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First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

✦ 1 John 4:19

REGISTER NOW FOR CREATORS CAMP!

That's right, Creators Camp will be back this summer! FPC will again host the VBS-like opportunity for children ages 4-12 to grow in their understanding of and relationship with God and one another. This year, it will be held at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Wednesdays 1-4 PM beginning July 5, 2023 through August 9, 2023.

To register your children, please complete the Google Form by using the link: <https://forms.gle/HBhrr2SvRGRpPgDE7>



Creators Camp

Wednesdays, 1-4 PM
July 5th – August 9th
1199 Main St. Dubuque, IA



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for CREATORS CAMP!



FPC has committed to providing volunteers to help at Creators Camp. Volunteers will not need to prepare anything ahead of time, but simply show up on the Wednesday afternoon of your choosing between July 15-August 9 from 1pm-4pm to share God's love with kids and join them in their activities. Volunteer for one Wednesday or more! Contact Pastor Stephanie ASAP if you are willing to help. Let's show our community we care about kids.

FPC WINS SUSTAINABLE DUBUQUE GRANT

Over the next few months, the Mission Committee is excited to get to work on the landscaping and recycling expansion projects in and around our building funded by the Sustainable Dubuque Grant.

We will invite you to join us in laying tarps, re-homing existing landscaping, planting new native plants, and more as together we serve God and our community by investing in the beauty and sustainability of our church grounds. Watch your e-mail and the bulletin for more details and timing on these opportunities to serve.



PASTOR OUT OF THE OFFICE



Pastor Stephanie will be out of the office from June 24 through July 5th.

She appreciates your prayers as she attends a continuing education conference next week called "Worship and Arts" that is hosted by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) held in Montreat, North Carolina; She will then be on vacation the following week.

For day-to-day needs June 26-28 and July 5, you may contact Ginger, the FPC Administrative Assistant, via email at: firstpresdbq@gmail.com. For emergency pastoral care needs, please contact Pastor Kaity Kemp at (563) 581-1471.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



VISIONING UPDATE

Through our monthly congregational gatherings over these past few months, we have been led by God to focus our energy around the definition and building of community - both amongst one another and within our neighborhood.

The Session will be forming a Visioning Committee to begin to bring us into deeper alignment with this value. God continues to be at work in this

vibrant spiritual community! The early church gave us a model for a Christian community as one that gathered regularly for prayer, the breaking of bread, devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, and shared everything in common (Acts 2:42-47); and we are thankful for the opportunity to participate in and nurture these elements here at the corner of 17th & Iowa Sts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

High School

Thomas Blair

Western Dubuque Senior High School

Thomas will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall where he will study engineering.

Ella Jane Gunn

Dubuque Senior High School

Ella Jane will be attending University of Northern Iowa in the fall to major in Nursing.

College

Jonah Brehm

Iowa State University
Mechanical Engineering

Jonah started a new job in Davenport, IA.

Carol Gunn

Morningside College
Masters of Education

Dani Postma

University of Dubuque
Theological Seminary
Master of Divinity

Dani is seeking employment in Dubuque.



Dear Dubuque first Presbyterian Church family,

We were so blessed to receive your thoughtful and loving anniversary card greeting! Thank you so very much for remembering us and showering us with your love and support.

It was Memorial Day weekend for you that we celebrated after worshipping our Lord with a fellowship in another province. We had a chance to get away for an overnight date and delicious lunch the next day. God has been so gracious to us to enable us to have this precious marriage partnership and to journey together these past 41 years. We are so thankful to God and to precious friends like you who encourage us onward.

We love and appreciate you very much... again thank you!

With the love of Christ Isa,
Your Friends in Thailand



JUNE 2023

Deacons of the month: Alex Jack & Tom Jack

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home worship	29 Memorial Day Offices closed	30	31	1 JUNE	2	3 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz
4 <i>Food for the 1st</i> 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion	5	6	7 <i>Offices closed</i>	8	9	10
11 <i>Supplies for the 2nd</i> 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching 11:30am Session 2:00pm JKP outing at the Grand Opera House, "Joseph & the Amazing Techni- color Dreamcoat"	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day 10:15am Worship: live stream Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching	19 Junteenth Offices closed	20	21	22	23	24 Pastor at Montreat
25 10:15am Worship: live stream Annalee Ward preaching 1:30pm Bethany Home worship, Marsha Wilfong	26 9:00am Newsletter deadline	27	28	29	30	1 JULY 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz Pastor on vacation

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Chris & Jean Holdener
Terry & Kate Tietjen
- 8 Tom Cosgrove
- 14 Derrick & Lindsey Ward
- 17 Harvey Ward
August Ward
- 18 Louise Daniels
- 20 Tim McCaw
- 23 Mark Stant
- 24 Derrick Ward
- 26 Mark & Annalee Ward
- 27 Tom Jack
- 28 Jim Prine



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 people below:

- Buildings & Grounds* – Tom Boelk, chair
John Dillman
- Christian Education* – Sara Blair
- Congregational Life* – TBD
- Finance & Personnel* – John Dillman, chair
Lindsey Ward
- Memorial* – TBD
- Mission & Stewardship* – Hannah Eby, chair
Scott McCaw
- Worship* – Kristen Eby



Electronic giving is available at FPC. For more information and/or to set up an account, please contact church treasurer Stephenie Morales at fpcdbq.treasurer@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

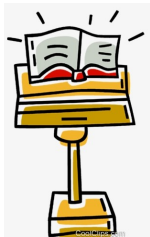
SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Stephanie can be reached at (cell) 507-227-8537 or fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com. In case of emergency, call her cell. If she does not answer, leave a voice message and she'll return the call. Office hours are Monday & Wednesday from 9:00am—1:00pm.

Summer Hours for Administrative Assistant, Ginger Vander Broek:

Monday & Wednesday from 1:00-4:00pm from home and at FPC Thursdays from 10:30am-12:00pm. You can contact her at fristpresdbq@gmail.com.

PREACHING SCHEDULE



JUNE

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| June 4 | Rev. Stephanie Ells |
| June 11 | Rev. Stephanie Ells |
| June 18 | Rev. Stephanie Ells |
| June 25 | Annalee Ward |

FPC BUDGET UPDATE

April thru 4/30

Monthly offering: \$7,384

Monthly expenses: \$13,600



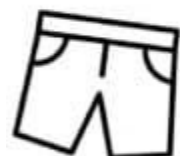
Year-to-Date for 2023

Income thru April 30: \$32,026

Expenses thru April 30: \$52,581

SUMMER!

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CAMPING
 FRISBEE
 OUTDOORS
 PLAY
 SHORTS
 SUN
 SWIMSUIT

DIVING
 GRASS
 PARK
 POPSICLE
 SPRINKLER
 SUNSCREEN
 TAN

FLOWERS
 HOT
 PICNIC
 SANDALS
 SUMMER
 SWIMMING
 WATERMELON

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

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. 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:

Any non-perishable food is in need, but also pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, tuna, toilet tissue, bar soap, laundry soap, & garden produce.



Victim Services Shelter:

Along with the always needed paper products and cleaning supplies; antibacterial wipes and shampoo/conditioner.



Thank you for supporting these ministries.

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