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## SEAN, SARAH AND HEZEKIAH ARE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC!

They had a safe trip to Czech the week of August 31. They have arrived in Ostrava and are settling into their new home and have begun to work with ForMission.

Sean and Sarah are asking for these prayer requests:

- Pray that they settle in quickly into their apartment, their neighborhood, and their community.
- Praying that Hezekiah adjusts to this move, and feels loved despite the change in his surroundings.
- Pray that they will meet people, and successfully use the Czech language they have been learning.
- Pray that they develop deep and fruitful relationships with the people they meet.
- Pray that as they get involved, that God will use them to serve the church.
- Pray for their first intensive ForMission, which began on September 14, 2020.

## 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

### 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

## **SOUL SHINE LEADING MUSICAL WORSHIP**

Soul Shine will be leading us in musical worship on October 25 and November 22. Please remember that the *Prelude of Praise* will begin at **9:25 a.m.** on these Sundays.



## **LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE? THE P.A.D.S. SHELTER NEEDS YOU!**

They are currently in need of volunteers to help us cover us 24 hours each day. Our biggest need for volunteer help is during meal times. We currently have the following shifts that need covered at this time:

Breakfast Shift - 6 am-9 am

Lunch Shift - 9 am-1 pm

Dinner Shift - 5 pm– 8pm

In addition to our need for volunteers, we can also use assistance with preparing and providing meals for our guests. We also can use a volunteer driver on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evenings to help pick up donations. We can also use financial or supply donations. At this time, we can use the following supplies:

- NCAT Vouchers
- Coffee
- Coffee Creamer
- Sugar
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Floor Cleaner
- Disinfectant Sprays
- Plastic Spoons & Forks

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

## **ZONE AND JR. HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION**

It is with deep regret that due to COVID-19, there will be no ZONE or JR High Sunday school. We are praying that we can resume In January. We ask for you to keep all our young people in your prayers.

Discipleship Committee:  
Brian Smithmeyer and Lisa Mestelle

## **LABOR OF LOVE INFORMATION**

There will be no Labor of Love this October 2020, but they are looking into re-scheduling this for April 2021. Watch the bulletin and newsletters for updates on this event.

## **THE WALKER CHILDREN HAVE ALL MOVED!**

Here are the new addresses :

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## **THANK YOU!**

I would like to thank my church family for all your prayers and thoughtfulness for my aunt, Jane Coffelt. I would also like to thank Pastor John and Debbie for ministering to her in her final days. My aunt's home was in California and she was never able to return due to failing health. I appreciate so much everything Pastor John and Debbie did to fold her into their flock and be Jesus to her in her time of need.

**LADIES' NITE OUT**

Will resume when we are able  
to meet safely

**KUM JOIN US**

Will resume when we are able  
to meet safely



**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 |
| Ken Damron     | 26 |
| Laverne Dooley | 30 |

**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 |

| Bcx`<br>*9.Sunday  | Zxczx o | Tuesday                                | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---------|--|--|----------|--------|----------|
| 9:30 a.m.—<br>In person and re-<br>mote worship (on<br>YouTube at FPC<br>Ottawa) |         |  | 9:00 a.m.—<br>Wednesday Prayer<br>Team (meeting in<br>the FPC library) |          |        |          |
|  |         |  |  | 1.       | 2.     | 3.       |
| 4.   | 5.      | 6.                                     | 7.   | 8.       | 9.     | 10.      |
| 11.<br><br>STEWARDSHIP<br>SUNDAY   | 12.     | 13.<br><br>7 pm– Committee<br>Meetings | 14.  | 15.      | 16.    | 17.      |
| 18.<br><br>NOON– Grab N Go<br>Community Meal                                     | 19.     | 20.<br><br>7 pm– Session               | 21.  | 22.      | 23.    | 24.      |
| 25.<br><br>9:25 am– Prelude of<br>Praise with<br>Soul Shine                      | 26.     | 27.                                    | 28.  | 29.      | 30.    | 31.      |



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## **God is the Captain of Our Ship**

By Ruth Stephan

There is loud lightning from the sky. Waking people up in the middle of the night. The storm is passing through and soon the rainbow will be shining too. All of a sudden out of the blue, mysterious not planned but God knew. God knows what is and what will come. Fear not and above all love the Bible says. The lightning made you jump right out of bed. During this Covid19 time with a virus that has no reason or rhyme. It makes no sense to us who gets it and who does not. Our anchor is in Jesus and God the captain of our ship. When the waves are high and the boat dips. Remain calm and trust in our God (In God we trust).

It is not easy to do. We all are human, that is true. Pray together stay together Christians.

God is the Captain of our ship together forever. We are his.

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**\* Refresh Your Prayer Life on Sunday & Wednesday Mornings**