

The Communion of Saints—Sunday, November 6

Who are the saints of the church? That is the question we will explore this **All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 6**. Though we especially remember those saints who are no longer with us on earth on this day, we are also reminded that we are living saints—embodiments of Christ to and for one another—here and now. We all have unique gifts and talents to share with the world to enrich the lives of those around us and become saints to one another.

On All Saints' Sunday, we lift up the lives of those children of God who have died in the past year, giving thanks for their lives and faith. We remember their lives and those of other faithful believers who have been examples of what we are called to be and do. During a time of remembrance we will have an opportunity to **light a candle in memory of or in honor of a saint** who has had an impact on our lives.

As we commemorate these saints, we are reminded that we, too, are invited to be communicants with Christ Jesus' body, both the body that is the church



and the resurrected body. We are called to join those believers in witnessing to God's action in our lives. We become one of the "Cloud of Witnesses" who run the race of faith in this time and place and with these people, as well as beyond all times, places, and peoples in order to bring about the Realm of God on earth.



The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting to follow worship on October 30, 2022, for the purpose of electing officers in various respective classes.

Biographical information will be published in a separate communication.

The Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Session Moderator and Bridge Interim Minister

Nancy Weber, Clerk of Session

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“Glimpse of Graces”

Rev. Forrest “Frosty” Krummel

My wife and I have a bird feeder outside a dining room window. Various birds from the common house sparrow to more exotic song birds visit so, often that I need to refill it several times a day. Our house cats, Eleanor and Lucy, enjoy sitting on the window sill watching with rapt attention the birds’ coming and going. Occasionally, they’ll call to the birds with a wobbly, throaty cat imitation.

We also have squirrels visit the feeder at the end of the day. They are largely scavengers, cleaning up “the left-overs.” I don’t mind. All of God’s creatures have gotta eat.

Over the past few months, I have been impressed by the squirrels’ tenacity and dexterity. They continually find new ways to get that last seed.

In their creativity I find a glimpse of grace.

We are living in a Covid era. I am hesitant to call it “post-Covid” because the virus is the latest virus to come out of Pandora’s Box. I believe that it will be with us for the foreseeable future. We will learn to live with it. This is our generation’s new reality. We will never be able to return to a pre-Covid time. And I believe that Covid pushed existing trends ahead ten to twenty years. The Church as well as local congregations will need to adjust to this new reality. Like “my” squirrels, we will need all of the dexterity, creativity, and skill to continue to fulfill our true mission: to go and make disciples of all people, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all that Christ commanded and to remember that, the Risen Lord is with us until the end of the age (Matthew 28).

I believe that this new reality is not a scary time, but an exciting one. We get to shed old ways of doing things that monger (no longer?) meet their original purpose and be creative in revitalizing still relevant ministries while giving birth to new ones in this emerging time.



Inquirer Update: Chitoka Webb

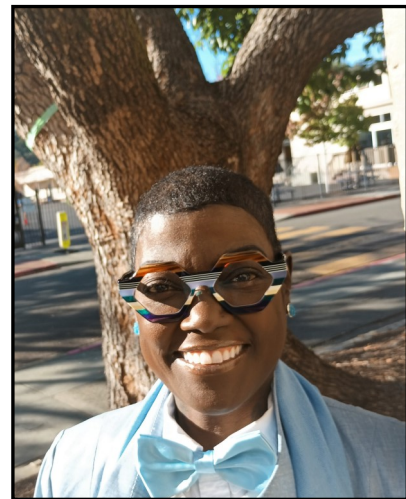
Chitoka began her study towards her Master of Divinity degree at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in January 2020. In the past year, she has completed her second year of study and an internship. She is currently beginning her last year of study, and scheduled to complete her degree in May 2023.

During this past year, Chitoka has had continued health challenges, with several lengthy hospitalizations and evaluations for an autoimmune condition that has seriously impacted her liver. She has been accepted as a candidate for a liver transplant, and has had the full support of her health care team, her classmates and professors, and her local church and pastor. Her mother has moved to California to assist her with care as needed. And her “boys” (her dogs) are an ever-present source of comfort.

