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## 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

**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY!**

**HALLELUJAH!**

**Come Celebrate our Risen Savior this EASTER Sunday**

- 8:00 am—Come for a light breakfast in Scott Hall
- 9:30 am—Let's Share our Easter Joy in worship
- 11:00 am--Easter Egg hunt for our kids and families



**Remember to Pray for One Another!**

**Your First Presbyterian Church Family believes in the power of prayer.** (See Romans 1:9b-10a). You are invited to pray intentionally for one another in the First Presbyterian Church family.. **Please pick up a name of someone to pray for from the basket at the back of the sanctuary.**

## **Small Groups Aren't Just for Christians...Start one for Spiritual Seekers!**

Where can the spiritually curious go to safely explore spiritual topics without being told what to believe? In a Q (Questions) Place!

**Get equipped to start your own spiritual seeker group** from the convenience of your home computer! In the 7-week, 75 minute FREE online sessions, experienced coaches will walk you through the process. Go to [QPlace.com/coaching](http://QPlace.com/coaching) for more info.

How does Q Place (a seeker group) work? Find out in this 38 min. webinar: <https://www.qplace.com/webinar/> Check it out and experience the joy of sharing your faith. New coaching sessions start the week of April 9.

## **ATTENTION!**

### **New Policy Effective April 3, 2018**

The doors to First Presbyterian Church and Opportunity School will be **LOCKED** during school hours.

For ease of drop off and pickup the East doors will be unlocked 10 minutes prior to the start of each class for a duration of 20 minutes.

The doors will be promptly locked at 10 minutes after the start time of each class. The same policy will apply to dismissal times. For ease of this transition we ask that you arrive to school on time.

This policy is being implemented for the safety of your children. No incidents have occurred, it is simply a preventative measure.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## **Please sign up for important messages from First Pres.**

We are using the **remind.com** system to send you urgent and non-urgent messages. Please text the message @dd7ch9 to the number 81010 and follow the instructions you may get. If you have any questions please contact Cindy (433-1045) in the office and she will try to help you.

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# Christ is Risen

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Jesus paid the price for sin,  
He died for us and rose again.  
He made in death for death a cure.  
In Christ our victory is sure.  
No longer souls need be enslaved;  
All who believe in Him are saved.

Christ has risen from the dead;  
He is the church's vital head.  
We live because he lives in us;  
He is the source - in Him we trust.  
We have new hope, we have new joy;  
We have so much death can't destroy.

New life into this world infuse:  
Christ has risen! Spread the news.  
Christ lives on! He is at large  
To bless the humble free of charge.  
Call souls out of their unbelief:  
"Come to the Savior for relief."

Christ is the first-fruits of the grave;  
The way for all the saints He paved.  
Like Him to glory we shall rise;  
And, risen, meet him in the skies.  
By every race and tribe adored,  
O'er death and hell Christ is the Lord.

*Our Elders are  
committed  
to serving.*

**Brian Huebner**  
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815-252-2351

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(Missions)  
343-6088

**Diane Farrell**  
(Clerk of Session)  
434-2774

# SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

GALATIANS 5:13

## An Opportunity to Serve!

Fellowship and Outreach is looking for people to serve. This is a fun committee, planning activities and reaching out into the community serving others. Please consider being part of the “fun”!!! Please contact Gayle Schmitt (815-667-4964) or David Farrell (815-252-2351) with any questions.



## LOL4JC Is Asking for Your Service

We are looking for people to provide meals during our LOL4JC youth events. We have four dates still available for our remaining year together. If you are interested in providing a meal for our junior highers, please see Lori Trolinger (815-795-6791).



## An Opportunity to Help Opportunity School

Opportunity school is having an informal open house Sunday April 8th around 2pm for families to view the art work the students have made. Our church will be providing cookies and we are looking for cookie donations! Please contact Gayle Schmitt (815-667-4964) or David Farrell (815-252-2351) for more information.



# Ushers Needed



## **Your Smiling Face and Welcome are Needed!**

Ushers are needed to help before and during our worship service. Why not try something new? Contact Brian Huebner (815-433-5477) for more information and to sign up for this wonderful opportunity!

## **Old Pictures of People and Events at FPC Needed**

With the celebration of our 150th Anniversary coming soon, several projects are being worked on and one of them needs pictures you may have taken over the years with FPC. You may drop them off at the church office. If you have any questions please contact

Chris Keely (815-433-0868)

## **Spring Clean Up Day!**

**Church Clean Up Day** will be Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 am-Noon. Come whenever you can to help with the day's work. Any questions? Please contact Dan Mestelle (815-252-7462)



## A Garden Walk / Craft Make & Take to Benefit *Believe in Uganda!*



On June 16, you will have the opportunity to view one of the most interesting and gorgeous gardens in the Ottawa area. Penny Besenhard, Opportunity School Board President, has graciously volunteered her garden for a special fundraising GARDEN WALK Craft Make & Take. The Medical Center in Kahondo, Uganda (Amagara Ga'Boona) is in need of two motorcycle ambulances. All proceeds from this experience will be designated for this purpose! The \$20 entrance fee will allow you to wander through the two acres of eclectic gardens, all lovingly cared for by Penny and her husband, Gerard, who have lived in this same location for over 48 years and gardened for 20 years! Enjoy cookies and beverages as you are educated on the names of the various flowers and trees, feed the fish in the koi ponds, as well as take photos throughout your walk! Plus you will hear stories about lives that have been enhanced by the mission projects of BELIEVE IN UGANDA since 2008. Discover the many niches of this amazing wonderland while you enjoy drinks and cookies!

