

April 2018

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

NEWS & VIEWS



The Festival of Easter

Sunday, April 1st

Worship

Resurrection of the Lord Service

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Brass Choir & Chancel Choir

Hallelujah Chorus by Handel

Brunch

9:45 - 11:15 a.m.

Between services in Fellowship Hall

Free Will Donation to support

youth summer trips

Flowering of the Cross
10:15 a.m.

Children's Egg Hunt
In the Sanctuary
10:25 a.m.

Sermons During the Easter Season **Being An Easter People**

April 8th - A People Who Have Faith

April 15th - A People Who Take the Next Step

April 22nd - A People Who Take a Stand

April 29th - A People Who Have a Change of Heart

May 6th - A People Who Love One Another

John 20:19-31

Luke 24:36-48

Acts 4:5-12

Acts 8:26-40

John 15:9-17



*Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter people, let us sing.*

As you are receiving this newsletter and thumbing through its pages, we are anticipating or perhaps have just celebrated the church's highest holy day, Easter Sunday. After Lent's somber 40 days, we explode with brass and boisterous Alleluias, proclaiming that Christ is Risen indeed! It is a fabulous and joyous Sunday at First Presbyterian - but it is only just a start. Easter Sunday marks the beginning of what is a whole season of celebration and reflection in the church. That season this year will reach all the way from April 1st to the May 20th celebration of Pentecost. It is a season where we consider what it means in our daily lives and for our world that Christ is risen. It is a season where we examine what it means to live as Easter people, people who live their lives as if the story just told about Jesus being raised from the dead was really true.

As we follow the lectionary appointed scripture for each Sunday, we see concrete implications of what happens when the resurrection takes hold of the lives of individuals and communities. There is the movement from hiding in fear to the courageous witness. There is the gift of peace offered by the empowering breath of the Holy Spirit. There is the commissioning of the disciples with the power to forgive. In the lessons from Acts and the Epistles, we see marks of unity, generosity, fellowship, and love. The individuals who encounter the risen Christ in the power of God's Spirit aren't just transformed as individuals, but they are made into a new kind of community, an "Easter people."

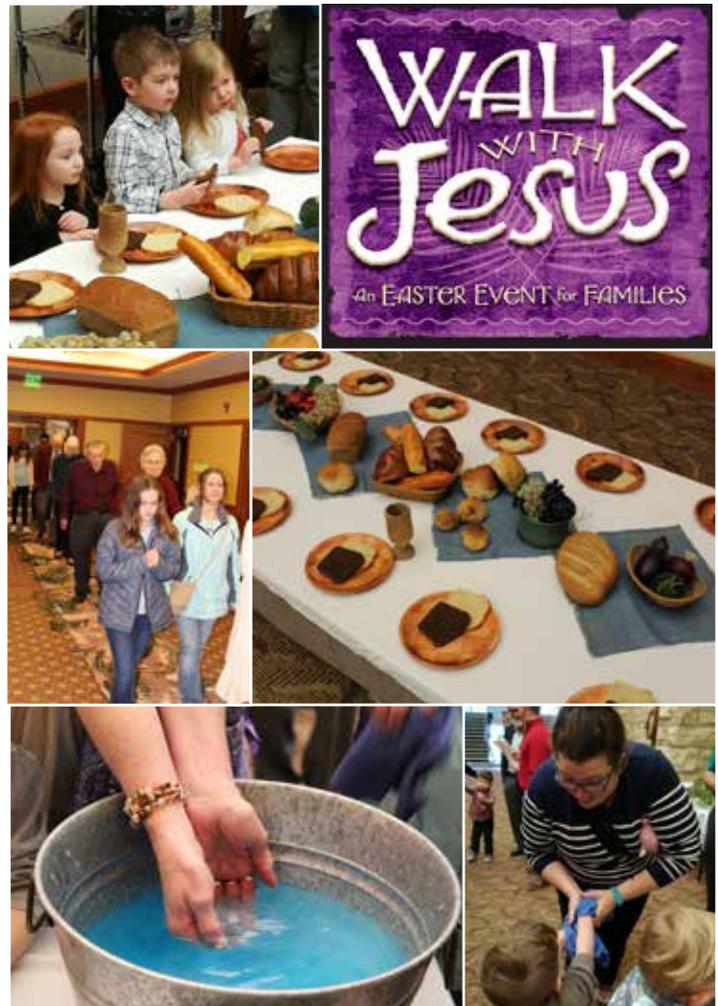
Sister Helen Prejean writes, "I pay attention to what I do so I know what I believe." This season of Easter gives us time to wonder about how the life that we each live - and the life of our community of faith at First Presbyterian - bear witness to the extraordinary love and great hope of that resurrection moment so very long ago. We may not yet fully be the "Easter people" that God's grace is forming us to be. Not yet. But there are signs that Easter's courage, peace, unity, generosity, and forgiveness have begun to infect our lives, witnessing to a reality

