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Let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

(Adapted and updated from 12/2015)

The Christian life is one of faith, lived out over time, expressed in love, with perseverance. Faith requires the inner focus of the spirit upon the One True God, and his revealed will. “Look where you’re going,” my Dad used to say, when I was learning to drive.

When we stay focused on our all-powerful, good God, then we are undaunted by the trials of this life. When we keep our eyes on Christ, then the lies of doubt and discouragement whispered by our spiritual Enemy have no power. In all cases, God is faithful, and glory awaits those who patiently trust in him. For even when circumstances appear dire, Christ is the one who multiplied the fish and the loaves; the Lord is the one who parted the Red Sea; our God is the one who raised his Son from the dead. Be strong and courageous. Act upon what you *know* to be true in God, rather than on what your fear *might* be true in the circumstances you see around you.

We are citizens of heaven, bound for our homeland, who have been given work to do along the way. So we keep our eyes focused on our vision, and our hands busy with our mission.

Our congregational vision statement (our goal): is to know Christ and to

make him known. Our mission (*how* we go about achieving our goal), is to develop disciples who worship God, grow spiritually, care for the congregation, and reach out to the world.

Please allow me to emphasize this: our vision is to glorify God by knowing Christ (which is a *relational* term, not an *intellectual* term), and by making him known to others. We seek to do that through pursuing our God-given mission of worshipping God, growing spiritually, caring for one another, and reaching out to the lost.

This is a time of significant change in our congregation. Church planting and revitalization are large tasks. If we genuinely seek to grow and be fruitful for the Lord, we can expect spiritual opposition. Please join me in fervent prayer for our congregation—for God’s blessings, protection, unity, strength, courage, and faith. Pray without ceasing!

May God give you a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have many blessings, and God is indeed good!

But when Peter saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Matthew 14:30-31



IT'S A BOY! Andrew Christopher Dellitt was born at 6:30pm on Friday, October 26 to Jeff and Lisa Dellitt. He was 9 lbs 2oz and 20.5 in long. Andrew was an apostle who brought his brother Simon to Jesus, and the name means manly or brave. Christopher means "one who upholds Christ." Jeff & Lisa desire that their son will become a man who bravely upholds Jesus Christ. Abby is excited to have a little brother to cuddle and hold.



We have new chairs in the side room! They were delivered on Monday. They were donated by one of our members. Glory to God! Many thanks to the men who assisted in unpacking the chairs and moving them into the side room. Your cheerful assistance in completing this project was deeply appreciated! Jack Wheeler, Worship Committee

Upcoming Holiday Schedule:

11/18	11:30pm	Congregational Meeting
11/22	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
12/1	8:30am	Decorate Sanctuary
12/2	6:00pm	First Sunday of Advent A Christmas Gathering (see pg 3)
12/16	10:15am	Children's Christmas Program (see pg 7)
12/23	10:15am	All Church Fellowship
12/24	4:30pm	Christmas Eve Service

PRAYER REQUESTS

Expecting Parents:
Matt & Sydney Hampson

- Ruth Anderson
- Bill Brinkman
- Amy Earnest
- Keith Erickson
- Jamie Frits
- Donna Holle
- Mike Holle
- Maharah Jones
- Stuart Neagle
- John Roth
- Jill Sanderlin
- Kathy Shetler
- Joan Wierenga

Pastor Greg & family
Pastor Ben & family
Tori Burdick
Matt & Sydney Hampson
Session
Board of Trustees
Deacons
Staff

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mike Holle
- 4 Laurie Lawrence
- 5 Stuart Neagle
Mike Hoyt
Rose Patton
- 6 Pam Siegert
- 8 Karyn Janoski
- 9 Marsha Holmes
- 14 Jeff Dellitt
- 15 Holly Landis
- 21 Dennis Swenson
Jim Boruff

Pray for our at home members

- Harry & Ina Ackeborg
- Margaret Farrar
- Lois Freeman
- Geneva Gsell
- Marie Hoscheid
- Carol Jacobs
- Vernette Jensen
- Ellie Swartout
- Ivy Talbert



on November 4

Sermon Scripture for November:

- November 4 Isaiah 29:1-14
- November 11 Isaiah 29:15-30:7
- November 18 Isaiah 30:8-17
- November 22 Thanksgiving Eve—
Ephesians 5:15-20
- November 25 Isaiah 30:18-33



A Christmas Gathering: Crafts & Coffeehouse Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

We are planning an enjoyable evening of fellowship in a relaxed and festive coffeehouse atmosphere with Advent crafts and yummy treats. Please set aside a couple hours that evening to join us as we begin this season of celebration of our Savior's birth. This is an event focused on reaching out to friends and family members and would encourage you to invite them to join us. It would be a great opportunity to introduce them to your FUPC family as we begin this very special time of year.

