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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

HAPPY THOUGHTS

By Ruth Stephen

Is there something that you have always wanted to read?
But never allotted time to be.

Is there someone special that needs to know?

Writing a letter can tell them so.

Does someone pop in your mind?

Would love to hear from you if you took the time.

Is there something to do or say that would make
this a better day?

Take the first step and you will see.

You'll feel better too and a better day it will be.



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

LARGE FLAT SCREEN TV IS NEEDED

Dorene Pratt is in need of a working flat screen television. If you have one to give away please contact Dorene (815-617-4040) or the office (815-433-1045).

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

Envelopes will be placed at the back of the sanctuary for anyone to pick up and not placed in the pews. Those of us not attending in person can send our donations to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OGHS, 114 E. JEFFERSON ST., OTTAWA, IL 61350. For over 70 years, OGHS has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors around the world. The 3 programs supported by OGHS: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Gifts will continue through Easter Sunday.

May God bless your giving.

Thank you.

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
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HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**You Shall Be Called
Repairers of the Breach**

— ISAIAH 58

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New Adult Class on 1st Corinthians starting March 14th

The message of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians discusses some of the most asked spiritual and moral questions facing Christians today. Paul wrote this letter to believers at Corinth to combat the immorality that had saturated the church.

Read his rebuke of abuses relating to marriage, worship, morality, the Lord's Supper and the teaching of the resurrection. The apostle also addresses in detail the judgement seat of Christ, the purity of the Body, and the proper use of spiritual gifts.

The class will start on March 14th, 2021. We will meet via ZOOM at 11:15 am following worship. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6985045832>

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

For more information, feel free to contact Allen Gibbs at 304-633-1069 or allen-gibbs13@gmail.com.

Paul's Second Missionary Journey • AD 49–51 • Acts 15:36–18:22



TRAVELERS: Paul, Silas, Timothy, Priscilla and Aquilla, Luke

*Our Elders are
committed to serving.*

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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**, by Zoom. 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>

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



MARCH

Lisa Smithmeyer	2
Kerry Gerding	5
Randy Ehret, Sr.	8
Kathy Gonzalo	13
John W. Walker	16
Sarah Walker	17
Grant Smithmeyer	21
Madi Trolinger	22
Matthew Walker	24

APRIL

Rob McGrath	1
Sue Koestler	3
Mike Farrell	8
Diane Farrell	11
Brian Huebner	12
Karla Armstrong	18
Caroline Schmidt-Hill	18
Tyler Angus	19
Brad Angus	20
Hannah Duggan	21
Danielle Ehret	23
Pete Trolinger	27

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 a.m.— In person and remote worship (on YouTube at FPC Ottawa)			9:00 a.m.— Wednesday Prayer Team by Zoom			
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9. 7pm– Committee Meetings	10.	11.	12.	13. Change your clocks back an hour tonight!
14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
21. 9:25 am-Soul Shine Prelude to Praise NOON-Community Meal Served by the Choir	22.	23. 7 pm– Session	24.	25.	26.	27.
28. Palm Sunday	29.	30.	31.	April 1. MAUNDY THURSDAY	2. GOOD FRIDAY	3.
HOLY WEEK						



March

2021

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Return Service Requested

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 28—**Palm Sunday Service** 9:30 am

Thursday, April 1—**Maundy Thursday Service** 7 pm

Sunday, April 4—**Easter Sunday Service** 9:30 am

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