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THAT WILL

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NEW FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO
SAVING FAITH

GROW

ALL FOLLOWERS
TO DEEPER FAITH

GO

INTO THE
WORLD AND
DEMONSTRATE
FAITH

Looking Back 150 years 1997

FPC in 1997 – just over 20 years ago! Jamie Miller was our pastor, and Kirk Hawthorne was our Director of Youth and Family ministries. We had about 300 members, and 16 in the confirmation class. Casey Mestelle Clemens was one of those in the class. Our church family also celebrated with Jack and Sandy Finnegan as they married that year!

FPC elders included current elders Dan Mestelle and Mike Farrell as well as Arla Severson and Dr. Don Morehead. The session was busy with several projects aimed at building improvements and educating and spiritually building church members.

During the year the Evangelism committee held a couple of workshops, the first was attended by 56 and was on the topic of Discerning Spiritual Gifts, the next was on Parenting Adolescents, and the last was on Estate Planning, with 50 people involved.

The Trustees were working hard on air conditioning the sanctuary, managing all of the details related to having that in place by summer. It was installed for a cost about \$25,000, and the worship services and other events were comfortable! Additionally, Clarence Best passed away and left 25% of his estate to FPC for either a “steeple, or new chapel”. The trustees began to explore the best use of this endowment. (The steeple was raised a couple of years later)

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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.**

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The high school youth group had grown under Kirk's leadership. The church had sent a small group of youth to Philippi West Virginia with Group Work camps to restore homes in that high poverty area several years before this was a positive experience and the interest with the youth in our church and in the community was growing. The group held a fundraiser in the spring for the trip and later in the year we were able to purchase a van for about \$4000.

In August, Pastor Jamie announced his plan to leave this congregation and move to South Bend Indiana in October. The session identified that a local pastor was retiring and earlier in the year he reached out to FPC to develop an informal agreement to work with our congregation. We looked forward to meeting Bill Tammen! The session worked to focus on church membership and attendance to assure that members would not fall away when we were without a full time pastor. The plan they developed included reaching out to member who were not in worship each month and reconnecting with them personally. In November, elders reached out to 8 people and in December they reached out to 3 members.

According to the book of order, a Pastor Nominating Committee was formed and began their work, and at the same time an interim search committee was formed to have in place a full time temporary pastor.

In December, Dr. Thomas Young was hired as the interim pastor to begin in January 1998 .

Celebrating
150
YEARS

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Thank You

The Trustee's would like to thank those that were able to assist in the 2018 Spring Church Clean-Up day on April 21, 2018.

The weather cooperated and several folks were able to help the Trustees in cleaning up both the outside and inside the church. We wish a special thanks to : Diane Kennedy, Gail & Larry Schmidt, Mike Farrell, the Trollinger Clan and Brian Smithmeyer.

If you were not able to attend and feel you missed out on the fun... just let us know , we always have a list of items to address .

Trustees: Brad Angus Dan Duggan Dan Mestelle



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)

A Garden Walk / Craft Make & Take to Benefit Uganda Community!



Please join us for an event that will brighten your day and bless the lives of some of the poorest families in Uganda. Believe in Uganda is hosting a GARDEN WALK on Saturday, June 16, 10-2 at Penny and Gerard Besenhard's home. The \$20 entrance fee allows you to leisurely wander the beautifully landscaped gardens as you enjoy refreshments and learn about the missions being done in Uganda. You can choose from 4 free easy crafts to make and take to your home, as well as purchase from a large selection of completed crafts made by our team. ALL proceeds will go towards the purchase of two motorcycle ambulances for Amagara Ga'Boona medical center in Kahondo, which is located across the road from Glory Primary School. Directions are simple and a map will be available at the church office.



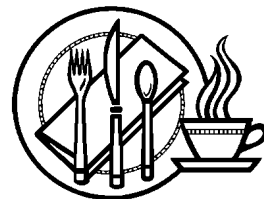
LOVE, WIN, GROW, GO: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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 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 (1st 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 May is canned meat products. 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, May 1

5:30 p.m.at

Hank's
(for the early bird special)

Contact
Carol Woeckel

815-434-6852

for information and reservations

KUM JOIN US

Will meet on May 6

We will meet in the library.

Lunch will follow at Halftime

All are welcome!



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY



MAY

Addilyn Woodyer	3
Preston Hoffman	4
Lisa Mestelle	10
Sue Paul	10
Tucker Clemens	11
Patrick Bost	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

JUNE

Nicole Stevenson	1
Madisyn McGrath	3
Donna Burkey	14
Jenna Smithmeyer	17
Tim Huebner	20
Bill Buckingham	26
Max McGrath	26

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. & 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>
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
		6pm-Ladies' Nite Out				
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
11 am- Kum Join Us 11:45 am-Future Cast Team		7 pm- Committee Meetings				
13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.
MOTHER'S DAY Last Day of Children's Church						
20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
11:45am-Future Cast Team NOON-Community Meal served by ZONE 5 pm-LOL4JC Big End of the Year Event!		7 pm- Session *Note Change!				
27.	28.	29.	30.	31.		
	MEMORIAL DAY	OFFICE CLOSED				



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LOL4JC BIG END-OF-THE-YEAR EVENT!

Sunday, May 20th at 5 p.m. will be the BIG end-of-the-year event for LOL4JC.

The meeting will be at FPC in Scott Hall.

Don't forget, **incoming 5th graders are invited to attend!**



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