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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 DESK: A Pentecost Weekend Event

An experience with the Spirit is not a one-time thing. The scriptures tell us to “keep on being filled with the Spirit.” In order to renew and equip us, FPC is invited on Saturday, May 22 of Pentecost weekend to join Christ Community Church to hear 3DM leader Paul Maconochie teach and lead us in activities that will help us make more room for the Spirit in our lives and grow our competencies in hearing and responding to the Spirit.

Others at FPC and I have known Paul for three years through our time with 3DM in Ft. Wayne. From the first time I met him I was blessed by his clear teaching, the anointing of God on him, and his calm, authentic demeanor. And his cool British accent is a plus! I am inviting you to participate in the workshop on Saturday, May 22, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a break for lunch that will be provided. The morning will focus on teaching and the afternoon will have a greater emphasis on prayer and practice.

Some of you have had teaching and training in the area of the Holy Spirit before. What you hear from Paul will have similarities to what you have already learned. Even if that's true, I'm asking you to come and learn the things that will be new and refresh what already lives in you. Others of you have had very little training or experience in this area. Without any qualms, I commend Paul to be a teacher and minister that you can trust to be clear, gentle, and respectful.

As I write this invitation I feel an excitement growing in me about the weekend and about what God is doing in us. Please reserve the date and join me on that weekend! This is an important part of the way forward for us - living in the Person and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please RSVP to Cindy Arjes in the office (815-433-1045) by Wednesday, May 12th that you would like to join those of us who will be attending from FPC.

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 9 am, at FPC



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The Ottawa Chamber is joining with a group of volunteers including Heritage Harbor and the Ottawa Visitors Center to create a family friendly **free** event. We have secured the land at Heritage Harbor to host the event on **May 23** running from **11 AM to 4 PM**. Chicago Kites will be demonstrating their impressive (some up to 50 feet) kites and doing demonstrations all day long. We will have several candy drops for children with the candy being released from a kite. Open Spaces is also coordinating a free art experience for children where they can create their own souvenir of the day.

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Saturday May 15th will be clean up day at FPC from 8 am to noon. We are looking for church family who are willing to mulch, clean out window wells, wash windows and trim trees. The rain date will be Saturday, May 22nd. We promise a lot of fun!!! Contact Gayle Schmitt (815-343-6147) or Mike Farrell (815-228-8574) with any questions.



Congratulations to Nick Angus and Noah Trollinger for being named Illinois State Scholars!

*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



MAY

Addilyn Woodyer	3
Lisa Mestelle	10
Sue Paul	10
Tucker Clemens	11
Steve West	13
Don Morehead	15
James Burkey	15
John Bean	23
Casey Clemens	25
Betsy Feagans	25

JUNE

Madisyn McGrath	3
Donna Burkey	14
Jenna Smithmeyer	17
Tim Huebner	20
Bill Buckingham	26
Max McGrath	26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:30 a.m.— In person and remote worship (on YouTube at FPC Ottawa)</p> <p>11:15 a.m.-Adult Sunday School via Zoom</p>			<p>9:00 a.m.— Wednesday Prayer Team by Zoom</p>			1.
2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
<p>9. Mother's Day</p>	10.	<p>11. 7 pm– Committee Meetings</p>	12.	<p>13. Ascension of the Lord</p>	14.	15.
<p>16. NOON– Community Meal</p>	17.	<p>18. 7 pm– Session</p>	19.	20.	21.	22.
<p>23. <u>PENTECOST</u> Wear Red! 9:25 am-Prelude to Praise by Soul Shine</p>	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
30.	<p>31. Memorial Day</p>					



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Return Service Requested

PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, MAY 23

Don't forget to wear RED to worship for Pentecost!

Come to worship at 9:25 am on Pentecost for the Prelude of Praise

by Soul Shine



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