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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

EXPLORE WITH US!

Small Groups and Sunday Mornings

Starting January 13

January 13: *DOES LIFE HAVE A PURPOSE?*

January 20: *IS THERE A GOD?*

January 27: *WHY DOES GOD ALLOW SUFFERING?*

February 3: *IS CHRISTIANITY TOO NARROW?*

February 10: *IS JESUS REALLY GOD?*

February 17: *IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE?*

February 24: *CAN I KNOW GOD PERSONALLY?*

Invite Other to...Come Explore God With Us!

The First Presbyterian Church Explore God Discussion Groups

Listed below are the FPC discussion groups they are also registered at Explore-God.com. If you would like to join any of these groups please contact the person/persons initiating the group or feel free to just stop in and join the public groups.

1. **Angus/Walker** – private group – Walkers' home – **Thursdays 7-8 pm**
beginning 1/10/19
2. **Ehret/Huebner** – public group – Wallace Room below Jerimiah Joe's – **Fridays 6-7:30 pm** beginning 1/11/19
3. **Cindy Arjes YMCA Group** – public group – YMCA – **Tuesdays 1:30-2:45 pm**
beginning 1/15/19
4. **Keely PV Group** – public group – Pleasant View Library – **Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm** beginning 1/8/19
5. **RDL YMCA Group** (Ralph Bean, Doug Willet & Linda Johnson) – public group
YMCA – **Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm** beginning 1/9/19
6. **Gibbs/James Burkey** – private group – Gibbs' home (2937 Hickory Lane, Marseilles) – **Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm** beginning 1/8/19
7. **ZONE 3-yr thru 5th grade** – public group – FPC East Room – **Sundays 10:45-11:30 am** beginning 1/13/19
8. **FPC Junior High** – public group – FPC Classroom D – **Sundays 10:45-11:30 am**
beginning 1/6/19
9. **FPC High School** – public group – FPC Youth Ministry Room – **Sundays 10:45 am 11:30 am** beginning 1/6/19
10. **Schmidt/Brainard/Saleda Group** – public group - Wallace Room below Jeremiah Joe's – **Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm** beginning 1/9/19

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Ottawa in 1869, according to the book “Ottawa Old and New”

There were 83 streets in Ottawa, these were dirt, some had board sidewalks. The downtown court house had not been started, yet, so the Clifton Hotel was the largest building in the city, and lodged lawyers and judges for the Fifth District for the State Supreme Court. There was no bridge over the Illinois River, but the Illinois Michigan Canal opened through Ottawa in 1865. Ottawa was the largest city in LaSalle county with 7736 residents in 1870, about 1200 more than in 1860. The increase in population was recognized as a result of people moving to Ottawa because of the building of the I and M Canal, and the two Army Camps that had been located west of Ottawa.



The Clifton Hotel

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Book of James - 5 Week Survey starting Jan 20th

The book of James has a well-deserved reputation for providing practical advice, yet it also contains challenging teachings on hearing and doing the Word, taming the tongue, being patient in suffering, and showing the relationship between faith and works.

Through clear exposition of the biblical text and thoughtful application questions, this survey helps us understand James as a stirring exhortation to fruitfulness—ultimately reminding us of the necessary connection between genuine faith and heartfelt obedience.

The class will start on Jan 20th and run for 5 weeks. We will meet in the Library around 10:45 am following worship. Teacher: Allen Gibbs

Come join in and be part of this exciting adventure into God's Word.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OTTAWA OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL!

OTTAWA OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL RECIEVES 2018 BEST OF OTTAWA AWARD

Ottawa Opportunity School has been selected for the 2018 Best of Ottawa Award in the Child Care Service category by the Ottawa Award Program.

Each year, the Ottawa Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies make the Ottawa area a great place to live, work and play.

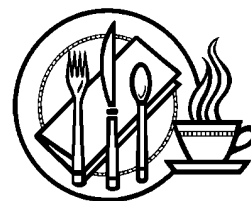
LOVE, WIN, GROW, GO: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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

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**

dates in 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 bellow:

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

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 January is hamburger helper. 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.

LADIES' NITE OUT

For January has been cancelled

We will see you in February!

KUM JOIN US

**SUNDAY, January 6 at
11:00 a.m.**

IN THE LIBRARY

**WE WILL MEET AT
HALFTIME RESTAURANT
FOLLOWING MEETING**

All are welcome!



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY



JANUARY

Keith Stevenson	5
Jodi Martin	5
Michael Hess	6
Betty Ehret	12
Dawn Hess	13
Cathy Peters	21
Nathalie Schmidt	26
Debbie Walker, Dana Snook	27
Diane Kennedy,	28
Winona Bartlett	31

FEBRUARY

Edythe Brockman	6
Nathan Hess	10
Dan Brockman	11
Emilie Gibbs	13
Idalia Stricklin	13
Noah Trolinger	14
John Damron	15
Erin Stuedemann	19
Tiffini Thompson	24
Sue Brockman	27

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday 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, Adult Education Class		Every Tuesday	Every Wed. 7 pm Choir in the Library	Every Thurs. 9:30 am Seniors Small Group		Every Saturday 7:30 am Men's Small Group
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5. 6:30 am-City Men's Breakfast at FPC- Take down paintings in the park
6. 11 am- Kum Join Us	7.	8. 7 pm-Committee Meetings	9.	10.	11.	12.
13. 9:30 am- EXPLORE WITH US!	14.	15. 7 pm- Session	16.	17.	18.	19.
20. 9:30 am- EXPLORE WITH US! NOON- Community Meal	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
27. 9:30 am- EXPLORE WITH US! 5 pm-LOL4JC/Sr.High	28.	29	30.	31.		



January

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EXPLORE WITH US!
Starting Sunday, January 13th
at 9:30 a.m.

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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!