



KICK-OFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

We will kick off the fall schedule at FPC on Sept. 10.

Fall Worship Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 8:45 a.m. Breakfast in Ryerson Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. New Koinonia format!
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

KOINONIA has a new look!



After a great year of exploring, learning, and feedback from all of you, we're trying something a little different starting Sunday, September 10. Join us every Sunday with this new schedule:

- 8:45 a.m. Breakfast and fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Gather to explore the Scripture of the day
Interact with one another and the scripture through prayer, song, drama, art, and more!
- 9:15 a.m. Break-Out sessions for all ages
Separate classes for pre-K–6th graders, Junior and Senior high, and adults. Come on Sept. 10th to check out the right option for you and your family!

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING



Sunday, August 20, 10:30 a.m.

All students and educators bring your backpacks and book bags on Sunday, August 20 to receive a back-to-school blessing during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Along with a blessing from your church family, you'll receive some goodies to put in your bag to remind you of God's love to carry you through this new year of learning!

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Dear sisters and brothers of First Presbyterian Church,

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

One Sunday's *New York Times* front page featured an article on "progressive" or "liberal" religion (let's call it old line, as this type of religion began with the Reformation). The article's major premise was that after 40 years of relative silence – since the Civil Rights movement and Vietnam – old line religion is finally rediscovering its prophetic voice. The article listed ways folks like us are re-entering the public square after what seemed to be a long hiatus.

For example, faith-based community organizations, through which people of diverse religions combine efforts to influence decision-makers locally and regionally, were specified. I mention this phenomenon because our own congregational leaders are beginning to explore the need for such an organization in our part of Iowa. Congregations represent people-intensive organizations that stand for the sort of things that God wants: adequate food, shelter and healthcare for God's children, to give some obvious examples. Yet church organizations can only do so much charity work. To be effective they need to influence how tax money is spent, and this means exercising influence on decision-makers across issues and party lines.

The article also mentioned that religious organizations across cities are combining efforts to provide sanctuary to immigrants. We have probably forgotten the days following the Second World War when paperless immigration was not criminalized, and when luminaries such as Ronald Reagan preached a gracious immigration policy based on his own faith. It was a wiser, more experienced age. The change in law and its applications have led some congregations to resist the sort of coercive strategies embraced by the last administration and continuing into this one. A bipartisan hardness of heart has led to an interfaith movement of God. Our religious leaders are considering this whole issue also.

Yet, what caught my attention mostly was the conundrum old line congregations face, according to the article. On the one hand, the secular left has no use for our persistent insistence that we are all sinners: Qualities such as humility, mercy and forgiveness are necessary components of social policy. On the other hand, the religious right, led by Franklin Graham and Jerry Falwell, call any Christian who possesses progressive values "secular atheists." It is all quite bewildering, and to me it feels very much like going to one of Susan's family reunions. You can't win either way, so prudence looks a lot like hiding!

Neither side has any appreciation for the other. Both sides believe the nation and world would be better places without the other.

In my opinion, the secular left needs Jesus Christ. It needs to acknowledge that the quest for perfect leaders and perfect policies and a perfect world turns sinners into tyrants. The religious right needs the Jesus Christ found in the Bible through the power of the Holy Spirit and proper interpretation, the Jesus who preached the realm of God with its social justice, compassion and openness to God's future. The religious right embraces a pliable, plastic Jesus who bends to their own social agenda and its associated advantages.

I tend to believe that you and I, at least in tradition, represent a third way that can see both prudence and idolatry in the other two. I believe also that the third way is how Jesus describes it to be: Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. I believe truly that our congregational leaders are seeking the small gate and the narrow way to which Jesus Christ is calling them. The conversations about faith-based community organization and sanctuary reflect their efforts to follow Jesus, wherever he may lead. As much as they hear his call and follow him, let us follow them.

With love, your pastor, Sam

Message
from the
Pastor

Deacons Bench

By the time you read this newsletter the Care Buddy Training will have been completed. We are very excited to report that a new group of Care Buddies has stepped up to serve. If you would like more information about the Care Buddy Program, please let Pastor Sam, Rhonda Barr or Maeleen Thorius know. We are eager to help!

