



Pastor Nominating Committee STATUS OF NEW PASTOR SEARCH When will we have a new pastor?

The PNC has reviewed the Pastor Information Forms ("PIFs") and other written information submitted to us, met with candidates via Zoom, gathered information from websites of the churches currently served by the candidates, listened to and watched sermons and podcasts from the candidates, and checked references. As you can imagine, scheduling and accomplishing this takes a significant amount of time.

We are currently in the process of scheduling and conducting second interviews. When we have finished second interviews of all six of the remaining candidates, we will decide on in-person interviews with one or perhaps two of the candidates. Those interviews will require bringing the candidate(s) to Iowa City and arranging for the candidate(s) to preach at a nearby Presbyterian Church (called a "Neutral Pulpit"). If the Holy Spirit moves us, we will extend an invitation to a candidate to become our next installed pastor and negotiate terms of call, seek final clearance from the Presbytery of East Iowa and request that the Session call a congregational meeting for a vote on the proposed call and the terms. The candidate would typically preach at a

service held just prior to the congregational meeting. It's difficult to say with much certainty when that might be. Our best estimate is that the PNC might ask that a congregational meeting be called in late summer or early fall. The pastor would then be anticipated to begin sometime in the fall or just after the New Year. Hopefully not later than that.

It's important to keep in mind that although a candidate is being considered by the PNC and the PNC desires to extend an invitation to that candidate, the candidate may not feel called to be our pastor. The PNC is very encouraged by the quality of the pastors we have interviewed and is very optimistic that our next pastor is among them. However, after Zoom and in-person interviews, it's possible that a pastor we feel is our best fit might determine we are not his or her best fit. The best answer to the question of when we will have a new pastor is that we will have a new pastor when the Holy Spirit moves the PNC, pastor and congregation to issue and accept a call. That discernment takes time and prayerful consideration by the PNC, the pastor and, ultimately, the congregation.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Kayla McKibben	Jamie Helmick
Stephanie Stamp	Bill Preucil
Jim Claypool	Sally Rickey

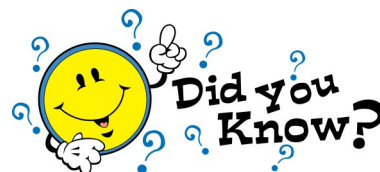
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What's Per Capita and How Does it Relate to Me?

I was recently asked how the term *per capita* relates to FPC. *Per capita* is the amount that our church gives for each member to fund the administrative work of the Presbytery of East Iowa, the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and the General Assembly. This year the amount is \$38. Many members make this payment to FPC separately from their pledge or other contributions. This allows all the money they pledge or contribute to fund our local church and its mission work. *Per capita* can be paid at any time of the year. If you desire, note *per capita* on your check or online contribution of \$38, and you will help FPC be financially strong!

Leann Graves, Co-Moderator of Finance



The 2022 Nominating Committee's Work is Underway.

We are looking for possible Elders, Deacons, and members of the Nominating and Endowment Committees for 2023. Please let one of the following people know if you have suggestions. Thank you!

2022 Nominating Committee:

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Mark your Calendars...

The Iowa City Alzheimer's Walk
is September 18.

Stay tuned for
more info
coming soon.



The Kindness Campaign!

The Congregational Health Ministry is gearing up to launch a whole month of spreading kindness in the Iowa City and Coralville communities. **Grab your calendar now and turn to September 2022!** We know September is a busy month with school starting, shopping for supplies, cheering for the Hawkeyes and settling into a routine after a hot summer. But kindness is freely given from the heart and that is all we are asking you to give. Rake a yard. Take out trash. Sit at the Farmer's Market and welcome folks to worship. Serve a meal. Bake a pan full of Monster Bars. Scrub down some pots and pans for someone's first apartment. Sign ups for service projects have started and will continue throughout the month of July. We will have posters on city buses, a proclamation from city council, and, hopefully, a splash in the Press Citizen. The last Sunday in September will be a free lunch after worship with a rousing Homecoming and Kindness Celebration! Bring a neighbor or a new friend! Bring an old friend you haven't seen in worship and welcome them back to the fold. All are welcome!



(Questions? Call Maeleen Thorius 319-541-3161 or talk to Liz Bolin, Sue Van Duyn, Rhonda Barr, Sue Olson, Sally Rickey, Lara Marsh, Pam Kautz or the gals who can point you in the right direction: Tammy Foster and Tammy Schroeder!)