Since Chitoka is under our care while seeking her path towards ordination, it is our privilege to support her on this journey. She is grateful for our continued prayers and words of encouragement. If you are interested in communicating with Chitoka, her address is:

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San Anselmo, CA 94960
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Submitted by Rhonda Barr
Chitoka’s Liaison to FPC



Pastor Nominating Committee Report

Submitted by Jamie Helmick

The Pastor Nominating Committee is heartbroken at the loss of Sally Rickey. We will miss her guidance, laughter, and baked goods, but know she is at peace at home with the Lord. We will also honor the decisions she made while she was here with us.

Our PNC has been busy these past few months. We have been meeting weekly, praying daily, and moving towards finding the pastor that God wants for First Presbyterian Church. As of the end of September 2022, we have been “matched” with or received self-referrals for thirty applicants—six women and 24 men. We interviewed nine people over Zoom for a first interview and followed those up with six second, second interview. We have interviewed two candidates in person and observed them preach at neutral pulpits in the area. We felt called to extend an offer to a candidate after approval by Session and the candidate accepted the offer. However, the candidate ended up removing themselves after more discernment.

FPC family be assured, this is a quite common occurrence with Pastor Nominating Committees. Accepting a pastoral call is unlike accepting a normal job—quite a bit goes into it. The pastor who is seeking the position with us is praying, talking to their loved ones, and thinking about their future.

We are praying, hoping, and listening for the Holy Spirit to guide us in this journey for FPC’s new pastor. We continue to invite you to pray for us daily. Pray for the PNC, for our applicants, for Session, for Pastor Krummel, for our staff, and the entire congregation as our committee continues the process of calling a pastor.

The Pastor Nominating Committee

Jamie Helmick (they/them) and
Kayla McKibben (she/her)—Co-Moderators

Jim Claypool(he/him), Bill Preucil(he/him), and
Stephanie Stamp (she/her)

The Pumpkin Patch is OPEN until October 31

Sunday: 12–6:30 p.m.

Monday–Friday: 3:30–6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10–6:30 p.m.

Come for unique and long-lasting pumpkins!
This fundraiser allows us to meet our neighbors, support
FPC programs and the indigenous peoples reservation
where the pumpkins are grown.



Faith in Action

by John Barr

Eight members and friends of our Reconciliation Ministry attended the Johnson County Interfaith Coalition's (JCIC) "Faith in Action Friends Fundraiser," on September 8. This event was held at the Church of the Unitarian Universalist Society in Coralville.

The goals of Faith in Action are: 1) to raise money for a community organizer to develop grants, assist with community events and actions, and build the community by enlisting new member organizations, 2) to provide an opportunity for the community to share a meal and social opportunities, 3) to celebrate JCIC accomplishments and renew a common purpose, and 4) to provide basic information about the current status of JCIC. The event included music, a catered meal featuring Mexican and Middle Eastern cuisine, and a silent auction. Attendees had an opportunity to register their highest priority social justice concerns during "Issues on the Wall."



Leaves are falling, the trees are letting go of the old, so new can begin.

Do you have worries that need to fall away?

Take a moment to stop at the Prayer Post, write down your worries, deposit them, then walk away letting your worries float to the ground, like an autumn leaf.

Located on the Rochester Ave. sidewalk



FPC Book Club meets **October 25** and will discuss *Libertie* by Kaitlyn Greenidge.

November 29 discussion will be *Prague Winter* by Madeleine Albright

For time and location, contact Mary Linn at Jmlnn@aol.com.

Mark your calendar and start reading.



First's Family

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

October 16–31

10/16 Dwight Younkin
10/17 Dorothy Hoak
10/17 Madeline Dehner
10/18 Darlene Bergman
10/22 Bonnie Neubauer
10/22 Jeff Franz
10/23 Audrey Van Roekel
10/23 Dan Thedens
10/23 Gabe Nicholson
10/24 Sally Staley
10/24 Andrew Franz
10/28 Bob Mikelson
10/28 Jerry Thorius
10/28 Janet Walker
10/28 Celia Ruyle
10/30 Jane Skinner
10/30 Greg Muilenburg



November 1–15

11/3 Jeanette Winegarden
11/3 Louise Gisolfi
11/3 Carol Spangler
11/3 Sara Schwartz
11/4 John Staley
11/4 Nancy Weber
11/4 Heather Youngquist
11/5 Dorothy Seebom
11/6 Dan Katalinich
11/7 Andreas Soemadi
11/9 Riley Smith
11/11 MaryEllen Stamp
11/14 Max Jacobus
11/16 David Stochl



WOMEN'S RETREAT 2022



Join us on November 5 from 9:00 – 3:00 in Ryerson Hall for a fun day with the women of FPC and their guests. Our theme this year is “It Is Well with My Soul.” The cost is \$15 which includes breakfast and lunch. Do you need a little pick me up or a bit of peace? Sign up begins Sunday, October 16. For more information talk to Nancy Gardner or Judy Whitford.

