



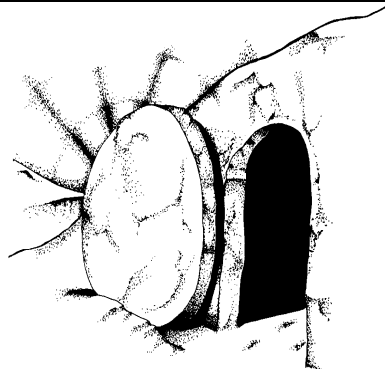
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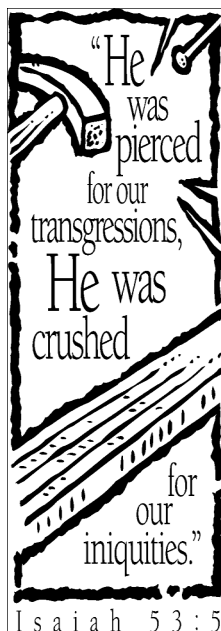
Come Celebrate the Resurrection!

Easter Sunday
April 4
One Worship Service
10:00 a.m.

HE IS RISEN!!

Come to the Easter Breakfast
in Scott Hall: 8:30–9:30 a.m.

Also enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt:
11:15 a.m. outside (weather permitting).



OUR MISSION

TO BE THE
 LOVING
 COMMUNITY OF
 JESUS CHRIST
 THAT WILL

WIN

NEW FOLLOWERS
 OF CHRIST TO
 SAVING FAITH

GROW

ALL FOLLOWERS
 TO DEEPER FAITH

GO

INTO THE
 WORLD AND
 DEMONSTRATE
 FAITH

Your First Presbyterian Church Family believes in the power of prayer. (See Romans 1:9b). You are hereby given the name of someone we ask you to pray for until you receive your next Presby Press.

You are encouraged to contact that person with a card, note, phone call or personal visit so they know you are praying for them this month. Be assured that your name is being given to another to also pray for you this month.

May God's richest blessings be with you always!

Yours in Christ, Discipleship Committee

Please clip this reminder & post it to remind you to pray for:

SESSION NEWS

March 2010

Session held it's regular monthly meeting on March 16th, 2010.

It was moved by Jim Keely, seconded by Dick Sellers and carried by Session vote to allow the Administration Committee to spend up to \$300.00 per month on a new photo copier lease.

It was moved by the Worship Committee and carried by Session vote to hold a service of Healing & Wholeness on Tuesday May 25, 2010.

It was moved by the Administration Committee and carried by Session vote to transfer \$2,000.00 from General Fund to Reserve Fund Savings Account Line Item 3.200.500, to have available for months when the giving may be lower than anticipated.

The Administration Committee announced that a Financial Audit will be conducted by the Administration Committee and the Trustee's Committee on Tuesday May 11, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
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First Presbyterian Church of Ottawa Cookbook

Still simmering.....

Have you gotten your favorite recipes to Tina?

(e-mail 1960tinaw@mchsi.com, or, leave in my box in the church office.)



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*Our Elders are
committed
to serving.*

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My new family of God,
I want to thank each and every one of you for all the meals, the cards,
and most of all the thoughts & prayers that you gave me the past
month. God has blessed my boys and me with a wonderful new church
family. Thank you for bringing us in, and welcoming us with open hands
and an open heart.

God bless,
Dawn Blankenship-Augenstein
Bobby & Chris Wilson



Prayer Ministry Team Opportunities

Did you know that the Prayer Ministry Team....

- gathers the first Sunday of each month for prayer in the Library with Pastor John at 9 AM and you are welcome to come pray with us?
- meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Library for prayer, fellowship, discussion, and planning for the occasional Services of Healing and Wholeness and we welcome your input and ideas?
- invites anyone wishing to be anointed and prayed over to join us at 5:30 PM in the Library on the first Tuesday of each month and we will pray with you before our regular meetings.
- will send members of the team to your home to pray with you if that is your desire?
- would love to have anyone who wants to participate in this important ministry to join us?

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities, please contact a member of the Prayer Ministry Team—Cindy Arjes, Diane Farrell, Mike Farrell, Susan Hayward, Lisa Mestelle, Gayle Schmitt, Cheryl Stohr, or Pastor John Walker.

(Please see the article on page 4.)

Building a Culture of Healing and Wholeness at First Presbyterian Church

The second part of our Mission Statement is to:

GROW all followers to deeper faith

An on-going opportunity to grow deeper in faith, individually and as a community, is to participate regularly in our occasional Services of Healing and Wholeness. Any time we pray to God, individually, in small groups, or as a community we grow deeper in our faith. Participants have come to pray for physical healing, emotional healing, and relational healing. They have come to pray for themselves, for family members, and for friends. Some have come to bear witness to and support others in their prayers for healing and wholeness. Our faith deepens as we come expecting our prayers to be answered and open our hearts, minds and eyes to see God's answers—even when they are not exactly what we requested. Our faith deepens as we trust God's infinite wisdom and are confident in God's desire for our healing and wholeness.