Get Fired Up Fire Extinguisher Winners

Thanks to everyone who participated!

There was a great turn out of participants for the hunt! The entries were divided into two groups (adults and youth) and we are please to announce the **four** winners!

Adult Winners: Rhonda Barr and Lee Ann Koch

Youth Winners: Molly Molsberry and Soren Miller



Midyear Review of FPC Finances—50% of the Year*

INCOME (YTD=Year to Date)

	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD 2022</u>	<u>YTD 2021</u>	<u>% of budget YTD</u>
Pledges	\$400,000	\$165,090	\$204,700	41.27%
Gen Contrib.	53,000	28,380	53,595	55.09%
Misc. Income	91,600	67,727	63,764	73.84%
Total Income	\$544,600	\$261,197	\$322,059	47.96%

EXPENSES

	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD 2022</u>	<u>YTD 2021</u>	<u>% of budget YTD</u>
Bldg & Grounds	\$63,260	\$34,767	\$33,006	54.96%
Personnel	443,627	166,789	212,034	37.60%
Other Exp.	110,631	40,620	34,619	
Total Exp.	\$617,518	\$242,176	\$279,659	39.26%

OVERALL BUDGETED YTD 2022 YTD 2021

NET TOTAL	\$-72,218	\$19,021	\$42,400
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Additional Notes as of June 30, 2022:

- Only 41.27% of the pledged amount for 2022 has been received.
- The net of income over expenses is a positive \$19,021 YTD.
- We have not been paying a pastor for the first 6 months of the year. In 2021 we paid a pastor \$63,875 YTD. Had that been the case in 2022, we would be at a negative balance of \$44,673 YTD.
- The B&G budget of \$63,260 and the personnel budget of \$443,627 make up 82% of the total expected expenses.
- In January 2022, the Session approved a proposed budget of total income \$544,600 and total expenses of \$617,518. This created a net total of negative \$72,218.

*This is a summary of our financial status as of June 30. A detailed report of FPC finances may be found on the church's website in the Repository.

Income / Expense Update — June 2022

Co-Moderators of Finance, Leann Graves and Nancy Gardner

	<u>Year to Date (Jan.–June)</u>	<u>Last Year (Jan.–June)</u>
Income	\$261,197	\$322,059
Expense	\$242,176	\$279,659
Total +/-	\$ 19,021	\$ 42,400

Save The Dates and Items for Upcoming CRC Events

The Consultation of Religious Communities (CRC), of which FPC is a founding member, will hold its two traditional community events this year, the Warm Winter Wear Distribution (WWWD) and Gifts for Parents (G4P). Activities (such as set-up, item sorting and display, interacting with patrons, and take down) related to the WWWD will be conducted from October 16 to 23, while those related to G4P will be held on December 1 through 3. Information about volunteering via Sign-Up Genius will be shared closer to the events.

The WWWD accepts donations of gently used and new warm winter wear (e.g., coats / jackets, snow pants, sweaters, hats, gloves / mittens, scarves, boots, etc.) and distributes these to a family representative who selects the items. G4P provides holiday gifts for low-income children to give to their parents or other adults important in their lives. Gifts, new or gently used, might include: art work, jewelry, coffee mugs, kitchenware, tools, car safety items, board games / puzzles, Hawkeye items, etc. We can't use clothing with sizes, but hats, scarves, mittens, etc. are fine.



Warm Winter Wear Distribution



Gifts for Parents

Session Meeting Highlights of June 2022

Submitted by Nancy Gardner, Clerk of Session, pro-tem

Open discussion—Maeleen Thorius presented Session with an update on the upcoming Kindness Campaign.

Members of the Pastor Nominating Committee provided an update on the pastoral search.

Session discussed the recommendations from the Budget Task Force.

Committee Reports (All reports are available to members of the church as listed on the church's website Repository.)

- Endowment—Motion to disperse \$25,750 from the First Presbyterian Church-Iowa City Endowment funds at Hills Bank & Trust to fund the previously approved grants.
- Personnel—Motion to reduce the FTE (full-time equivalency) for Leah Bergman from 1.0 FTE to .75 FTE, effective upon Leah's return from maternity leave. This motion is per Leah's request.

- Worship—Update provided on repair of the church organ.

Clerk's Report: The deaths of Pete Van Gerpen (June 4, 2022) and Don Ross (June 14, 2022) were recorded.

Church Administrator's Report: Elders were reminded of home communion training to be held after worship on July 17. There was also a reminder to committee moderators to have their budget narratives and line-item budgets to Nancy by August 26.