greater than ourselves.

This Easter amidst the joy and celebration of our new lives in Christ, let us also celebrate the joy of new life with others. Let us strive to become an "Easter People" who know and reflect God's love through our love for one another —equally beloved children of God.

Grace & peace,

Pastor Heather



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with and attended this year's special "Walk With Jesus" event. A special thank you to: Ryan Buresh for playing "Jesus," to Sarah Keuseman for being a narrator, to Kelli Eggert for taking pictures and to Jaime Weldon and Alisa Shields for putting tons of hard work on the planning, decorating and executing of this event! We have a video on our church facebook page!



East Entrance reconstruction project

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Building Task Force has met frequently with the architect and Rinderknecht Associates over the past four months. We have finalized the east entrance project, and while it won't look exactly like the renderings you saw last summer we believe that given the budget constraints it will solve the most pressing problems in a functional and esthetically pleasing way.

We plan to begin construction in May; possibly as early as May 1st but more likely May 14th. We will announce the exact date at least a week before demolition begins. Rinderknecht is planning 32 weeks of construction. This means we can anticipate having the new east entrance open just before Christmas. That, of course, is subject to change: it is a construction project. In the meantime, we can make a number of announcements about the effects of construction on the church and its operation.

Because the South Lobby will be removed, that entrance will be closed to the congregation for the duration of the project. The alley entrance will also be closed. The glass 5th St. doors will be the only access during the week. On Sundays those doors, the wooden narthex doors, and the 3rd Ave. sacristy door will be open. For safety reasons, the elevator will not be available during construction.

On Sundays we will have a temporary ramp available for direct access to the sanctuary at the 3rd Ave. sacristy door. This will, we hope, make the sanctuary readily accessible for members with mobility difficulties. This door will only be available on Sunday mornings. We will have an usher there to assist members who may require some help.

The parking lot will be occupied by Rinderknecht and their subcontractors for the duration of the project. There will be a few spots available, but most of the parking will be across 3rd Ave., in the old Gazette parking lot. This is a private lot. The owner has asked that we respect the reserved spaces, even on evenings and weekends, and not park in any reserved spaces at any time. If we do not respect those spaces we may lose access to the entire lot. There will, of course, also be on-street metered parking.

The office is moving back to the 5th St. side of the building. Reception will be in the middle, between the pastor's and treasurer's offices. The CE office has moved to 2nd floor.

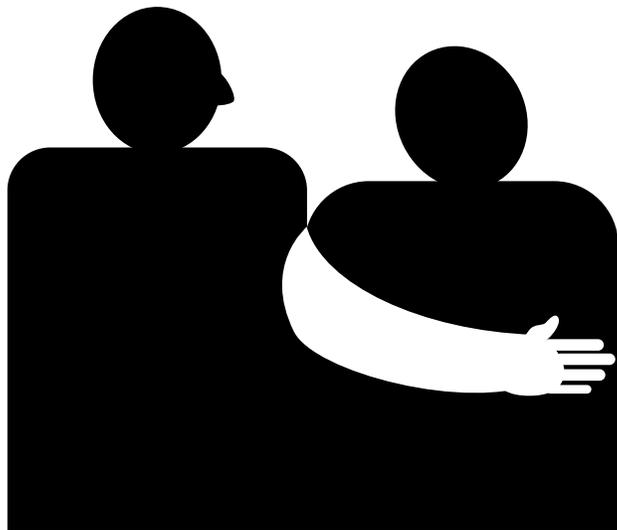
Importantly, there are no changes to the church's basic operation. The office will be open as usual, with the same address, telephone numbers, and e-mails. Worship service will still be in the sanctuary on Sundays. The restrooms will be where they have been.

