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First Press

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Dr. Katherine M. Achtemeier, Pastor

March 2018

The SUNDAYS OF LENT

EVENING LENTEN SERVICES

Each Sunday evening of Lent (Through March 18) the FPC family will gather for worship at 6:30 PM.

These are brief contemplative services of prayer, praise, scripture, quiet reflection, and Holy Communion. Each service is about 35-40 minutes in length.

Come join us, and receive Christ.

HOLY WEEK



March 25 – April 1, 2018

- † Palm Sunday, March 25th – 10:15AM
 - Children's processional & presentation of their OGHs fish banks
 - Worship & Praise!
 - Senior High Mission Trip's "Not Your Average Bake Sale"
- † Maundy Thursday, March 29th – 7PM
 - Worship & Holy Communion – Service of Tenebrae (shadows)
- † Good Friday Ecumenical Worship, March 25th – 11:45PM-3PM
 - St. Luke's United Methodist Church (You are welcome to attend all or part of the service.)


Easter Sunday – April 1st


- † Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30AM (At the Grand River Center in the River Room)
- † Sunday School for all Ages – 9AM
- † Easter Sunday Worship – 10:15AM
 - One Great Hour of Sharing offering



You're invited to
Rev. Katherine Achtemeier's Retirement Party

When: Saturday, April 28, 2018
Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church
2155 University Ave, Dubuque
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

 Noon meal provided with gluten-free options

 Nursery care available

RSVP: BY APRIL 1st

Email - Katretirementparty@gmail.com

Or call the church office 563-582-4494

Please include your name(s), how many are attending and indicate if any child is ages 3-10.

Mission/Stewardship



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 \$2000.00. We hope to match it this year!
OGHS envelopes will be in the pews through Easter (April 1).

Fish banks and OGHS calendars are now available!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2018 SUPER!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE 2018 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THE HIGHEST SCORING GAME EVER AT FPC!!! We raised \$753 and 182 non-perishable items making the Dubuque Food Pantry the winner of FPC's Souper Bowl of Caring! Across the country, over 2,742 Souper Bowl of Caring groups have reportedly raised over \$7,612,000 in cash and food for local charities fighting hunger. Thanks be to God!



Soup & Chili Lunch

Join us for lunch following worship on Sunday, March 11!

Give what you feel led to give.
All proceeds go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.



(This year we are joining with other youth groups through Group Mission Trip's 2018 Workcamp "Grit." We are headed to Green Bay to repair and transform homes and lives while growing closer to Jesus)

FIRST PRES IS HOSTING CAFÉ MINISTRY THIS MARCH 29th!



Thank you to all who continue to help with this ministry. Through our service and contributions we regularly feed over 125 hungry people. The sign-up sheet is in the Coffee Hour room. See where you can lend a hand! **March 29 is Maundy Thursday — but the First Congl. folks are prepared to cover for any and all who need to leave early to get to our Maundy Thursday service.** Please see the sign up in the Coffee Room.

March 2018

Deacons of the Month: Steve & Beth Foxen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching 11:30am Mission Team meeting 1:30pm Bethany Home: Jennifer Pattee & Jill Klinebriel 6:30pm Lenten worship	26	27	28	1 MARCH	2 1:30pm Manor Care: Pastor & Amanda Eby	3 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
4 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching 11:30am Lay Committee (Sunday School room) 6:30pm Lenten worship	5 6:30pm DDCO @ St. Pat's	6 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn 5:15pm Mission/ Stewardship	7 6:30pm Choir	8	9	10 8:30am Congregational Life 9:00am Deacons 10:00am Worship com. 10:00am-12:00pm Sr. Highs prep for soup lunch
11 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Dr. Mark Achtemeier, preaching Congregational meeting 11:30am Luncheon fundraiser for Sr. High Mission trip 6:30pm Lenten worship	12	13 4:15pm CE @ Beth Foxen's	14	15	16	17
18 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 9:45am Called Session meeting (pastor's study) 10:15am Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Officer installation 11:30am-2:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Lenten worship	19	20	21 6:30pm Choir	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: preacher, Student pastor, Jennifer Pattee 11:30am Not Your Average Bake Sale (Coffee Hour room) 11:30am Lay Committee (manse) 1:30pm Bethany Home: Pastor & Jill Klinebriel	26	27	28	29 5:00pm-7:00pm Café Ministry @ 1st Congl. 7:00pm Maundy Thursday	30	31

