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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

Looking back over 150 years 1972

The early 1970's were a chaotic time in the United States. We were in the midst of the Vietnam War and protesting the war seemed to be everywhere. Those who were called to fight were in danger and shown little respect at home. Within the USA, it became an expectation to question the rules, as we watched the fallout from the Watergate break in. In 1972 we saw the end of the Apollo space program as the last man walked on the moon (Eugene Cernan) and Apollo 17 returned to Earth in December, just 3 short years after Neil Armstrong first walked on the mood.

Locally, we were transitioning from one pastor to another. Dale Heaton was called to a new church and our session began to identify goals for the new pastor. These included the following:

1. Achieve a 2:1 ratio of "benevolence giving" (this was not specific, but likely related to mission giving)
2. Increase financial support of Stronghold
3. Better promote Christian Education for all ages
4. Increase evangelism – calling every member
5. Increase the involvement of senior citizens
6. Support the Ecumenical Movement (also not defined, but this seemed to be based on a popular book at the time)
7. Support community missions including Opportunity School
8. Eliminate Polarization in the church

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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.**

Greetings in the name of our LORD, Jesus Christ,

The members of Park Presbyterian Church in Streator extend an invitation to members of your church to join us as we listen to the stories of missionary Jeremy Welch who will be returning to the U.S. from Malawi, Africa. Jeremy has been working with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian as a chaplaincy trainer. This summer Jeremy is visiting congregations that have supported his work as well as that of his wife Luta Garbat who serves with Community Health Evangelism as community health provider in Malawi and Zambia. Park Church was fortunately chosen as one of those congregations in the Midwest Jeremy will be visiting.

Knowing that this opportunity does not come along frequently, Park Presbyterian invites your members to come and celebrate Jeremy's work on June 13 with a 5:30 p.m. reception. A presentation and discussion of their work will follow a potluck dinner starting about 6:00 p.m.. Our hope is that members of your congregation who have a special interest in Presbyterian missionaries and their work would like to hear how our sponsored missionaries impact the people and country to which they are assigned and how they in turn are impacted by their own work and the people they serve.

If members of your congregation would like to attend, please contact our administrative assistant, Cathy at 815-673-1526 by Noon, June 11, to let us know how many will be attending from your church. Park Church will provide fried chicken as the meat dish. Assistance with providing for the pot-luck is appreciated but not necessary.

The dinner will be held at our community building, Park Place, at 406 E. Hickory St. It is located behind the church building.

Prayerfully yours,

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These goals reflect a session concerned with growing all followers to deeper faith, similar to our current goal. These previous elders recognized that in a time of deep divisions in our country, such division was very likely to be taking place within the membership as well. The reasons for division could have been related to the politics at the time, but also when such divisiveness is in our world it seeps into our church family. Previously, we reviewed session minutes from 1969 and these reflected a loss of several members. The session was working to heal, to grow members to a deeper faith as well as reaching out for missions locally and within the Presbytery.

Session specified the salary that the budget could afford as they began the search. They would be looking to hire someone for no more than \$12,000 per year (this translates to about \$72,000 today). The church still owned a Manse and voted that this would be sold as it was in need of significant repair. It was put on the market in the spring of 1972 for \$32,000 (about \$190,000 today). It was removed in the fall after identifying it needed about \$17,000 in repair half the value of the home. The church owned a second house where the playground currently is. Our church sextons lived in this house, and it was not in good condition. Session voted to raze this house, and since the Manse had not sold, the church sextons were offered the option to live in that house. In June, Alan Good was hired as pastor for a salary of \$11,000 (\$65,000 today). He was provided \$3000 for housing (about \$17,000) for a salary package of about \$82,000 today, he also had one month vacation and 2 weeks study leave.

New members in 1972 included current members Sandy Finnegan (restored membership), Betsy Feagans and Peggy Harvey. Also in the confirmation class were current members and family of current members; Paul Zimmerman (Carol's brother), Dave Gerding (Kerry's brother), David Morehead (Don's son), Larry Zeilmann (Jean's son), Dan Buckingham and (Me) Diane Severson Farrell.



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



Please join us on June 16th from 10-2pm at the gardens of Penny and Gerard Besenhard for a fundraiser

benefitting the people of rural Uganda. The day will be filled with a leisurely stroll through the 2 acres of well groomed landscape,

featuring some of the most beautiful varieties of flowers, shrubs, trees, garden decorations, fairy gardens, koi ponds and

other whimsical personal touches created by Penny and Gerard throughout their years at their home!! There are 19 raised vegetable

beds, chickens, and if you look closely, you are sure to see plenty of squirrels, rabbits and birds. Sit and make your own

craft or purchase a pre-made craft from a nice selection made by friends of BELIEVE IN UGANDA.

