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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:

Dear Loving Community of Jesus Christ at First Presbyterian Church,

What a year 2019 was as we celebrated our 150th anniversary! After our wonderful banquet on December 1, I wanted to express my deep gratitude on behalf of all of us to the 150th Anniversary Committee, lead so faithfully by Kerry Gerding:

Dear Members of FPC's 150th Anniversary Celebration Team,

I want to share the BIGGEST THANK YOU I can with each of you for all the wonderful work you did to help our FPC family share such great remembrances and gratitude to God for our 150 years of ministry in Ottawa! For 2 years you have been meeting to plan so many details. Your hard work really paid off with glory to God and blessing to your church family. Your creativity, imagination and step-by-step planning gave us some rich moments to remember:

- The big kick-off celebration banquet on Palm Sunday weekend when we turned 150 years
- The dedication of the beautiful sanctuary banner and handsome memorial bench
- The wonderful lazy Saturday afternoon canoe trip in June
- The rich season of shared worship with Waltham Presbyterian Church at the Chalus Farm
- FPC's thirst-quenching and fun presence at Ottawa's annual Riverfest Parade
- The 150th Celebration Banquet and dedication of the 50 year Time Casule

Thank you for all your hard work and creative leadership. It was a year to remember, thanks to all your efforts!

Joyfully,

Pastor John Walker

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

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. We want to remind everyone that hosts a community meal that plates, napkins, cups and silverware are furnished. We also provide coffee, tea and lemonade. There are also carryout containers available if someone would want to take any leftovers home.

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.

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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

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>

The Message of 2nd Peter

Knowing that his time was short, and that these churches faced immediate danger, Peter called upon the readers to refresh their memories and stimulate their thinking so that they would remember his teaching.

He challenged the believers to become more mature in their faith by adding to it specific Christian virtues, thereby becoming effective and productive in their knowledge of Jesus Christ.

In this study we learn Peter again encouraged them to grow in the grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He concluded with praise to this Lord and Savior.

The class will start on January 5th. We will meet in the Library around 11:00 a.m. following worship.

2nd Peter

January 5th—Background & Survey of 2nd Peter

January 11th—The Man Who Knows God

January 18th—True and False Prophecy

January 25th—A Final Exhortation



The Love of God

By Orva Hochstetler

We can feel it in a soft breeze. We can see it in colored leaves. We can receive it through a friend. It will be with us in the end. It's the love of God.

We can smell it in a red rose. It helps us overcome our woes. We can see it in clear blue skies. It's reflected in child's eyes. It's the love of God.

We hear it in a praise song. It guides us away from what's wrong. We can see it in the starlight. It helps us follow what is right.: It's the love of God.

We can let it rule our home. It never leaves us all alone. We can see it in falling rain. And let it wash away our pain: It's the love of God.

We can let it rule our home. It never leaves us alone. We can see it in falling rain. And let it wash away our pain: It's the love of God.

We can feel it in our new birth. It's so big it covers the earth. We can see it by how folks live. It gives us power to forgive: It's the love of God.

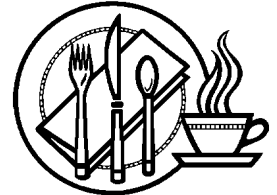
We can receive it in our heart. It gives us daily new start. We can feel it each time we pray. And have more by giving it away: It's the love of God.

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

the months of July, August, Sept., and December. 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.



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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 (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 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. Please contact Brian Huebner (433-5477) for questions or to sign up.

LADIES' NITE OUT

Tuesday, January 7

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

Contact

Jeanette Walter at
815-324-5000

for reservations or questions

KUM JOIN US

Will meet on January 5

**Immediately after worship in
the Library**

Lunch will follow at Halftime



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY



JANUARY

Keith Stevenson	5
Jodi Martin	5
Betty Ehret	12
Cathy Peters	21
Nathalie Schmidt	26
Debbie Walker,	27
Diane Kennedy,	28
Winona Bartlett	31

FEBRUARY

Edythe Brockman	6
Dan Brockman	11
Emilie Gibbs	13
Idalia Stricklin	13
Noah Trolinger	14
John Damron	15
Tiffini Thompson	24
Sue Brockman	27

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday 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			Every Wed. 9 am -Prayer Time 7 pm-Choir Practice			Every Saturday 7:30 am Men's Small Group
			1.	2.	3.	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
10:45 am- Confirmation Class Begins 11 AM- Kum Join		6 pm-Ladies' Nite Out				
12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.
5 pm-LOL4JC & TBD						
19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
INSTALLATION OF ELDERS IN WORSHIP NOON- Community Meal						
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	
5 pm-LOL4JC & TBD						



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