
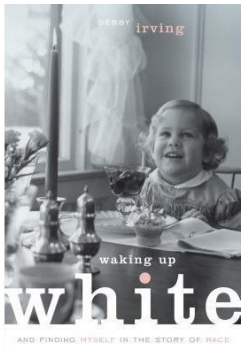


You are always welcome to get in contact with me, Anna Sheetz, with any and all concerns, questions, or ponderings you might have about First Pres! My email is [anna.sheetz@firstpresiwacity.org](mailto:anna.sheetz@firstpresiwacity.org). Thank you!



Based on the interest of the ReAffirmation study this winter, Layne Sheetz is considering leading a Book Study on Debby Irving's; Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race. In the introduction, Debby Irving says this:



“In the state that is somewhere between fear and indifference lies an opportunity to awaken to the intuitive voice that says, “something’s not right.” “What’s going on here?” “I wish I could make a difference.” In my experience, learning to listen to that voice is slowly but surely rewiring my intuition, breaking down walls that kept me from parts of myself, and expanding my capacity to seek truths, no matter how painful they may be. Learning about racism has settled inner conflicts and is allowing me to step out of my comfort zone with both strength and vulnerability in all parts of my life. Racism holds all of us captive in ways white people rarely imagine.”

**We need your input!** IF you are interested, please let Anna or Layne Sheetz know. You can find a form in fellowship hall or the March and April newsletters. Details will be finalized and put into the May newsletter. If you fill out one of these forms, you will receive direct information.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ☒ The Trip to Lost Island Waterpark 2019 will be Monday, June 10. Ticket cost is \$27 and lunch is on your own. Anna must receive a RSVP or check by Sunday, May 12.
- ☒ The Trip to Adventureland 2019 will be Monday, August 19. Tickets cost is \$45 and DOES include lunch. Anna must receive a RSVP or check by Sunday, July 14.
- ☒ The FPC Camping trip will be August 23-25, 2019. Due to this being a busy weekend, the final date to sign up is Sunday, June 2.
- ☒ The first night of Youth Group will be Thursday, August 22, 2019.

Equipping Ministry has a whole lot of exciting things happening this year! Here's a look at what we're dreaming and scheming:

- \* Rearranging and painting the youth room
- \* Rearranging the downstairs classrooms.
- \* Faith Formation Kits for families with young children
- \* 4-6th grade Youth Group
- \* Periodic presentations after church relevant to the FPC community
- \* Continue to reduce single-use items

We need your help! We can't build events for students of all ages without input from parents! Please prayerfully consider joining Equipping Ministry. We meet once a month on Tuesdays (flexible). This is a great group of leaders with amazing hearts— come join our team! Contact Anna Sheetz for more information.



## Spring Time is Around the Corner!

Dust off the cold, ice and snow! Winter is leaving shortly and spring will be sprung before you know it! For all the latest Equipping Updates- including SUMMER Time activities- check this out!

### Lent Challenge: Walk to Jerusalem



Join us as First Presbyterian Church tries to move 6333 miles to Jerusalem this Lent! Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6, begin to track (or guess at) how many miles you walk, run, hike, exercise- whatever you do- each day.

- Each day or week email [Anna.Sheetz@firstpresiwacity.org](mailto:Anna.Sheetz@firstpresiwacity.org) your miles.
- Fill out a "Walk to Jerusalem" on Sundays.

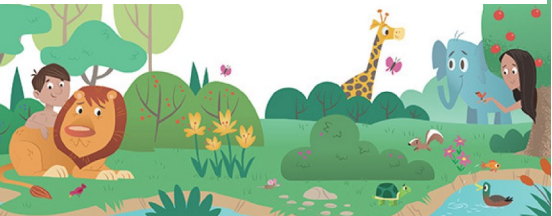
Totals will be announced each Sunday on the Ryerson Hall Fellowship Slideshow.

Take a walk with your friends, your family, or even your dog!  
(# of miles x # of people= !!!)  
Train for RAGBRAI and track the miles on your bike.  
Swim some laps and send us the meters!

Let's get active!



FPC Kids will look at the Bible on Sundays April 28 & May 5. All students in 2nd grade and older will receive a gift Bible from FPC on Youth Sunday, May 12.



