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First Press

First Presbyterian Church

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Meet Our New SPM Student – Kate Meyrick

This summer we will welcome Ms. Kate Meyrick as a Supervised Practice of Ministry Intern. Kate is a Master of Divinity student at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary from Oak Forest, Illinois. She received her B.A. in English and Music Performance from Trinity Christian College in 2017 and served as Music Director at Missio Dei Church in Lenox, Illinois, in 2017-18. Kate will be assisting in worship leadership, Vacation Bible School, pastoral care, and mission activities. Judi Sheridan, Kristen Eby, Stephen Longfield, Ethan Blair, and Roger Ebertz will serve on her SPM Committee. Bradley Longfield will be her supervisor.



***Please plan to support the youth
by coming to our bake sale on **May 5.*****

Remember:

You get to name the price.

***Every cent and dollar goes to support the
Senior High Mission Trip to Worthington, MN. in July.***

Celebrate with Us!

We will be honoring our Sunday School teachers during Coffee Hour on May 19.



Congratulations Are in Order!

***Join us on May 19
as we honor our graduates
from high school and college.***



Mission/Stewardship

MISSIONS
MONTH

MAY

At First Presbyterian we are celebrating **May as Mission Month**. Here are opportunities for prayer, service, and support.

- o Join us in praying specifically for Leith and Carol F. May their community development work continue to open opportunities to share the hope that is in them.
- o Youth Mission Trip July 7-13. As they work at fundraising and preparing their supplies, may they know that this church loves and supports them. We will continue praying for ways they can serve and speak the love of Jesus Christ.

WANT TO PARTNER WITH THE MISSION TEAM?

Here are 3 ways you can help:

1. Support the **Bake Sale on Sunday, May 5th**. All items are donated and you get to decide the price. Every cent earned goes to the Mission Team.
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. There are still giving envelopes in the pews for the mission trip. Drop your donation in the offering plate.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING...

REJOICE & GIVE THANKS!

One Great Hour of Sharing raised \$1500! Thank you for your caring hearts, for giving so much to help with disaster relief, to provide food for the hungry, and to empower the poor and oppressed.



SERVE WITH CAFÉ MINISTRY THIS MAY 30th!



Join us to serve a delicious meal to over 125 hungry people. Thank you to all who continue to help with this ministry. If you have never served in the past, it is a simple way to minister to the needs of the hungry in Dubuque. It only takes about 2 hours of time. The sign up to bring food will be in the Fellowship Hall. Pray that the food we provide and serve reminds the recipients that they are God's beloved children.

Hey, All You Potential Campers: CAMP WYOMING IS CALLING!

Camp Wyoming is a wonderful Christ-centered camp, is only minutes away from Dubuque.

For anyone interested in attending **Camp Wyoming**, please visit their website for a full description of each session available: <https://campwyoming.net/>. If you are interested, let the Mission Committee know as scholarships are available.



Mission/Stewardship



Dubuque Service Opportunities

Did you know that there are over 550 not-for-profits in Dubuque? Did you know that according to a study by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Iowa ranks **4th in the nation** for volunteerism with 41.5% of our population giving of their time in service to others?

The Mission and Stewardship Committee continues to explore ways to connect with our downtown neighbors, and one thought is in volunteering. Perhaps this is something in which you'd like to get more involved. This month we'd like to highlight a couple of opportunities:

---The **Dubuque Downtown Christian Outreach, or DDCO**, is an important ministry that serves the spiritual and physical needs of those living in the heart of Dubuque. It meets at St. John's on the first Monday of the month. The DDCO recently sponsored the showing of "Homeless Nation." FPC has participated in this ministry for many years. For more information, please contact Tom Jack.



--The **Downtown Neighborhood Association**—meets on the 4th Tuesday at St. Marks, 6:30 pm. They sponsored a neighborhood cleanup at Jackson Park in April and in May will be planting flowers in the neighborhood. Please contact Tom Jack for more information.



**DOWNTOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

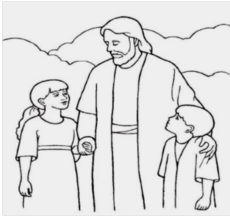
--**Hope House** at 1592 Locust St. is always looking for volunteers to serve the meal every Sunday at 6 pm. Volunteers can make and bring food for 32 people or simply show up to serve. Contact the Resident Director Tom Felton, (563) 582-9079, to make arrangements.



Christian Education & Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JOURNEY WITH



JESUS

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

The last day of our Sunday School
program before summer break is
May 19.