The Health Ministry Team will be providing blood pressure checks before the 10:30 service one Sunday a month. They will also sponsor the second class in a series on Alzheimer's. The first class covered the signs and symptoms of the disease. This class will be geared to the caregivers of family members suffering from this disease. More information will follow in the coming weeks about location and time.


**Care
Buddies**



First's Family

If you have a news item for the First's Family News, please submit it for publication by September 1 to tammy.foster@firstpreswiowacity.org. Thank you!



August 12-31

8/12 Estyl Breazeale	8/20 Braden Brentner
8/12 Thomas Boysen	8/20 Lauren Dengler
8/12 Nile Franz	8/20 David VanDusseldorp
8/14 Judy Terry	8/21 Alex Greimann
8/14 Shay Raffensperger	8/21 Gabrielle Hiatt
8/15 Gary Olson	8/21 Don Kolsrud
8/16 Ben Faden	8/21 Michelle Pottorff
8/16 Charlie Faden	8/23 Edna Mae Fisher
8/16 Emma Greimann	8/23 Millie Youngquist
8/16 Elaine Suh	8/24 Becky Ross
8/16 Tony Warren	8/27 John Feagins
8/17 Steve Dodge	8/27 Thomas Morgan
8/17 Pat Dustin	8/27 Andrew Pottorff

September 1-15

9/1 Jolene Brown	9/8 D.J. Massey
9/1 Beth Gier	9/13 Perry Ross
9/1 Nathan Woodburn	9/14 Janie Schomberg
9/2 Kay Seery	9/15 Dave Gier
9/3 Laura Goddard	9/15 Maggie Mowery
9/5 Hailey Fay	
9/6 Brandon Eckland	
9/8 Marilou Gay	



Known to have been Hospitalized:

Linda Uthe, Anita Burnett, John Raffensperger and Craig Gustaveson



Please be in prayer for our friends:

Temple Hiatt and her family on the death of **Gladys Nugent**, who died July 24; and to **Judy Whitford and family**, whose mother, **Twyla McConnell**, died July 28. Both services were held at First Presbyterian and officiated by Sherry Lohman.

OPEN HOUSE!

This September Marilou Gay will turn 90!

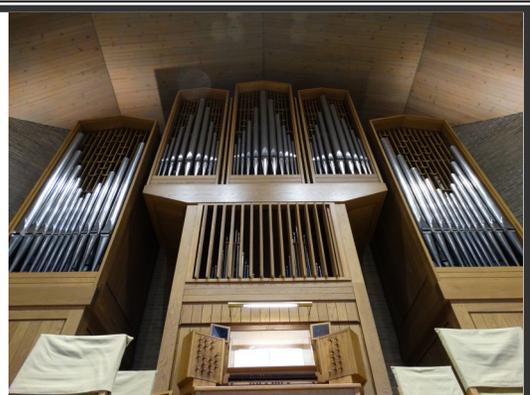
You're invited to come and celebrate with Marilou on Sunday, September 3, 1-3 p.m. at Oaknoll in the Spring Street Community Room.

If unable to join the celebration, send her a card at 1 Oaknoll Ct, Apt. 309, Iowa City, IA 52246.

Organ Concert

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 24 at 7 p.m. for an organ concert to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Phelps

pipe organ and its recent restoration work. With the theme *Songs of Joy*, Melissa Moll will perform works by Bach, Muffat, Rheinberger, Phillips, and Hakim, with Leah Bergman joining on cello and poetry interspersed throughout.



Servanthood Ministry

Jeff and Christi Boyd, PC (USA) Missionaries serving in the Congo

The Guiding Board composed of FPC and Holy Jerusalem Pentecost Church (HJPC) members met with Jeff and Christi Boyd when they offered to stop in Iowa City. The Guiding Board has connected with the Boyds via email and Skype.

The Boyds, PC (USA) mission co-workers in the Democratic Republic of Congo, are beginning to extend their ministry to the East Congo, an area of the world that most of the HJPC members fled as refugees. Many of our FPC members and attendees were also East Congo refugees; arrangements are being made for these individuals to also connect with the Boyds.

