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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

From the pastor's study:

As I write this, it is a beautiful sunny day. After the cold and rainy spring we have had, the warm sun is a welcomed friend who brings a spring to our step, happy smiles, and the promise of summer, which is right around the corner.

Summer is usually a time to slow down, relax, and a chance to take a break. Do you remember your best summer? One of my best summers was the summer between my junior and senior year of high school. It was that time of freedom before the stress of life really kicked in. My friends and I would spend the day at the lake in my grandparent's backyard, lounging on floaties, jumping off the trampoline into the water in the cannonball competitions, and soaking up the sun as we laughed and played together. We would then go home for supper, only to gather together again in the evening for a bonfire or movie night. It was a stress-free, fun, and wonderful summer before all of us went our separate ways to college, and became real adults in the world.

As we continue our time of sabbatical together, I continue the invitation for you to find rest and to be renewed this summer. To take time on those lazy summer nights, watching the fireflies twinkle over the lawn, where you can take in the beauty of God's creation. I also invite you to play. So often, we forget to play. To have a child-like wonder and joy as we skip rope, swim in the lake, or blow bubbles with our gum while sitting on our front step. So friends, enjoy this beautiful time God created. Find the perfect ice cream cone with a friend. Garden, helping to share God's beauty with the world. Take time to sit in the grass and look up at the clouds. Be silly. Make the biggest splash you can in the pool. Sit outside as you read and pray. Continue to find that time to rest, to be renewed, and to follow Jesus.

Blessings be yours,

Pastor Jenny

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.**

150th Committee & Sabbatical Renewal Team

Would like to announce two fellowship opportunities coming in June!!

Saturday, June 8, Photo Scavenger Hunt!

All who would like to take part will gather at FPC at 4:30. At that time teams will be formed and instructions shared.

Please note: You need not come already as a team - any "one" plus more can participate, FUN will be had by ALL!!!

Depart FPC on the hunt at 4:45.

Results, Pizza/Soda & more Fellowshiping as we gather at Bianchi's starting at 6pm.

Each team will need a phone with photo capability, so come prepared if you have one handy!

Pizza/Soda \$5 per person, \$12 per family

Please RSVP by the morning of June 8th to

Nathalie Schmidt (815)433-0175

Who will win the and claim the Scavenger Hunt Trophy?!?!?!?

Saturday, June 22, Canoe Trip down the Fox River!

Canoe trip cost is \$50 per canoe, or \$25 per person

Meeting place is C&M Canoe Rental in Wedron at 9:30am for 10:00am departure.

Important items to bring.....Sunscreen/protection, Hats, Waterproof Gear for valuables (in case of accidental contact with the river :o)

Bring along your own picnic/refreshments of choice in coolers and blanket if you like for lunch AFTER the enjoyable float and paddle down 7 miles of the Fox River back at C&M Campground.

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Additional IMPORTANT information.....

- Anyone participating under the age of 18 WITHOUT their parent accompanying on the canoe ride will have to have parent sign additional paperwork before departure.

- *All participants must watch Safety Videos* (by State of IL Law) and *sign the consent form* on the day of the event having watched the safety videos. Use the link here to watch the videos ahead of time. It will save time at the location if you choose to watch them via this link ahead of time. <https://www.cmcanoerental.com/rental-boat-safety/>

In order to assure enough canoes, we must reserve by June 8, 2019.

Please RSVP to Nathalie Schmidt (815)433-0175 by the morning of *June 8th* to join the Canoe Trip on June 22nd.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

The Church Picnic/Community Meal will be Sunday, June 16 at 12 noon. The picnic will be potluck style and Fellowship & Outreach will be serving bbq and lemonade. Bring a dish to pass. Please contact Gayle Schmitt (815-667-4964) if you have any questions.

A-G salads
H-Q veggies
R-Z desserts



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: IN PURSUIT OF PAUL

Apart from Jesus, no one had a greater influence in founding Christianity than the apostle Paul. Journey with host Con Campbell as he uncovers Paul's remarkable life and his voyages from Jerusalem across the Mediterranean world to Rome, where he was martyred.

