In his book, “The Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear,” author Michael Kinnamon writes: “By becoming aware of our fears—confronting them, thinking deeply about them—we can recognize that fear often leads us to see danger where there is little or none. If we obsess over non-existent or trivial dangers we’ll squander time and energy building useless defenses, diverting our attention from genuine threats. Meditation on our fear also helps us see how our attachments often cause us to act in ways that harm others and ourselves and that in the final analysis cannot protect us.”

Our faith and trust in God’s ultimate sovereignty over all powers, even the ones that make us afraid, can be a powerful antidote to our fears. Here are a few practical tactics for addressing the fears that can paralyze your heart:

Consider how often you repeat your fears to yourself. Ten times in a day? Consider meditating, ruminating on a scripture or two more times than you repeat your fear. Clinging to God’s word over the words of your fear can help to address the fears that paralyze you. Try ruminating and repeating one of these:

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4

“For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, ‘Do not fear; I will help you.’” Isaiah 41:13

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6

Praying you peace,
Pastor Hawkinson

There is no fear in love.
But perfect love casts out fear...
I John 4:18
WORSHIP & MUSIC

June 3rd
One service at 10:00 AM
Communion Sunday
Sundae Sunday Worship
followed by lunch & sundaes
Music Appreciation Sunday
Celebrate Music Director
Royce Eckhardt

Sunday Worship Times
June/July

On June 10th our Summer Schedule begins:
8:30 AM Worship in the Garth,
weather permitting
10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
and Sunday School

Monday Communion
June 4, 1:00 PM
Join us for the celebration of communion in the Chapel.
Transportation is available. Call the church office at 847-945-0560.

Benefit Concert for Dr. William Crowle
Friday, June 1 8:00 pm
At the First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield
824 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, IL

Featuring The Anthoniy Kawalkowski Orchestra & Friends

$30 donation at the door
cash & checks accepted
All prayers and proceeds support Bill!

Keeping on Top of Life
"In God we live and move and have our being."
Apostle Paul

Summer time and the nice weather can pull us out of the house, out on the road or at least to the garden. It’s a time when we notice more our connection to the earth and to each other. We’ll share a moment of beauty, look at each other and say, "We should do this more often!"

Moments that reveal to us that the goodness of life are part of the Holy Spirit’s hope for our souls. Worship is an invitation to just such a time with God and with each other.

Wherever summer takes you, look for places and times to share in worship with God and those you love.

A Glance at the Giving
As we close the first half of 2018, our giving to the church reveals these highlights:

Those who pledged and gave to the operating costs of the church this year have given $330,000 toward an $870,000 annual budget.

We’re about 8% behind. Let’s catch up!

Those who have pledged and given to the capital campaign Generation to Generation have given nearly $1.4 already this year to a 3-year $2.5 project. Wow! Thank you!

Our expenses thus far are 10% below budget so we’re working to keep costs down. Let’s give thanks and make sure our pledges are on target. Let’s move forward in joy!
As our Staffing Needs Change . . .

The Session has approved an interim staffing design to support the work of First Presbyterian Church during the transition period brought on by the departure of our Associate Pastor of 5 years and our 2017-2018 Director of Music. The coming months will be a time of discernment, study and decision as the Session and congregation deliberate and decide the best way forward in terms of staffing and strategy for FPCD’s faithful life. It’s an exciting time while we rise to what God is doing in a new way among us!

The interim staffing design will include 5 features.

- The hiring of an interim clergy person to fill the role of Parish Associate for Pastoral Care. This person will help to strengthen the care delivery system here and work 20 hours a week doing hospital and home visitation with Pastor Hawkinson.
- The hiring of an interim Director of Children’s Ministry who will work under the supervision of Director of Faith Formation and Mission, Thom Cunningham, to support, strengthen and enhance our programs and ministry to children. This person will work 15 hours a week.
- The development of a series of folks in “special event” leadership. For example, this fall we’ll be offering a 9 week course called “Financial Peace University.” Who doesn’t want to feel peace about their financial plans? We’ll bring in specialists on parenting, job transition, and more. Our academic year “line up” promises to be intriguing and remarkable.
- A Director of Music Search Team is in place and interviewing even while our music staff moves to address a lovely summer program of special music. Music is essential to the life of FPCD and our continued commitment will be to excellence in this important feature of our worship and life together.
- During the interim period, the Session, congregation and a few specialists will work diligently to achieve a study and discernment process that will help us achieve a strategic focus and staff appropriately toward vision and purpose here in the demonstration of Christ’s Church that is First Presbyterian Deerfield. Watch for news on ways that you can make your voice and imagination part of the mix of where we’ll be this year and where we’ll be going.

