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I can do
all things
through
Him



who
strengthens
me.

Philippians 4:13



Spring Fever "Picnic"

Sunday, March 7, 11:15 p.m.

Join us for a photographic presentation by Earl Gerding, followed by a potluck picnic in Scott Hall immediately following our combined worship service.

We will be providing the BBQ, buns, and drinks.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Last names A-I: Dessert, J-R: Vegetable, S-Z: Salad.



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

February 2010

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

It was moved by the Fellowship & Outreach Committee and carried by Session vote to have an Easter Breakfast on Sunday April 4th at 9:00 A.M.

It was moved by the Administration Committee and carried by Session vote that all Committee Chairpersons specify specific line items on all expenditures.

It was moved by the Administration Committee and carried by Session vote to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing during Lent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Burris
Clerk

STEWARDSHIP

The beauty of Stewardship is that it is our self-discovery that leads to the level of our commitment.

We aren't told to give a specific amount.

We look into our minds and hearts and decide, not what to give to God, but what to give back to God.

Stewardship is directed toward the inner person. It should mean true joy in giving, in being able to give, and growing in spiritual maturity.

Stewardship is more than an activity...it is an identity.

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Dear FPC family,

For the past few months our family experienced the outpouring of love from our church family. The prayers, emails, cards, visits, gifts and food have touched our hearts more than you will ever imagine. The idea and organization of the "FPC ROCKERS" has been a blessing for Laura and Kyle, as well as Jax, Marek, and Nolan who has made many new friends. How awesome to see the hand of God work in our church. You have been the loving community of Jesus Christ to Laura and Kyle.

Love,
Gayle and Larry Schmitt

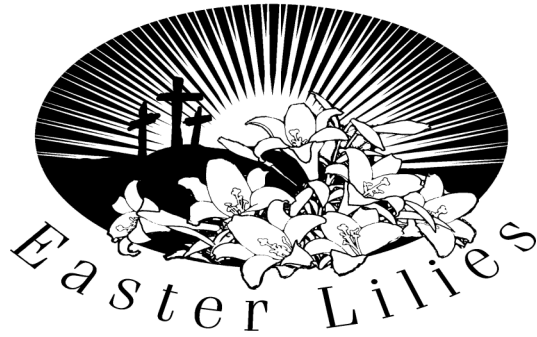
Thank you to each and everyone for your visits, cards, calls & prayers!
Arla Severson

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped put together the Hygiene and Baby kits for Haiti. We were able to send 75 Hygiene kits and one large box of extra kit items to last month's Presbytery meeting in Streator. We are still working on the Baby kits, with 5 completed and several more that are close to complete. If you would like to donate toward finishing these kits, we need 6 receiving blankets, 10 newborn size sweatshirts or sweaters and 26 newborn size sleepers. All items can be dropped off at the church office. Thanks again for your generosity!
Mission Committee & Chris Keely



REMINDER:

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour
before you go to bed on
Saturday, March 13!



Lilies will be ordered by Worship committee and will be in the sanctuary on April 4th.
 You may designate your flower be given to a shut-in, or you may take it home after the service.

Cost of the flowers will be \$12.00 and must be included with the order form. These can be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate (in an envelope marked "Worship Committee"). Please complete and turn in the order form by March 21.

If you have any questions please call Nathalie Schmidt (433-0175) or Dave Farrell (252-2351).

Name _____

Check# _____ Cash _____

Number of flowers desired _____

Please CIRCLE AND FILL IN DESIGNATION

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I would like my flower to go:

To a shut-in _____

I will pick up my flower _____



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Friends,

I'm glad to write some updates for you from what is happening here in Czech Republic. We had a great finish of a year 2009 and great beginning of 2010.

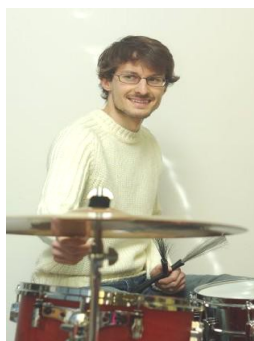
WINTER RETREAT | Malenovice 2009

We spent 3 days at the end of the year 2009 at a retreat center in Malenovice. It is great Lighthouse tradition. It is time for us to be together, but also to bring friends. We had with us a lot of guests and family members who don't know Jesus. It is great time to build friendship and get to know other. This year we had evening kind of Christmas service. We talked about real meaning of Christmas and had some great follow up discussion.



"BIG SUNDAY" | great start into new year

Second Sunday this year we had a great start. We started our sermon series in Ecclesiastes, had a great band leading worship and had baptized Sandra. We had many guests with us and it was great to be able to preach the gospel to them. Here are some pictures.



