



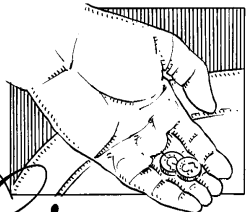
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*Give unto
the Lord*

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

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

OCTOBER 10

BOTH SERVICES

BRING YOUR YELLOW STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT
 CARD TO WORSHIP TO DEDICATE YOUR GIVING
 TO GOD'S PURPOSES.

If you did not receive a card, please call the office (433-1045) and one
 will be delivered to you. Cards are also available at the Church office
 or in the pews.

During worship we will all bring our cards forward to
 dedicate our stewardship to the LORD's work.

*"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to
 give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a
 cheerful giver."—2 Corinthians 9:7*

Giving from out of the blessings God gives us is
 a joy, an opportunity, and a responsibility as
 stewards, the managers of His possessions.

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:

Thank You!

Our heartfelt thanks to our church family for the love and support shown to us during the loss of our husband and father, Bill.

The beautiful cards, prayers and reaching out to us have really helped to sustain us at a difficult time of sorrow, Rev. Walker's beautiful funeral service, and for the very nice meal following the service.

Your being there for us will be gratefully remembered.

Ruth, Rick & Kerry Powell

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to thank you all so much for your kind words, cards and gifts related to my service as music team director. Your love is deep and it is truly an honor to walk with you in Christ.

Peace, Michael Stohr

From Guatemala:

Our "FIRST WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY" starts next Tuesday, Oct. 5!!!!!!! I am so excited! Alejandra Nij is going to be leading the study with me. She is very excited. She has done what I was praying would happen. She's got a few women from her church (Assembly of God) and also women who do not attend church-- isn't that awesome? I got spirals and pens for the women to use to take notes, write down ideas, etc. along with their books. I am going to find out even more about these women and the way they think about God and the things of God--I can hardly wait for Tuesday to come! I gave Alejandra her copy of the book to use a couple weeks ago and she has been studying right along with me. I am pretty confident that when we leave to come to the states she will be able to continue the study. I've been asking God to show me leaders. Please let everyone know that the study is on it's way and to please pray for me and the women. And that I thank everyone for their prayers and those who are donating more books for the study. I'm believing for walls to come down between the churches and women to open their hearts to hear what God has for each of them and to seek more of God and His Way for their lives! (notice that our ministry name is just what God put in our hearts before coming to Guatemala--His Way Ministries!) THANK YOU EVERYONE! Blessings to our home church--FPC!!!!

We love you all and send our love and prayers,

Peggy Harvey



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**Soul Shine will be playing at Daniel's Den
Friday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.**

Daniel's Den is located in downtown Plano on Rt. 34 in the "On A Wing And A Prayer" Christian bookstore. Soul Shine plays contemporary Christian & inspirational music. Their goal is to provide an entertainment experience appropriate for the entire family, which embraces and honors God. They want to help usher in God's Spirit to encourage believers and allow those seeking, an opportunity to draw near and grasp a fuller understanding of our gift in Jesus Christ. Check their website at soul-shine.com or contact Michael Stohr for more info. (343-7716)

Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Group Meetings:

Jim Keely, leader

Saturday, **Oct. 2** is Ottawa Labor of Love and all those who can help should meet at 7:00 a.m. at the St. Columbus cafeteria dressed for work.

Saturday, **Oct. 9** at 6:30 a.m. is breakfast at Evangelical United Methodist Church, 1116 Illinois Ave. in Ottawa, with a special program by Ron Flori on *Faith and Confidence* using scriptural references.

Saturday, **Nov. 6** at 6:30 a.m. is breakfast at Bethel Lutheran Church, 651 W. Madison St. in Ottawa, with a special program by a Cup of Cold Water associate from Mongolia.

Saturday, **Dec. 4** at 6:30 a.m. is breakfast at First Presbyterian Church, 114 E. Jefferson St., Ottawa, and the paintings will be erected in Washington Park at 8:00 a.m. for the Christmas season in celebration of Christ's birth.