TICKETS are \$20 which includes refreshments and one craft. Head north on Rt. 23 and watch for signs at corner of Rt. 23 and Dayton Rd.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP PURCHASE 2 MOTORCYCLE AMBULANCES FOR MEDICAL CENTER IN KAHONDO, UGANDA.

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) or Julie Angus (815-433-2946).



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

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

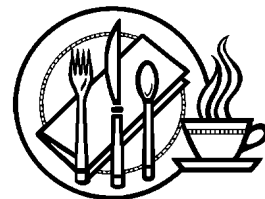
for September of 2018. Might God call you to work on the community meal project? On the third Sunday of each month volunteers are needed to do the following: Organize the meal (decide what to make, plan the purchase of food); cook the meal; visit with those eating; clean up. Who can help? Anyone, any 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

John Walker (1st Sun. PM monthly): 433-1045

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

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

Carol Engberg/Women: 433-3465

(Thurs. PM, once a month)

Women's Bible Study (Thurs. PM):

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 June is pasta and spaghetti. 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, June 5

5:30 p.m.at

Contact

for information and reservations

KUM JOIN US

Will meet on June 3

**We will meet in the library at
11 am.**

Lunch will follow at Halftime

All are welcome!



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY



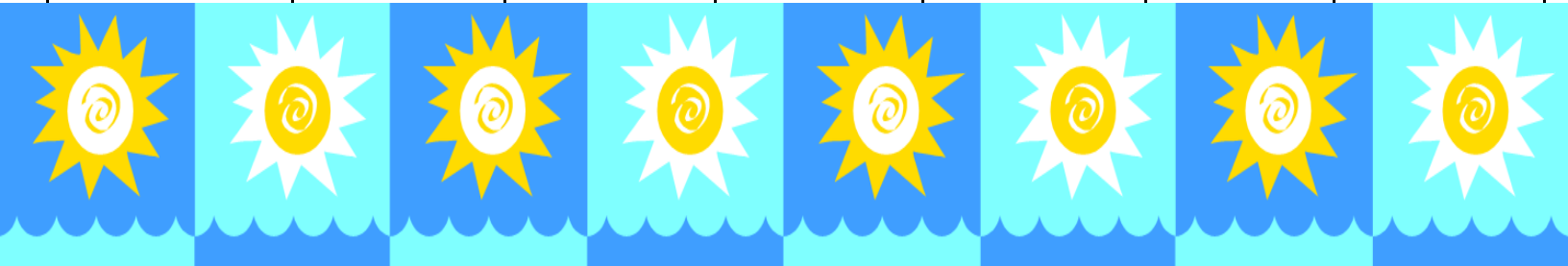
JUNE

Nicole Stevenson	1
Brandon Mansour	1
Madisyn McGrath	3
Donna Burkey	14
Beth Woodyer	15
Jenna Smithmeyer	17
Tim Huebner	20
Bill Buckingham	26
Max McGrath	26

JULY

Kylie Booras	1
Carol Woeckel	3
Nicholas Angus	4
Randy Ehret, Jr.	4
Mary Ellen West	5
Peggy Harvey	5
Drake Stuedemann	7
Joy Huebner	8
Dorene Pratt	9
James Keely	19
Gail Dial	19
Cindy Zeilmann	20
Bob Chapman	22
Linda Lindeman	25
Stacey Bragg	25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Every Sunday</u> 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am WORSHIP 10:45 am Fellowship</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>
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<p>3. 11 am-Kum Join Us</p>	4.	<p>5. 6pm- Ladies' Nite Out</p>	6.	7.	8.	9.
10.	11.	<p>12. 7 pm-Committee Meetings</p>	13.	14.	15.	<p>16. General Assembly Convenes in St. Louis-Pastor John serving as a com- missioner</p>
<p>17. NOON- Community Meal & Church Picnic</p>	18.	<p>19. NOTE: Session will meet 6/26!</p>	20.	21.	22.	<p>23. General Assembly Ends</p>
24	25.	<p>26. 7 pm-Session!</p>	27.	28.	29.	30.



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Summer Sermon Series: How God Sees People

- **June 3—How God Sees People (Kind David & Zacchaeus)**
- **June 10—How God Sees Children**
- **June 24—How God Sees Senior Adults**
- **July 1—How God Sees You**

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