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STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Sunday, October 13, 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 13th, you can turn in your commitment cards in an envelope marked "Stewardship" and place in our treasurer Betty Angus' mailbox in the church office, or simply mail it in to the office.

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

OUR MISSION

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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 with, and for, one another on Sunday mornings, at 8:45 am, and Wednesday mornings, at 9 am, at FPC

Remembering Helen Franz 1923-2019: Read Her Faith Story

Hello!! My name is Helen Franz. I'm a lifelong resident of Ottawa, and member of First Presbyterian Church. This is my second year as a member of Presbyterian Evangelism Committee. I accepted Jesus as my Savior when I was quite young, but it wasn't until after the death of my husband in 1972 that I knew Him as Lord of my life, as well as my Savior.

I can't remember not being a part of the Church. As children we had to attend Sunday School, Church, Youth Groups, and any other related activity. My Dad was, at different times, an Elder, S.S. teacher, choir director, soloist, youth leader, so staying away from Church was not high on our priority list. Actually, it wasn't even an option. I'm grateful for that now, though I didn't appreciate the discipline that was being instilled until years later.

Though I had accepted Christ as my Savior, I wasn't really sure how that applied to my life, or what I was to do with Him. I know He loved me: the Bible told me so. I knew He died for me: the Bible told me that, too. But then—what? Little by little, as I learned more about Him and His never-ending love, the pieces began to fall in place. Then, after Dick's death, when I was at the lowest point in my life, I cried out to Him asking: "Who am I? Once I was a wife, a mother (by then my youngest was a high school Jr.), but now I'm nothing. Lord, please show me who I am." I will never forget the special moment that followed as He answered I "felt" a gentle whisper say: "You are my child. I love you, and I will not leave you or forsake you." A sense of His loving, caring and warmth flooded me, and for the first time in my life I really KNEW Jesus, for a Peace filled me such as I had never experienced before. At that moment Jesus became my Lord, my friend, counselor, healer, comforter—everything, to me.

I would like to say that from then on my life was free of any problem, stress, grief, or anything that would cause an unhappy time in my life, BUT you all know from living in the "real" world that does not happen. Being human we constantly battle our old sinful nature which manifests itself in different ways in our lives. I still make lots of mistakes and as Paul said: I do the very thing I do not want to do, and the thing I want to do, I don't do.

BUT this I CAN say with certainty: Since that wonderful moment alone with my Lord He has been faithful. Faithful to never leave me or forsake me (though many times I've tried to go on my own and "do it myself"). He is faithful to forgive me when I do. He is my Sure Foundation. The Rock on which I can stand, and I KNOW that with Jesus in charge of my life, all work according to His plan as long as I continue to rest in Him, to seek and do His will.

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PRAYER IS POWERFUL. LET'S PRAY TOGETHER!

We invite you to be a part of refreshing the PRAYER LIFE of our congregation! We know that the foundation of prayer is so important for anything we do. There are two opportunities each week to be a part of this important and special work of the church; **Sunday mornings from 8:45-9am AND/OR Wednesday mornings from 9-10 am**, in the library. Please come join us to see what great work God is waiting to do, as we thank, seek & ask Him.

Heavenly Father, Thank you, that we can come before you, our loving, powerful Father and ask for you help and guidance. Thank you for how you have blessed FPC these past 150 years. Will you please continue to pour out your blessings upon us? We ask for you protection and provision, for our church and leaders, as we enter this time of wanting to grow closer to you, and be your disciples. Please help our hearts to be open to what you want to teach us. Help us to see your love for us, and others all around us. Show us where we can be your hands and feet. Give us courage to speak out in love and kindness, in your Name, where we see need. Please heal those who are sick; comfort those whose hearts are hurting; provide for those in need; bless and protect our families; heal our nation and world. Jesus, thank you for your amazing gift of complete forgiveness, because of your obedience and sacrifice on the cross, on our behalf. Please help us to live with new awareness of the freedom we have been given, as your deeply loved sons and daughters. Help us to grasp and understand the rich PRIZE you have for us, and those all around us. Holy Spirit, please reveal yourself to us, guide, lead, and protect us.