We shared a meal in Ryerson Fellowship Hall while learning more about their new ministry, the Healing Hearts Trauma Facilitator Training. This program is in its second year and is in response to local women requesting that children's violence-triggered trauma be addressed. Please find an article written by Christi Boyd (on page 5) describing the East Congo need and training and a couple photos of the event.

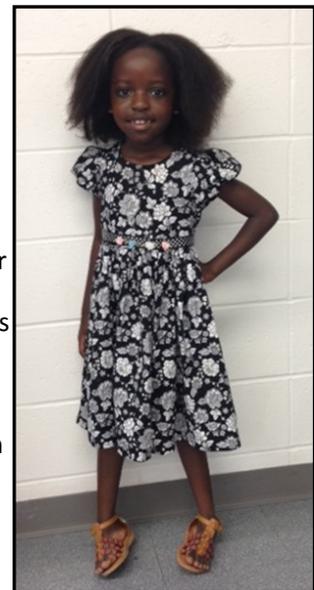
FPC has financially supported the Boyds through a designation to PC (USA) Witness/Advocacy. Jeff Boyd serves as the Regional Liaison for Central Africa and Christi Boyd the Facilitator for Women and Children's Interests. The Boyds have been missionaries for a total of 27 years. To learn more about their work, see www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/misionconnections/jeff-and-christi-boyd/

Questions about the Guiding Board can be addressed to Ann Grosscup, 319.358.5929 / aegandthekits@gmail.com



Friendships Deepen Through Sewing

This is the daughter of Pastor Theogene and Adele, modeling her new dress sewed by her mother. She will be in second grade at Lemme next fall. She wants to be a singer when she grows up. She likes spinach, corn and peas from her mom's garden. Becky Ross and Adele have become friends while Becky teaches her love of sewing. Pastor Theogene and Adele are members of Holy Jerusalem Pentecost Church (HJPC), the congregation also worships in our church home's lower level. FPC's Servanthood Ministry, of which Becky Ross is a member, engages with HJPC in joint projects.



Servanthood Ministry

Healing hearts in Congo: The church as instrument to mend children's wounds of trauma

By Christi Boyd

DORIKA, ICANYERE, GELORD, ENOCK, DEBORAH, GRADI AND GLODE ARE JUST SEVEN OF THE 50 YOUNGSTERS who met up last August at a children's camp that was part of a nine-day training seminar for 30 facilitators of trauma healing for children in Goma, East Congo. The event was organized by the Protestant Council of Churches in Congo (ECC), which embodies over 70 Congolese denominations nationwide and has historical ties to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) dating back to over a century ago. It was the week that the world was captivated by media coverage of 5-year-old Omran Daqneesh, who, wide-eyed and in shock, became the personification of children's suffering in war-torn Syria. The images stirred a momentary global outpouring of pity and indignation, and still serve as a reminder of children's innocence and silent witness in times of conflict worldwide.

There currently are 2 million displaced persons, including 500,000 children under the age of 5. The estimated number of deaths from the war and its aftermath is now over 5 million.

The Congolese context

Whereas the carnage in Syria is broadcasted from the battleground into households worldwide, conflicts in less geopolitically charged areas go under the global radar, particularly when they take place in impenetrable territories. Eastern Congo is one of those forgotten conflict zones, where reports of brutal killings trickle from remote villages to the local press, but rarely make it into the international media. Spurred by the 1994 genocide in Rwanda and subsequent mass migrations, five years of recurrent proxy wars have since proliferated into pockets of localized violence, predominantly inflicted by some 70 militia groups that continue to terrorize the population. Their motives range from political influence to ethnic contentions, land rights and access to mineral wealth. There currently are 2 million displaced persons, including 500,000 children under the age of 5. The estimated number of deaths from the war and its aftermath is now over 5 million.

The bloodshed in these Congolese communities is produced not by sophisticated war machinery, but by hand-wielded machetes and guns, and it goes accompanied by rape as a strategy to destroy the social fabric of communities. As a result, the pattern of sexual violence has shifted from men in uniform as perpetrators to civilian offenders, and from women and teens as their targets to young children and even infants. Family cohesion has disintegrated as divorce rates rise. Children's rejection by stepparents has become the norm. Without adequate help, children who witnessed atrocities or otherwise survived the aftereffects are at risk of developing troubled behavior themselves, thereby perpetuating the cyclical pattern of conflict and trauma in this already volatile region.

