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OUR MISSION

TO BE THE
LOVING
COMMUNITY OF
JESUS CHRIST
THAT WILL

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NEW FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO
SAVING FAITH

GROW

ALL FOLLOWERS
TO DEEPER FAITH

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INTO THE
WORLD AND
DEMONSTRATE
FAITH

Get Ready for the Sabbatical Mission Faire!

Sunday, March 10 at 10:45 a.m. in Scott Hall

**What will you want to do during FPC's 2019 Sabbatical to...*

REST.....RENEW.....FOLLOW JESUS ?

- Come to the Mission Faire to learn of the variety of ways we will seek to follow Jesus during our Sabbatical,
April 22-August 15
- Get involved, sign up to participate or help in activities to be offered
- Come enjoy Steve's Bakery donuts, coffee and a festive gathering with others!

Sabbatical

— refresh | rest | refocus —



2019 is significant for our church family. As you know we are coming up to the 150th Anniversary of our church in April. The **Anniversary Celebration** kick-off will be held on **Sunday, April 14th** following the church service. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. This dedication and the congregational meal will not disappoint!

The 150th Anniversary committee consists of Julie Angus, Casey Clemens, Carol Engberg, Kerry Gerding, Chris Keely, Diane Kennedy, Don Morehead, Nathalie Schmidt, and Gayle Schmitt. We have met since last Fall to come up with some praiseworthy events to commemorate this milestone.

A sneak peek of just a few other events planned for the year include bringing back the Photo Scavenger Hunt, participating in the Riverfest Parade, and a camping/canoe trip, just to name a few. Don't forget that if you have old church photos, please get them to Julie Angus .(815-252-3402) And, last month you heard about our "time capsule". Pay attention to items or memories that reflect significance to you from the year to submit for the time capsule.

Lastly, if you are in touch with the old church family that has moved away, feel free to invite them to this event! We'd love to have them!

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Hebrews - 7 Week Lent Study starting March 17th

Here is how some have described the Book of Hebrews: The book of Hebrews is a raw gem among a king's treasures; Christ's glory shines from its pages. Hebrews is the Holy Spirit's grand portrait of Christ with the Old Testament as its background. No other book in the New Testament helps us understand the *present ministry* of Christ as does the book of Hebrews.

In this study of Hebrews, you'll learn the superiority of the Lord Jesus through a discussion of the Person, the priesthood, and the power of Christ.

The class will start on March 17th and run for 7 weeks. We will meet in the Library around 10:45 am following worship.

Come join in and be part of this Lent study as we learn what God's word proclaims about the Christ.

FUN FACTS ABOUT SERVING A COMMUNITY MEAL

- Did you know that plates, napkins, cups are provided by F & O?
- Did you know that coffee is made in the morning to cover coffee hour and community meal?
- Did you know that there are seasonings, oil, etc. in the cabinet that can be used?
- Did you know that you can be reimbursed if a bill is submitted to Betty Angus?
- Did you know that **July, August and December** are available?

Contact Gayle (815-667-4964) or Julie (433-2946) for information or to sign up to serve a community meal.



BELIEVE IN UGANDA MISSION 2019

This mission to Uganda began in 2008 with two women (Debbie Damron and Dianne Jamison) who didn't have a clue that it would still be going strong 11 years later! It was not in their plan, but they both felt it was GOD'S PLAN for their lives! Neither felt qualified, but all seemed to work out as each woman kept saying YES to God's promises. Looking back on the work that's been accomplished, it is evident to see the impact the various projects have made on the lives of individuals and families.

It's been said that the presence of the Believe In Uganda (BIUG) team in Namyoya, Kahondo, Ft. Portal, and Kamwenge has been lifechanging, as the people feel love and hope because of this involvement and the various projects in their communities. As much as they appreciate the gifts given because of the generosity of many, the families often say that they would love and appreciate the team even if they arrived empty handed; a real testament to how GOD has made His presence known through this work! It truly is life-changing God-infused opportunity!