What is a head of us in the near future and what you can pray for:

- For English classes – this week we are starting new classes of English. Pray for building relationship with students and opportunities to share the gospel.
- We want to see new believers in our city.
- We are getting ready for summer English and sport camp. It will be big event where we want to invite kids from all over the city.

Thank you for your friendship and help, with love,
Lighthouse Church

WIN, GROW, GO: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Ottawa PADS shelter is opening for the season! We need volunteers to help cover 3 shifts, 4 hours each, one evening a month from October through April. There are usually 2 people per shift, so we only need 6 people to help each month. Would you be willing to **GO** and help the homeless of our community? You can help once or more if you'd like! Please contact Dianne Jamison (433-1045) if you are able to help.

Dates left for this season are: Mar. 13, and 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 March will be **cereals**. 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

Betsy Feagans (Mon. PM): 433-5480

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

Chris Yepsen (Tues. PM): 488-0279

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, Mar. 2, 6:00 p.m., at
Cracker Barrel

Please contact Betsy Feagans (433-5480)
for info & reservations.

All women are invited for the fun!!

Bring an extra \$1 and you
might win a free meal!

KUM JOIN US

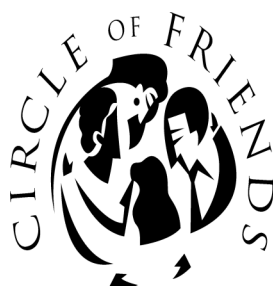
Will meet Sunday, March. 7, 11:15 p.m.
in Scott Hall for the
Church Picnic &
Photo Presentation by Earl Gerding.

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 Lois Nawrocki
(434-6755)

or 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:

Mar. 6, 6:30-8:00 a.m. at Evangelical United
Methodist Church, 1116 Illinois Ave, Ottawa

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

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Happy Birthday!

MARCH

Beverly Boudreau	1
Lisa Smithmeyer	2
Don Kranov	3
Kerry Gerding	5
Nancy Lewis, Ashley Stohr, Barry Cohen	6
Randy Ehret, Sr.	8
Kathy Gonzalo, Ella Havenga	13
Lindsey Cross, Darren Bragg	15
John W. Walker	16
Sarah Walker, Tamie Thompson	17
Grant Smithmeyer	21
Ed Grobe, Madeleine Trolinger	22
Matthew Walker	24
Mark Gaspar, Kori Jo Heth	26
Gracie Couch	31

APRIL

Shawn Yepsen, Sue Koestler	3
Barry Littlejohn	5
Brett Havenga	7
Mike Farrell, Lyle Robinson	8
Diane Farrell	11
John Roark, Brian Huebner	12
Karla Armstrong, Caroline Schmidt	18
Tyler Angus	19
Brad Angus	20
Scott Alonge, Hannah Duggan	21
Loyce Beyer	22
Beth Keely, Danielle Ehret	23
Ethan Armstrong, Shellie Nona	24
Randi Heth	25
Pete Trolinger	27
Jason Schmitt	29
Joy Nevins	30

Rock of Israel—Special Program
Thursday, March 25th, 2010
6:45 p.m. in FPC's Sanctuary

Come hear Jewish-Christian evangelist Doug Carmel from "Rock of Israel Ministries"! Learn like I did about how the Jewish Passover people relate to Jesus Christ, the Paschel Lamb of Easter and other traditional ceremonial comparisons.

Please bring a friend and share this blessing of knowledge and biblical inspiration with them.

This is a free program, but a Free Will Offering will be taken.

A dessert fellowship will immediately follow in Scott Hall.

Please call Barry Cohen at 815-433-4308 or e-mail barryunclbar@aol.com if you have questions.

This program is open to all people and churches.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S
SECOND ANNUAL
EASTER EGG HUNT!!!**

We need your help!




Can you help us by donating items for our Easter Egg Hunt?

Examples:

Bags of candy, plastic eggs, coins, small party items, etc.

Please drop off any donations in the church office by:

March 28th.

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	2	3 10 am Circle of Friends 7 pm Choir	4	5	6 6:30 am Men's Community Breakfast
7 COMUNION ONE Service at 10:00 am Education 9:00 am 11:15 pm Church Picnic	8	9 6 pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg. 7 pm Session Committee Mtgs	10 7 pm Choir	11	12	13  Turn your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime! 7 pm Volunteers at PADS Shelter
14 10:15 am New Member's Class	15	16 7 pm Session	17 10 am Circle of Friends Angel Food Orders Due	18	19	20 
21 10:15 am New Member's Class	22 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	23	24 7 pm Choir	25 6:45 pm Rock of Israel Program	26	27 12-12:30 pm Angel Food Distribution
28  10:15 am New Member's Class	29	30	31			

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