In Jesus's Mighty Name,

Amen

Want more help with HOW to pray and for WHAT? See the daily Calendar for PRAYER on page 4.



PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY WITH US, FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

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|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Pray for Restoration and Revival <i>Psalm 80:19</i> | 2. Pastor John and his family <i>Galatians 6:9</i> | 3. FPC Staff <i>1 Corinthians 16:4</i> | 4. Our Hurting World <i>John 3:16</i> | 5. Public Schools & Opportunity School <i>Proverbs 22:6</i> | 6. Shut-ins <i>James 1:27</i> |
| 7. Community Meals <i>Matthew 25:37-40</i> | 8. Worship <i>Psalm 86: 9-10</i> | 9. Hearts of Hurting People <i>Psalm 34:18</i> | 10. Session <i>Isaiah 41:10</i> | 11. PADS Shelter & Homeless <i>Matthew 25:35-40</i> | 12. Protection of the Congregation <i>Ephesians 6:10-18</i> |
| 13. Invite & Welcome the Holy Spirit <i>Titus 3:4-7</i> | 14. Choir & Music Team <i>Psalm 92:1</i> | 15. LOL4JC & Sr. High Ministry <i>Proverbs 22:6</i> | 16. Our Children <i>Matthew 19:14</i> | 17. Pray for Missionaries Strength & Protection <i>Acts 1:8</i> | 18. Riverside Women's Center <i>Luke 21:18-19</i> |
| 19. Health of the Congregation <i>James 5:14</i> | 20. Small Groups & Missional Communities <i>Hebrews 10:25</i> | 21. Nation, State & Government <i>1 Timothy 2:1-4</i> | 22. Z.O.N.E. <i>Matthew 19:14</i> | 23. Our Seniors <i>Psalm 90:14</i> | 24. Churches of Ottawa <i>Hebrews 10:24-25</i> |
| 25. Ottawa Mayor & City Counsel <i>1 timothy 2:1-4</i> | 26. Leaders of Ministries <i>Hebrews 13:17-18</i> | 27. Ottawa Community <i>Jeremiah 29:7</i> | 28. Pray for those who are far from God <i>Luke 10:2</i> | 29. Servant's Heart <i>Matthew 25:37-40</i> | 30. Marseilles Community <i>Jeremiah 29:7</i> |

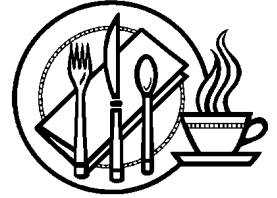
LOVE, WIN, GROW, GO: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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

December in 2019 and all of 2020. 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:

Brian & Joy Huebner (Sun. PM): 343-3379

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 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 (433-5477) for questions or to sign up.

LADIES' NITE OUT

Tuesday, October 1

At Uptown Grill

6:00 p.m.

Carpool will leave FPC at 5:30 p.m.

Contact Debbie Damron
at 434-3606
for carpool information and reservations

KUM JOIN US

Will meet on October 6

at 11 am in the Sanctuary

Lunch will follow at Halftime



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY



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 |
| 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> 8:45 am Prayer 9:30 am WORSHIP 10:45 am Fellowship 10:45 am-ZONE 10:45-Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School 11 am-Adult Bible Study | | | <u>Every Wed.</u> 9 am -Prayer Time 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. 7 pm-Ladies Nite Out | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. LABOR OF LOVE 7 AM-5 PM |
| 6. 11am | 7. | 8. 7 pm- Committee Meetings | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. |
| 13. STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY 5pm—LOL4JC | 14. | 15. 7 pm- Session | 16. | 17. 10:30 am- Sort Books for Uganda | 18. | 19. |
| 20. NOON- Community Meal 5pm—LOL4JC Fear Factor! | 21. | 22. | 23. | 24. | 25. | 26. |
| 27. | 28. | 29. | 30. | 31. | | |



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OTTAWA LABOR OF LOVE IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th

Ottawa Labor of Love will be Saturday, October 5th from 7 am-5 pm. Adults and students, 14 years or older, are welcome to join us as we make repairs to a home of someone in need. Sign up sheets for adults and students are located on the table outside the church office and in Scott Hall. Any questions? Contact Ron Koestler (815-343-6088).

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