We will keep you informed of progress and any changes as they occur. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Building Task Force, Eric, or Pastor Heather.

- Construction begins May 14th, but possibly as early as May 1st. Completion is anticipated just before Christmas, 2018.
- Enter the church through the 5th St. doors. The 3rd Ave. door will be open for handicapped access during church services. Parking lot and alley doors will be closed during construction. The elevator and east stairs will not be available.
- Parking is available on the street and in the old Gazette lot across 3rd Ave. Do not park in any reserved spot in the Gazette lot, even at night or on weekends. Limited parking may be available in the church lot.
- Food Bank entry will be through the 5th St. doors, with a Food Bank volunteer directing patrons.
- A welcome desk staffed by volunteers will be located at the top of the stairs near the Gathering Space to direct visitors during office hours. Contact Pastor Heather to volunteer.
- Church offices will move back to the 1961 office area facing 5th St. Heather Rey is on the 2nd floor. Pastor Heather's and the church treasurer's offices have not changed.
- The Gathering Space will be unavailable most of the time. The kitchen, Fellowship Hall, and the Parlor will be open except for brief periods. Please respect any construction barriers.
- The church library has been boxed up for the duration of the project.
- Restrooms on all floors are unaffected.
- Two classrooms on the 2nd floor will be unavailable; a sign at the top of the stairs will direct families to the rooms in use that week. The elevator and east stairs will not be available throughout the project. The basement is unaffected except for the Middle School/Senior High rooms and Food Bank for a few days while a drain is relocated.
- Church contact information (mailing and e-mail addresses, telephone numbers) is unchanged during construction. Church office hours are also unchanged.
- Questions? Contact the Building Task Force (Ron Olson, chair; Laura Behrens, Tom Lackner, Cindy Monroe, Dave Rasmussen, Bob Schley), Eric Stark, or Pastor Heather

Am I My Brother's Keeper?

Our Responsibility to Others



When Jesus saw people in need, he helped them. He didn't ask them if they could afford to buy food, or offer them "tough love." How are we called to help others? There are many needs. What are most important? What can I do? Do we want to help as we would want to be helped or as they would want? What in our community is unique? Can and should we change the life style and culture of those different from us? If I don't have a personal relationship with those in need, can I instead be an effective advocate?

4/8 MENTAL HEALTH

Theresa Graham-Mineart, Abbe Center Associate Director

4/15 HOMELESS

Phoebe Trepp, Willis Dady Emergency Shelter Director

4/22 RECENT IMMIGRANTS, SINGLE WOMEN

Paula Land, Catherine McAuley Center Director

4/29 SUICIDE & PERSONAL CRISIS

Emily Blomme, Foundation 2 Director

Sunday Mornings
9:00 a.m.

Wernimont Room



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Questions of Faith

We have faith but what does it mean? Is there more than one way of interpreting the big questions? No matter what the technical definition, how does our faith motivate our actions?

DeEtta Andersen, class facilitator, is a teacher at Center Point Urbana High School & a lay pastor in the Presbyterian Church.

Questions for April

4/8 Is there a heaven or hell? What does it mean to have an afterlife? How can we know?

4/15 What if I disagree with what the church says?

4/22 What does it mean to be saved? Do I earn salvation or is it given to me?

4/29 Where is God when I am dealing with tragedy?

Sunday Mornings
9:00 a.m.

