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# First Press

## First Presbyterian Church

# March 2021

## Souper Bowl of Caring 2021

Thank you for making the 2021 Souper Bowl of Caring one of the most exciting and successful events ever!!!! We outscored hunger by raising \$725 and collecting 199 non-perishable food items for the Dubuque Food Pantry. Yes, the Bucs 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:

**\$725 and 199 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 7, 2021

**Alison Reese**  
Executive Director  
Souper Bowl of Caring

**Souper Bowl of Caring**  
tacklehunger.org

## Holy Week: March 28 ~ April 4

**\*\*All FPC services are live streamed\*\***

† *Palm Sunday*, March 28th, 10:15am  
-Children's processional (prerecorded)  
*Contact the pastor ASAP if your child wants to participate.*  
-Worship & Praise!

† *Maundy Thursday*, April 1st, 7:00pm  
-Worship & Holy Communion –  
Service of Tenebrae (shadows)

† *Good Friday Ecumenical Worship*, April 2nd, 12:00-3:00pm  
@ St. Luke's UMC in-person (masks required) or live stream  
at [www.stlukesdbq.org](http://www.stlukesdbq.org). Attend all or part of the service.

*Easter Sunday*, April 4th

† Sunday School for all Ages – 9:00am  
† Easter Sunday Worship – 10:15am  
-One Great Hour of Sharing offering dedicated



## You're Invited!

Ever wondered what a Shabbat Service is like? We'd like to invite you to join us at Temple Beth El for a virtual Friday night Shabbat Service.

Join Rabbi Natalie Shribman and other folks you may know online at 6:30pm on Friday, March 5th at: <http://www.templebe.org>. The service will last about 45 minutes. Afterwards, Zoom in to chat, ask questions, or say "Hi." Zoom goes live at 7:15pm on March 5:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83799078743>

Meeting ID:

837 9907 8743

Or, dial in by phone:  
(312) 626 6799 US  
(Chicago)



# In the Life of the Church

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We sincerely hope that we can enjoy VBS this year, so please mark your calendars!



## GOD CALLS YOU BY NAME

**June 14-18, 2021**  
**9:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

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

## Children of Abraham

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM meets again on  
Thursday, March 18 at 7:00pm discussing:  
**Is a Budget a Moral Document?**



Join the conversation using either Zoom or Facebook. To connect with Zoom, email John (john.eby@loras.edu) or Alan (agarfield@dbq.edu) to get the link. You can also view by visiting the Facebook page -

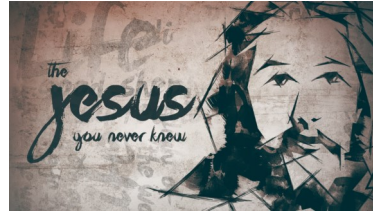
<https://www.facebook.com/cofabraham>.

## Volunteer for Café Ministry

**SERVE**

Café Ministry continues to serve hungry people in our community. Follow this [link](#) to sign up to help prepare a meal.

## Join in the Sermon Series Discussion



Pastor Stephanie has begun a sermon series based on *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey.

You are cordially invited to join an Adult Sermon Series discussion group on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Using Scripture, a chapter of the book, and the sermon preached that day, participants will reflect on who is Jesus. Pastor Stephanie and others will lead the discussion.

Watch for the email with the Zoom information to join this discussion group. Each week stands alone so you can join whenever you are available.

## Summer Camp Registration OPEN for Camp Wyoming

Cancellation of 2020 programs has allowed more time to plan and prepare for safely running camp in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic. Camp Wyoming is anxious to see everyone at their 2021 summer camps! Campers who register before the Early Bird Deadline of March 15 will save \$25.00 on their summer camp fees. Go to [campwyoming.net](http://campwyoming.net) and check out the camps being offered at Camp Wyoming located in Wyoming, IA.

If you are interested in attending, the Mission Committee is pleased to announce that a partial scholarship is available for you.

Check with a member of the Mission Committee if you have any questions regarding Camp Wyoming.

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



**\* DALYIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - Sunday, March 14th \***

# March 2021

## Deacons of the Month: Annette Boelk & Hannah Eby

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 2nd Sunday of Lent 9:00am Sunday School - PreK-12th grade -Online lessons 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching via <a href="#">live stream</a>	1 MARCH	2	3 10:00am Church Chat 6:30pm Confirmation	4	5 World Day of Prayer	6
7 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:00am Sunday School - PreK-12th grade -Online lessons 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching via <a href="#">live stream</a>	8 4:15pm CE (Zoom)	9	10 6:30pm Confirmation	11 7:00pm Worship Com.	12	13 9:30am Session
14 4th Sunday of Lent <b>Daylight Saving time begins</b> 9:00am Sunday School - PreK-12th grade -Online lessons 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching via <a href="#">live stream</a>	15	16 7:00pm Buildings/ Grounds	17 8:30am Donation pick-up 10:00am Church Chat	18	19	20 9:30 Session
21 5th Sunday of Lent 9:00am Sunday School - PreK-12th grade -Online lessons 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching via <a href="#">live stream</a> 11:45pm Deacons mtg.	22	23	24 6:30pm Confirmation	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 9:00am Sunday School - PreK-12th grade -Online lessons 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching via <a href="#">live stream</a> -Pre-recorded Palm processional 1:00pm Nursery deep clean	29	30	31	1 APRIL Maundy-Thursdays 7:00pm Maundy-Thursdays worship via <a href="#">live stream</a>	2 Good Friday 12:00-3:00pm Good Friday Ecumenical service @ St. Luke's UMC via <a href="#">live stream</a>	3



## 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

## OFFICE HOURS

Due to the current COVID pandemic, **Pastor Stephanie's office hours at the church will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm.** Pastor Stephanie requests you set up an appointment time if you would like to see her, even during office hours. Masks will be required to protect one another's health and well-being.