First's Family

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



July 15-31

7/16 Virginia Hall
7/16 Debbie Beermann
7/19 Rachel Edwards
7/21 Valerie Soemadi
7/21 John Morgan
7/22 Sarah Swisher
7/22 Kayla McKibben
7/24 Mahala Smith
7/25 Dwight Miller
7/25 Jordan Kolarik

7/25 Courtney Hurt
7/26 Reid Dehner
7/27 Kathryn Forsythe
7/27 Graysen Molsberry
7/29 Wayne Patton
7/29 Chase Burtness
7/30 Brenda Dodge

8/1 Janet Cochran
8/1 Rhonda Barr
8/1 Anne Dengler
8/5 Nicholas Thedens
8/6 Rose Metz
8/6 Sally Rickey
8/7 Louise Larew
8/7 Margaret Ketterer

August 1-15

8/8 Emilia Thedens
8/12 Thomas Boysen
8/12 Nile Franz
8/14 Judy Terry
8/14 Pam Kautz
8/14 David Scott
8/15 Gary Olson



We extend our deepest sympathy:

To Nancy Ross, and the family and friends of **Don Ross**, who died on June 14, 2022. The Celebration of Don's life was held at FPC on July 11, with Paul Akin officiating.

To the family and friends of **Jack Perkins**, who died July 2, 2022. The funeral was held on July 11 at Lensing Funeral and Cremation Services.

To the family and friends of **Nancy Powers**, who died July 5, 2022. A family service will be held at the Columbarium on September 5 with Pastor Gary L. Burnett officiating.

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Submitted by Rick Boland

The cause of stewardship is a year-round commitment. Even if we don't like to think of it in pedestrian terms, a part of our commitment is in the basic infrastructure of the church. In its own way, the day-to-day activities of First Presbyterian Church are akin to that of a business. We have salaries to pay, building maintenance, and commitments to presbytery that we must keep up with. A few years back we made a substantial commitment to bringing the building up-to-date. All of these things are a necessary investment. However, beyond the investments in brick and mortar and the business of the church, there is a deeper investment in our commitment to God. Our Creator showed a commitment to us giving the only son to pay for the complete remission of all our sins. That is the greatest investment to us because God first loved us.

Refugee Taskforce Update

Submitted by John Barr

FPC's Refugee Taskforce (John Barr, Nancy Gardner, and Sharon Raffensperger) report that Iowa City's one recent Afghan refugee family is doing well. The Azizi family—two parents and preschoolers, two, three and four years old—are under the care of a *Sponsor Circle* at Faith United Community Church. Pastor Ryan Downing notes that the family is settled into the church's unused parsonage. Initial weeks have involved much paperwork and medical appointments. A benefit concert on June 11 was a huge success! It was a wonderful welcoming party for the family. Pastor Downing observed that it was a joy for the parents to see their children running around with other kids. At this point, they are well-stocked with household items. The *Circle* is beginning work on bringing the husband's brother over from Abu Dhabi, having completed paperwork with the State Department. The next focus will be securing rent-free housing for him as he gets settled. Details are pending about a housing fund being established for this purpose.



I Wonder ...

Vacation Bible eXperience 2022

Friday, August 5, 4–7 p.m. with dinner

Saturday, August 6, 9–4 p.m. with lunch and snacks

Sunday, August 7, 12–4 p.m. with lunch

At FPC, we love that our kids are naturally curious! And we know that when we're curious about who God is that it's easy to grow our relationship with Jesus. That's why, during this 3-day VBX, we're going to engage kids' imaginations! Kids will not only get curious about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — but also about the God who created it all! They'll hear from early church leaders like Paul, Peter, John, and Timothy, who helped the first Jesus-followers wonder **what made their stories unique, what gifts God gave them** (and how they could use those gifts to serve), **what they could learn from others**, and **how they could spend time with God**.

This is an inter-generational event for the whole church! Whether you're an adult who wants to volunteer, a child who wants to play, or an adult who wants to learn—it's all here for you!

Sign up today in Ryerson Hall by the Equipping Ministry Board or scan this QR code with your smart phone. —>



YOUTH LOCK-IN

The Youth Group tradition continues as VBX hosts the "Beginning of the Youth Group Year" Lock-In!

Students going into 7th grade to graduating seniors are invited to a **Youth VBX Lock-In**.

Thursday, August 4, 5 p.m. through VBX on Friday p.m.