Parents Lounge



Senior Luncheon

April 15 has been set as the date we next honor our elders (not necessarily our Elders). The Deacons are sponsoring a luncheon featuring the culinary talents of Dave Davidson, as a way to recognize your perspective, your leadership, your wisdom and your unique contributions as senior members of the membership of First Presbyterian. Dave will be making Steak and Ale Pie with Puff Pastry... YUM!!! Sign up with Carolyn Crew on Sunday morning or call the church office if you plan to attend.

Family Promise Gratitude

Family Promise is learning and growing. After we admitted our first family and finished our long road back to providing services, the obvious next chapter in our relaunch was adding people. We are adding more families and will be opening up our second slot by May. We are actively recruiting more host and support communities of Faith. Our goal is to create a large and diverse group of communities who support our mission.

On a personal note, after my first two months here with Family Promise, I'm thoroughly excited about what we can accomplish in this community. The amount of generosity and compassion displayed by every community of faith in our network is well above impressive. First Presbyterian Church is a great home for our day center. Thank you to all the wonderful staff at the church for making me feel included and supporting Family Promise.

Joyful Noises Concert on April 21.

This event will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, with all proceeds benefiting Family Promise of Linn County. A silent auction begins at 6p.m. The concert starts at 7p.m. and features Emcee Alicia Tarancon (KCRG), Kevin 'BF' Burt, Shawndell Young, Lilywren, Symphony School Harp Ensemble, Jason Fuemmeler, Craig Dove Trio, Lynne Hart, Neal Marple and Andy McKean. Come out for a great evening of entertainment and support this organization in, "Transforming the Lives of Homeless Families Because Every Child Deserves a Home."



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HarpStrings

Red Cedar Chamber Music's Directors and core ensemble, violinist Miera Kim and cellist Carey Bostian are joined by Iowa City native, harpist Katherine Siochi, for a concert program titled HarpStrings. They will present Main Stage concert events at 7 p.m. on Saturday,

April 21 at First Presbyterian Church, 310 5th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 2355 Oakdale Rd., Coralville, IA. Tickets for both events are available at the door for \$20. Thirty and under is \$10.

HarpStrings brings home to Iowa City two graduates of the Preucil School of Music, siblings Katherine and Jeremiah Siochi. The program includes the iconic Trio by Henriette Renié as well as a newly commissioned work by Jeremiah Siochi titled *toque de azul*. The new work, as the title suggests, is a jazzy three-movement work with movements titled *bass*, *ballad* and *basso*. The work is energetic, fresh and very groovy. It was commissioned in honor of Katherine's former harp teacher, Pamela Weest-Carrasco. Red Cedar's Artistic Director, Carey Bostian had many opportunities to work with Katherine and Jeremiah during their high school years and can't wait to share their amazing talent with the Red Cedar audience.

Bridge, Anyone?

Our church bridge group is looking for more partnerships. It's a laid-back group that plays once a month for fun. The next schedule will be for playing May-October. If you play bridge and are interested in having a little fun and getting to know some of our members better, please consider joining our group. For more information or details, please contact Janelle Parks at lp splinter@gmail.com or 310-4759.

“Expedition Norway” Needs You!

Come and join us in “Norway!” This year, our 2018 Vacation Bible School will be held from July 16-20th. We hope in planning your summer vacation schedules that you will plan to be here for our exciting week of Vacation Bible School! This year’s Vacation Bible School will immerse our children and volunteers into the culture of Norway, where we will learn more about Norway on our Expedition! Each day, our children will have an opportunity to experience Norway, be a part of Bible Adventu res, participate in the opening and closing celebrations, play games and grow in their faith! Registration for Vacation Bible School will begin in late April. Save the dates: July 16-20.



We Need Your Polar Bears & Icicle Lights!

