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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:



## **SOUL SHINE RETURNS**

*to lead us in worship of the LORD!*

**STEVE SHARP\*MIKE STOHR\*BRYAN GUENTHER**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 9:30 am**

**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

# ANNUAL MEETING



## **2020 Annual Meeting is February 23, 2020**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, February 23, 2020 @ 10:45 a.m. in Scott Hall for the purpose of: **(a)** Reviewing the 2020 budget; **(b)** Electing of congregational members of the Nominating Committee; **(c)** Receiving annual reports **(d)** Transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

### **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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434-2774

## **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. <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>



## Ephesians

The Book of Ephesians is a letter from Paul to Christians at Ephesus. Ephesus was the chief city of the coastal area of Asia Minor. Paul spent more time there than any other city about three years. It was written around 60AD during Paul's house arrest in Rome. This letter is one of Paul's four Imprisonment Letters.

The letter is divided into two sections. The first outlines the blessings and spiritual wealth in Christ while the second the walk in the image of Christ. Ephesians does not address any problems or controversy. Instead it is a wonderful treatment of the relationship between Christ and the church. The new entity called the church is not easy to describe. Paul uses three metaphors to help us understand this unique relationship. He speaks of the church as the body of Christ, as a building or temple, and as the bride of Christ.

The class will start on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet in the Library around 11:00 am following worship.

Come join in and be part of this exciting study as we learn what God's word proclaims.

## Topics in Ephesians

Background of Ephesians

Survey of Ephesians

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom

Once Dead, Now Alive

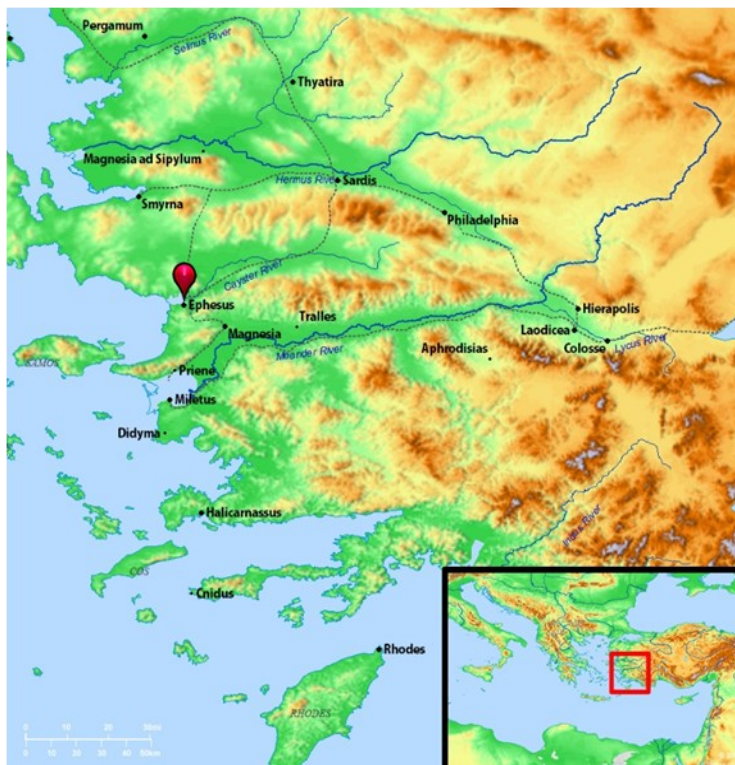
Paul's Testimony and Prayer

Preserving Church Unity

The Daily Walk of Christians

Conduct in the Christian Home

The Christian's Armor



# Volunteers Needed



## **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.



## **SECRET SISTERS**

Secret Sisters will meet after worship on Sunday, Feb. 16!

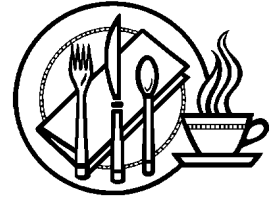
Watch for more details to be coming soon.

# 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**

of the months of June, 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.



## **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 February is Cereal. 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, February 4

At 6:00 p.m.

Contact

Debbie Damron at

815-433-3606

for reservations or questions

**BRING A GUEST!**

**KUM JOIN US**

**Will meet on February 2**

**Immediately after worship in  
the Library**

**Lunch will follow at Halftime**



**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY**



**FEBRUARY**

Edythe Brockman	6
Nathan Hess	10
Dan Brockman	11
Idalia Stricklin	13
Noah Trolinger	14
John Damron	15
Tiffini Thompson	24
Sue Brockman	27

**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
Madeleine Trolinger	22
Matthew Walker	24



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 Saturday</u> 7:30 am Men's Small Group
						1.
2.  10:45 am-Kum Join Us	3.	4.  6 pm- Ladies' Nite Out	5.	6.	7.	8.
9.  5 pm-LOL4JC & TBD	10.	11.  7 pm- Committee Meetings	12.	13.	14.	15.
16.  NOON-Community Meal	17.	18.  Session moved to 2/25	19.	20.	21.	22.
23.  10:45 am-ANNUAL MEETING  5 pm-LOL4JC & TBD	24.	25.  7 pm-Session	26.  LENT BEGINS!  7 pm- Ash Wednesday Service	27.	28.	29.



# February 2020

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## The Season of Lent Begins Wednesday, Feb. 26

### Ash Wednesday Worship Service

7:00 p.m.-a simple, meaningful start to our Lenten journey

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