What would happen if each person who has participated in a Service of Healing and Wholeness personally invited 5 additional people to participate in our next service? Can we be that bold? God would want us to. Let's do it and find out what happens!

The Prayer Ministry Team responsible for organizing and facilitating the Services of Healing and Wholeness feels guided by God to provide more opportunities for us to pray for one another on an on-going basis. We would like to see prayers for healing and wholeness become a part of our regular worship service each Sunday. One idea is to have anointing and laying on of hands with Prayer Ministry Team members for those who fill out the pink prayer request slips (and anyone else who desires to pray with a prayer team) at the same time that Pastor John leads the rest of the congregation in morning prayer and the Lord's prayer. Another option is to offer anointing and laying on of hands with Prayer Ministry Team members for those who desire it after each worship service.

In James 5:13-16 God calls each of us to pray in faith and with confidence for our own and one another's wholeness and healing. We encourage everyone to respond to God's deep desire to meet Him in prayer and to pray with confidence that God will hear and answer your prayers. We invite each person at First Presbyterian Church to take notice of those in our midst who may want prayers, but are struggling to come forward. Take this opportunity to reach out to them and offer to pray with them. Our prayer is for encouragement for each person to take on the responsibility of growing deeper in faith by praying with one another. Be bold—remember that worship is to be participated in, not just observed.

May we all help to **GROW** all followers to deeper faith at FPC in 2010!

Faithfully,

The Prayer Ministry Team: Cindy Arjes, Diane Farrell, Mike Farrell, Susan Hayward, Lisa Mestelle, Gayle Schmitt, Cheryl Stohr, and Pastor John Walker

COME AND HAVE EASTER BREAKFAST

APRIL 4TH AT 8:30 TO 9:30 BEFORE CHURCH

**PUT YOUR EASTER DINNER
IN THE OVEN AND THEN JOIN US FOR
A RELAXING BREAKFAST OF EGGS,
POTATOES, SAUSAGE, JUICE, FRUIT,
FRENCH TOAST AND MORE!**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S SECOND ANNUAL

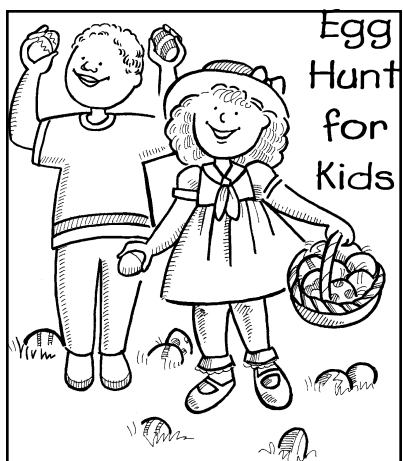
EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

Toddlers through Fifth-graders:

Come to FPC's 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Sunday, April 4, after our one worship service,
about 11:15 a.m.

Bring your family and friends for the fun!!





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

Great Close-to-Home Mission Opportunity: Volunteers Needed for Special Rebuilding Weeks in Iowa

Nearly two years after flooding devastated much of eastern Iowa, rebuilding continues in cities and towns around the area. Your help is needed.

This spring, PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) will participate with Church World Service in hosting a six-week ecumenical work project in Cedar Rapids, working with local organizations to help at least 10 families return home. Project dates are weekly from **April 11 through May 22**. Let's show the world how people of faith, working side-by-side, can make great things happen for our neighbors in need. Join the effort!

If you are interested in joining in, even if only for one day, please contact Cindy Arjes (915 -1159) or Dianne Jamison (433-1045) for more information.

In Ottawa

A Servant's Heart is looking for people to help work in their soup kitchen for the spring and summer months. They will be open 7 days a week this year, and with the economy the way it is, they are anticipating many will be needing this important service.

The soup kitchen will be open from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Volunteers would need to arrive at 7 p.m. and be able to stay to help clean up when finished.

This evening soup kitchen will be open, **starting May 10** and stay open until October 1 to cover the time when the PADS shelter is closed.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a day or more, please call Nichol Bolatto (434-3470). If no answer, please leave a message or email them at aservantsheart_helping@yahoo.com



Concert to Benefit the Salvation Army food pantry:

April 10, 6:30 p.m.

807 Conference Center (above Jeremiah Joe's)

Soul Shine (members from FPC) will be joined by White Horse, an alternative Christian rock band, for a special concert! Admission will be a donation of canned or boxed food, or cash for food for the Salvation Army food pantry.

Soul Shine is a contemporary Christian group that has released their first CD with 5 songs. Their CD will be for sale for \$5 with \$2 of the proceeds going to the Salvation Army food pantry.