For this year’s Vacation Bible School, we will be looking for decorations with a “Wintry theme.” We are specifically looking for the following items:

- Any kind of snowflake decorations
- Stuffed animals like polar bears, penguins & other arctic creatures
- Icicle lights
- large pieces of blue fabric (all shades of blue – at least two yards long)
- Old ski hats (Nordic looking – ones with ties that hang down, etc.)
- Old pairs of skis (they do not have to be usable)
- Old pairs of ice skates (doesn’t matter size or condition)
- Old sleds (radio-flyer wooden type – please no plastic sleds)
- Rolls of blue cellophane
- Snowflake themed scrapbook paper
- Authentic “Norway” items

If you have any items to donate, please leave them for Heather Rey at the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather at heatherrey@fpccr.org

Summer Camp Opportunities!

Camp Wyoming is a great place for children and youth to have fun, make new friends and grow in their faith lives. Camps are available for children and youth ages 5-18 throughout the summer. Our congregation supports Camp Wyoming in a variety of ways. One of these ways is through supporting the children of our congregation who would like to go to summer camps by paying half of each camper’s fee. If your child is interested in registering for camp, they can do so at campwyoming.net. If you have any questions about camp scholarships, please email Heather at heatherrey@fpccr.org.

The Farmers’ Market & Vendor/Craft Fairs are Coming!

Again this summer, we will be opening our church during several of our the downtown Cedar Rapids Farmers’ Markets for Vendor and Craft Fairs. On June 2, June 16, August 4, and August 18th, we will have the church open for these fairs. We are looking for a team of 4 adults to be here during each fair (from 7:30 am to noon) to help direct traffic/greet and welcome/ help make sure things go smoothly and a team of 4-5 people to come at 12:15 to help move tables and clean fellowship hall. While these fairs are a youth fundraiser, we have many church families that are gone for one or more weekends in the summer. We cannot run these fairs without continual help from a wide section of our congregation. Even if you are willing to come for an hour or two on one of those Saturday mornings, we’d love to hear from you! If you’d like to volunteer for one of the Markets, please email Heather Rey at heatherrey@fpccr.org.

Vendors and Crafters Wanted:

We will again be putting on a few Vendor/Craft Fairs during the Cedar Rapids downtown Farmers’ Markets. Our Fairs will take place on June 2, June 16, August 4 and August 18th. We will register our Vendors and Crafters who participated last year first, but will then be taking open registrations for Vendors and Crafters. We will accept all kinds of crafters, but are only able to accept one Vendor per company (ie: one Tupperware rep, one Pampered Chef rep). If you or someone you know might like to participate, our table fee is \$50 per fair, and you can find our registration form on the church website under the “learn – children and youth – forms” tabs. All proceeds from these fairs will go to support our youth summer trips. Email Heather Rey at heatherrey@fpccr.org if you have questions or would like to register.

Save The Date Children and Youth Sunday!

On Sunday, May 20th (Pentecost Sunday) our children and youth will be presenting a very special worship experience! During the next few weeks in Sunday School, our children and youth will be getting ready for this special day which will include Scripture Readings, Drama, Music and Art! This worship experience will include all children and youth from preschool – 12th grade. As a part of this special Sunday, we will be ordering matching t-shirts for all of our children and youth to wear that day for worship! Order forms will be sent out in the mail, and will be available in the upstairs Sunday School hallway as well. T-shirt order forms are due by April 15th. If you have any questions, please email Heather Rey at heatherrey@fpccr.org.

Save The Dates – A “Faith Milestone”

As a part of our “Faith Milestones” program, each year our kindergarten and first graders will participate in our “Praying Together” milestone event. Because we just started our “Faith Milestones” program in 2016, we will be giving all kindergarten through third graders (and any others who would like to participate) and their families an opportunity to participate in this particular milestone this year. (In the future, it will go back to being just for second and third graders and families.) Through this milestone, children and their parents will learn about prayer. Prayer is a conversation with God; it is listening and talking. It is at the center of our Christian life and becomes our natural response to God’s love and our lives. During this milestone, families will gather to experience new ways to pray and to make tools to remind them and help them at home.