Look for more information to follow in November's bulletins!

Linda Young & Jan Riccio



Stephen Ministry Connection

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives– and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

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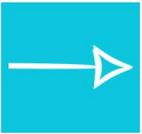
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Stephen Ministry, a ministry of Congregational Care. Stuart Neagle, Elder.

FUPC's Stephen Ministers:

Ruth Anderson
Jane Anne Buller
Deb Egger
Jim Egger
Gene Erickson
Keith Erickson
Jeff Havenner
Lisa Mizeur
Joan Olson
Kathy Shetler
Sue Tunberg
Art Wedra





Outreach: Partnership with Logan Elementary

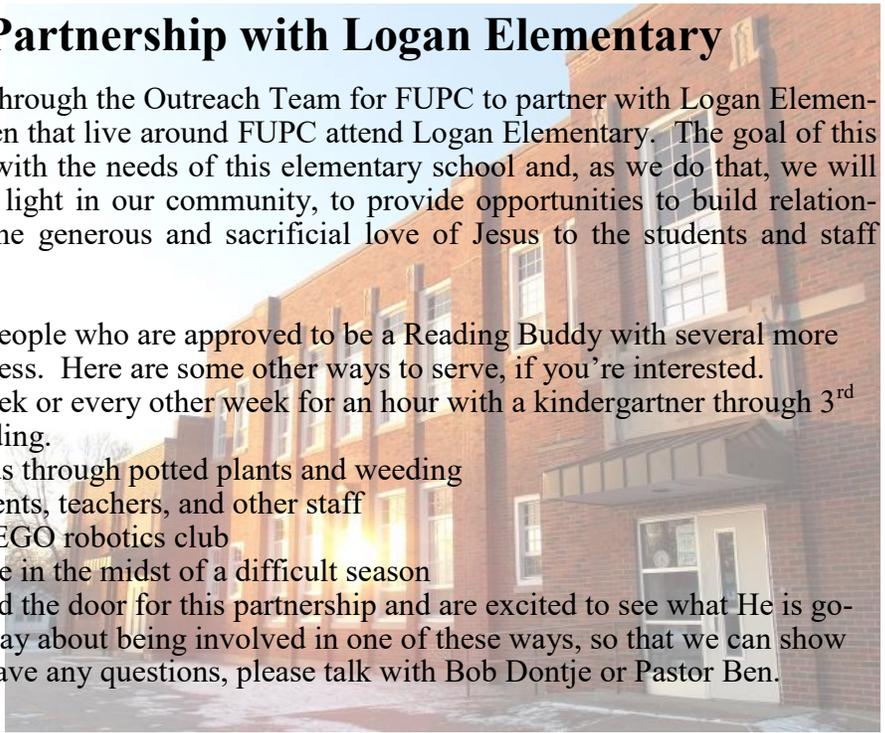


The Lord has opened the door through the Outreach Team for FUPC to partner with Logan Elementary. The neighborhood children that live around FUPC attend Logan Elementary. The goal of this partnership is to help with the needs of this elementary school and, as we do that, we will be able to be salt and light in our community, to provide opportunities to build relationships, and to reflect the generous and sacrificial love of Jesus to the students and staff there.

Currently, we have 6 people who are approved to be a Reading Buddy with several more going through the process. Here are some other ways to serve, if you're interested.

- Being a Reading Buddy once a week or every other week for an hour with a kindergartner through 3rd grader, who is struggling with reading.
- Help with beautifying their grounds through potted plants and weeding
- Writing encouraging notes to students, teachers, and other staff
- Helping other leaders with their LEGO robotics club
- Being a support to families who are in the midst of a difficult season

We are so excited that the Lord has opened the door for this partnership and are excited to see what He is going to do in and through it! Would you pray about being involved in one of these ways, so that we can show Christ's love to our community? If you have any questions, please talk with Bob Dontje or Pastor Ben.



Rock Solid Kids Ministry Security Updates They will affect the whole church!

Over a year now both the children's ministry committee and the trustee board have been working together on the need for more security for the children's ministry at FUPC. As a church we all seek to be more welcoming and attractive to younger families, because we want the gospel to be proclaimed to the next generation. One of the most important aspects of a church that these families are looking for when finding a church home is whether their children will be safe while they are in the care of the church. While we all know each other and trust each other new families do not know us, and we have not earned their trust yet. Our responsibility is to not only share the gospel and make disciples, but to also do our best with ensuring that every child is as safe as possible while they are participating within the Rock Solid Kids Ministry.

