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First Press

First Presbyterian Church

April 2019

Maundy Thursday Worship



A Maundy Thursday worship service will be held on April 18th @ 7:00PM. This service will include Holy Communion and a Service of Tenebrae (shadows). Childcare is provided.



HOW CAN YOU HELP THE MISSION TEAM?

What's next on the journey to Worthington for our Mission Team members? You have 3 ways you can help:

1. There are still giving envelopes in the pews for the mission trip. Drop your donation in the offering plate.
2. You can hire work crews of Mission Team members to landscape, mulch, paint, trim, weed, or till. Whatever you need! Speak to Bryan Blair if you are interested in hiring a crew.
3. Look ahead to the **Bake Sale on May 5th**. Save your pennies to splurge on Bake Sale items. All items are donated and you get to decide the price. Keep your eye on the bulletin. More details to come.

Holy Week

April 14 – April 21, 2019

- † Palm Sunday worship, April 14
Procession of palms, collection of fish banks for One Great Hour of Sharing
- † Maundy-Thursday, April 18—7:00PM
Service of Holy Communion and Service of Tenebrae. Childcare will be provided.
- † Good Friday Ecumenical Worship,
April 19th – 12:00PM-3:00PM
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
(You are welcome to attend all or part of the service.)

Easter Sunday – April 21st

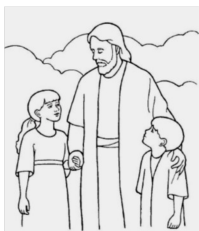
- † Easter Sunrise Service – 6:00AM
(At the Grand River Center in the River Room)
- † Sunday School for all Ages – 9:00AM
- † Easter Sunday Worship – 10:15AM
-One Great Hour of Sharing offering



In the Life of the Church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JOURNEY WITH



JESUS

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

Calling All Graduates!



Graduates and their families will be honored during Coffee Hour on May 19th. Please contact the church office or Linda Longfield to let us know the names of your graduates.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE

USHER TRAINING



USHER TRAINING will take place NEXT SUNDAY, April 14, following worship. If you would like to learn how to usher, please plan to stay after for a brief training session with Deacon Mark Stant. Mark will also train any deacon or elder wanting to learn how to serve communion at this training event. Please let Mark know if you are interested.



Last Sunday School before summer is **May 19th**
until Rally Day on September 8th.



CHURCH AND MANSE REPAIRS

As you may have noticed, the Session has been addressing many issues of deferred maintenance much needed on the sanctuary and manse. Workers have put a new roof on the sanctuary and will soon be replacing the cedar shingles on the steeple. In the coming months, we will replace all the windows in the manse and the siding on the manse back porch.

Thanks so much to the members of the Building and Grounds committee and the Property and Finance committee for all of their work on these projects.



TRANSITION NEWS



We are thankful for the many people who have stepped up to help the church family continue in our faithful worship of God, dedication to mission, and commitment to ministry to ourselves, neighbors, and world, during this time when we are without a full-time pastor. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is making steady progress in their search for our next full-time pastor. The PNC is co-chaired by Mark Ward and Jamie Dillman. Carlie Boelk, Lesley Sheridan, Scott McCaw, Linda Longfield, and Harold Daniels round out the committee. They appreciate your encouragement and prayers as they discern whom God is calling to lead our congregation.

April 2019 Deacons of the Month: Steve & Beth Foxen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching	1 APRIL	2 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	3 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany Home 6:30pm Choir	4	5 1:30pm Manor Care: Tom Jack	6 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
7 Food for the 1st 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Daniel Emmert, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion 11:30am Mission Team mtg. 11:30am Deacons mtg.	8	9	10 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany Home	11	12	13
14 Palm Sunday Supplies for the 2nd 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching Fish Bank offering	15	16	17 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany Home 6:30pm Choir	18 7:00pm Maundy-Thursdays	19 12:00-3:00pm Good Friday Ecumenical Service @ St. Luke's UMC	20 10:00am Session
21 Easter Sunday 6:00am Easter Sunrise @ Grand River Center, River Room 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching	22	23	24 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany Home	25	26	27
28 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. John Armstrong, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Tom Jack & TBD	29	30	1 MAY 2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany Home 6:30pm Choir	2	3 1:30pm Manor Care: Tom Jack	4 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April

Happy birthday!

- 4 Tony Herbst
Caitlin Daniels
- 6 Sharon Hallstoos
Tim & Annette Boelk
- 7 Audrey Holdener
- 10 Tammy Wehrspann
- 14 Stephenie Morales
- 16 Chris & Michelle Daniels
- 19 Jack Dillman
- 20 Elise Hallstoos
- 24 Emily Herbst
- 26 Chuck Lee
Taylor Rupp
Elaina Biechler
- 29 Deb Herbst

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>

OFFICE HOURS



Admin Assistant:

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

PREACHING SCHEDULE For April & May

April 7	Rev. Daniel Emmert
April 14	Rev. Beth McCaw
April 21	Rev. Bradley Longfield
April 28	Rev. John Armstrong
May 5	Rev. Bradley Longfield
May 12	Rev. Marsha Wilfong
May 19	Rev. John Armstrong
May 26	Rev. Daniel Emmert

Your Church Family Needs You!

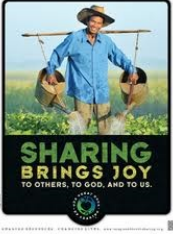
All areas of ministry at FPC could use your help.
Please volunteer for
one of the following committees:

<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



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.

Mission/Stewardship



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 offering totaled nearly \$1575.00. Can we match last year's giving? So far, we have raised \$721.85. *OGHS envelopes will be in the pews through Easter (April 21).*

Fish banks will be collected on Palm Sunday!



GILO AGWA UPDATE

Reverend Gilo Agwa, a graduate of UDTS and dear friend of our congregation, launched the African National Ministry, an outreach to the Anuak community in the Twin Cities in May 2017. His ministry is supported through a partnership arrangement with the Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches. They worship on Sundays at Calvary Baptist Church in Roseville, MN. In addition to worship, throughout the year they provide educational classes focused on leadership development and integration into the US culture.

DUBUQUE AREA CONGREGATIONS UNITED (DACU) REPORT

In January, the DACU Board voted to distribute \$2,000 to each of three projects: People in Need (PIN), the Dubuque Rescue Mission, and the Dubuque Food Pantry. PIN has provided about \$12,000 to needy families since December, mostly to assist with rent and heating bills. The Dubuque Rescue Mission served many people, providing shelter from the frigid cold this winter. In February alone, the Dubuque Food Pantry helped provide food to 284 families (763 people).

Kenneth Halstead is President of the DACU Board and Jean Holdener has been chosen as President-elect for 2020.



From the FPC Mailbag...

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your gifts to stock the shelves at the pantry this month. The need is our area is consistently great 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,
Theresa Caldwell, manager of the Dubuque Food Pantry*



Food for the First April



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 toilet paper, tissues, 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.

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