donation of soup from your Souper Bowl party. And thank you so much for your monetary donation. Though you are a small church, you have huge hearts.

The need in our area is consistently and it is such a blessing to have your support. Keep up the good work. Together we are making a difference in our community.

Blessings to you all!

Theresa Caldwell

From Bryce Wiebe of PC USA—Special Offerings

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Christ,

We give thanks for your support of Special Offerings, our collective witness to the love of Jesus Christ. By participating in Special Offerings, your congregation joins other churches to change lives around the world.

Thank you again for giving to enable all people to know God's life-giving welcome in Jesus Christ. You are a valued partner in mission.

With gratitude to God for our shared mission,
Bryce Wiebe, Director, Special Offerings

From Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

Dear Friends,

We cannot touch all victims of disaster but we can pray, and we can give, and when we do, we become a visible witness of the loving heart of God, and the hands and feet of Jesus.

I am thankful today that you have put love into tangible action, giving with such extraordinary generosity to support those in need. Your generous gift is a gift that makes divine comfort real, helping those afflicted by disaster touch the tangible presence of Love.

In Christ's peace,
Rev. Dr. Laurie A. Kraus
Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

From Rev. Jose Luis Casal of Presbyterian World Mission:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift to Presbyterian World Mission. Supporters like you enable us to work in transformative ministries alongside global partners in more than 50 countries around the world.

Our ministries focus on three initiatives: alleviating poverty, sharing the good news, and working for reconciliation. We would not be able to pursue these priorities without generous gifts like the one you gave to us.

Thank you again for your gift.

*Together in mission,
Rev. Jose Luis Casal, Director World Mission*



CAFÉ MINISTRY UPDATE!

We served about 60 people at Café Ministry on January 31st during the polar vortex.

Because of the bad weather and school closings, the Café Ministry team from First Congregational also prepared take-home meals for people and distributed food for school kids who would normally get meals at school but were missing out because of the cancellations.

They continue to express their gratitude for our partnership in this important ministry. ***Our next chance to support this ministry is May 30th.***

Food for the First March



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 Clorox
wipes, shampoo, and paper towels.**



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.