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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

## Scarecrow Festival



*THIS Saturday,  
September 29!*

Yep! It's happening again THIS Saturday! Last year was so successful we're doing it again! Volunteers are still needed to set up, run the games and clean up. So come on down to the Jordan Block this Saturday, September 29! 10am-4pm  
(set up starts at 7:30 am)

Call Lisa Mestelle (252-7462) with any last minute questions, or to volunteer last minute!

*A Great FPC Outreach  
Opportunity!*



**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.**



Sunday, October 14, is Stewardship Dedication Sunday during worship when we all turn in our commitment cards for 2019. Stewardship is about the three T's... Time, Talent & Treasure. Use the commitment cards to make a faith-based pledge of the portion of your treasure that you will return to God. Also remember to consider how you will share your time and talents. Without sharing our time and talents, God's work here on earth will not be completed. Please remember the most important step of stewardship is to pray about the commitments you are going to make. Then turn in your commitment cards on Dedication Sunday. Extra yellow commitment cards can be found in each of the pews. If you are unable to be in worship on October 14th, you can turn in your commitment cards in an envelope marked "Stewardship" and place in our treasurer Betty Angus' mailbox in the church office.

Thank you for your generous faithfulness and dedication of your 3 T's to the LORD and your church family at First Presbyterian!

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committed  
to serving.*

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*Labor of Love*

## Ottawa Labor of Love will be Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

FPC will once again have a team helping someone in our community with repairs to their home. We will meet for breakfast from 7am to 8am in the Marquette Academy cafeteria (use the west Washington St. entrance). Lunch will be served at the cafeteria at Noon. Please make plans to join us for a great day of fellowship and service. Signup sheets are located at the back of the Sanctuary, outside of the office and on the counter of the kitchen. If have any questions please contact Ron Koestler (815-343-6088).

## Opportunity School Open House

The Opp School Open House will be from 6-7 pm on Monday, Oct. 22 and Tuesday, Oct. 23. They are in need of cookies and people to help serve the cookies. Also needed are a few people to be greeters to the Opp School parents. If you would like to help please contact Cindy Arjes (433-1045) or stop by the church office.



## World Communion Sunday on October 14

World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront. Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

## Meals for LOL4JC

LOL4JC is right around the corner and we're looking for people, groups, families willing to supply our youth kids with meals. Each youth meeting begins with a quick meal together. It can be something as simple as pizza or sandwiches! Regular youth meetings begin in October and end in April. If you would like to provide a meal during those months, please see Lori Trolinger and get signed up today!



We are looking for people to serve the community meals in 2019. Fellowship and Outreach will host the Easter brunch in April, the church picnic in June and Thanksgiving jubilee in November. The other nine months are available. Please contact David (815-252-2351) or Gayle (815-667-4964) with any questions.

## STOCK THE STORE

With the start of the 2018-19 school year here in Ottawa, IL, it is also time for the children of Uganda to prepare for yet another school year as well! As summer dwindles here, excitement starts to build as students anticipate getting back into the routine of school and school activities!! However, there are distinct differences in the two communities as they both prepare for FIRST DAY of the new school year!

Here in the U.S., families march into local stores and search for the latest, new first day of school' clothes! Crisp colorful clothes will be purchased and carried home just waiting to be worn!! A detailed list of school supplies is provided by teachers that will make the school year more productive--everything from backpacks, notebooks and folders to scissors, crayons and ink pens! Generally, it's a tradition that families look forward to year after year!!

In contrast, parents of children in Uganda struggle with providing tuition for their children. They often don't have the financial means to make that payment. A school uniform is the preferred attire which is a way to equalize the student body! Most children have very few pieces of clothing that would be acceptable to wear to school! The need for primary school supplies is minimal—backpack, school paper, pencils and pens—additional supplies are needed at the secondary level!

**Believe in Uganda** would like to STOCK THE STORE at Innovations for Transformation Initiatives with all that is needed for our families in Uganda who struggle to stay in school because they not only lack

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money for tuition, but also the required school uniform and school supplies! Any donations can be made to the Mission Committee!

## THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!

Tuition varies per type of school (Government VS Private) but 3 terms:

(PRIMARY) \$10/term to \$30/term. Boarding School \$90/term.(+school supplies)

(SECONDARY) \$30-50/term. Boarding school is \$100-150/term(+school supplies)

12 notebooks \$10

Pencils \$1

Pens \$2/term

Mathematical set \$2 (lasts for 2 years)

School bag \$6

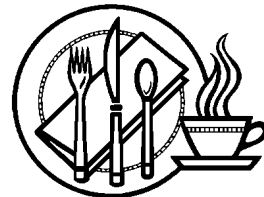
Full school uniform-\$20 (includes shoes, 2 pr. socks, blouse/shirt, shorts/skirt, sweater)



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

## Free Community Meals; 3rd Sunday of every month: **LOOKING TO FILL ALL MONTHS OF 2019**

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 David 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

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. 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 October is Boxed Stuffing. 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, October 2

5:30 p.m.at

Contact

for information and reservations

**KUM JOIN US**

**Will meet on October 7**

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

**Lunch will follow at Halftime**

*All are welcome!*



**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY**



**Happy Birthday!**

**OCTOBER**

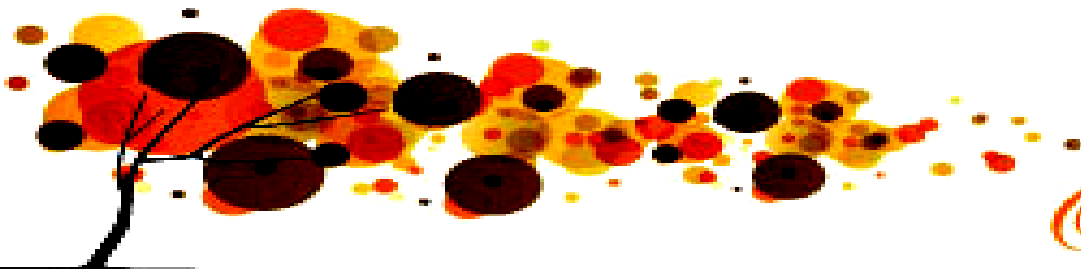
Larry Schmitt	2
Hannah Walker	2
Brenda Wegner	3
Shirley Davey	4
Arla Severson	5
Caleb Burkey	6
Mary Lou Smith	12
Rob Angus	14
Joe Schmidt	20
Dan Mestelle	22
Samantha Ehret	24
Sharon Roark	25

**NOVEMBER**

Brad Armstrong	1
Julie Angus	1
Carol Zimmerman	6
Jean Zeilmann	6
Brian Smithmeyer	6
Chris Keely	8
Nolan Zarwell	12
Dave Stuedemann	13
Jennifer Mansour	13
Susanne Gibbs	15
Griffin Clemens	15
Laura Zarwell	15
Kevin Arjes	16
Gayle Schmitt	17
Pat Gerding	18
Kyle Zarwell	22
Thaddeus Armstong	26



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Every Sunday</u> 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am WORSHIP 10:45 am Fellowship 10:45 am-ZONE 10:45-Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School			<u>Every Wednesday</u> 7 pm- Choir Practice	<u>Every Thurs.</u> 9:30 am— Seniors Small Group		<u>Every Saturday</u> 7:30 am— Men's Small Group
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
			6 pm-Choir Dinner 7 pm-Practice			
7.	8.	9.	10	11.	12.	13.
World Communion Sunday		7 pm- Committee Meetings				
14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
9:30 am- Worship Stewardship Dedication		7 pm- Session				
5-7 pm- LOL4JC						
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
NOON- Community Meal served by LOL4JC	6-7pm- Opp School Open House	6-7pm- Opp School Open House				
28.	29.	30.	31.			
5-7 pm-LOL4JC Halloween Event!						



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