Healing Hearts is an interactive program that allows children to understand their emotional journey of grief and recovery by contextualizing conventional trauma-healing principles within a biblical framework.

It is in this dire context that women leaders of the ECC have come alongside survivors in their communities. Initially, their ministries focused on the needs of rape survivors for medical, psychological, social and economic support. Many were trained in counseling skills following "Healing the Wounds of Trauma," a Bible-based resource for adults developed by the Trauma Healing Institute (THI) of the American Bible Society. Children's needs, however, went overlooked until a couple of years ago when the THI developed — with substantial input from Presbyterian World Mission — a similar approach for children called "Healing Hearts."

Global connections

The ECC women's desire to launch Healing Hearts ministries in East Congo drew the interest of Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC) in California at a symposium the church organized around a visit by myself as one of PC(USA)'s mission co-workers. LOPC was already familiar with the East Congo context, but the PC(USA)'s ecumenical affiliation with the ECC constituted a new partnership framework for its Congo Mission Team. An ensuing campaign proved pivotal for the eventual launch of the ECC's Healing Hearts ministries in East Congo. Besides relationship-building and fundraising efforts, the team members also accompanied their Congolese counterparts spiritually through intentional prayer, and they continue to follow up with me to update the congregation. Altogether, LOPC's Healing Hearts campaign succeeded not only because it by far exceeded its initial goal, but also and particularly because it generated a broad-based support among the LOPC membership and affiliations as 200 people donated to the cause.

Expanding the ministry

Training seminars usually wear on participants' energy levels, but in the course of the Healing Hearts seminar, the enthusiasm of trainees and children



Music Opportunities Aboard



Perhaps you once played percussion or clarinet or trumpet in your H.S. marching band or sang in your Glee Club. Did you know that there are many opportunities for you to use those gifts here at FPC? You could join the handbell choir, or an instrumental ensemble, or the drumming group, or the Sanctuary Choir. It's never too late to renew an old passion for music. All levels of ability are welcome in any of our ensembles; the only requirement is a love of music. If you have questions, contact Leah Bergman at leah.bergman@firstpresbiowacity.org or call the church office at 319-351-2660.



What : Sanctuary Choir potluck and rehearsal
Where: Ryerson Fellowship Hall and FPC choir room
When: Wednesday, September 6, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Who: Those who love to sing!

On Wednesday, September 6, the Sanctuary Choir will gather for a fall kick-off potluck meal and rehearsal. The potluck will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Ryerson Fellowship Hall, then we'll rehearse from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The choir is a fun-loving, spirit-filled group of people that welcomes new members. Be our guest at this first choir potluck and rehearsal and see if this is the small group for you! Some of our singers will not be able to return, so we especially welcome new members this fall. Come share in a meal and song and bring a friend (or two)! Rehearsals are each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the choir room. For more information, contact Leah Bergman at 351-2660 or leah.bergman@firstpresbiowacity.org or just come to the choir room any Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

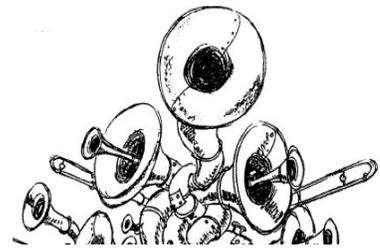
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. – Psalm 100



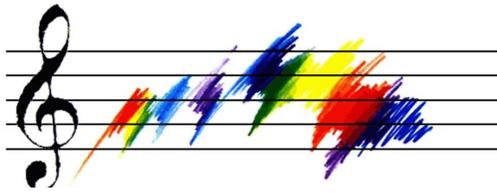
If you are interested in ringing in worship, consider joining the handbell ensemble **JuBELLation!** This is a group full of supportive and loving people that love to ring! They welcome anyone who wants to help lead worship through music. We are excited that Susan Massey will continue to direct this ensemble this year. **JuBELLation rehearsals will begin Sunday, September 10 at 8:00 a.m.** Contact Leah Bergman at 351-2660 or leah.bergman@firstpresbiowacity.org if you are interested or want more information.