This “Milestone Celebration” will begin at church on Sunday, April 15th where families of kindergartners through third graders will gather immediately after worship for a pizza lunch. After lunch, Pastor Heather will meet with parents to talk about different ways they can help and encourage their children to pray, and our students will meet with Heather Rey to paint their prayer boxes. We will finish up on the 15th around 12:30 pm. This “Milestone of Faith” will be celebrated in worship on Sunday, April 29th. On that day, students will come up front with their parents to receive their prayer boxes, and have their boxes blessed. We hope all families of kindergarten through third graders will “Save the Date” for April 15th and 29th to be a part of this important milestone.

Do You Have A Graduating Senior In High School?

If you have a graduating High School Senior in your family, we would love to honor them on “Graduation Sunday.” This important “Milestone of Faith” will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, May 27th. Families of graduates should have received an email at the end of March from Heather Rey detailing this celebration. If you have a graduate and you did not receive the details, please email Heather at heatherrey@fpccr.org. All families of graduates should select 10 photos of your student (close-ups work best) from baby pictures through Senior Pictures and submit them (preferably digitally) to Heather at heatherrey@fpccr.org by May 1st. Families should also fill out a “bio” form and submit it with your pictures. Bio forms were included in the “Graduation Sunday” email to families and can also be found on the church website under the “learn – children and youth – forms” tabs. New this year: families are invited to decorate a table (card table or similar size) with pictures and memorabilia about your graduate. Tables will be provided by the church. On each table will be a slim bulletin board with the name of the graduate, where members of the congregation can write well-wishes to our graduates. We hope everyone in our congregation will take a moment to jot down a few wishes for each graduate. On May 27th, our seniors will be honored during the 10:15 worship service. We hope all of our seniors and their families will plan to attend!

Get Ready For Summer Youth Trips!

We are starting to get excited about our summer youth trips! Our middle schoolers will be doing a localized mission trip; both here in Cedar Rapids and in Waterloo from June 4-8th and will also be attending “The Great Escape” which is a Youth Conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin from July 9-14. During “The Great Escape” our 6th-8th graders will worship together, be a part of small groups and recreation, and listen to keynotes and skits as they build their relationship with God and with one another! Our Senior Highers will be doing mission work on the Crow Reservation in Montana; participating in home rebuilding, landscaping and clean-up projects as well as putting on a “Kids’ Club” program for the children on the reservation each afternoon. This trip will run from July 21-29. If you’d like more information on any of these trips, please email Heather Rey at heatherrey@fpccr.org or check the website under the “Learn – Children and Youth – Forms” tabs for trip brochures.



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The Refugee Crisis in Iowa

APRIL 6, 2018 - 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

CALEB GATES, Refugee Case Manager & Advocacy

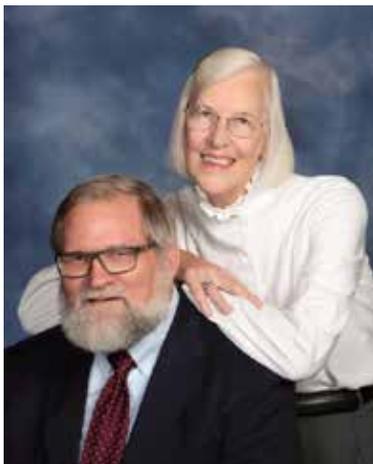
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

\$10 per person (payable at the door) — includes lunch

Who are refugees? How has the Trump administration affected refugee resettlement? Why are there so many refugees? And what does the future hold for refugees? Caleb Gates, a Refugee Case Manager from the Catherine McAuley Center, will discuss these questions at the April Intersections luncheon. Please join us as we examine this urgent topic affecting Iowa, the US, and the world.

Caleb Gates has worked with refugees since 2011 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Louisville, Kentucky. He currently serves at the Catherine McAuley Center. At CMC, Caleb works with new refugee families, gives refugees and immigrants a platform to speak, and brings people of disparate backgrounds together.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, APRIL 3.



Farewell to Allen and Ellen Fisher.

Join us on April 8th as we wish Al & Ellen Fisher the best for their move out east. Al & Ellen have been faithful members since 1979 and tireless in their service to church and community. We will miss them greatly, but celebrate their new

journey as grandparents and offer blessings for them as they create a new home in Baltimore. There will be a reception recognizing their contributions following worship on April 8th.