## δώδεκα (do'-dek-ah) Twelve

The Dodekah 2019-2020 Program is still accepting participants! There are three more slots available for this discipleship opportunity. We'll meet over 12 months and then take a 2 week trip to Israel/ Palestine. We're working with a PC(USA) missionary so this will surely be a great way to learn about the Bible, the Holy Land, the PCUSA Denomination, yourself and your community. Please talk to Anna Sheetz or Tammy Schroeder for more information.

### There's lots of happenings in Lent:

- ⇒ **Ash Wednesday, March 6** service kicks off the Lenten Season! Join us after our first soup and sharing night for a simple 7pm service around the Communion Table. We look forward to having you with us.
- ⇒ **Join us Wednesdays of Lent at 5:30pm for soup and sharing.** Each week, a different person from our congregation will share a bit of their faith story. It is time of listening, sharing together, and thinking about what legacy our lives will leave.
- ⇒ Holy Week is April 14-21!

- Palm Sunday, April 14:** Veda Gill will preach about the Church's Mission in Pakistan and the Friends of Pasrur will provide after worship snacks.
- Tuesday, April 16:** A Special Session Meeting for Confirmands at 6pm! Confirmands, Parents, and Mentors will join Session for a session-provided potluck dinner. We will hear all about the Confirmands journey through Confirmation.
- Maundy Thursday, April 18:** A Church Wide potluck beginning at 6pm before we head into the Service at 7pm. Parents should be prepared to pick their youth up by 8pm.

#### NEW THIS YEAR:

Special Youth Group Event: On Holy Saturday, April 20, youth from 4-12th grades are invited to join us for lunch in the Ryerson Hall at 11am. We will eat lunch and hide eggs before the Community Easter Egg Hunt.

**Holy Saturday Community Easter Egg Hunt!** Join us Holy Saturday for a Community Easter Egg Hunt on First Presbyterian grounds! The hunt will begin at 1pm and snacks will be provided by 1:30pm. All children up to 3rd grade are invited to participate! (No Rain Date)

**Easter Vigil Service, Saturday April 20:** Travel with us from dark to light with a service beginning at 7pm. This family favorite service is where we welcome our latest members- the Confirmation class of 2018-2019! (Students, mentors, and families should arrive by 6:15pm for pictures in Coover lounge)

**Easter Sunday, Sunday April 21:** Join us for Easter Service to celebrate the Resurrection! Please bring a potluck dish to share for a community breakfast beginning at 9am.



# Youth Ministry

Thursday, February 21: Small Groups meet from 6:45pm-7:30pm.

**\*\* Youth Choir meets at 7:30pm\*\***

Thursday, February 28: Come make up the BIG GAME we missed from our 5th Thursday in January! This will end at 8:30pm.

Thursday, March 7: We will begin our Lent series on Mark. Please bring Bibles.

**\*\*Youth Choir meets at 7:30\*\***

Thursday, March 14: From 6:45-7:45pm, we will meet in our Small Groups to discuss Mark 2-4. Please bring Bibles.

Thursday, March 28: We will continue our Gospel of Mark series by looking at Mark 5-8. Please bring Bibles.

**\*\*Youth Choir meets at 7:30\*\***

Thursday, April 4: Onward to Mark 9-13. Please bring Bibles.

**\*\*Youth Choir meets at 7:30\*\***

Thursday, April 11: We'll complete Mark by looking at Mark 14-16. Please bring Bibles.

**\*\*Youth Choir meets at 7:30\*\***

Thursday, April 18: Church potluck at 6pm and Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm. Parents— please be prepared to pick youth up by 8pm.

Saturday, April 20: Join us from 11-2:30pm for lunch, egg hiding and the Community Egg Hunt.

Thursday, April 25: We will begin with Tough Topics as a large group from 6:45-7:45pm. Then we will split and continue the conversations in our Small Groups until 8:30pm.

Thursday, May 2: We will work with Leah to begin planning Youth Sunday.

**\*\*Youth Choir meets at 7:30\*\***

Thursday, May 9: We will polish up our Youth Sunday preparations.

**\*\*Youth Choir meets at 7:30\*\***

Thursday, May 16: We will have a Small Group Wrap-up from 6:45-7:45pm. From 7:45-8:30pm, we'll have the large group reflection and wrap-up.