Saturday, **Jan. 8** at 6:30 a.m. is breakfast at First Presbyterian Church to celebrate the New Year and to take down the paintings at 8:00 a.m. in Washington Park.

Please keep all of these gatherings in your prayers and continue to pray for the renewal and revival of our community. Meditate on Psalm 51 as we enter the autumn season.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Keely (433-0868).

**The Next Student CONFIRMATION CLASS
Begins SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 at 10:15!**

- Confirmation is available for students in their freshman year and above.
- Please contact Pastor John as soon as possible to sign up for this class, or if you have questions (433-1045, ext. 4).

Do You Want to be Healed?

**Next Service of Healing and Wholeness
Tuesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.**

Pastor John recently delivered a series of sermons on some of Christ's questions to us. One that spoke directly to the work of the Prayer Ministry Team was the sermon titled "Do You Want to be Healed?" With the advent of the Services of Healing and Wholeness, the Prayer Ministry Team offers an opportunity for each one of us to wrestle with our own answer to that question. Do we want physical healing, emotional healing, spiritual healing or relational healing? It is often the case that we want not just one, but more than one type of healing.

It is also true that praying for healing and wholeness is not a one-time event, rather it is an on-going process. In addition to the Services of Healing and Wholeness, offered on a semi-quarterly basis, members of the Prayer Ministry Team are available after each service on Sundays in the front of the sanctuary to anoint and pray with anyone who wants prayer. They also make home visits when requested, to pray with individuals and families.

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. Whenever and wherever we gather as a community of faith, the unexpected happens.

Come experience God's amazing grace as you participate in a time of reflection, a time for hearing the Word, a time for anointing and specific prayer with members of the Prayer Ministry Team, and a time for witnessing one another's desires for healing and wholeness at the next



**Service of Healing and Wholeness
on Tuesday, October 26th
at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.**

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends in Christ,

On **10-10-10**, we will celebrate STEWARDSHIP AND DEDICATION SUNDAY at each worship service, first at 9:00 o'clock a.m. and then at 11:15 o'clock a.m. Please plan to attend one of the services on **OCTOBER 10, 2010**, and bring your yellow Stewardship Commitment card to dedicate to God's purposes. If you did not receive a card, please call the office and one of us will deliver it to you. The cards are also available at the Church office or in the pews.

On **10-10-10**, we will bring our cards forward to dedicate. Giving of our money is a joy, an opportunity, and a responsibility.

A joy because we love others as God first loved us. His great love for us moves us to love others and great joy results. We are doing what pleases God.

An opportunity because there are many in need and we can help them, minister to them, and share with them the good news of Jesus The Christ.

A responsibility because we have committed our lives to God's purposes, God has given us the money to use for His purposes, and if we don't use our money for his purposes, there may not be others who do. We are His hands, feet, ears, eyes, and mouths to minister to those in this world.

Please pray for GOD'S direction in what you are able to do to join HIM in HIS work. Let us give our utmost for His highest.

In Christ's Love, The Administration Committee:

Scott Jamison, Mike Farrell, Sue Brockman, Treasurer Betty Angus, Dan Mestelle, and Jim Keely

SESSION NEWS

Session held its regular monthly meeting on September 21st, 2010.

The Worship Committee motioned that Pastor Jane Esterline from Streator Presbyterian Church act as Pastor of the Service of Healing and Wholeness to be held on Tuesday October 26, 2010, due to Pastor John being out of town on study leave. The motion was passed by Session vote.

Mark Turek reported that the Nominating Committee had a full slate of candidates for the 2013 class of Session. The candidates are Cathy Peters, James Burkey, Betsy Feagans and Brett Havenga. The Nominating Committee made a motion that the selected candidates be elected to be a part of the Class of 2013 Session. The motion was passed by Session vote.

The Administration Committee motioned that the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting take place on Sunday November 21, 2010. The motion was passed by Session vote.

The Administration Committee noted that all Session Elders need to have their 2011 Narrative Budgets submitted by the next Session Meeting on Tuesday October 19th, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Burris, Clerk of Session



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

In Guatemala

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."
—Col. 3:23

SERVING WITH MISSIONARIES, CRAIG & PEGGY HARVEY

We have a team of 7 people that will be traveling to Guatemala November 8-15. Plans are being made and we need your help!

