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# *First Press*

## *First Presbyterian Church*

# *March 2020*

## Souper Bowl of Caring 2020

Thank you for making the 2020 Souper Bowl of Caring the most exciting and successful event ever!!!! We outscored hunger by raising \$815 and collecting 157 non-perishable food items for the Dubuque Food Pantry. Yes, the Chiefs may have won the Super Bowl, but the Dubuque Food Pantry was the grand winner of the Souper Bowl of Caring! Thanks be to God!



**THANK YOU!**

First Presbyterian Church  
raised:  
**\$815 and 157 food items**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

**February 2, 2020**

 [souperbowl.org](http://souperbowl.org)



## Advancing Our Ministry and Mission

Fulfilling our ministry requires a safe, functional, and beautiful sanctuary and manse. In recent months, the Session has overseen numerous deferred maintenance projects as we seek to advance our mission on the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and Iowa. Currently, we are renovating the bathroom in the manse. Special thanks to Steve Foxen for overseeing this project.

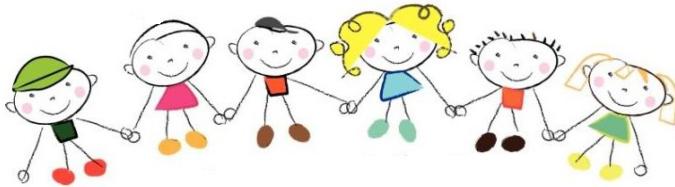
Many thanks to all of those who have made donations to support these essential improvements. If you would like to contribute, please speak with Treasurer Bob Monthey.



# Christian Education

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## GOD CALLS YOU BY NAME

July 6-10, 2020  
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

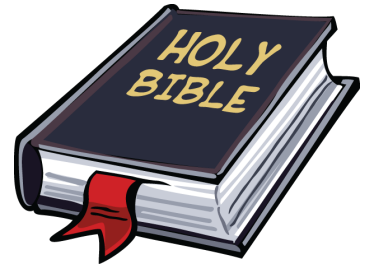
For children ages 4 through  
those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Sunday, March 8**



## God at Work: The Book of Acts

The Adult Sunday School invites you to join our warm and vibrant fellowship at 9:00 AM on Sunday. From March through May we will be exploring "God at Work: The Book of Acts," to learn about God's powerful work in the early church as recorded in the book of Acts. We look forward to seeing you!



## 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 (deadline for scholarship application is April 15).

Want to find out more?

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

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



# March 2020 Deacons of the Month: Mark & Deb Stant

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food for the 1st 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship: Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion 11:30am Deacons mtg.	2	3 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	4 6:30pm Choir	5 3:45pm Mission @ FPC	6	7 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine 9:00am Congl. Life
8 Supplies for the 2nd *Daylight Savings begins* 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship: Kate Meyrick, preaching 11:30am PNC	9	10	11	12	13	14 9:30am Session
15 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching	16	17	18 6:30pm Choir	19	20	21
22 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship: Mark Ward, preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home: Tom Jack & TBD	23	24	25	26	27 1:30pm Manor Care: Tom Jack	28
29 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship: Rev. John Armstrong, preaching	30	31	1 April 6:30pm Choir	2	3	4 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine

# March Birthdays and Anniversaries



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



## To Keep in Your Prayers...

Please keep our youth in your prayers as they work, study, or serve in the military:

Carlie Boelk	<i>Iowa State University</i>
Elias Brehm	<i>West Point Military Academy</i>
Jonah Brehm	<i>Iowa State University</i>
Tatum Hallstoos	<i>Columbia University</i>
Lupe Morales	<i>Basic training for Ntl. Guard</i>
Sam Morales	<i>Working</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 &amp; Grounds</i>	– Tom Boelk & Alex Jack
<i>Christian Education</i>	– Linda Longfield
<i>Congregational Life</i>	– Terri Gronau
<i>Finance &amp; Personnel</i>	– John Dillman
<i>Memorial</i>	– Sandy Spencer & Linda Longfield
<i>Mission &amp; Stewardship</i>	– Annalee Ward & Sandy Spencer
<i>Worship</i>	– Kristen Eby & Bradley Longfield

## OFFICE HOURS

**Part-Time Temporary Pastor  
for Administration and Pastoral Care:**  
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00-12:00pm  
or by appointment

**Admin. Asst. Hours:**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:00-1:00pm

## PREACHING SCHEDULE MARCH

March 1	Rev. Timothy Slemmons
March 8	Kate Meyrick
March 15	Rev. Bradley Longfield
March 22	Mark Ward
March 29	Rev. John Armstrong



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 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,*

*Thanks for your donations to the Dubuque Food Pantry. We are so blessed to get shelves stocked this time of year.*

*Friends like you are so vital to our mission. We are so grateful for your giving hearts. May God bless you abundantly for all you do!*

*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

**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 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

**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.*

*Thank you again for your gift.*

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

**From Laurie Jones, JKP Council Member**

To Session and Congregants at FPC,

Thank you for your contribution to the JKP Per Capita and mission pledge for 2019. With your commitment, Presbytery is able to support scholarships for camp and mission trips as well as larger programs for the Mandarin community in Dubuque and a new worshipping community in Madison.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

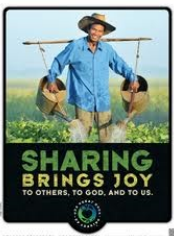
Thank you!  
Laurie Jones, JKP Council Member

## 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 \$1500. We hope to match it this year!  
*OGHS envelopes will be in the pews through Easter (April 12).*



## 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. Deb and Mark Stant will deliver them. 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 Victim Services Shelter 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 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.