***Students must have an updated medical form. RSVP to Anna by Wednesday, July 20.**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will resume the four Sundays of August.

9:15–10:15 a.m. in Ryerson Hall!

Old Testament Grow Groups kick off Sunday, August 21! There will be two groups this time around:

Sunday PM from 5–6 p.m.

Wednesday AM from 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Both groups will be hybrid. To sign up today, contact Anna at

Anna.Sheetz@firstpreswacivacy.org



grow group

GET CONNECTED

Log onto My First Pres by going to the FPC website (www.firstpreswacivacy.org) and scroll down to the green boxes. After you're logged-in you can update and confirm your information. Have you changed emails, dropped your landline or gotten a new cell number, have you moved, or added a new member to the family? Maybe you want to update your family photo for the online directory. You can even check your giving status.

If you have questions or need assistance, Contact Tammy Schroeder at tammy.schroeder@firstpreswacivacy.org or call the office at 319-351-2660.



NEW LOOK

For FPC's Christian Education Ministry

Sunday Morning Programs

9–10 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages:
Multiple Aged Sunday Schools
for Children and Youth
Reaffirmation Bible
Wired Word
Parent's Class

10–10:20 a.m.

Intergenerational Breakfast

Sunday Evening Programs

4–5 p.m.

5th-8th Grade Youth Group
Old Testament Grow Group

5–6 p.m.

Intergenerational Dinner

6–6:45 p.m.

Worship Leadership Lab with Leah

6–7:30 p.m.

Jeremiah Justice Initiative

6:45–7:30 p.m.

Confirmation for 7th Graders

Wednesday Evening Programs

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Dodekah Programming

7–8:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

**FALL
KICK
OFF**

Fall Kickoff
is Sunday,
September 11



You're invited to an End-of-Summer Camping Trip!

Friday, August 26–Sunday, August 28
Palisades-Kepler State Park

\$50 per family to attend; \$20 per person

*Please RSVP to Anna by Sunday, July 17 if you
would like to attend!



See all that is planned in the **Christian Education Ministry** (formerly Equipping Ministry) by scanning this link with your cell phone. You can see what's planned, when, and even find the links to make these dreams a reality!

**all things
PUMPKIN**



Save the Date!

The Pumpkin Patch is being
delivered: **Saturday, September 24.**

Contact Anna to let her know you can
help unload and set up for the sale.

Table Prayers

Tear this page out to use at home!

(From the Book of Common Worship):

1. Creator of the universe,
you give us this gift of food to nourish us and give us life.
Bless this food that you have made and human hands have prepared.
May it satisfy our hunger, and in sharing it together
may we come closer to one another. Amen
2. Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen
3. All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all God's love. Amen

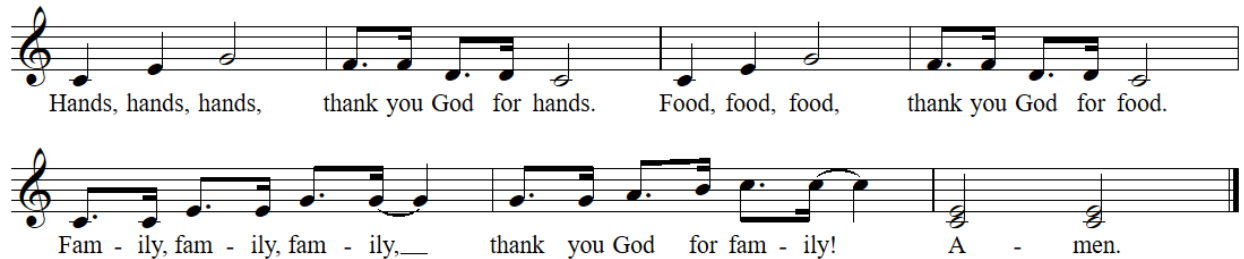


(From other sources):

4. *may be sung—see below*

(hold up hands)
(point to food)
(gesture to people gathered)
(prayer hands)

Hands, hands, hands. Thank you, God, for hands.
Food, food, food. Thank you, God, for food.
Family, family, family. Thank you, God, for family.
Amen.