Rehearsals for **instrumental groups** at FPC will begin on Sunday and Monday, September 10 and 11 in the Choir Room. The



brass ensemble meets on Sundays following the later worship service (about 11:30 a.m.), and the woodwind ensemble on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. There are also times when both groups combine (often with additional strings) to form a Churchestra, which meets on occasional Sundays at 11:40 a.m.

These groups are largely made up of adult musicians who once played in a school ensemble, pulled their instrument from the attic, dusted it off and renewed their relationship with a much-loved old friend. Perhaps you'd like to do the same. The groups are also open to high school students. No audition necessary! For more information, please contact Dennis Pedde at 319-541-4693 or trp.teacher@gmail.com.

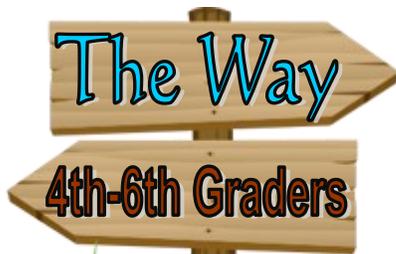


FALL REHEARSALS

All Music and Arts Rehearsals Schedule

Beginning:

September 6 at 6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir fall retreat and potluck
September 10 at 8:00 a.m.	JuBELLation Handbell Ensemble
September 10 at 11:40 a.m.	FPC Brass Group
September 11 at 7:30 p.m.	FPC Woodwind Ensemble
September 28 at 7:30 p.m.	Youth Choir (Gr. 4-12) in Choir Room



The Way Youth Group is for all 4th–6th graders and their friends! We will meet several times throughout the year for fun activities to get to know each other better!

We'll meet for the first time on

Friday, September 15 from 6–8 p.m. at the church. Come for pizza, games, and fun! Bring your friends!

Contact Leah Bergman for more info!



Youth Choir is open to 4th–12th graders interested in singing and leading worship through music. We work throughout the year to sing, play, and read the Word of God so that the youth can lead worship several times throughout the year. Rehearsals start Thursday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. and will be held twice a month through the fall. Contact Leah Bergman at leah.bergman@firstpresiwacity.org or call the church for more information.

Help Habitat, on Saturday, September, 8–12 p.m.

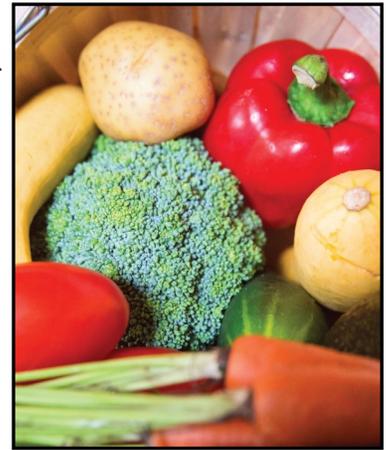
Our initial \$20,000 Capital Campaign mission tithe contribution makes First Church the lead 2017 Interfaith Build donor. Assist with interior work at 221 Sierra Park Dr., Hills, the future home of Johnson, Divine (and four children) who fled the Democratic Republic of Congo. Contact John Barr by September 1 at BarrJohnO@sau.edu or 319-541-3213 with the number in your party and T-shirt sizes. Lunch will be provided.

Martha's Circle

Martha's Circle will begin their fall session on Wednesday, September 20. As a reminder to members, we meet the third Wednesday of September, October and November. We take a break over the winter months and resume on the third Wednesdays of March, April and May. We will meet in Ryerson Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and our meeting and program begin at 10 a.m. All women of the church are welcome and we encourage you to bring a friend. Future Sunday bulletins will have more information on the program for September. Hope you see you there!

Free Lunch Team news

I was gently reminded a couple of weeks ago that I haven't had an article about our wonderful Free Lunch team in the newsletter for several months. I had intended to take some pictures to accompany this update but we were so busy the pictures didn't get taken. It's always difficult to predict how many plates we will serve on any given day, but summer seems to mean an increase in folks stopping by for a meal. On a very hot and muggy July 20 we served 184 plates of food to our guests — egg salad and turkey salad sandwiches; baked beans; french fries; stir-fried vegetables; corn on the cob; cucumber salad; cut up fresh fruit; green salad; and cookies. We were able to make good use of produce rescued by Mary Palmberg from local farmers' markets (corn, cucumbers, green beans, squash, tomatoes). Our guests seemed to appreciate the meal, and there was very little left by the end of serving time.