The Salvation Army food pantry has an emergency pantry that serves people in Ottawa, Marseilles, LaSalle, Peru and surrounding communities. The food provided by this pantry helps senior citizens, the disabled, the unemployed, the underemployed, and those in a crisis situation.

Please come enjoy the music and help this food pantry!!

WIN, GROW, GO: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Ottawa PADS shelter is open for one more month!

Would you be willing to **GO** and help the homeless of our community? Please contact Dianne Jamison (433-1045) if you are able to help.

Final date to help this season: Apr. 10.



A Servant's Heart:

A Servant's Heart will be serving free soup & sandwich lunches from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, through Friday, at 1001 Clinton St. Please share this info with those in need.

Habitat for Humanity: The Mission committee will be staying in contact with Habitat and will pass on volunteer opportunities as they come available. Contact Betsy Feagans for more info (433-5480).

Ottawa Community Food Basket:

Donations for the Food Basket for the month of April will be **canned vegetables**. Let's fill the barrels at the entrances to our sanctuary and see if we can do even more to share our gifts with the less fortunate in our community. Monetary donations may also be given; just be sure to designate that it is for the Food Basket.

Free Chili Supper and Prayer Night, Wednesdays, 5:30—7:00 p.m. at IL Valley Evangelical Free Church. Supper will be at 5:30 followed by prayer at 6:00. Personal prayer requests will be prayed for, then prayer time will focus on praying for our community and country.

Prayer Shawls: Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is still going strong.

Do you know someone who could use a hug from God (who doesn't)? Please call us so that we may provide a Prayer Shawl for you to give that "someone" who needs God's hug.

Jackie Bean 434-3380 Karen Cohen 433-4308

Why not join a small group? At FPC small groups are important. Why? Because few experiences encourage and build our faith more than small groups. Small groups teach us how to better know, understand and apply God's word in daily life. They also become a place of good friendship and caring. Want to join a small group? It's easy! Just talk to Pastor John or one of the small group leaders listed below:

Lloyd & Diane Chapman (Sun. AM): 433-0368

Mike & Diane Farrell (Sun. PM): 434-2774

Chris Yepsen (Sun. PM): 488-0279

Betsy Feagans (Mon. PM): 433-5480

Carol Engberg/Women (Mon. PM): 434-0653

Jan & Linda Lindeman (Wed. PM): 431-9904

John Walker/Men (Thurs. AM): 434-1045

Helen Tammen (Thurs. AM): 434-3860

Lisa Mestelle/Women-Beth Moore Bible Study (Thurs. PM): 434-2318

Kim Willis/Couples (Fri. PM): 228-7371

Jim Keely/Men (Sat. AM): 433-0868



Take the time to check out our growing website!!

**Just go to www.ottawafirstpres.org and enjoy this work in progress!
If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Pastor John or Dianne Jamison and we will pass on the information.**

Ladies Nite Out

Tuesday, April 6, 6:00 p.m., at
Uptown Grille

Please contact Debbie Damron (434-3606)
for info & reservations.

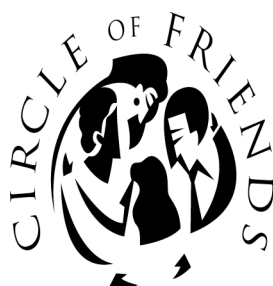
All women are invited for the fun!!
Bring an extra \$1 and maybe win a free meal!
Meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. to car pool.

KUM JOIN US

Will not meet this month.
Have a blessed Easter!!

All women are invited to
join for fellowship,
food, and fun!
We meet on the 1st &
3rd Wed. of the month at
10:00 a.m.

Contact Jackie Bean
(434-3380) for more info.



Sat. Community Prayer Breakfasts:

We have made plans for the coming months to
gather each month to continue our prayers for
renewal and revival in the Ottawa and surround-
ing community and invite you to attend and
bring a friend. Please join us:

Apr. 10, 6:30-8:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran
Church, 717 Chambers Street, Ottawa

May 8, 7:00-9:00 a.m. Pine Ridge Center, Cup
of Cold Water Ministry, Norway IL

We always have great food and fellowship, and
even your pastor will enjoy the time together
with other believers. Don't forget to invite the
shepherd and continue to pray for him or her as
the new year progresses. For more information
contact Jim Keely (433-0868).

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 29, 11:30 a.m.
in Scott Hall

Please join us for food, fellowship and
Bible quizzes!

Please call Karen Cohen (433-4308)
to make reservations



Happy Birthday!

APRIL

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John Bean, Adam LeRette	23
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STEWARDSHIP

While waiting at a traffic light with her parents in Atlanta, Georgia, Kevin and Joan Salwen's 14-year-old daughter, Hannah, saw a black Mercedes coupe on one side and a homeless man begging for food on the other. Hannah turned to her father and said, "Dad, if that man had a less nice car, that man there could have a meal."