Thursday, May 23: THE BIGGEST GAME YET! Please bring a potluck dish to share and running shoes! Families are welcome to participate!



The Chili Cook-Off was such a successful youth group fundraiser last year that we are doing it again! Youth are hosting the 2nd Annual Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cook-Off Sunday, May 5 right after church! Come participate yourselves with your best, tongue taming chili to share!



Mark your Calendars!

Youth Sunday is Sunday, May 12. This is a service totally lead by the youth group and youth choir. Every youth has a spot they fit in so please join us! **Youth participating should be here by 8:30am.**

The Junior High Mission Trip to DOOR Chicago is scheduled for June 7-9th. We currently have 3 students enrolled and would like to get to 5 students before hosting a trip. Please consider sending your 7th or 8th grader to this amazing cross-cultural opportunity! Please speak to Anna today. The final decision about this trip will be made Sunday, March 10.



Youth Triennium 2019 is coming up!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 8 from 3-5pm. We (First Presbyterian Church of Iowa City) is hosting a Triennium Mixer for the Eastern Iowa Presbytery! This will be a great way to meet new friends before the trip!

We are hoping that our Delegation can be blessed by the Presbytery at the Saturday, July 13 meeting and picnic. More details of this event will be given as Anna knows.

TRIENNium! We leave from FPC at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 16. We arrive back at FPC around 7:30pm Saturday, July 20.

**\*\*Anna needs a volunteer to drive students to Davenport on Tuesday and to pick up students from Davenport on Saturday.\*\***



A huge WELCOME to Kathryn Zahs the new Nursery Supervisor! We are so excited to have Kathryn (Katie) on our team! With experience in management, she is sure to

get the nursery into tip top shape! A special Thank You goes to Judy Whitford and Nancy Gardner who put so much time into finding FPC the best person we could hope for! Be sure to say HELLO every Sunday morning in the nursery!



**SPACE on Sundays is rocking and rolling!**

- ◇ Confirmation Class has 6 youth in it this year! The highest amount of students we've had in the last three years!
- ◇ The Wired Word is a great place to check up on current events.
- ◇ ReAffirmation is taking a multi-ethnic look at faith, Jesus, and ourselves.
- ◇ FPC Kids has a new curriculum! There's more Bible work, fun pictures, and great activities for youth of all ages to enjoy.
- ◇ The Parenting Class is going well! They are moving on to their next curriculum- The Five Love Languages of Children.

**Join us each and every Sunday at 9am for a warm breakfast to take advantage of these incredible opportunities!**



**Mark your calendars with these events that will be sure to make your Summer Spectacular!**



Foundation Bible Study is a Summer Sunday morning Bible Study. Based on the concept of Lectio Divina, this will be an opportunity for all ages to discuss the Bible in a whole new way. This is a flexible study for flexible summer schedules. Each Sunday during the Summer from June 2– August 18, we'll work through the Bible– from Genesis to Revelation. We'll meet from 9:30-10:15am in Coover Lounge. A light breakfast will be available.

## OUT & ABOUT

Youth are invited to join Layne Sheetz every Monday from June 3– August 12 at 11am for an Out & About Bible Study. We'll meet at disc golf courses, coffee shops, the Sheetz household, etc. Rides will be available to any youth interested. More information and a schedule TBD.

**It All Started with Her; It All Started with a Hero**  
A look at Women in film



Join us for a Potluck Dinner and movie night in the Youth Room beginning at 5pm.

- Thursday, June 27; Wonder Woman
- Thursday, July 11; Captain Marvel
- Thursday, July 25; Black Panther
- August 15; Hidden Figures



The "Pirate's Cove; X Marks the Spot" Vacation Bible eXperience this year is created by Anna and Layne Sheetz for FPC Iowa City. Layne's brother is writing the music, Youth will illustrate the stories, and **it's all... about... WOMEN!**

The adult class will offer a different look at the Biblical woman and discuss modern feminist & womanist issues. Youth will have a justice oriented class with a Lock-In on Wednesday, August 7 and Mission Day on Thursday, August 8.

Mark your Calendars: August 5-8, 5-7:30pm.  
Dinner will be provided at 5pm.  
VBX will begin at 5:30pm.

**Come learn about the Biblical women you have never heard of and learn about the Mother God who loves you!**