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# *First Press*

## *First Presbyterian Church*

*The Rev. Dr. Katherine M. Achtemeier, Pastor*

# *April 2018*

## Maundy Thursday Worship




A Maundy Thursday worship service will be held on March 29th @ 7:00PM. This service will include Holy Communion and a Service of Tenebrae (shadows). Childcare is provided.

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

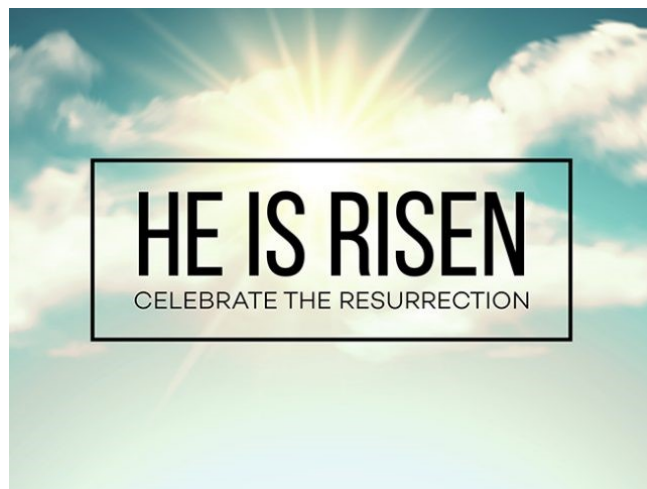
**RSVP: BY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

Email - [Katretirementparty@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## Easter Weekend



## March 30 – April 1, 2018

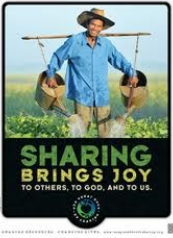
† Good Friday Ecumenical Worship,  
April 14th – 11:45PM-3PM  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
(You are welcome to attend all or part of the service.)

## 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

Consider hiring a work team to support the Senior High Mission trip to Green Bay. Look inside by the GRIT logo or talk to Steve Foxen or Kat Achtemeier for more information.

# 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 offering totaled nearly \$1500.00. We are close to matching that this year!  
*OGHS envelopes will be in the pews through Easter (April 1).*

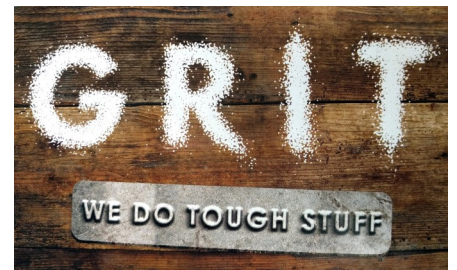
**Fish banks were collected on Palm Sunday, March 25th totaling \$153.40!**

## WOW! THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT!

*Because of all of you who purchased items at our "Not-Your-Average-Bake-Sale and thanks to the extra edible donations to our sale from Janet Spoerl, Terri Gronau, Deb & Mark Stant, Carlie & Annette Boelk, Rachel Vander Broek, and Beth Foxen, our team managed to collect \$600 to go toward the mission trip.*

What's next? – work crews of Mission Team members you can hire to landscape, mulch, paint, trim, weed, or till! Whatever you need!

Speak to the pastor or Steve Foxen if you are interested in hiring a crew!



## YOUR SUPPORT GOT US THAT MUCH CLOSER TO GREEN BAY!

Thanks to the support of our church family...and especially to the tireless work of our hard-working and encouraging kitchen mentor (Terri Gronau) the Senior High Mission Team of Jonah & Elias Brehm, Lupe & Sam Morales, Ethan Blair, Gabe Vander Broek, and leaders: Steve Foxen and Bryan Blair, drew a little bit closer to covering the cost of their mission trip to Green Bay, WI, June 24-30.

Saturday, March 10, was prep day. We cooked, cut, washed, poured, mixed, baked, arranged, and cleaned up – under the watchful eye of Terri

Sunday, March 11 we served set up, greeted, poured, re-filled, helped out, ate a bit ourselves, and cleaned up.

Thanks to your generous support and help we drew \$808 closer to our goal and will seek to raise about \$2400 more to complete the payment of our registration and to cover the transportation costs for our two vehicles.

Special thanks to Terri Gronau and Steve & Beth Foxen, who donated significant portions of the soup and chili we enjoyed. And a grateful shout-out of thanks to Annette and Carlie Boelk who will be dearly missed on this year's mission trip, but who came to serve with the team in a show of moral support.