As you are all aware our church building is a bit disjointed, which makes it somewhat challenging to create secured areas for all the children (birth-5th grade). However, the children's committee presented a proposal to the trustee board and session that will make it feasible for the children's ministry to become a completely secured area. In July 2018 the trustee board approved this proposal and a contractor bid that will enable us to make these changes. Our goal is to start the revamp in the late Fall 2018 and have the new security procedures in place January 2019. These dates are all dependent upon how well the revamp will proceed.

Our strategy to make the children in our ministry more safe is as follows. We will focus on moving all children down to the basement, so that it will be easier to create a secure environment as well as being easier for families to have all of their children in one place. We believe that this is in the best interest for our children. We will build half-walls (welcome desks) to create a barrier and to be check-in stations, in order for our children to be more safe and secure, while at church. We will have only two entrances into the children's area for children birth-5th grade, parents, or guardians, which can only be accessed by volunteers who have been thoroughly screened by the children's ministry director.

Within this strategy it means that we will need to move some age groups around. We will move the nursery downstairs into the old kitchen, where the 4th-5th graders have met for Sunday School. Mothers will still be able to access their children easily, because of its close proximity to the sanctuary. However, the babies will then be able to be within the newly secured area. To make the old kitchen secure we will make the current entrance an exit only door and create a new door way behind the half-wall/welcome desk. Our plan is also to

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eventually have a pager system in place for parents as well, so they can easily be reached by nursery volunteers.

The 4th-5th graders will move into the room right off the elevator with no windows, which is not currently being used on Sunday morning. The vision is to set this space up to be a preteen youth room to help students in the transition into Catalyst.

These changes have been approved by the Children's Committee and haven't been done lightly. We have talked with parents collectively and individually and have received overwhelming support. We have talked with 10-15 of our parents at our fall parent meeting and all were on-board with the changes. We have talked with all 4 of the regular families that currently have their children in the nursery and all are on-board. We have talked with 2 current nursing mothers, who are also in support of these changes. Parents using the nursery have even suggested that we use a pack and play instead of the cribs that are currently there.

There are many security aspects that make these changes of worth when considering the safety of the children in the Rock Solid Kids Ministry. We want to be proactive, instead of reactive in helping our children be safe and secure. We want to create a secure area, where only people who have gone through our screening process, are allowed access to the children. We value safety and security, so that's why we have background checks. However, currently our space allows anyone to go into areas where children are being disciplined. People, who might want to harm a child will have to get through a secure area, in order to do so. Whereas now, we do not have a secure area. People have complete access to children. In today's day and age, visitors expect their children to be in a safe and secure location. This is true of daycare, schools, and churches. By having the half-walls, it helps prevent potential unpleasant situations like a non-custodial parent picking up a child that they have no authority over. If an individual jumps over the wall, it gives us a clear right to contact the police because they are not following our procedures. Currently, we have no separation from that individual and the child.

Our church's vision is "To know Christ, and to Make Him Known" and our mission is "First United Presbyterian Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will develop disciples who worship God, grow spiritually, care for the congregation, and reach out to the world." This security proposal aligns with our

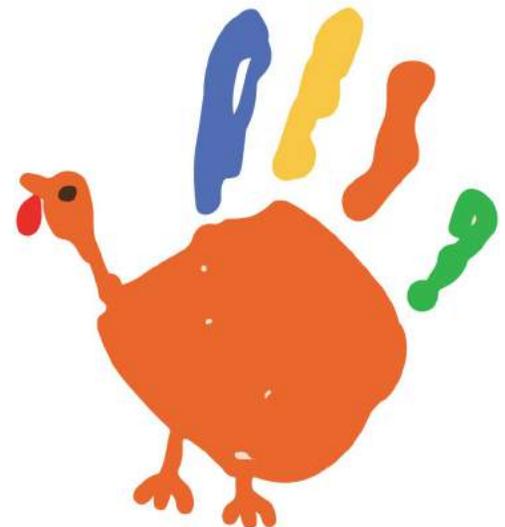
mission and vision this way. As a church, we want to offer children a safe and secure place, so that they can "Know Christ". If families do not feel like their children are going to be safe and secure, then this prevents us from helping them "Know Christ", and also prevents us from "Making Him Known".

In regards to Mission, one of our 4 mission environments is Congregational Care. By having a safe and secure place for children is a way that we can care for our families. Outreach is another mission environment and since families today are expecting to have their children in a safe and secure environment, we don't want to lose out on the opportunity to minister to visitors in this way.

Whether we want to think about it or not security of children is becoming more and more of a need within churches. 63% of Evangelical Christians are saved between the ages of 4 and 14. Satan is aware of this and is making it harder and harder for us to minister to this age group. At least 8 other churches in the Quad Cities that we are aware of have made similar changes in the security of their children's ministry. By making these security updates ourselves will enable us as a church family and team to continue ministering to these children.