We extend our deepest sympathy:



To the family and friends of **Sally Rickey**, who died on September 27. Her funeral was held on October 5 here at First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Forrest Krummel leading the service.

For **Laurie and Dan Theden's and family** on the death of Laurie's mother on October 8. Services were held on October 15 in Independence, IA.

For the **family of Ann and Richard Burton**, as they grieve the death of Ann's sister, **May Cook**, on October 13 in Louisville, KY. Services are scheduled for October 18 in Louisville.

Congratulations to **Meg and Rob Ketterer** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Clara Katherine-Anne Spencer**, who was born August 26, 2022 to **David Ketterer Spencer and Jessica Ketterer Spencer** in Jersey City, NJ.



Congratulations to **Sara Miller and David Arnold** who were married on October 15 at FPC. Presiding over the ceremony was Rev. Jason Princer.



Sunday Morning Schedules—Join us Each Sunday at these times!

- 9–10 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
K and Under
1st–5th Grades
6th–8th Grades
High School
Wired Word
- 10–10:20 a.m., Breakfast in
Ryerson Hall
- 10:30 a.m., Worship



- 4:30–5:30 p.m.
5th–8th Grade Youth Group
Grow Group, Old Testament PM
- 5:30–6:30 p.m., Dinner for All Ages
- 6:30–8 p.m., Jeremiah Justice Initiative
- 6:45–7:30 p.m., Confirmation



5th–8th Grade Youth Group Schedule:

Sunday, October 23, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Our last SPOOKY STORIES in the Bible lesson!
Come and see what God has for us!

Sunday, October 30, 4:30–7 p.m.



Halloween Party for ALL
AGES, Ryerson Hall

Costumes are encouraged!
Come for dinner, fun, and
games!

Sunday, November 6, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

We'll discuss Saints! Who are saints to you?

Sunday, November 13, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Do Presbyterian's believe in Saints? Why or why
not? Find out tonight!

Sunday, November 20, 3–5 p.m.

BIG EVENT and POTLUCK

We'll meet at UCC Congregational Church for a
Downtown Scavenger Hunt! Wear sturdy shoes
and be ready to run!

POTLUCK MEAL at church!



Blackhawk

PRESBYTERY

Stronghold Retreat High School & Middle School

Friday, November 11, 7 pm to
Sunday, November 13, noon

\$135/person (\$85 for adult leaders) includes
lodging in the Castle and Carriage House,
3 meals on Saturday + breakfast on Sunday

*Explore your faith and what it means to SEE yourself
and others through the eyes of God*

- Fun, games, music, 'Swing by Choice'
- Mission project
- Campfire and more
- Questions? Contact Steve Bowie
815-962-7889

Retreat is built from the
Triennium-developed theme,

When did we

See you?

Matthew 25: 31-46



This retreat is an amazing opportunity to meet other PC(USA) students
from around our area! **This trip is offered for students and friends in 6th
grade and older.**

**If you would like to attend OR chaperone, please RSVP to Anna by
Sunday, October 30.**

“All that matters now is to be kind to each other with all the goodness that is in us ...” Etty Hillesum, *An Interrupted Life: The Diaries, 1941–1943*

The Congregational Health Ministry celebrated the completion of our month of Kindness Campaign! As many of you know, we put posters on every Iowa City and Coralville bus (twenty in all!) telling folks about our campaign. Lara Marsh designed the posters, t-shirts and banners and Sue Van Duyn and Tammy Schroeder took care of the coordinating it all! Liz Bolin designed the September calendar we all received giving us ideas for what we could do every day to be kind. We delivered cookies to fire fighters and police staff in all Iowa City and Coralville stations. We hung over 250 door hangers around the church neighborhood and at the Farmer’s Market on Saturdays in September. We gave shocked, unsuspecting customers at the market, free gift cards to Big Grove, Bluebird Café and Shorts Burgers. In addition, we had donations of free gift cards to Yotopia and Heyns. People were so happy to receive something and asked, “Are you selling something?” Well, we are selling “kindness” for free!