# April 2018

## Deacons of the Month: Jamie Dillman & Mark Stant

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6:30am Easter Sunrise @ Grand River Center 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. K. Achtemeier, preaching	2	3 Pastor out of the office	4 10:30am Mandarin Ministry mtg. @ WPC  7:00pm Choir	5	6	7 8:00am Men's Breakfast 8:30am Congl. Life 9:00am Deacons
8 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: preacher, UDTs student, Katrina Richardson 11:30am Lay committee mtg.	9	10	11	12 6:30pm Called Session mtg. with confirmands	13 1:30pm Manor Care: Pastor & TBA	14 9:00am Worship Com.
15 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 9:30am Session gathering (CHR) 10:15am Worship: Rev. K. Achtemeier, preaching Baptism of Jocelyn Tietjen	16	17 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn 3:45pm Mission Com.	18  6:30pm Choir	19	20	21
22 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. K. Achtemeier, preaching Confirmation Sunday 1:30pm Bethany Home: Pastor & Jill Klinebriel	23	24	25	26	27	28 11:30am-2:00pm Pastor's Retirement Luncheon @ WPC
29 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:15am Worship: Rev. K. Achtemeier, preaching	30	1 MAY 11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn	2 6:30pm Choir	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5 8:00am Men's Breakfast

## Birthdays and Anniversaries April

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

- 4 Tony Herbst  
Caitlin Daniels
- 6 Sharon Hallstoos  
Tim & Annette Boelk
- 7 Audrey Holdener
- 10 Tammy Wehrspann
- 14 Stephenie Morales
- 16 Chris & Michelle Daniels
- 19 Sarah O'Donnell  
Jack Dillman
- 20 Elise Hallstoos
- 24 Emily Herbst
- 26 Chuck Lee  
Taylor Rupp
- 29 Deb Herbst

## 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

### APRIL

April 1	Rev. Dr. Katherine Achtemeier
April 8	Student, Katrina Richardson
April 15	Rev. Dr. Katherine Achtemeier
April 22	Rev. Dr. Katherine Achtemeier
April 29	Rev. Dr. Katherine Achtemeier



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.



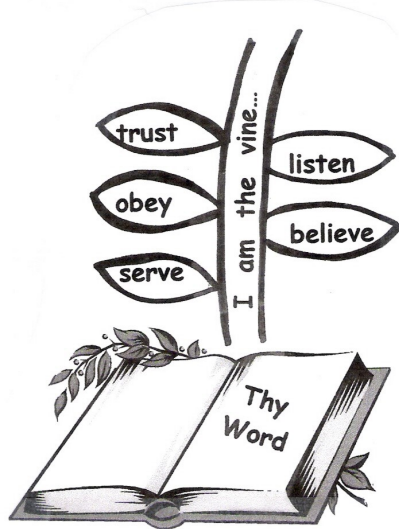
# In the Life of the Church

## TAKENOTE



The last day of our Sunday School program before summer break is May 20th.  
Join us again in the fall on Rally Day, September 9th!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

JUNE 11-15, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Head to our website ([firstpresdbq.org](http://firstpresdbq.org)) to download the registration form under the Christian Education tab.

### **FPC Mailbag...**

*To my dear church family,*

*I apologize that this note is so late in coming, but I'm just now trying to use my right arm and hand (my writing hand). I sincerely want to thank everyone for all their prayers, visits, food, phone calls, and cards following my fall and surgery. Everything was amazing. The food was delicious and was certainly a big help. Also, the carolers were really in tune and brightened me up. Blessings to all of you.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Joyce McClain*



*(In response to our Souper Bowl of Caring gift)*

Dear FPC,

Thank you for your generous donations of food to stock the shelves at the pantry. The \$753 will go far with our shopping at the St. Stephen's Food Bank. We will be able to stretch those dollars to purchase many items for our orders.

This is a very needy time of the year for some. We served a record 402 families in the month of January. Keep up the good work. Together we are making a difference in our community!

Blessings,  
Theresa Caldwell, manager of the Dubuque Food Pantry

### **WE ARE THE CHURCH . . . TOGETHER!**

As we prepare for life without Kat, the session has:

1. Hired the Reverend Dr. Lyle Vander Broek to serve as our part-time pastoral care pastor from May - August. Lyle will provide pastoral care. He will frequently serve as liturgist and preach occasionally to provide continuity to the congregation.
2. Hired Linda Longfield as church administrator from May – August. Linda will oversee the day to day operations of the church.
3. Hired Katrina Richardson, a soon-to-be UDTs grad, as our 20 hour a week Graduate Intern. Katrina will preach, provide worship leadership, assist with Vacation Bible School, and support the congregation.



We give thanks for the connectional nature of our Presbyterian denomination, and the support we have from John Knox Presbytery. Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) has already been at work to appoint the Rev. Dr. Bradley Longfield to serve as moderator of the session once Kat leaves, and the Rev. Tim Rupert (currently serving the Zalmona Church in Waukon) to serve as COM liaison to our church. Tim's task will be to assist with the Pastoral Nominating Committee that will be formed after Kat's departure. Please hold the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church, and your church session - Elders Alex Jack, Chris Daniels, John Dillman, Rachel Vander Broek, Annalee Ward, and Bob Monthey - in your prayers. Any questions about the process should be directed to any session member.

## Food for the First April



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 toilet paper, tissues, 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.