Even as they pulled away, Hannah insisted she wanted to do something about the inequity. "What do you want to do?" her mother asked.

"Sell our house," Hannah replied.

Eventually, that's what the Salwens did. They sold their luxurious home, donated half the proceeds to charity, and bought a modest replacement home. Though the sacrifice was great, the benefits have been greater still. A smaller house has meant a more family-friendly house. "We essentially traded stuff for togetherness and connectedness," Kevin says. "I can't figure out why everybody wouldn't want that deal."

The entire project is chronicled in an upcoming book by Kevin and his daughter, entitled *The Power of Half*. The aim of the book isn't to get people to sell their houses, but simply to encourage them to step off the "treadmill of accumulation"—to define themselves by what they give, and not just by what they possess. Hannah says, "For us, the house was just something we could live without. It was too big for us. Everyone has too much of something, whether it's time, talent, or treasure. Everyone does have their own half; you just have to find it."

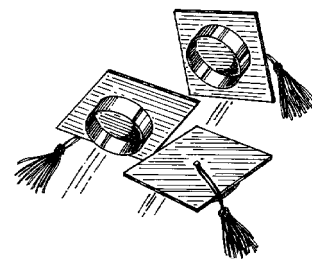
Van Morris, Mount Washington, Kentucky; source: Nicholas Kristof, "What Could You Live Without?" nytimes.com (1-24-10)

CHURCH SIGNS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

- **The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.**
- **Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin Robbins.**
- **You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out.**
- **Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.**
- **Try Jesus. If you don't like him, the devil will always take you back.**
- **Aspire to inspire before you expire.**
- **Under same management for over 2000 years.**

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications will be available during the month of April for all full-time college students here at First Presbyterian. Applications must be submitted to the church office by May 1st, because allocation of the funds will be decided at that time. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Trolinger (795-6791) for more information.





Where Can People You Know...Come to Know?

Venturing out with our faith is a risky proposition in today's culture. An organization called Q Place has recognized this challenge and has developed an approach that can help Christians engage people around them in lively spiritual discussions. Come see for yourself!

Q Place Workshop

Learn how to initiate a small group where seekers and skeptics can question, discover and grow.

Saturday, April 24

10-11:30 a.m.

807 Conference Center

807 LaSalle St., Ottawa

\$10 registration fee includes the book "How to Start a Q Place"

Sign up online at www.ivefc.com/qplace or

Call Nancy Klaassen (434-1869)

What should people expect from a Q Place workshop?

To see what a Q Place is and why the Q Place approach is effective

To recognize that they can do this

To be inspired and understand the clear next step

Stories, interaction, time for Q & A



Why would people want to consider Q Place?

This is a relational approach that works in our post-modern culture.

People want to discuss spiritual topics and discover for themselves what they believe.

With this method, everyday Christians can share the gospel in a way that's effective for people.

It's a way to get out of the pew and become a more effective ambassador for Christ.

The method and materials are easily accessible and usable for most Christians.

They will be able to see God at work in the people around them.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>First Sunday</u> 9:00 am Education & prayer 10:00 am ONE Worship Service 11:15 am Fellowship <u>All Other Sundays</u> 8:00 am prayer 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Education & Fellowship 11:15 am Contemporary Service 6:30 pm EDGE			<u>Every Wed.</u> 9 am Prayer library 6:30 pm RIOT	<u>Every Thurs.</u> 6:15 am Men's Small Group 10 am Seniors Small Group		
				1 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	2 7 p m Good Friday Service at Epworth Mthdst	3 6:30 am Men's Community Breakfast
4 EASTER COMUNION ONE Service at 10:00 am Breakfast 8:30 am Egg Hunt 11:15 am	5	6 5:30 pm Prayer Ministry team meeting 6:00 pm Ladies Nite Out at Uptown Grille	7 10 am Circle of Friends 7 pm Choir	8	9	10 6:30 pm Soul Shine Concert at 807 Bldg 7 pm Volunteers at PADS Shelter
11 10:15 am New Member's Class	12	13 6 pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg. 7 pm Session Committee Mtgs	14 Angel Food Orders Due 7 pm Choir	15	16	17
18 10:15 am New Member's Class	19	20 7 pm Session	21 10 am Circle of Friends 7 pm Choir	22	23	24 10-11:30 am Q Place Workshop at 807 LsSalle Bldg (see pg. 10 details) 12-12:30 pm Angel Food Distribution
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HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 1, 7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 2, 7:00 p.m.—Community Good Friday Service at Epworth United Methodist

April 4, 8:30—9:30 a.m.—Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m.—ONE Easter Worship Service with Communion

11:15 a.m.—Easter Egg Hunt

COME PRAISE OUR RISEN LORD!

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