We will be working in a different village, making new friends and serving the school children along with the whole community. We will be putting curtains in their medical center, painting the inside of their community building, planting a raised garden with the school children and teaching them the importance of a good diet including vegetables, teaching the women how to make aprons and giving out many as gifts through out the village, and teaching older students how to make solar ovens. Our intention with several of the projects is that they will be able to reproduce what we have taught them and be able to sell the items with the proceeds to be used to help them with their education costs.

You can help us first of all by praying for our team: **Betsy Feagans, Dianne Jamison, Larry & Patti Good, Fred Bryson, Joe & Cheryl Wytovicz**. Pray that we will be well prepared, have safe travel and, with God's help, touch many lives in Guatemala.

Next, we need some supplies:

6 exacto knives

2 (200 ft.) rolls of aluminum foil

8 large rolls of duct tape

220 round, metal shower curtain rings (Menards has pkgs. of 12)

Used eyeglasses

New & used reading glasses

Homemade aprons (we have pictures & patterns if needed)

Apron material—in 1 yd. pieces please

(We are hoping to take at least 100 homemade aprons and as many material pieces as possible.)

Donations of \$8.00 to purchase Spanish versions of the book *Purpose Driven Life* (We are excited, with Peggy, to help her as she starts the first ever women's Bible study groups in Jobompiche! We will order the books as soon as the money is collected and hope to take many copies with us in November!)

Please drop off any donations in the church office or put in the offering plate marked for Guatemala by **October 24**. Thank you for being an important part of this mission!!

Contact Dianne Jamison (433-1045) or Betsy Feagans (433-5480) for more information.

In Ottawa

OTTAWA FOOD BASKET

Are You Hungry?

There are many right here in Ottawa that are. The need to support our Food Pantry has never been greater.

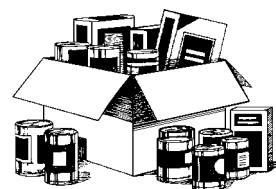
Three years ago, the Food Pantry gave out 12,000 lbs. of food per month. This year, that has skyrocketed to 40,000 lbs. of food per month!

Unemployment in LaSalle county has increased to 16-20%. Times are tough for so many. Can you help?

Many forget to bring items to church for the food basket. The item of the month may be heavy to carry or it may stay in your trunk because you forgot to bring it in. If you want to ease the battle of carrying items to put in our barrels, you can write a check with food pantry on the memo line and put it in the collection plate.

Please pray for our hungry. Please help feed them. It's hard to feed a soul when they are desperately hungry for food.

Items being collected for October are **soups**. There are large metal barrels at both entrances to the sanctuary for you to deposit your donations.



PADS SHELTER

Have you ever had to sleep out in the cold, harsh weather?

Ottawa is blessed to have the PADS shelter to help people who have no place to sleep at night in the cold weather! But they need volunteers!!

First Presbyterian Church volunteers on the second Saturday evening of each month from October 1 to the end of April. That amounts to only 7 nights! (Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9) We need people from our church family to volunteer to give 4 hours of their time, **once** or more to help. The times are 7:00 p.m. to 11 p.m., 11 p.m. to 3 a.m., and 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. (Remember, Sunday is a day of rest!) We would need only 36 people over the 7 month time. You would be there once for 4 hrs. and be done! **Beginning this year there will also be a couple 2 hr. shifts for volunteers: 5-7 p.m. and 7-9 a.m.** Please let Dianne know right away if you can help. Over the last couple years it has come to be only a handful of people who volunteer and they have been willing to do it each month. Please help us to keep this mission going!

Volunteer, just once!!!

Contact Dianne Jamison (433-1045).

In Our Community, Nation & World

EMERGENCY SCHOOL KITS

We are still gathering items for these kits to take to the Presbytery Mtg. in November.