As God works among us, let us be at prayer and worship as we celebrate being a family of faith together.

Breaking News!

Toward the fulfillment of the interim staffing design the Personnel Team is excited to announce the hiring of The Rev. Dr. Richard Augspurger to the interim position of Parish Associate for Pastoral Care!

Dr. Augspurger is warm, caring, thoughtful and thought provoking and a pastor of nearly 40 years. He received his Ph.D. in Psychology, Psychometrics and Religion from Northwestern University, his Master of Divinity from Garrett Theological Seminary and is certified in Executive Coaching, Organizational Assessment and Change Management. He loves people and is thrilled to come aboard part-time here at FPCD. His focus will be on home and hospital visitation but you’ll also see him in worship leadership and teaching. He hopes to offer seminars and courses through the coming year in “Good Grief”, “Discovering your Gifts” and more. Watch your mail for a more thorough letter of introduction.

Dick will begin in ministry here on June 4th! We will commission him into service as Parish Associate for Pastoral Care in worship on June 10th!

A Note from our Summer Intern

Hi! I’m Claire Cunningham, the new Summer Sunday school teacher.

During the school year I was studying biology on the University of Illinois-UC campus, but missed the church so much I came back to be the summer intern. Being a long-standing member of FPCD, I am so excited to be back and equipped with an exciting new summer curriculum called Fruit of the Spirit. I expect this summer to be a blast!
And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." Mark 6:31

Are you tired, overworked or anxious? In this era we live in, we are losing our hold on the few sacred spaces that remain untouched by email, the internet, people, and other forms of distraction. We struggle to find “down time.” In our cars we can choose to communicate through mobile phone integration or listen between a thousand satellite radio stations. While walking from one place to another, we have our devices streaming data from dozens of sources. Even at our bedside, we now have our iPads with heaps of digital apps and the world’s information at our fingertips.

Our relationship with God thrives when we begin to quiet-down allowing us to observe His beauty. Interruption-free space is sacred and becoming more scarce. So why do we give up our solitude and sacred space so easily? We are so used to distraction that during a period of calmness our minds wander towards the uncertainty and fears that plague all of us. To escape this chasm of self-doubt and unanswered questions, we tune back into all of the activity and data for reassurance.

How do we reclaim our sacred spaces? Let’s start one day at a time by keeping the Sabbath holy. On Sundays, find some time to unplug from everything except God and solitude. This is a period of time when nothing is planned (personal or professional) and nothing needs to be accomplished, including errands and household chores. At first it might be uncomfortable, but remember God is always with us. He enjoys the time that He can spend with us in solitude and beautiful spaces.

You could also: go for a walk, meditate on a park bench, take a nap and say your prayers. There is no right or wrong way to accomplish this just as long as it is quiet with just God and you.

Service Gathering - June 24, 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of fun as we hear from adults and youth who participated in hurricane relief efforts in Texas last February.

We’ll enjoy homemade baked goods & ice cream as we hear about the trip and create hygiene kits for future hurricane relief efforts. Make sure you and your whole family attend this insightful and interactive experience.

Creating a culture of nonviolence

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality...Romans 12:8-21

A panel discussion focused on ways to create a culture of nonviolence was attended by more than 120 people on May 1, here at First Presbyterian Church. Phil Andrew, a former FBI agent, and Teny Gross, a onetime Israeli soldier, led the discussion. Following Gross and Andrew in a discussion moderated by Pastor Hawkinson, Deerfield Mayor Harriet Rosenthal and three Deerfield High School seniors formed a second panel. After the students and Rosenthal answered Pastor Hawkinson’s questions, Gross and Andrew joined them forming an enlarged group so members of the audience could ask questions.
Sunday Concert in the Park
July 15th, 5:00 PM
Jaycee Park, Deerfield
Music entertainment by “Out of Storage” Rock and Roll of the 60s-90s
- Enjoy the company of family and friends while listening to music
- All you need is a chair and blanket
- Bring a snack to share! (optional)
- July 29th is the Rain Date
Watch for flyers in the church and more information in the bulletin.

Church Picnic
July 22nd
Following the 10 AM service
Jewett Park Pavilion

Mark your calendars for the Annual Church Picnic. Come one, come all, it’s fun for the entire family..... Lots of fun, games and FOOD
- Bingo
- The Musical Cake Walk
- Playground for the little ones
- Baked goodies galore
- Fellowship with new and old friends
Watch for more details.

10:30 - 11:30AM - lemonade on the lawn during the Deerfield parade

A funny thing happens on the 4th of July - the Independence Day parade goes right by our front door!