We gathered around 10 a.m. to complete preparations for the meal. This month that entailed making the sandwich fillings; assembling the sandwiches; shucking corn; and chopping a lot of fruits and vegetables. At noon team members served the guests, kept the serving line replenished, and washed dishes. By 1:30 everything was clean and put away. If any of this sounds like something you might like to help with, please consider joining our team. It is a fun and rewarding experience, but you don't need to take my word for it. You can ask any of these wonderful First Presbyterian volunteers: Liz Bolin, Dave Carlson, Pauline Miller, Tom and Wanda Martin, Rebecca Stockman, Audrey and Glenn Van Roekel, Anna Sheetz, Pastor Sam, Roxanne Boysen, Deb Boland, Kristin Summerwill, and Diane Mattila. The team also includes several regulars who don't have connections to our church but enjoy working with our group.

The team is grateful for the generous financial support provided by the Presbyterian Women of our church.

For additional information or to be added to our email list, contact Carol Kirsch (319-325-2559) or carolkirsch52@gmail.com.



Letters from Pasrur



Our students in Pakistan have been busy. Thank-you notes and photographs have arrived from the students at the Pasrur Christian Girls' boarding house. Our Friends of Pasrur committee has been busy organizing and sorting the letters and pictures to be sent to our donors. Donors who contribute to the scholarship fund for impoverished Christian girls will receive a thank-you note and photo from their student. Contributions to next year's scholarship fund will be accepted at that time.

We hope you will be able to continue your scholarship contribution so that your student can continue at the Pasrur Christian school. "Thank you" does not begin to describe the gratitude of the girls and their families for this precious gift of education.

FYI: There is a new show on Netflix called *Daughters of Destiny*, which follows a similar school in India. I thought it was excellent.

Jane Cranston
Friends of Pasrur

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

Thursday, September 14

6–8:30 p.m.



Bring a potluck dish to share, running shoes,
and a charged phone!

Be sure to check out the bulletins from August 20 – September 10

KOINONIA

All youth ages 7th grade to 12th grade are invited to join the new Youth Break Out group at Koinonia this fall! Check out Koinonia details for more information!



All young adults, aged 18-30 are invited to join us for Young Adult Group! We meet from 7–8:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 11!

Disability Inclusion Workshop Saturday, November 1

The AIM Ministry of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church will hosts this dynamic morning of FREE training with Church Services Director and School Consultant for CLC Network, Author, Speaker and Inclusive Education Teacher, Barbara J. Newman.



8:15-9 a.m.
Registration (FREE!)

9 a.m. Welcome & Introduction

Keynote: "Helping People Include People with Disabilities"

10:00-10:30am
Refreshments & Exhibits

10:30-11:45 a.m.
Discussion, Q&A with Barbara

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
140 Gathering Place Lane
Iowa City, IA 52246

For over 30 years, Barbara Newman has endeavored to create communities of inclusion through CLC Network (Christian Learning Center Network). Administrating her own Special Education classroom at Zeeland Christian School allows her to stay on top of best practices, which she shares at churches and schools nationwide and in her books and practical resources, including Autism and Your Church, Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities, the Inclusion Awareness Kit, Nuts & Bolts of Inclusive Education, and her latest title, Accessible Gospel, Inclusive Worship. For more information about these resources, see clcnetwork.org.

Questions? Contact Marcia A. Murphy, AIM Network, at: murphyma87533@gmail.com



Photo'd to the left is David Carlson, who is a member, after playing at the Bird House Friday, July 21. The Bird House opened in April 2016 as the Hospice House of Johnson County under the leadership of Carol Tippe.