We will meet each Sunday, beginning May 26, at 11 am in the Library. This study will coincide with Pastor John's "Footsteps of Paul" trip. Please join us!

| SESSIONS | FEATURING | TIME |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Transformed | Con Campbell | 20 MINS |
| 2. Called | Con Campbell | 21 MINS |
| 3. Mission to the World | Con Campbell | 26 MINS |
| 4. Wisdom of the Cross | Con Campbell | 24 MINS |
| 5. Christ Above All | Con Campbell | 23 MINS |
| 6. Secure in the Storm | Con Campbell | 22 MINS |
| 7. Finishing the Race | Con Campbell | 21 MINS |

Map of the Travels of Paul



Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Carry each other's burdens

That's what the Bible says to do

That's what the Lord calls us to do

To love each other as He has loved you

But what is a burden

Is it a secret too hard to bear

Or trouble in the soul

Is it something we should fear, or that might help us to grow

A burden seems like it could be hard

As if to carry it may cause us to break

It might bring us too close to another's pain

It might take time to carry the burden

It might cause us heartache

But let me say that I have carried a burden or two

For my prayer Sisters and my small group and they for me

You may be surprised to learn that a burden is not

A burden at all, but a chance to love as Jesus loves

It matters not the trouble or cause

The pain or sadness it may bring

For there is joy in the act of loving another

Doing what we're called to do.

And truly it is a simple thing

For I have found an abundance of grace

Being part of a loving small group

For in the act of carrying burdens

It is in the giving you receive

WE HAVE CONNECTIONS

We at First Presbyterian Church of Ottawa are connected to Blackhawk Presbytery (office at Stronghold near Oregon, Illinois, on the Rock River). We are connected to Synod of Lincoln Trails (office in Indianapolis, Indiana). We are connected to the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (General Assembly (GA) office in Louisville, Kentucky). We are known as the connectional denomination. We are independent, yet connected. Each year, we receive a notification from Blackhawk Presbytery of our commitment to send *per capita* (literally, per head) monies for each active member of our congregation to Presbytery for use in the ministry and administration of the three levels of church ministry, namely Presbytery (Blackhawk), Synod (Lincoln Trails), and General Assembly (PCUSA). The *per capita* commitment for our congregation for 2019 is \$38.47 per member for 144 members (GA gets \$8395, Synod gets \$3.81 and Blackhawk Presbytery gets \$25.71), which comes to \$5,539.68 due by the end of 2019. Please see a Session member for answer to any questions. Please pray how you can pay, and play your part in our connectional family. Thank you.

FPC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

CHURCH SERVICE AT CHALUS FARM ON JULY 7

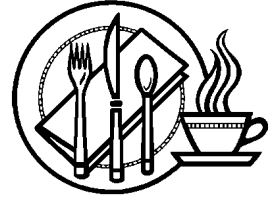
Service on July 7, 2019 will be held in conjunction with Waltham Presbyterian Church at Ron & Linda Chalus' farm on Route 6 between Ottawa and Utica. Service will begin at 10:00 AM. Communion will be served during service, and breakfast will be available prior to service from 8:30 - 9:30. More information will be available in the coming weeks, but we will need an approximate headcount prior to the 7th so that proper accommodations can be made. Any questions or comments can be directed to Brian Huebner or David Farrell.

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

September 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

(2nd Thursday PM each 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 June is pasta/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.

LADIES' NITE OUT

Tuesday, June 4

6:00 p.m. at Annie's

Contact Jean Zeilman

at 815-434-5289

for information and reservations

KUM JOIN US

Will meet on June 2

at 11 am in the Sanctuary

Lunch will follow at Halftime



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY



JUNE

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Nicole Stevenson | 1 |
| Madisyn McGrath | 3 |
| Donna Burkey | 14 |
| Beth Woodyer | 15 |
| Jenna Smithmeyer | 17 |
| Tim Huebner | 20 |
| Bill Buckingham | 26 |
| Max McGrath | 26 |
| James Gibbs | 30 |

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 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---|--------|--|
| <u>Every Sunday</u> 8:45 am Prayer 11 am-Adult Bible Study | | | <u>Every Wed.</u> | <u>Every Thurs.</u> 9:30 am Seniors Small Group | | <u>Every Saturday</u> 7:30 am Men's Small Group |
| | | | | | | 1. |
| 2. Graduation Sunday 11 AM—Kum Join Us | 3. | 4. 6 pm—Ladies' Nite Out | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. 4:30 PM—Photo Scavenger Hunt |
| 9. Pentecost Sunday Youth Lead Service WEAR RED! | 10. | 11. 7 pm— Committee Meetings | 12. | 13. | 14. | 15. |
| 16. Trinity Sunday Father's Day Noon— Community Meal | 17. | 18. 7 pm— Session | 19. | 20. | 21. | 22. 9:30 am—Canoe Trip |
| 23. | 24. | 25. | 26. | 27. | 28. | 29. |
| 30. | <h1><i>June 2019</i></h1> | | | | | |



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PENTECOST SUNDAY IS JUNE 9

Sunday, June 9 is Pentecost where we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ.

Please wear red to symbolize the joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.



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