We helped the amazing non-profit “Houses Into Homes” clean and refurbish goods for someone’s apartment; someone who really needed the help. Mayor, Bruce Teague, signed a proclamation proclaiming FPC’s Month of Kindness! We served a meal for over forty people at the Catholic Worker House. The Reconciliation Ministry really stepped up for that one! The Youth hauled bricks and assisted in fall clean up at the Bird House Hospice. They were amazing! Martha’s Circle and the Deacons filled goodie bags and delivered them to at-home members. Tammy Foster kept us on track with communications in the newsletter. Finally, we celebrated our church Homecoming and the end of the Kindness Campaign on Sunday, September 25, with a free catered lunch generously donated by Glenn and Audrey Van Roekel. It was wonderful seeing people together catching up. Thanks to all of you, whether you volunteered, washed dishes, baked goodies, served a meal or followed the calendar and prayed for FPC, our city, our country and our world. You have stepped up and made a difference.

Kindness cannot end September 30! This past month was to remind us of what is really important: All that matters is to be kind.

Submitted by Maeleen Thorius



Veda Visits FPC on September 18

Veda Gill visited FPC on the weekend of Sept 18. She met with donors and friends for lunch at Blackstone, she attended the Friends of Pasrur potluck, she gave the sermon at church on Sunday, and she gave a luncheon presentation after church. She was accompanied by Laurie Gift Harris the Executive Director of the Friends of PEB (Presbyterian Education Board).

Veda told us that the school is doing well. Thanks to our support, they were able to purchase Covid PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and to provide food for the people who were in need. They were also supported by the teachers and parents who went above and beyond to support their students. Some teachers even chose not to draw a salary during that time. Other schools in the area were not that fortunate and had to close.

Veda also talked about the second wave of flooding in Pakistan which has affected the Pasrur and Sialkot boarding house families. The families of those girls have had extreme flooding and are in desperate need of food and clean water. Please pray for their safety.



Our church has a long history of involvement with the Pasrur mission. This was brought about by a visit from Veda over 20 years ago and we have kept our friendship and our commitment going since then. We are grateful for the gift of this ministry and for Veda's time with us.

*Submitted by Jane Cranston
Friends of Pasrur*



Session Meeting Highlights of September 2022

Submitted by Interim Clerk, Nancy Weber

The session met Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Coover Lounge at FPC. Interim Pastor Frosty Krummel called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. Elder David Van Dusseldorp offered devotions and prayer.

Jim Claypool agreed to attend the Presbytery meeting as the FPC representative in Elder Steve Schomberg's place, who was unable to attend. Endowment Committee Chair Elder Van Dusseldorp reported that open positions on Endowment will be filled by the end of the year. Nominating Committee reported the names of elders, deacons, and nominating committee members who've agreed to serve in 2023. Personnel reported that interim director of music will be Mary Jane Knight, who will serve through December 1, 2022. A nursery attendant position is still needing to

be filled. Worship and Arts member Bill Oglesby reported that DB Acoustics will take a look at the technology in the church.

Pastor Frosty briefly explained the need for a committee report form template. He will distribute this online to committees.

Closing prayer was given by Elder Bill Oglesby.

The next FPC stated session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Coover Lounge.



You can now use our QR code to easily go online and donate! Scan the image (at right) with your smartphone and you'll land on our donation website page where you can designate your donation. Haven't scanned a QR code before? No problem—it's easy. There are two options:

- **Option 1:** Open up your smartphone and pretend you are going to take a photo. Line up your phone as if you are about to take a photo of the QR code. You will see a pop-up button/bubble/link that appears over the photo. Tap on that with your finger.
- **Option 2:** Download a "QR code reader" app from Google Play or the App Store to your smartphone. Any QR code reader app should work, and it should be **free**. Once you have it downloaded to your smartphone, open it. Position the viewfinder over the QR code.



That's it! With either option, you'll be redirected to the giving page on the website and can follow the prompts from there. **Let us know what you think!**

Bible Quiz

According to the New Testament, John the Baptist introduced two of his followers to Jesus. The men were brothers named Andrew and Simon. Almost immediately, Jesus accepted the two men as friends and followers. He gave one of them a new name. Jesus said, "You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated _____).