**Pastor Stephanie can be reached at (cell) 507-227-8537 or [fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com).** In case of emergency, please call her cell number. If she does not answer, leave a voice message, and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

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**Administrative Assistant, Ginger Vander Broek, works from home. Her hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30-1:30pm.** She can be reached through the church email: [firstpresdbq@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresdbq@gmail.com)



**Your  
Church  
Family  
Needs  
You!**



All areas of ministry at FPC could use your help. Please volunteer for one of the following committees by contacting one of the Session members below:

- Buildings & Grounds* – Tom Boelk & John Dillman
- Christian Education* – Linda Longfield
- Congregational Life* – TBD
- Finance & Personnel* – John Dillman
- Memorial* – Sandy Spencer & Linda Longfield
- Mission & Stewardship* – Sandy Spencer
- Worship* – Kristen Eby & Bryan Blair

## PREACHING SCHEDULE



### MARCH

- |          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| March 7  | Rev. Stephanie Ells |
| March 14 | Rev. Stephanie Ells |
| March 21 | Rev. Stephanie Ells |
| March 28 | Rev. Stephanie Ells |

## Join Us for the Weekly Church Chat!

During the pandemic, at 10am every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, Pastor Stephanie will host an online church chat to help us stay connected. Everyone is welcome to join for much needed fellowship. Be looking for the email with the Zoom information for each chat.



Electronic giving is available at FPC. For more information and/or to set up an account, please contact church treasurer Bob Monthey at [fpcdbq.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.treasurer@gmail.com)

## 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:  
(in regard to January Food for the First)**

*Dear First Pres Church—(The little church with a BIG impact!),*

*Thanks for your donations to the Dubuque Food Pantry. We so appreciate your commitment and support.*

*In the name of the Food Pantry staff and its Board of Directors, we express our deep gratitude to the many individuals, churches, organizations, and businesses that make it possible to provide food for our community. It is a great testimony that the concern and compassion in our community runs deep.*

*Blessings to you all! Theresa Caldwell, Manager*

**(in regard to the Souper Bowl of Caring donation)**

*Dear First Pres Church,*

*Thanks for your donation of 199 items (185 lbs.). We so appreciate your commitment and support.*

*You guys are awesome!*

*Blessings to you all! Theresa Caldwell, Manager*

**From Rick Mihm of the Dubuque Rescue Mission**

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the men, women, and children served at the Dubuque Rescue Mission—Thank you! Know that your gift will be used to house, feed, and clothe the poor of the Tri-state area.

May joy and peace rest upon you and your loved ones.

Blessings,  
Rick Mihm, Director

**From Kevin Cullum of Camp Wyoming:**

Dear Members of FPC,

Thank you very much for thinking of Camp Wyoming with your wonderful gift. Your contribution helps make Camp Wyoming a fantastic place for people of all ages to experience fellowship, outdoor recreation, and spiritual renewal.

We would not be able to provide such a fabulous experience without the assistance from organizations like yours. Thank you for your generous support.

In celebration of your kindness,  
*Kevin Cullum*  
Executive Director, Camp Wyoming

**From the Dubuque Community YM/YWCA:**

Dear Friends,

The Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA strengthens our community through youth development, healthy living, social responsibility, eliminating racism, and empowering women. For over 150 years, the Y has proudly served the Tri-states by building healthy spirits, minds, and bodies. Your support helps transform lives and our community. Thank you for your investment!

Your donation of \$1,095 designated for the Victim Services Shelter directly supports victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking.

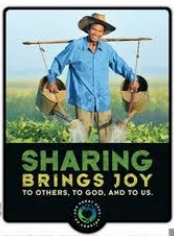
Thank you for your generous support,  
*Tony Calabrese, President & Deb Gustafson, Director*

## 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 is received through Easter (April 4).*



# Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Since we will not be gathering for face-to-face worship in March, and therefore cannot bring donations to the church, the deacons will plan to collect items from your porch for the Dubuque Food Pantry (Food for the First) and the Victim Services Shelter (Supplies for the Second). **There will be a deacon pick up on March 17th.** See your email for details.

You may also choose to give monetary gifts by sending a check to FPC marked for the Dubuque Food Pantry or Victim Services Shelter.

## Items particularly needed include:

### DBQ Food Pantry:

Soups, canned vegetables, canned pastas, paper towels, and toilet paper.



### Victim Services Shelter:

Disinfecting wipes, shampoo/conditioner, and paper products.



Thank you for supporting these ministries.

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