Lest We Forget

A Community Service of Remembrance
for the Victims of the Holocaust

Mount Mercy University
1330 Elmhurst Drive NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

April 16, 2018
7:00 PM

Featuring Holocaust Survivor
Michael Bornstein

Organized By
The Thaler Holocaust Memorial Fund
and
The Inter-Religious Council of Linn County

more information can be found at
www.holocausteducate.org or at www.ircle.org

Jim Zogby Presentation April 12th Jerusalem, Past, Present, Future

Jim Zogby, is the founder and president of the Arab American Institute, Washington, D.C., which serves as a political and policy research arm of the Arab-American Community. He is the author of *Arab Voices*, *The Carter Administration and Palestinian Rights*, and *Zionism and the Problem of Human Rights*. He has appeared on CSPAN's Washington Journal, CNN and other frequent guest appearances.

DATE: April 12, 7 PM Q&A following

LOCATION: Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church

COST: FREE- refreshments will be available

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SESSION NOTES March 20, 2018

ACTION ITEMS:

- MOTION made and seconded to move forward in engaging New Leaf Historic Redevelopment to secure state historic tax credits, to begin immediately at a cost maximum of \$25,000 with potential to receive up to \$400-500,000. Motion carried unanimously
- MOTION has been passed by the Building Task Force to begin remodeling construction in May 2018 with a downgraded project scope and lowered cost due to Capital Campaign results (amended total cost: \$1.39 million).
- Tom Lackner reported for the Task Force that adjustments include reduced size of entrance canopy (narrower, no columns); interior flooring tile rather than terrazzo; solid doors rather than glass; sheet rock interior walls rather than paneling/glass; office counters/work surfaces downgraded to laminate. These changes and start date of approximately May 15 will be announced to the Congregation on Easter Sunday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: *Written Report on File

- Worship & Music (Marty Brown): April Communion has been moved to April 8 (by intinction/3 Elders) and May Communion (passing of trays, 6 Elders) will be May 6. Distributed server sign-up.
- Christian Education (Diana Richardson)*: March meeting, including updates on nursery staffing, safety policy, “tiny bathroom” solutions, Easter preparation, Walk With Jesus staffing; youth trips and potential youth Elder.
- Stewardship (Lynda Barrow): Committee met and discussed acquiring additional members as well as plans for “Celebration Sunday” in November with special music and food.
- Finance (Bob Schley)*: Reported doing well with income and expenses to date.
- MOTION made and seconded to approve 2/28/18 Financial Report. Motion carried.
- Fellowship (Priscilla Polehna, Sue Goettel): Four dinner groups have been formed; three groups have met to-date. 24 participants attended Creative Hands Easter egg event. Discussed summer Worship in the Park locations. Martha Booth has been added to the committee.
- Mission (Martha Wilding)*: One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Palm Sunday

and Easter. March meeting included discussion of Senior Youth mission trip to the Crow Native American Reservation to run Kids Club and assist in construction projects. Session approved requesting donation of books and other supplies from the Congregation on the 2nd Sunday of the month, April-July. Youth will work to plan the week’s curriculum and work on construction skills with interested volunteers. Disbursements of nearly \$10,000 were made to Helping Hands, InterReligious Council, Camp Wyoming, Family Promise, Linn County Chaplain (Fresh Start), Interfaith Alliance of IA and Community Health/Haiti.

- Property (Tom Lackner): Sound Concepts working on sound system repair, including unusable lectern microphone. Documents from Wells Fargo to be signed by officers authorizing withdrawals from endowment funds were tabled for title correction.
- Deacons (Heather Hayes)*: Reported connections with homebound members. April plans: delivering tulips and lilies after Easter worship; Extended Table communion 4/8; Senior Dinner 4/15 hosted by Deacons and prepared by Dave Davidson. Seeking three additional Deacons.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: Discussed plans for recognition of Al and Ellen Fisher on April 8.

Plans continue for a February 2019 150th Building Anniversary (official building date: Feb. 28, 1869), along with a remodeling/construction completion party.

