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First Press

First Presbyterian Church

May 2021

Planting Trees in Dubuque



On the third Saturday in May, volunteers from First Presbyterian Church have the opportunity to help the City of Dubuque plant 100 street trees throughout the community: May 15 is the first of three weekend days in the month devoted to these plantings.

The volunteer work is coordinated by Dubuque Trees Forever (DTF). First Presbyterian's team contribution to this effort is sponsored by the Mission Committee. We need up to five people to fill DTF's reserved slot for the church. Start time and place have yet to be determined so keep an eye out for more details. There will be training on how to plant the trees that morning before going to our assigned location. Only a heavy downpour will constitute a rain delay.

If you are interested in helping to complete this hard and dirty but much needed volunteer work, call Tom Jack (text first) at 563-663-0202 or email him at tomnjoey38@gmail.com. You will be asked to sign a waiver that needs to be submitted before May 8. Trees preserve human life and well-being and remind us of our connection to God who invites us to "be like trees planted by streams of living water (Psalm 1:3)."

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

High School

Ethan Blair

Western Dubuque High School

Matt Gunn

Dubuque Senior High School

Karis Vander Broek

Dubuque Senior High School

College

Tim McCaw

Trinity International University

Courtney Schnoor

Loras College



Congratulations!



Christian Education

Honoring Our Sunday School Teachers

Please join in thanking our dedicated teachers who have blessed our church family through their service of teaching Sunday School during these challenging times.

Class

Preschool-7th Grades

8th - High School

Confirmation

Adult Class

Teachers

Sara Blair & Joe Klinebriel

Linda Longfield & Beth Foxen

Stephanie Ells &
Linda Longfield

Stephanie Ells, Lindsey Ward, Hannah Eby,
John Eby, Leon Thompson, Bradley Longfield



"Teach the way of God in accordance with truth." Luke 20:21



Confirmation Sunday is May 16.

Continue to hold the Confirmands and their mentors and teachers in your prayers: Thomas Blair & Deb Stant, Ella Gunn & Beth Foxen, Ryan McClain & Steve Foxen, and teachers Pastor Stephanie & Linda Longfield. The Confirmands will go before Session on May 15.

PLEASE NOTE

**The last day for Sunday School this spring
was April 25 for Adult Sunday School
& will be May 23rd for kids/youth.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



Out of an abundance of caution,
we decided once again
to postpone VBS due to
the continued spread of COVID variants.

We sincerely hope that
we can enjoy VBS next summer.

May 2021

Deacons of the Month: Annette Boelk & Hannah Eby

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:00am Sunday School - PreK-12th grade -Online lessons 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells (live stream) preaching 11:45am Deacons 4:00pm Last JINK Study via Zoom	26	27	28 6:30pm Confirmation	29 5:00-7:00pm Café Ministry @ 1st Congl. UCC	30	1 MAY 8:30am Men's Break-fast @
2 9:00am Sunday School - PreK-12th grade -Online lessons 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells (live stream) preaching	3	4 3:45pm Mission 7:15pm Worship	5 6:30pm Confirmation	6	7	8
9 9:00am Sunday School - PreK-12th grade -Online lessons 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells (live stream) preaching	10 4:15pm CE	11	12	13	14	15 9:30am Session 9:30am Confirmands meet with Session (TBD) DFT Tree Planting
16 9:00am Sunday School - PreK-12th grade -Online lessons 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells (live stream) preaching Confirmation Sunday 11:30am Deacons	17	18 9:30am John Knox Presbytery (Zoom)	19	20	21	22 9:30-11:30am CROP Walk @ Murphy Park
23 Day of Pentecost 9:00am LAST Sunday School until fall 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells (live stream) preaching	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:15am Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells (live stream) preaching	31	1 JUNE	2	3	4	5

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Michelle Daniels
- 8 Bill & Janet Spoerl
- 11 Joe Klinebriel
Bob & Tracy Wildermuth
- 12 Aspen Herbst
- 13 Dusty Herbst
- 16 John & Jamie Dillman
- 20 Alex Eby
Joe & Jill Klinebriel
Jim & Tarry Prine
- 22 Mike & Cheryl Heer
- 23 Scott & Beth McCaw
Camilla Daniels
- 24 Stephen Longfield
- 29 Anniversary of our Thailand missionaries

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* – Bryan Blair & Kristen Eby

OFFICE HOURS

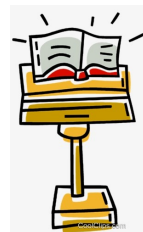
Due to the current COVID pandemic, **Pastor Stephanie's office hours at the church will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm.** Pastor Stephanie requests you set up an appointment time if you would like to see her, even during office hours. Masks will be required to protect one another's health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

Pastor Stephanie can be reached at (cell) 507-227-8537 or fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com. 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.

Administrative Assistant, Ginger Vander Broek, works from home **Monday & Wednesday 9:30-1:30pm** and at FPC **Thursdays from 9:00-1:00pm.** Her email address: firstpresdbq@gmail.com



PREACHING SCHEDULE



MAY

May 2	Rev. Stephanie Ells
May 9	Rev. Stephanie Ells
May 16	Rev. Stephanie Ells
May 23	Rev. Stephanie Ells
May 30	Rev. Stephanie Ells

FPC Budget Update

March

Monthly offering: \$10,784
Budgeted need: \$13,300

Year-to-Date

Income: \$34,901
Expenses: \$36,584



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

Mission News

CROP Walk for Hunger

Saturday, May 22

Beginning and ending at Murphy Park

1700 South Grandview Avenue

9:30 am—registration

10:00 am—walk begins

11:30 am—lunch begins

Americana Band will play

Displays and games for your enjoyment

Walk with the World

We walk because they walk:

for food, for water,
for medical care,
for safety, for shelter,
for education.



★ To donate contact Tammy Wehrspann ★

Thank you!

Thank you to those who contributed Café Ministry as well as the Dubuque Food Pantry and the Victim Services Domestic Violence Shelter through our Food for the 1st and Supplies for the 2nd donations.

Your continued support of these ministries in both the best and worst of times is invaluable. Your generosity is felt both near and far.



From Hillcrest Family Services:

"Thank you!" from Hillcrest Family Services for our congregation's donation of \$750.00 this year. The Mission Committee directed part of our congregational tithe to this local non-profit.

Hillcrest writes, "We are truly blessed to count you all among some of the most caring and giving people on this God given earth."



The next Mission Committee meeting is
May 4 @ 3:45pm at
the church.

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Now that we are having church in person, we invite you to donate to the Dubuque Food Pantry on the first Sunday of the month and the Domestic Violence Victim Services Shelter on the second Sunday of the month. You can bring items to church on Sunday or drop them off during the pastor's office hours. If you still need items picked up for the month of May, contact either Hannah Eby or Annette Boelk.

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 as well as #3 baby food, diapers (size 3-5), and baby wipes.



Victim Services Shelter:

Disinfecting wipes, shampoo/conditioner, and paper products.



Thank you for supporting these ministries.

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