



Announcements

JOYS & CONCERNS

WHEN THEY CANNOT JOIN US, WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Glenn Bender and Margaret Jackson

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Bill Snapp and Warren Chadima. If you or others are hospitalized, please let the office know. Because of privacy laws the hospitals are often not able to provide your information to us.

BIRTHDAYS: **10/9** Warren Chadima, Carlo Dannenfelser, Charles Jepsen, George Meaney, Ruth Osborn and Chad Weldon, **10/10** Terry Trimpe, **10/11** Hannah Brown, Ruby Davis and Hannah Snyder, **10/13** Katie Buresh, **10/14** James Adair and Kris Hale

ANNIVERSARIES: Charles & Kissy Heins **10/13/1984**, Ami & Chad Proctor **10/16/1999**

TODAY

Please Welcome

Today, we welcome the Rev. Paul Adessu, Minister in the Presbyterian Church of Togo. Pastor Adessu is joining Pastor Heather in worship in our prayers at 10:00 a.m., and will be leading a Togolese service in our sanctuary at noon. We also welcome the members of First Presbyterian Davenport, who are here for this special service and will be joining their voices with the Angel Choir. Anyone who would like to linger after fellowship and join in our second worship service is heartily welcome to do so!

October 9th - CROP Hunger Walk - 1:30 pm at Thomas Park

Raise monies to help end world hunger with Church World Service. Stop at our display in the Gathering Space to make a donation to the cause. Donations go to emergency food distribution as well as programs that increase self sufficiency and community capacity. FPC walkers will include Pastor Heather, Youth Director, Bill Wilding, the FPC youth, the

Bryant family, the Shields family, and Carol Edmondson. You can register to walk at www.crophungerwalk.org/cedarrapidsia & email your friends to sponsor your walk.

Insight Adult Education

Personal Challenges? Community Challenges? Mental & Physical Health Challenges? Personal Catastrophes? Today, Alejandro Pino, Executive Director, Young Parents Network spoke about the US Latino Community. Join us next week for the Immigration Policy, presented by Monica Vallejo, Vice-President, Legal United Latino American Citizens.

Folding Chairs For Sale!

Who needs extra chairs? As we recently were cleaning up our unused areas of the church, we found quite a few metal folding chairs that are no longer being used by the church. We would love to have our members take some home. We are selling 4 chairs for just \$20! There is a limited quantity and they are being sold on a first come/first served basis. If you are interested, please let Stormy know ASAP at stormy@fpccr.org or look for Steve White in Fellowship Hall after service. You can pick them up today!

Calling all photographers!

The Care Commission is looking for people interested in taking informal pictures of FPC groups and activities. The pictures will be used for church displays and possibly social media to highlight the life of the church. If you are interested, contact Stasia Fine (stasia@fpccr.org), or Stormy in the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is October 16, 4-7 p.m. at David and Susan Gehring's farm in Toddville, (address and directions are available in the church office). This is a fun outdoor event for the whole family! Beginning at 4:00 p.m., there will be activities for all ages, including bocce ball, Big Jenga, washers and bags, pumpkin painting, hay rack rides and kids games. At 5:15 p.m., dinner of chili, cornbread, hot dogs, rice and beans and a variety of finger foods will be served. Please sign up in advance to donate a food item to bring or to volunteer. After dinner, there will be more kids games, (but with no hands!), followed by Uno for anyone who wants to play. Outside, we'll have the bonfire and marshmallow roasting. Teenagers are invited to stay after 7 p.m. to help with clean-up and their own "youth time" at the bonfire. Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. **Please Note:** Due

to Tower Terrace Road being closed heading south, you will need to take County Home Road, and then go south to Toddville.

Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Pageant rehearsals and children's choir practices will begin Sunday, October 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the Children's Chapel on the second floor. If interested in having a role in the pageant, please plan to be in attendance on the 16th.

New Shepherd Orientation

Visiting a church for the first time can feel awkward and confusing. In order for all visitors and new attendees to feel welcome and comfortable at FPC, the Care Commission has developed a Shepherding Program. If you would like to help FPC nurture its hospitality by learning how to welcome any visitors in our midst and become one of our shepherds, please attend a 30 minute orientation in the parlor October 16th at 11:15 a.m.

We hope you will consider being part of this important mission. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Heather, Stasia Fine, or a member of the Care Commission—the ones wearing the "We Care" buttons.

Calling all who LOVE Christmas!

We are putting together our Advent Seasonal Team and you are welcome to join us. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26th at 1 p.m. Our theme is Generation-to-Generation. If you are a person who works 9 to 5, but would be interested in being part of this team, please email Heather or Stasia and let us know which evenings or weekend times would work best for you for future meetings.

Book Club

The Evening Book Club will meet on Monday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m., in the home of Cindy and John Monroe, 449 Dows Rd., SE, (981-8356). The book for discussion is *The Maid* by Nita Prose. This is the story of Molly, a maid in a boutique hotel. Because of her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette, Molly is very good at her job. However, she struggles with social skills and often misreads the intentions of others. One day, Molly's ordinary life is upended when she enters a suite and finds the occupant dead in bed. Molly's unusual demeanor leads the police to target her as a suspect. Readers are lead in a search for clues as to what really happened. All First Pres women and men are invited to join in the discussion.

Women's Bible Study - This Thursday at 1:00 pm

The Women's Bible Study with Pastor Heather is moving to the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. This current season we are using Bridget Meehan's book, *Praying with the Women of the Bible*. Copies are available in the Front Office. This week, we will be discussing Chapter 2 - Hagar. Are all invited to join in!

Name Tag Reminders

The Care Commission encourages everyone to make it a habit to wear your name tag. We have many newer faces that are a part of our congregation and many who are visiting our congregation for the first time. Name tags help us greet, welcome, and engage with others more easily. It's a simple way to build community in our church!



If you are 70 ½ or older, consider making a gift to 1st Pres of all or a portion of your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. The funds roll over directly to the Church and are not counted as income to you.



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