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Currently, Team BIUG stands at seven members who will be going to Uganda June 24-July 9! This is the biggest team yet and the excitement is rising as the team anticipates what God has in store! Of the seven, three have journeyed to Uganda before; Debbie Damron, Nathalie Schmidt and Marta Johnson; four will be experiencing this unique opportunity for the first time, Joe Schmidt, Steve Johnson, Cathy Peters and Mark Gaspar! A lofty agenda is being generated with the help of Milton Tusingwire, ITI director.

Some of the projects include the following activities:

1. Setting up two libraries in at Galilaya and Ngombe Primary Schools.
2. Distributing reusable menstrual pads to girls and Mama Kits to expectant mothers.
3. Starting construction of a permanent home for a family who is in dire need!
4. Presenting Character Development discussions at one or two high schools. We hope to add Spirituality as one of the pillars to discuss.
5. Blessing families with food, clothing and gifts as the team gets to know each family better. Praying with family follows the gathering.
6. "God's Masterpiece Quilt" will be presented to the community of Kahondo. There will be much celebrating as the fundraising total will be announced to the community which will provide an ambulance for the medical center.
7. Attending church in Namyoya and Kahondo.

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8. The team will meet with Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) families to witness their progress from the Revolving Seed distribution last year.
9. Safari at Murchison Falls in Northern Uganda.

Prayer needs and concerns:

Would you please pray for this team? Pray for the teams endurance and abilities, as we are often tired and hot. Pray for our health and safety, and pray that we represent Jesus in all that we do throughout the two weeks! Pray that GOD changes us as we serve His people!

And finally, the many projects above require funding and if you desire to help us with any financial support, it would be greatly appreciated!! Make checks out to FPC mission committee with UGANDA MISSION as memo. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



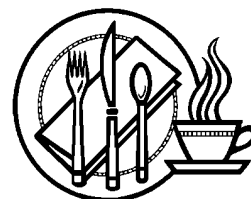
LOVE, WIN, GROW, GO: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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

July, August, and December 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 Julie Angus (433-2946) 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

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 March 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.

LADIES' NITE OUT

Tuesday, March 5
6:00 p.m. at Sunfield's

Contact

Carol Woeckel at

434-6852

for information and reservations

KUM JOIN US

**SUNDAY, March 3 at
11:00 a.m.**

IN THE SANCTUARY

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

All are welcome!

**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY****MARCH**

Lisa Smithmeyer	2
Kerry Gerding	5
Nancy Lewis	6
Randy Ehret, Sr.	8
Kathy Gonzalo	13
Darren Bragg	15
John W. Walker	16
Sarah Walker	17
Grant Smithmeyer	21
Ed Grobe, Madi Trolinger	22
Matthew Walker	24

APRIL

Rob McGrath	1
Sue Koestler	3
Mike Farrell	8
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

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. 6 pm-Bell Choir in Scott Hall 7 pm Choir in the Library	Every Thurs. 9:30 am Seniors Small Group		Every Saturday 7:30 am Men's Small Group
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3. 10:45 am- 150th Anniv. Committee Mtg. 11:00 am-Kum Join Us 11:45 am- Sabbatical Renewal Team	4.	5. 6 pm-Ladies' Nite Out	6. 7 pm—Ash Wednesday Service	7.	8.	9. TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK TONIGHT!! 7-9 pm- Game Night
10. 10:45 am- Sabbatical Mission Faire 5 pm-LOL4JC & Sr. High	11.	12. 7 pm-Committee Meetings	13.	14.	15.	16.
17. NOON-Community Meal	18.	19. 7 pm-Session	20.	21.	22.	23.
24. 10:45 am- 150th Anniv. Committee Mtg 5 pm-LOL4JC & Sr. High	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
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Coming Sunday, March 10 at 10:45 a.m.—The Sabbatical Mission Faire!

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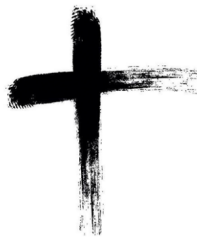
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LENT BEGINS MARCH 6, ASH WEDNESDAY

The holy season of Lent begins on March 6, Ash Wednesday.

Come share in a brief and meaningful Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 p.m. as we begin our spiritual pilgrimage through Lent with the Savior and one another.



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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!