One free simple garden craft awaits your participation; and for an additional \$5, you can make a second creation that will enhance your yard or garden. Tables filled with a variety of premade crafts, which have been donated by the Uganda team, will be sold as well.

We would love to see you on June 16! Directions and hours will be available soon!

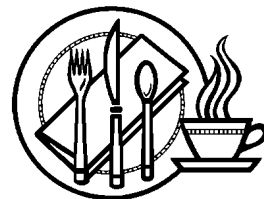
# LOVE, WIN, GROW, GO: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

## Would you be willing to supply a meal for our Jr. High Youth Group (LOL4JC)?

They meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5 pm to 7 pm, and they start each meeting with a meal to begin a time of fellowship before launching into their discussion and game time. Please contact Lori Trolinger (815-795-6791) or Lisa Smithmeyer (815-313-5843) if you would like to commit to preparing a meal for our LOL4JC kids

## Free Community Meals; 3rd Sunday of every month: LOOKING TO FILL

for July and September of 2018. Might God call you to work on the community meal project? On the third Sunday of each month volunteers are needed to do the following: Organize the meal (decide what to make, plan the purchase of food); cook the meal; visit with those eating; clean up. Who can help? Anyone, any age. Are you feeling like you and your friends can be the next ones? Contact Dave Farrell (815-252-2351) or Gayle Schmitt (815-667-4964) for more information and to sign up.



## 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

## 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 contacts listed below:

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

Carol Engberg/Women: 433-3465

John Walker (1<sup>st</sup> Sun. PM monthly): 433-1045

(Thurs. PM, once a month)

Jack & Sandy Finnegan (Thurs. AM): 433-5253

Women's Bible Study (Thurs. PM):

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

Debbie (252-7309) or Amanda (424-333-8429)

## 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. If you have any questions please contact Gayle Schmitt (815-667-9892).

## Ottawa Community Food Basket:

Donations for the Food Basket for the month of April is canned vegetables. Let's fill the barrels at the entrances to our sanctuary and share our gifts with the less fortunate in our community.



## Sunday Greeters needed:

We need your smiling face to greet newcomers and "oldcomers" at the front door on Sunday mornings. This is a great way to contribute to the life of your church please contact Brian Huebner (815-433-5477) for more information.

**LADIES' NITE OUT**

Tuesday, April 3

6:00 p.m.at  
Sunfield's

Your hostess will be  
Nancy Endress

Reservations have been made.

**KUM JOIN US**

**Will not meet on April 1.**

**We will meet again in May.**

*All are welcome!*



**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY**



**APRIL**

Rob McGrath	1
Sue Koestler	3
Mike Farrell	8
Amanda Brockman	10
Diane Farrell	11
Brian Huebner	12
John Roark	13
Karla Armstrong	18
Caroline Schmidt	18
Tyler Angus	19
Brad Angus	20
Hannah Duggan	21
Danielle Ehret	23
Pete Trolinger	27
Joy Nevins	30

**MAY**

Addilyn Woodyer	3
Preston Hoffman	4
Lisa Mestelle	10
Sue Paul	10
Tucker Clemens	11
Steve West	13
Don Morehead	15
James Burkey	15
Byron Long	16
Jackie Stevenson	19
John Bean	23
Casey Clemens	25
Betsy Feagans	25



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Every Sunday</u>                      8:45 am Prayer                      9:00 a.m. Choir Practice                      9:30 am WORSHIP                      10:45 am Fellowship                      10:45 am-ZONE, Jr. &amp; Sr. High Sunday School</p>			<p><u>Every Wed.</u>                      7 pm Choir in the Library</p>	<p><u>Every Thurs.</u>                      9:30 am Seniors Small Group</p>		<p><u>Every Saturday</u>                      7:30 am Men's Small Group</p>
<p>1. <b>Resurrection Sunday!</b>                      8am-Easter Breakfast                      9:30am-Worship                      11am- Easter Egg Hunt                      No Kum Join Us Today!</p>	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
		6pm-Ladies Nite Out	No Choir Tonight			
8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
11:45am-Future Cast Team 5pm-LOL4JC		7pm-Committee Meetings				
15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.
Noon-Community Meal		7pm-Session				
22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.
11:45am-Future Cast Team 5pm-LOL4JC						
29.	30.					



*April*

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**• HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE: March 29,**

- 7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Worship with the Lord’s Last Supper**
- April 1—Resurrection Day!**

**8:00 a.m.—Easter Continental Breakfast**

**9:30 a.m.—Easter Worship Service**

**11:00 a.m.—Easter Egg Hunt for kids & families**



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