Join us as we celebrate being central in Deerfield. Help us serve free lemonade on the lawn and greet our neighbors and friends!

Prayer Shawl Ministries
2nd Monday of the month
1:00 p.m. in the Chapel
This group of caring members skillfully knit and crochet prayer shawls and baby blankets for our congregation’s needs. If you have a friend or loved one who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact Judy Straight at str8arrow2@att.net.

Please Pray For:
Candy Baruffi, Tom & Anne Berry, Clark Brady, Q Brown, Sue Coen, Bill Crowle, Andy Estal, Peg Howe, Meghan Pomianek, Carol Rudolph and Allyson Scopelliti
YOUTH MINISTRIES

Junior High Save-the-Date

Attention all Junior Highers!!
Clear your Tuesday schedules and get ready for a great time! On four Tuesdays this summer, the youth group will be hosting fun games and activities. There will be a movie night in the Garth, pedal boating at Independence Grove, a game night, and mini-golf! Don’t miss out and stay updated with times and dates as we post them to the church website and in the bulletins.

June 26 - Help us kick-start Tuesday Night Fun by joining us for a game night at the church. Filled with foosball, games, and a round of hide-and-seek it’s sure to be a blast!

July 10 - After meeting at the church, we’ll drive over to Independence Grove for a pedal boating excursion.

July 17 - The best part of the summer is being able to relax with friends outside. Join us for a “drive-in” themed movie night in the Garth.

July 24 - As a finale for Tuesday Night Fun, we will be going mini-golfing at Par-King followed by a trip to get refreshing ice cream at Baskin Robbins.

Senior High Save-the-Date

Pancake Breakfast
This 4th of July our high school kids and their parents will be cooking and serving the annual Pancake Breakfast at "Deerfield Days" from 8:00 to 10:30 AM. Breakfast will include 2 large pancakes, 2 delicious sausage links and coffee or juice. Traditionally, over 400 people are served at the event and we hope your family will make it a priority to attend. Breakfast is served in the Northeast corner of Jewett Park. This amazing opportunity will serve as a fundraiser for the senior high mission trip to Mexico. If you would like to volunteer to flip pancakes from 7:30—9AM please contact Jennifer Wilson at jennifer@wilsonhome.us.

Senior High Summer Bible Studies
High schoolers are invited to our annual Senior High Summer Bible Study and cook outs each Wednesday night from June 20 to July 25. The group will enjoy a home cooked meal (often griller) and a light Bible study focused on the “Fruits of the Spirit.” The Fruit of the Holy Spirit is a biblical term that sums up nine attributes of a person or community living in accord with the Holy Spirit according to the Epistle to the Galatians: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.". Watch for e-mail blasts and the weekly bulletin for times.

- June 20 - Egbers
- June 27 - Knezevic
- July 11 - Cunningham
- July 18 - Donovan
- July 25 - TBD

Senior High Mission Trip
From June 10-17, our high school youth group will be working with Ramon Celis to build the foundation of a church in the Cancun area. The group of 40 youth and chaperones will be commissioned for their service on June 3 at the 10AM worship service. They will also lead worship on June 24 when they will share stories, songs, and more from their faith-forming experience. Please keep them in your prayers while they are away.
FPCD Family Camp

Families with kids of all ages are invited to our second annual family camping getaway at Cut Rock State Park.

Families will gather at the park between 2 and 3PM on Saturday, July 14. We'll cook dinner, have s'mores, enjoy nature and participate in a variety of fun family activities. The next morning, campers will have breakfast and enjoy worship together.

Following breakfast, families will pack up their tents and are invited to head home, have fun at the park or go to Magic Waters, Illinois’ largest waterpark, for a day of fun in the sun.

**Camping costs: $15 per person**

**Waterpark costs: pay at the door**

If you would like more information, please email Thom Cunningham at tcunningham@firstpresdf.org or register at firstpresdf.org.

As summer fast approaches we are beginning to see the wonderful work being done throughout God’s creation. The first seeds of spring are quickly sprouting from the ground and will soon be ready to bear their delicious fruit. This summer we invite children 4th grade and younger on an exploration of their faith through the similar idea that by God’s love the fruit of the spirit grows healthy and strong.

Prior to 10 AM worship, kids will first be signed in at the JCH entrance. Then attend worship and after the Children’s sermon will be lead to the Youth Room. Pick up is at 11 AM.

**Key Scripture:**

“But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind.” Galatians 5:22-23

**Graduates!**
Mark Your Calendar

FPCD Rummage Sale

Friday, June 22
Saturday, June 23
8 - 3 pm

824 Waukegan Road
Deerfield, IL 60015