We realize that these are some extensive changes that are going to change the flow of the church, and we are so appreciative of your willingness to work with us through this time as we seek to keep our children as safe as possible. If you would like a visual representation of these upcoming security changes they can be found in Tori's office.

Love in Christ,
FUPC Children's Ministry Committee



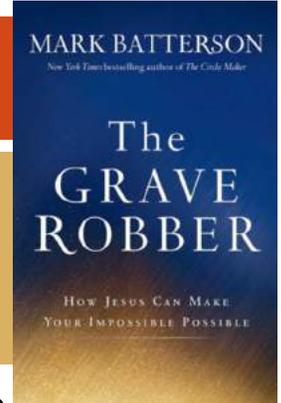


Women's Ministry



**Meets November 8, 2018
@ 12:15-2:15 PM**

The Third Session from the Grave Robber "Very Superstitious" by Mark Batterson with Gene Erickson leading. Please don't miss this!



Lunch Menu-
Baked Potatoes, Please
Bring a Topping to Share &
Cranberry Sour Cream Pie

Mark Batterson, bestselling author of *The Circle Maker*, invites you on a remarkable journey in the Holy Land, to the very spots that Jesus chose to reveal His power through miraculous signs. Mark shares true stories of modern day miracles and brings to light the countless every day miracles we take for granted - miracles that point us toward the One who healed the sick, calmed the storm, and yes, even raised the dead.

Miracles are not simply something Jesus did in the past; they are something He wants to do now, in the present. If you long to see God work in miraculous ways in your life, you will love Mark's faith-building, life-giving message.



WOW - Women of the Word

WOW meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Women of all ages are welcome! Loving childcare is provided!

The first few weeks of November we will continue using short videos for a more in depth study of mentoring the Titus 2 way, by Nancy Leigh DeMoss, "Adorned" Women Mentoring Women. Deb Egger is leading the discussions following the videos.

November 27th WOW will begin exploring the book of Luke with Vicki Pothoven leading the discussion. Starting at the beginning and working through chapter-by-chapter, we will do an in-depth study, answering our own questions about the text, and discovering God's heart through this book. No preparation necessary.



If you have questions on the study or WOW please contact Vicki Pothoven 309-786-8820 or Cheryl Lehmann 309-235-4142.



**No Awana November 21st-
Happy Thanksgiving**

SUNDAY ADVENTURES



We will be starting Unit 2 "The Nation Grew". God's promises for Abraham and Isaac were promises for Jacob too. God showed Jacob in a dream that He would bless Jacob's family, which would grow to be a whole nation as part of His plan to bring Jesus, the Savior of the world.

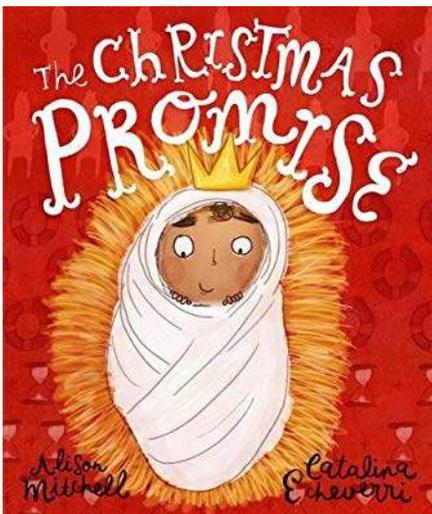
Key Passage: Genesis 28:15

Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

Big Picture Question:

Does God keep promises?

God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.



Children's Christmas Program

WHAT: The Children's Christmas Program- "The Christmas Promise" Adapted for FUPC and directed by Hailey Neels, assistant director Cheryl Lehmann, stage sets by Pat Clawson AND starring children ages 2 1/2 years - 5th grade!

WHERE: FUPC Fellowship Hall

WHEN: December 16, 2018-10:15 AM (no Sunday School)

Brunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Program. Please invite your friends, family & neighbors to this special morning to hear children talk about the New King, the Rescuing King and the Forever King! There will be sign-up sheets in the Sunday School Rooms for Brunch items needed.

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 COMMUNION 9:00am Wor- ship 10:15am Sun- day School	5 7:00pm Youth Committee	6 9:30am WOW 6:00pm Mission Committee 6:30pm Chil- dren's Committee 6:45pm Catalyst Bible Studies	7 2:30pm Stephen Ministry Training 5:30pm Prayer 6:00pm Awana 6:05pm Young Families LG 6:30pm Catalyst 6:30pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Prayer	8 8:30am Commu- nity Breakfast 6:15pm Young Families LG 6:30pm College & Young Adult LG	9 1:00pm Prayer	10 7:30am Men's Bible Study
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