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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

## 150th Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, December 1st

Please join us as we celebrate with dinner and the  
“burying” of the Time Capsule

Dinner will be immediately following  
the worship service

No dish to bring, just come and  
enjoy the time together

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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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 10 am, at FPC

## **ZONE PICK-A-GIFT**

ZONE Pick-a-Gift is just a month away! The kids absolutely love “shopping” for their family and love the wonderful selection that is offered each year. If you are able, we are asking for donations of new and used items for kids, moms, and dads. Our selection for dads and boys are always low, so things for those groups are especially needed. Any donations may be dropped off in the ZONE preschool Sunday School room, across from the elevator on the bottom floor. Please contact Lori Trolinger (795-6791 with any questions. Thank you!



### **VOICES IN HARMONY**

*Presents ~ Holiday Classics*

*Saturday, December 14, 2019*

*7:00 PM*

First Presbyterian Church

*Featuring*

***Judy Dagraet***

*Christian Vocalist*

***The Passwater Family***

***The Voices in Harmony Chorus***

*Proceeds to benefit*

**Randy Parker and a Local Charity**

**For more information, contact Don at 815-795-7375**

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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 6.**



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

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



**FOR CHRISTMAS**

Poinsettias will be ordered by Worship committee to decorate the sanctuary. You may designate your flower be given to a shut-in, or you may take it home after the service on Christmas Eve.

Cost of the flowers will be \$15.00 for one 8" plant or \$15.00 for two 6" plants. Please include that with your order form. Place your order form in the offering plate or turn into the office by, **December ?**. If you have any questions please call Nathalie Schmidt (434-0175).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Number of flowers desired \_\_\_\_\_

Please CIRCLE AND FILL IN DESIGNATION

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my flower to go:

To a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my flower \_\_\_\_\_



**Majak Update: Fall 2019 Kick off** We have started the new season of ministry with a kick off as every year. It was great time of encouragement because we had 3 baptisms in Olomouc. All of them great stories about how Jesus saved 3 young men and we welcomed them in our church family. Beginning of the school year is a great time to remind ourselves of why we are here and what is our mission. Seeing new people being baptised is a great reminder of that. We are here to share Jesus with people who don't know him yet. And everything we do is helping us in this purpose. Why we train leaders? Why we disciple people? Why we preach? Why we help those in need? So that people can hear and see Jesus. That is our ultimate goal. It is also great opportunity to hear about what God is doing at different churches in the network. There were many great stories of what God has done during the summer at different camps and retreats.



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### **Majak Update Cont from pg. 6**

**New season begins** The kick off started a new season of our ministries and it has been really amazing. We started our youth ministries, college ministry in Olomouc. We also started a new college group in Brno with about 20 students. English classes started in Vsetin and children's clubs at Velka Lhota.



**Leadership training continues** New season is also the beginning of our leadership training. We are in the middle of our Pastor Institute. Two classes with 25 students have successfully finished first year of program. This year we have added another program for developing youth leaders. We have about 15 young people who are helping lead different youth programs that are meeting once a month for training and learning.

**Prayer request: Please pray with us for all the people that have heard the Gospel this summer and our continued relationships and ministry to them. Pray for all different places in the Network - Vsetin, Olomouc, Šumperk, Brno, Velka Lhota and Žilina.**



***Would you like to send someone a “blessing” to let them know you are thinking about them?***

There are greeting cards in Scott Hall that are available for anyone who would like to send a note of encouragement, get well, happy birthday, thinking of you, to someone special in our church family. Contact Gayle Schmitt (815) 667-4964 or Julie Angus 433-2946 for any questions.

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

The Fellowship and Outreach committee is looking for groups, families, friends, co-workers, or anyone who would like to prepare and serve the Community Meal on the 3rd Sunday of each month in 2020.

*It's not as hard as it may sound and it is a lot of fun!*

Please contact Gayle Schmitt (815) 667-4964 or Julie Angus 433-2946 for any questions about serving the LORD in a wonderful way.

### **Do you or your FPC ministry need event space within FPC's building?**

**Please be sure to fill out an *Event & Space Reservation* form and get it in!**

If you or a ministry you are involved with need any space at any time within the First Presbyterian Church building, please stop by the office to pick up this necessary form. Once you have filled it out and submitted it to Cindy Arjes, FPC secretary, she will put your event on the office calendar and your space will be reserved. Cindy will then confirm with you that your event and space are scheduled. Failure to submit this form may cause you to lose the space and time you want for your event to another properly planned and approved event. Please call 433-1045 with any questions.