Choose the correct name from the list below.

- A. Nicodemus
- B. Matthew
- C. Philip
- D. Peter





Plant a Seed - Create a Legacy
The FPC Endowment and Memorials Committee
Bob and Millie Youngquist, Coordinators

Assuring a Strong Future

Have you considered FPC in your estate plans? In this Covid era a healthy church endowment program becomes vital. It is one of the ministry pillars of any congregation and First Presbyterian Church is no different. The endowment has also underwritten other church initiatives, including local and world missions. Spending only from the distributable portion of the endowment assures that this will remain a funding source for the church in the future, as well as a grant making device for local and international missions.

The very existence of our endowment is thanks to the members of our congregation, living and past, who have included the church in their estate plans. If you are considering donating to our endowment, your contribution would be extremely welcome.

Here are a few examples of possible giving scenarios briefly described. Perhaps they will encourage you to consider what you might offer as your own contribution.

Appreciated securities. You may be holding stocks that have appreciated considerably since you purchased them. Due to new legislation, capital gains and dividend tax rates have increased. You may wish to donate these stocks directly to one of the church's six endowed funds (unrestricted, organ, fellowship, Pasrur funds) or to one of the three FPC funds at the Community Foundation of Johnson County (Friends Fund, the Yager Garden Fund or, the Summerwill Handbell Fund). Or perhaps you would like to start your own designated fund within our endowment. By donating the stocks directly, you avoid paying any capital gains taxes.

Federal Reserve Items – U.S. Treasury bonds, government bonds, and treasury bills may be transferred pursuant to current procedures. These are generally not “tax-wise” gifts, but there are planning techniques for giving that may make these gifts useful to the donor.

IRA Rollover. If you are 70½ years or older and must take distributions from a traditional IRA, transfer all or part of your required minimum to FPC or to one of the Church's endowed funds at the Community Foundation of Johnson County. Not only will you escape federal taxes on this income, you will receive the Endow Iowa tax credit (25%) applied against your Iowa tax liability. This is especially helpful if you do not itemize.

Gifts to the FPC endowment program literally do “keep on giving,” leaving a legacy to our family, our friends, our church.

Do you want your church to die when you do? Of course not! Just know that we are bringing you these, and many other ideas, to help you guide your church into God's abundant future. Bob and Millie Youngquist invite you to make a contribution to our FPC endowment. Gifts of all sizes are welcome. Please contact Bob and Millie at endowment@firstpresiohacity.org to let them know of your interest.

No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed. Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you. --

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

With these gifts and others, donors should seek the counsel of professional advisors for legal, accounting, investment, and other professional advice.

*Thank You to everyone who contributed
to this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's*

*We raised over \$2,500, and FPC had the
honor of being one of
the Grand Champion teams!*

*None of this could have
been done without your
generosity. A special shout
out to Team FPC Walkers:
Nancy Ross, Nancy
Gardner, John Barr and
Dolly, Maeleen Thorius,
and Tammy Schroeder.*



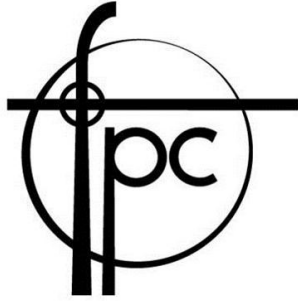
We All Have Our Reasons to Give

By Nancy Gardner

Like all of you, I've received the stewardship campaign letters. I've read through the booklet highlighting the work of our ministries. It makes me happy; it makes me feel good. But, what I truly love is hearing the personal impact our church has had on the lives of our members and others. There's a reason people pledge to FPC. They want to know their support is doing great things, and these testimonials are all the proof I need to know this is true. As you hear members speak during worship, as you read what members have to say in the campaign letters, I hope you, like me, take time to reflect on the impact FPC has made in your own life. Be it the relationship I'm building with God, the joy of fellowship and mission work, or the support I receive when life gets tough, I know my church, your church, will be there. That's why I tithe; it's the least I can do.

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except holidays or when announced

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Have you been intending to set up your Church Life Mobile App?
But just haven't gotten to it...
Well, now's the time!



As of November 1, the Church Life app will no longer be available
in app stores. Call or stop by the church office to let Tammy Schroeder
help you get set up!

*Those with the app currently have
nothing to worry about.*

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