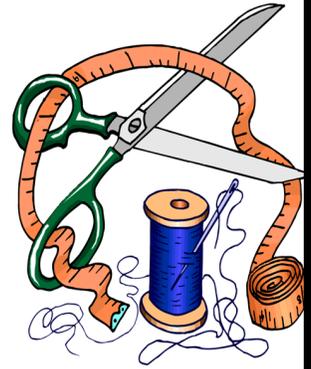
MONEY MATTERS

Larry Bruner, Treasurer

	Contributions	Misc. Income <small>Building Use, Walker Trust, Bank interest, etc.</small>	Total Income	Total Expenses	Over/Short
January–June	\$281,634.92	\$33,388.44	\$315,023.36	\$283,334.75	\$31,688.61
July	\$29,992.57	\$525.19	\$30,517.76	\$43,496.09	\$18,710.28
2017 Totals	\$281,634.92	\$33,388.44	\$315,023.36	\$283,334.75	\$31,688.61

Sewing materials needed for IC Compassion's women's refugee sewing cooperative/support group

- Sewing scissors
- Seam rippers
- Measuring tools
- Marking tools
- Thread
- Tape measure
- Rotary cutter
- Tape measure
- Fusible fabric
- Sewing patterns
- Needles
- Straight pins
- Stitch rippers
- Sets of buttons
- Simple children's clothing
- Cloth tape
- Cloth glue
- Knitting needles
- Yarn
- Cotton
- Quilting materials
- Any other relevant items



Supplies will be gathered for the month of August, and FPC will deliver the items to IC Compassion.

Pastor's Wednesday Morning Bible Study on

Romans!

Come with your Head Gear So You Can Butt Heads with the Apostle Paul
Beginning September 13, 2017
Coover Lounge

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." Romans 1:16, 17



FAITHWORKS CLASS

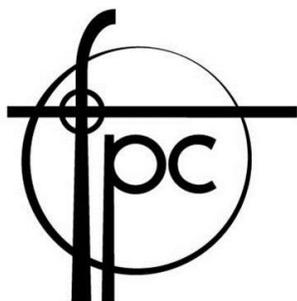
(for those interested in joining the church or those desiring to stand up for God's justice, mercy and faith in the world)



Sundays, October 1–November 19,
Gathering at 9 a.m. in Coover Lounge.

Questions or need for special accommodations, please contact Pastor Sam at sam.massey@firstpreswacivacy.org or 319-351-2660; or Tammy Schroeder, tammy.schroeder@firstpreswacivacy.org or 319-351-2660.

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Summer Public Office Hours:
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday
except holidays or when announced
Ph 319-351-2660
www.firstpresidiowacity.org

If you telephone the church office sometime between 12 noon and 1 p.m. and are directed to voicemail, please be patient. Staff takes 30 minutes a day for shared food, fellowship, and team building, so the actual time varies according to the needs of the church. At other times we may be on another line or in another part of the building addressing a ministry need. We will return your call!

FPC Book Club Invites You to Join Us

Aug 30 *The Childhood of Jesus* by J.M. Coetzee

Sept 27 *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Beckman

WE MEET the last Wednesday of the month from
Noon to 1 p.m. at 1095 Silvercrest Circle #223
(Legacy Senior Living)



Bring your lunch and share in the fellowship.
For information, contact Jan Walker at 358-6737.

Needles, Hooks and Yarn



Mark your calendar to join us at Legacy from 9 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 16 for the weekly gathering of this lively group who knit and crochet.

Contact Tammy Schroeder at 351-2660 for more information.

Pentecost Offering Generosity

The Pentecost offering this year totals \$695 with 40% forwarded to two local service providers serving at-risk youth.

Four Oaks and United Action for Youth each received \$139 from the Pentecost offering plus Servanthood Ministry's Mission Committee allocated an additional \$200 for a total of \$339 to each organization.

Four Oaks assists children to become successful adults despite economic, environmental and behavioral challenges. FPC's Book Sale supports this organization as well. United Action for Youth provides education specifically for teenagers 12–18 years of age to encourage safe, healthy choices.

The remaining Pentecost offering dollars were forwarded for Presbyterian Church USA use to support young adult volunteer worldwide programs, youth ministries and child advocacy.

While each of these ministries are important, please know that 40% of your Pentecost Offering directly benefitted Johnson County youth.

Thank you for your generosity!

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