***NOTE:*** *If you want to sponsor the use of FPC's building by a non-FPC organization, the trustees have a separate use request form that must be completed and submitted to the trustees.*



## **Have 20/20 Vision for 2020**

Is your “vision distorted” as you “look” into your future? Have you “lost sight” of what’s truly important? Do you fail to “see” a way to serve our Lord by serving others? Have you been thinking lately how you might get out of your comfort zone and impact the lives of others in a big way?

TEAM Believe In UGanda 2019 has recently returned from our mission trip to the rural villages of Uganda where we served the poorest families in the communities. We are already gearing up for 2020! In fact, we have a lofty goal of taking two teams throughout that summer and you could be part of the team!

As you contemplate this, “look” into your future and what do you “see”? Do you yearn for something more? Going to UGanda in 2008 really helped me “see clearly” that much of my prior life was devoted to me and what I could do for me! God’s “vision” for my life had become “fuzzy and out of focus” and left me feeling somewhat empty and restless! I felt there was too much me (self serving) and not enough Him! (God serving) But the “focus” of my life changed dramatically when I put God in charge of where I should be serving to bring HOPE to the HOPELESS! And 11 years later, my heart still breaks for the injustices that I witnessed while serving in the most remote villages of Uganda—but I witnessed JOY in the people that can only be explained by their love and dependence on God for all their basic needs; the same God we serve that blesses our daily lives so abundantly!!!

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A friend approached me not long ago inquiring about Believe In Uganda mission trips but she wondered whether or not she might have anything to offer the people! Here's my response:

If your heart breaks over the plight and condition of the poorest of the poor in our world—this mission trip is for you!!

If your heart breaks knowing that children in Uganda often only eat one meal a day— this mission trip is for you!!

If your heart breaks knowing that mothers typically deliver their babies on a dirt floor and that children often die because of lack of medical attention—this mission trip is for you!!

If your heart breaks knowing that water used daily is infested by microscopic parasites—this mission trip is for you!!

If you want to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a very concrete, personal way— this mission trip is for you!!

The list goes on and on but because you can help change all the above, you can be part of the solution!! Going, Giving, Praying!!! We are in the early stages of forming teams and making plans for BIUG 2020. Please contact me for more information!

Debbie Damron-home 1-815-434-3606; cell 1-815-260-4619

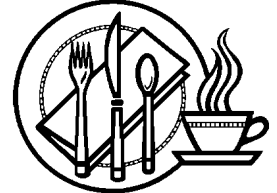
**UGANDA!**

# 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 (815)202-2870

## **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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 December is baking products. 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, November 5th

At Sunfield's at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Darlene Halm

(815) 228-5722

for reservations or questions

**KUM JOIN US**

**Will meet on November 3rd**

**Immediately after worship in  
the Library**

**Lunch will follow at Halftime**



**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**NOVEMBER**

Brad Armstrong	1
Julie Angus	1
Carol Zimmerman .	6
Jean Zeilmann	6
Brian Smithmeyer	6
Chris Keely	8
Nolan Zarwell	12
Griffin Clemens	15
Laura Zarwell	15
Kevin Arjes	16
Gayle Schmitt	17
Pat Gerding	18
Kyle Zarwell	22
Thaddeus Armstong	26
Ron Koestler	28
Lori Trolinger	30

**DECEMBER**

Sandy Finnegan	4
Lori Olson	4
Ben Dial	6
Bruce Smith	6
Karen Mikkelsen	6
Helen Tammen	11
Sawyer Booras	11
John Gibbs	12
Betty Angus	18
Holly Hess	22
Jax & Marek Zarwell	24
Anna Schmidt	26
Olivia Trolinger	28

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 Tuesday</u> 7 pm- Hand Bell Choir Practice	<u>Every Wed.</u> 9 am -Prayer Time 7 pm-Choir Practice			<u>Every Saturday</u> 7:30 am Men's Small Group
1. 1st Sunday of Advent  10:45 am-150th Anniversary Meal	2.	3.  6:30 pm—Blue Christmas at the YMCA	4.	5.	6.	7.
8. 2nd Sunday of Advent  Voices in Harmony Singing in Worship  5 pm- LOL4JC	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.  7 pm-Voices in Harmony Concert
15. 3rd Sunday of Advent  10:45 am-Pick-A Gift	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.
22. 4th Sunday of Advent  9:30 am-Christmas Music Sunday	23.	24.  7 pm-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25.  MERRY CHRIST- MAS!  OFFICE CLOSED	26.	27.	28.
29.	30.	31.				



# December 2019

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**COMING FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS!**

December 1 – *FPC’s 150th Anniversary Celebration and Luncheon*

December 8 – *Special guest choir, “Voices in Harmony*

December 15 – *A special message*

December 22 – *A joyous Music Sunday*

December 24—**CHRISTMAS EVE** – *A beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 pm*

December 27—*The last worship service of 2019*

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