Items needed for each kit are: rounded tip metal scissors, three 70-count spiral notebooks (no loose leaf paper), 12" ruler, pencil sharpener, six pencils, 24 count box of crayons (only 24), and a cotton or light weight canvas bag with handles (please no reusable shopping bags or backpacks). There is a simple pattern for the bags that takes only 1/2 yard of material. Instruction sheets are on the table outside the church office. Contact Dianne Jamison (433-1045) or Chris Keely (433-0868) for more information.

On October 24, we will gather during fellowship time and assemble the kits.

WIN, GROW, GO: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

PADS Shelter

Volunteers are always needed but there are also supply needs that we can help with:

powdered drink mix	travel size:	toilet bowl cleaner	gift certificates from:
coffee & creamer	soap	garbage bags (39 gal)	Wendy's
dry cereal	shampoo	laundry detergent	McDonalds
coffee cups	conditioner	vinegar	Wal-Mart
paper plates	solid deodorant	bleach	Burger King
napkins	toothpaste	dryer sheets	Handi Food
toilet paper	combs	conditioner	Kroger
paper towels	brushes	assorted socks & underwear	

Ottawa Community Food Basket:

Donations for the Food Basket for the month of October will be **soups**. 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. Garden produce is also welcome.

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 (1st Sun. PM monthly): 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

Handy Food Receipts

Please save your receipts and bring them to church. We can earn 1% of the receipts totals for our church! Boxes will be in Scott Hall and on the table by the church offices.



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, October 5, 6:00 p.m., at
New Chiam

Please contact Jackie Bean (434-3380)
for info & reservations.

All women are invited for the fun!!
Bring an extra \$1 and maybe win a free meal!

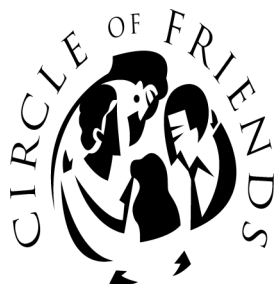
KUM JOIN US

Sunday, October 3,
12:30 p.m.
at the hospital cafeteria.

Everyone is welcome!

We are taking a break.

Watch the newsletter
for when we
will join together
again!



"A friend loves
AT ALL TIMES."

PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



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Barry's Blessings

This article, I hope, will be the first of many each month in the newsletter to bless everyone who reads it. I will have a new thought-provoking poem, story or message to reflect our Christian ideals to our brothers and sisters. I hope you enjoy this first poem by Clay Harrison.

It's the Thought That Counts

Often in times of trouble
we don't know what to say,
so we choose to say nothing,
and sometimes run away.
When friends are really hurting,
we don't know what to do,
so we offer weak excuses
or say we're hurting too.

It really doesn't matter
what kind of gift we bring.
We only need to be there
if we don't bring a thing.
It truly is amazing what a hug can do,
when heartache numbs the senses,
and friends depend on you.

There's comfort just in knowing
that you are not alone,
when tears are overflowing,
and hearts are cold as stone.
It's the loving prayers of others
that balance our accounts,
for when we measure love,
it's still the thought that counts.

God bless and Shalom, Barry Cohen



THE CROSS AT THE CROSSROADS

Please consider joining Karen, Jolene and Barry Cohen for an outstanding day visit to the unique cross built in Effingham IL, about 3 hrs. from Ottawa.

The cross foundation and the cross itself exist to share the Christian message of love, forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ with as many as possible through programs, activities and the symbolism of the cross. You can find more information at www.crossusa.org

We are planning this spiritual adventure for Saturday, October 23, leaving about 8:00 a.m. and returning near 5:30-6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$20 each or \$30 /couple. Check or cash in full by Oct. 18. A lunch break will be extra during the trip in Effingham. We will share together a 1/2 hour prayer and fellowship service at The Cross Chapel to close our visit.

Please call Barry or Karen Cohen for more details. (433-4308)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Summer Schedule</u> 9:00 am prayer 9:30 am ONE Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship <u>Fall Schedule</u> Starts September 12			<u>Every Wed.</u> 9 am Prayer library 6:30 pm RIOT	<u>Every Thurs.</u> 6:15 am Men's Small Group 9:30 am Seniors Small Group		
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Service of Healing & wholeness
Tuesday, October 26
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Let us come together and ask Jesus to meet us in our need for healing. If you personally are not in need, but

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