5. In this plate of food, I see the entire universe supporting my existence. Amen
— Zen blessing from Thich Nhat Hanh
6. Blessed be the Earth for providing us this food.
Blessed be the Sun for helping it to grow.
Blessed be the Wind and Birds for carrying its seed.
Blessed be the Rain for the water's loving flow.
Blessed be the hands that helped prepare this meal,
May those hands and our hands, bodies too, be well and quick to heal.
Blessed be our friends, our families, and all of our loved ones.
Blessed be our mother earth, our father sky and sun. Amen
7. Blessings on the blossom
Blessings on the fruit
Blessings on the leaves and stems
and blessings on the root.
Blessings to our friends and family and have a happy [insert day of the week]! Amen

8. Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you God for everything. Amen
9. For food in a world where many walk in hunger
For friends in a world where many walk alone
For faith in a world where many walk in fear
We give you thanks, O Lord. Amen
10. From our harvest we bake bread;
and when we eat the bread, we gain strength to plow our fields.
From our cattle we take milk;
and when we drink the milk, we gain energy to tend our herds.
May our harvests always be plentiful,
and our cattle always be healthy. Amen
—Nandi, Kenya
11. At dawn, O God, I thank you for the good night you have given me,
and ask you to give me a good day.
At dusk, O God, I thank you for the good day you have
given me,
and ask you to give me a good night.
—Galla, Ethiopia
12. Creator God, we thank you for this given day:
for your glory shining forth in the sky and sea,
in the changing light on the hills,
in the flight of birds,
in the flowers of meadow and garden
(name birds and/or flowers according to the season)
We thank you for your love experienced in our own lives:
for new friends and old
(by name)
for caring conversation, for community and solitude,
for work and play, for words and silence
(silence)
We thank you for this gift of time:
may your Spirit help us to use it creatively
in the name of Jesus,
who gave his life to let us know your love. Amen
—Jan Sutch Pickard
13. Bless to us, O God, the earth beneath our feet.
Bless to us, O God, the path whereon we go.
Bless to us, O God, the people whom we meet. Amen
14. O God, to those who have hunger give bread,
to us who have bread give hunger for justice. Amen



2022 Communion Dates:

Dates are subject to change.

*Communion is being served by intinction
with individual communion packets
available.*



August 14	10th Sunday after Pentecost
September 11	14th Sunday after Pentecost
October 2	World Communion
November 20	Reign of Christ
December 11	Advent III

Would You Like to Learn to Play Handbells?

FPC will offer **beginning** lessons for anyone interested in learning how to play in a handbell choir. Once we know of interest, we will plan a schedule for lessons on ringing techniques. Some knowledge of reading music is recommended, although proficiency is not necessary.

If interested, please call, text or email: Rhonda Barr
(319-936-5998; rhondabarr75@gmail.com)

All-ages Summer Choir

If you can speak in rhythm, you can participate in the July/August edition of the All-ages Sumer Choir! Everyone is welcome to join us, including kids. We'll gather for a brief rehearsal on Sunday morning then sing in worship the following week.

Sunday, July 31, 9:30 a.m. — All-ages Summer Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, August 7 — Sing in worship

For questions or to sign up, please contact Melissa Moll at melissa.moll@firstpresbiowacity.org.



How to Honor a Special Loved One

Plant a Seed - Create a Legacy
The FPC Endowment and Memorials Committee

Bob and Millie Youngquist, Coordinators

Never put off thanking and honoring the people who are important to you in your life. Have you ever thought at a funeral, “I wish I had told them how very special they were to me!” The kind words we share directly with those we love are sure to be heard by them. That’s a sermon in itself. Always make it a point to honor and thank those people who you greatly value. Don’t just assume that they know how important they are to you.

If you have the financial means to take this thought to a higher level, here is something wonderful we have discovered in our own lives. We’ve asked ourselves “What can a family do **now** to share our words in a very special way? What kind of a gift can truly show the value of a person?”

Here is a spectacular idea. Why not create a fund within the FPC Endowment to honor a living person who is right here among us today! Why wait ‘til they’ve passed on to honor them? That fund could be designated to financially support the things that have continued to mean the most to this individual. Giving a fund in the name of this special person means they will know that their life will continue to touch others and will forever be associated with the causes they have cared about. Can there be a better way to honor a person who has been a great blessing to you? And, better still, if their causes are to be found in our church, this is also a great source of support for First Pres.

This entire idea can be a wonderful family project. Financial gifts from a cross-section of family members can be combined to create the fund, and this fund can be added to in future years. This marvelous gift can foster great family unity. It takes up no room for a relative who is trying to downsize. And it celebrates a terrific human being while they are here to enjoy it.

If this idea resonates with you and you would like to explore this project in more depth, please contact Bob and Millie Youngquist, who have recently established such an endowment in honor of Millie’s mother. We have many inspiring thoughts to share.