Join us again in the
fall on
Rally Day,
September 8th!



VBS HELPERS NEEDED



We need your help to make VBS suc-
cessful. If you have some free mornings
(9-11:30 a.m.) on June 24-28 please
speak to Linda or sign up in the Coffee
Room. We need you!!!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

God's people from First Presbyterian, Westminster Presbyterian, GracePoint, and First Baptist churches along with the University of Dubuque gathered early on Easter morning to celebrate the

Resurrection of Christ at our Sunrise Service at the Grand River Center. As we lifted our voices in praise, the sun rose into a clear, blue sky over the Mississippi.



Later that morning, almost 100 saints of First Presbyterian gathered at the corner of 17th and Iowa Sts. to continue the celebration of Christ's triumph over sin and death. Hannah and Amanda Eby offered uplifting music as we proclaimed the love of God in Scripture, sermon, and song. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

May 2019 Deacons of the Month: Mark & Deb Stant

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. John Armstrong, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Tom Jack & TBD	29	30 4:15pm CE @ Beth Foxen's	1 MAY 6:30pm Choir	2 National Day of Prayer	3 1:30pm Manor Care: Tom Jack	4 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
5 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion Mission Trip Bake Sale 11:30am Deacons Meeting	6	7 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	8	9	10	11 8:30am Congregational Life 10:00am Session
12 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching	13	14	15 6:30pm Choir	16	17	18
19 9:00am Last Sunday School until Rally Day in September 10:15am Worship: Rev. John Armstrong, preaching Honor our Teachers and Graduates	20	21 John Knox Presbytery @ Madison, WI	22	23	24	25
26 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Daniel Emmert, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Tom Jack & TBD	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 5:00pm Café Ministry @ 1st Congregational	31	1 JUNE 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Birthdays and Anniversaries May

- 1 Michelle Daniels
- 2 Jesse Biekert
- 6 Lyfe Fountain
- 8 Bill & Janet Spoerl
- 11 Katherine Achtemeier
Joe Klinebriel
Bob & Tracy Wildermuth
- 12 Aspen Herbst
- 13 Dusty Herbst
- 16 John & Jamie Dillman
- 20 Amanda Eby
Joe & Jill Klinebriel
Jim & Tarry Prine
- 22 Mark & Kat Achtemeier
Mike & Cheryl Heer
- 23 Scott & Beth McCaw
Wizdom Fountain
- 24 Stephen Longfield
- 29 Leith & Carol Fujii



Please join us as we honor our soon-to-be graduates during Coffee Hour on May 19th:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Carlie Boelk	<i>Western Dubuque High School</i>
Elias Brehm	<i>Dubuque Senior High School</i>
Jonah Brehm	<i>Dubuque Senior High School</i>
Lyfe Fountain	<i>East Dubuque High School</i>
Lupe Morales	<i>Dubuque Senior High School</i>
Sam Morales	<i>Dubuque Senior High School</i>

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Naomi Brehm	<i>University of Illinois</i>
Micah Dillman	<i>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</i>
Chris Holdener	<i>University of Wisconsin—Platteville</i>
Bobby McCaw	<i>Calvin College</i>
Brandon Prine	<i>Wartburg College</i>

OFFICE HOURS



Admin Assistant:

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

PREACHING SCHEDULE For MAY and JUNE

May 5	Rev. Bradley Longfield
May 12	Rev. Marsha Wilfong
May 19	Rev. John Armstrong
May 26	Rev. Daniel Emmert
June 2	Rev. Marsha Wilfong
June 9	Rev. Marsha Wilfong
June 16	SPM, Kate Meyrick
June 23	Rev. John Armstrong
June 30	VBS Sunday

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.

In the Life of the Church

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

The Session has been addressing many issues of deferred maintenance 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, the windows in the manse and the siding on the manse back porch will be replaced. The Session is also investigating interior and exterior painting.

Thanks so much to the members of the Building and Grounds committee and the Property and Finance committee for 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.

USHER TRAINING RECAP

On April 14, interested church members received training on ushering and church officers reviewed how to serve communion. Thanks to Mark Stant for leading the training session.



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 in 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!

Happy spring!

Theresa Caldwell, manager of the Dubuque Food Pantry

Food for the First May



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 to the Stants for delivering the donations each month.*

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 paper towels, Windex, and sippy cups/bottles.



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. *Thank you to Terri Gronau who delivers them to the collection site.*