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March

- 8 Chris Daniels
- 9 Ryan McClain
- 10 Aaron Wildermuth
- 17 Tim & Judy Sheridan
- 18 Mackenzie Daniels
- 20 Mark Achtemeier
- 21 Shannon Dykstra
- 23 Ron Herbst
- 25 Janet Spoerl
- 26 Kate Tietjen
Kip Ward
- 30 Thomas Blair
- 31 Bill Moore

To Keep in Your Prayers...

As they continue their studies, or begin college anew, please keep these students in your prayers. Please also remember staff members, teachers, and all of our other students during the new school year.

We ask God to be with them and their families:

Cooper Boelk	<i>University of Dubuque</i>
Hunter Brehm	<i>Loras College</i>
Naomi Brehm	<i>University of Illinois</i>
Micah Dillman	<i>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</i>
Tatum Hallstoos	<i>Columbia University</i>
Bobby McCaw	<i>Calvin College</i>
Tim McCaw	<i>Trinity International University</i>
Brandon Prine	<i>Wartburg College</i>

Your Church Family Needs You!

All areas of ministry at FPC could use your help.

Please volunteer for one of the following committees:

Buildings & Grounds – Chris Daniels & Alex Jack
Christian Education – Linda Longfield
Congregational Life – Terri Gronau
Finance & Personnel – John Dillman & Bob Monthey
Memorial – Linda Longfield & Rachel Vander Broek
Mission & Stewardship – Annalee Ward
Worship – Rachel Vander Broek

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor:

Mon. (afternoon)
 Tues. 9AM—2PM
 Wed. (by appt.)
 Thurs. (by appt.)



Secretary:

Mon. 9:00-1:00pm
 Wed. 9:00-1:00pm
 Thu. 9:00-1:00pm

PREACHING SCHEDULE

MARCH

March 4	Rev. Dr. Katherine Achtemeier
March 11	Rev. Dr. Mark Achtemeier
March 18	Rev. Dr. Katherine Achtemeier
March 25	Student Pastor, Jennifer Pattee



ELECTRONIC GIVING has arrived at FPC. Information was included in your quarterly statement from the church. If you have questions or would like more information contact church treasurer, Bob Monthey.

Christian Education



Spring Bible Study: the *Letter of James*

How do we live out our Christian faith with integrity in our everyday lives? What impact does (should?) our faith have on things like: Our speaking to and about other people? Our economic pursuits? Our experience of trials and temptations? Our attitude and behavior toward others (rich and poor)? Our life together in the Christian community? Our prayer life? The *Letter of James* addresses these questions and offers advice as relevant for us today as it was for the early Christian community.

Marsha Wilfong is leading two study groups on *James* this Spring. All are welcome to join any group:

Tue., 6:30pm (through – April 10) WPC Conference Room or

Wed., 2:00pm (through – April 11) Bethany Home



Last Sunday School before summer is **May 20th** until Rally Day on September 9th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 11-15, 2018
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
@ FPC



THE SESSION has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 11, for the purpose of hearing the Nominating Committee's report and the election of a new Deacon.

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 Early Bird registration (deadline is March 31st) which will also make campers eligible for both Presbytery and Camp Wyoming scholarships.

Want to find out more?

- Pick up a Camp Wyoming brochure in the Coffee Hour Room.
- Or speak to the pastor or any member of the Mission/Stewardship Com.



CAMP WYOMING
Sacred Space. Growing Faith.

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. 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 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 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.

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