We always encourage everyone to consult with their personal financial advisors when making any major giving decisions. In addition, we hope you will contact us to review various options for giving.

Proverbs 3:27 *Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.*

News from Friends of Pasrur

Submitted by Leann Graves, Friends of Pasrur

Summer is here—with barbecues, family reunions, and time to enjoy the great outdoors. For me, another highlight is receiving the photo and thank you letter from the student I sponsor at the Presbyterian Education Board’s Pasrur School boarding house in Pasrur, Pakistan. I love seeing how she has grown the past year and knowing she continues to thrive and learn.

Friends of Pasrur members will be busy sending out these thank you notes from the girls this month. People often wonder how they can renew scholarships for the coming year. If you made a contribution last year, you should receive a thank you letter from your sponsored student along with a sponsorship form and addressed envelope. To renew your sponsorship, fill out the form, enclose it with a check, and mail it in. Donations may also be made online on the FPC website. If you are unable to donate this year, we sincerely thank you for your generous support in the past.



In other Friends of Pasrur news, we are extremely happy that our beloved Veda Gill will once again visit our congregation and community on September 15–18. She was last with us in January, 2020, just before the start of the pandemic. Veda is the vibrant Executive Director of the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan. She will preach on September 18 and bring us the latest news from Pakistan in a presentation after the worship service. Please look for other ways to interact with Veda to be posted in the bulletin, FPC Daily, or the church website.

Reconciliation Ministry Hosts a Presentation on Gun Violence Prevention

Submitted by Jane Cranston

The FPC Reconciliation Ministry hosted a presentation on gun violence prevention, June 12 after church, in Ryerson Hall. About 40 people stayed after church to hear the presentation. Temple Hiatt, who is a longtime member of our church, a gun violence prevention advocate and activist and a veteran of the first Gulf War, presented information on gun violence prevention. Temple's personal experience of gun suicide by a family member informs her understanding of the sensible steps that we can take to prevent gun violence.

In November 2022, Iowans will vote on a proposed amendment to the Iowa Constitution for the first time since 2010 which impacts gun ownership. This amendment is called the Right to Firearms amendment by its supporters, who describe it as an addition to the Second Amendment to Iowa's Constitution. In this presentation, Temple explained why this description could be misleading.

If passed the effects of this amendment will be far-reaching and long-lasting. This presentation is designed to **provide voters with the information they need to cast an informed vote.**



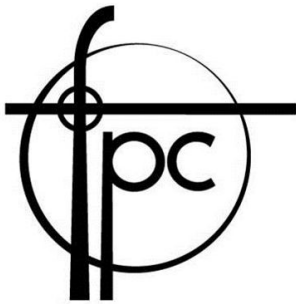
Temple Hiatt



Attendees, pictured here and below, listen intently to Temple's presentation.



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Our FPC Mission Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, to share the Word of God through Jesus Christ and to live lives of justice, mercy, and faith.

What Are We Waiting For?

Nancy Gardner, Interim Church Administrator

Every now and then the phrase “*When we get our new pastor*” pops up. I hear it when people talk about returning to church (“*I’m waiting for the new pastor before I come back.*”). I hear it when people mention a new idea (“*I’m not sure the new pastor will want us to focus on this.*”) I even hear it with rearranging furniture (“*Do you think the new pastor will like this, should we wait?*”)

This is not a time for waiting. In fact, this is a time for taking action and celebrating! Yes, I’m going to say it. We, as a church, may not have a pastor yet, but we are doing amazing things. People are stepping up, taking initiative, and seeing

that FPC is strong and thriving. We have the upcoming Kindness Campaign, loads of programming this summer, and new ideas for the fall. Our worship services continue to be vibrant and thought provoking.

This is OUR church, yours and mine. Do we need a new pastor? Of course we do! Like all of you, I am grateful for the tremendous work the PNC is doing. But, in the meantime, let’s not let the phrase “*When we get our new pastor*” keep us from being the church we know that we are.

Come on board, everyone. Keep the momentum going!

FPC Book Club meets August 30 and will be discussing the book *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. For info/time/location, contact Mary Linn at JmLnn@aol.com. Mark your calendar and get reading.



Bible Quiz

Many new parents choose “Bible Names” for their babies. Of the following names, which two (one boy/one girl) are NOT found in Scripture?

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|--------------|-----------|
| A. Eunice | E. Derek |
| B. Priscilla | F. Obed |
| C. Judith | G. Rueben |
| D. Clara | H. Joel |



Answer: D & E

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