PASTOR’S REPORT:

- Time & Talent Surveys are being reviewed and shared with committees.
- “People at Work” cards were introduced, to be filled out each time anyone in congregation volunteers or attends a meeting; cards will eventually cover a wall in Fellowship Hall.
- Plans are in progress to include a note in quarterly pledge statements noting FPC accomplishments and impact in our “community” due to member stewardship.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Hayes at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Caszatt,

Clerk of Session

April Calendar

Sun Apr 1

9 Resurrection of the Lord Service
9:45 Easter Brunch
10:15 Flowering of the Cross
10:25 Children's Easter Egg Hunt
11am Resurrection of the Lord Service
2:30 SEMP Prep (Sous Chef)
3:30 SEMP Servers and Cleanup
4:30 SEMP Meal

Mon Apr 2

All day Church is closed

Tue Apr 3

12 – 1pm AA Wernimont Room
6 – 7pm Mission Committee
6 – 7pm Youth Committee
7 – 8pm Christian Education Board

Wed Apr 4

9am – 4pm Foster Care Review Board
6 – 8pm Combined Youth Groups and Supper
6 – 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 – 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu Apr 5

12:45 – 3:15pm Serendipity Book Club

Fri Apr 6

9 – 10am KIVA 32nd St NE Hy Vee
11:45am – 1pm INTERSECTIONS

Sun Apr 8

9 – 10am INSIGHT Adult Education
9 – 10am Sunday School for all ages
10:15 – 11:15am Worship Service
11:15am Fisher Farewell Reception
2:30 SEMP Prep (Sous Chef)
3:30 SEMP Servers and Cleanup
4:30 SEMP Meal

Tue Apr 10

12 – 1pm AA
5:30 – 6:30pm Deacons
6:30 – 7:30pm Finance Committee

Wed Apr 11

6 – 8pm Combined Youth Groups and Supper
6 – 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 – 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu Apr 12

9am – 4pm Foster Care Review Board
7:00pm Veterans for Peace presentation

Fri Apr 13

9 – 10am KIVA 32nd St NE Hy Vee

Sun Apr 15

9 – 10am INSIGHT Adult Education
9 – 10am Sunday School for all ages
10:15 – 11:15am Worship Service
11:15am Prayer Milestone
11:30 - 12:30 Senior Luncheon
2:30 SEMP Prep (Sous Chef)
3:30 SEMP Servers and Cleanup
4:30 SEMP Meal

Mon Apr 16

6:30 – 8pm Book Group Member's home

Tue Apr 17

12 – 1pm AA
6 – 7pm Fellowship Committee
6 – 7pm Stewardship Committee
7 – 8pm Session

Wed Apr 18

9am – 4pm Foster Care Review Board
6 – 8pm Combined Youth Groups and Supper
6 – 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 – 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri Apr 20

9 – 10am KIVA 32nd St NE Hy Vee
10am – 12pm ORKIN

Sat Apr 21

7 – 9pm Red Cedar Concert

Sun Apr 22

9 – 10am INSIGHT Adult Education
9 – 10am Sunday School for all ages
10:15 – 11:15am Worship Service
11:30 - 12:30 Fellowship
2:30 SEMP Prep (Sous Chef)
3:30 SEMP Servers and Cleanup
4:30 SEMP Meal

Tue Apr 24

12 – 1pm AA
6:30 – 7:30pm Worship & Music Committee

Wed Apr 25

6 – 8pm Combined Youth Groups and Supper
6 – 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 – 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu Apr 26

6 – 7:30pm Food Group

Fri Apr 27

9 – 10am KIVA 32nd St NE Hy Vee

Sun Apr 29

9 – 10am INSIGHT Adult Education
9 – 10am Sunday School for all ages
10:15 – 11:15am Worship Service
11:30 - 12:30 Senior Luncheon
2:30 SEMP Prep (Sous Chef)
3:30 SEMP Servers and Cleanup
4:30 SEMP Meal
4 – 6pm FPC Kids

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on February 18, 2018

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