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SEMI ANNUAL MEETING

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

The Semi-Annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November 14 following worship at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary for the purpose of:

1. Reviewing and voting on the adequacy of the compensation of the pastor upon report of prior review by session
2. Electing of new elders

NOTE: any who choose should be able to attend remotely by Zoom. Watch for details.

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

*Our Elders are
committed to serving.*

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(Worship)
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(Clerk of Session)
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 is an opportunity each week to be a part of this important and special work of the church; **Wednesday mornings from 9-10 am**. Please come join us in the church library or by Zoom (ask Pastor John for the link). Come and see what great work God is waiting to do, as we thank, seek & ask Him in a weekly season of prayer together.

Heavenly Father, Thank you, that we can come before you, our loving, powerful Father and ask for your 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



PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY WITH US, FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

Want more help with HOW to pray and for WHAT? See the daily Calendar for

1. Pray for Restoration and Revival <i>Psalm 80:19</i>	2. Pastor John and his family <i>Galatians 6:9</i>	3. PRAYER 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 2021 FPC Thanksgiving Jubilee!

Please join us for the Thanksgiving Jubilee in Scott Hall, Sunday, November 21. To prepare for our Thanksgiving feast, we are looking for FPC volunteers to donate 4 turkeys. The turkeys should be 12-15 pounds (no more than 15 pounds please) and cooked. Arrangements can be made for Saturday delivery at the church if necessary. If you are interested in donating a cooked turkey, please contact Julie Angus (815-252-3402) or Casey Clemens (815-343-7245). Thank you!

Please note: the Fellowship & Outreach Committee plans to serve the meal following county COVID-19 guidelines to ensure the health and safety of all who attend and plans for the Thanksgiving Jubilee are subject to change based on current data.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR 2022

The Stewardship commitments for 2022 are currently a bit short of what is needed to continue operating all of our church ministries next year. The Session will not be able to meet our budgeted obligations next year without dipping into our reserve funds and diminishing what may be needed for emergency expenses. We ask you to prayerfully consider making your Stewardship commitment for 2022 and if you are able, increasing that commitment. Please speak to a member of the Administration Committee if you have any questions. Also, Stewardship giving for this year 2021 as of October is behind budget by about \$4,000, so please give what you are able by the end of 2021.

Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

Jim Keely, Joy Huebner, Peter Trolinger, Susan Brockman, and
Treasurer Betty Angus, Administration Committee.

REGATHERING TEAM INFORMATION

The Regathering Team has been working towards the goal of fully reopening of its programs. Looking ahead:

Full Worship Service

We have recently restarted passing the offering and communion trays. We have added the additional parts of the service as of September 12. Cups for communion will remain the pews for those uncomfortable with using pieces on the passed trays.

Restoration of all Sunday School classes

We have resumed Sunday School classes as of September 19
We are currently looking for a new Jr. High Sunday School Teacher

Youth Group Meetings

TBD Sr. High Youth has been meeting monthly since last spring. They will continue meeting weekly at their discretion.

LOL4JC is looking for leaders and hopes to restart in October.

Community Meals

The Fellowship Team will start discussing how to move forward safely with the Community Meals. Fellowship Hour began on October 3 and continues each week after with coffee, tea, and treats.

Please be in prayer as we move towards these goals.

UPDATE FROM REGATHERING TEAM

The Regathering Team met on Monday, October 25

After much discussion we arrived at the following:

New mask guidance based on continued downward COVID trends. GOOD NEWS! We will return to our previous guidance where masks are optional for those vaccinated.

The committee will plan to continue to meet monthly to review the need to make any changes and communicate to both session and the congregation. The next meeting will be November 22.

Ladies' Night 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

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

Brad Armstrong	1
Julie Angus	1
Carol Zimmerman	6
Jean Zeilmann	6
Brian Smithmeyer	6
Chris Keely	8
Nolan Zarwell	12
Griffin Clemens	15
Laura Zarwell	15
Kevin Arjes	16
Gayle Schmitt	17
Pat Gerding	18
Kyle Zarwell	22
Thaddeus Armstong	26
Ron Koestler	28
Lori Trolinger	30

DECEMBER

Sandy Finnegan	4
Lori Olson	4
Ben Dial	6
Bruce Smith	6
Karen Mikkelsen	6
Helen Tammen	11
Sawyer Booras	11
Timothy Gibbs	12
Betty Angus	18
Jax & Marek Zarwell	24
Anna Schmidt	26
Olivia Trolinger	28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:30 a.m.— In person and remote worship</p> <p>11:15 a.m.-Adult Sunday School in person or via Zoom</p> <p>4:30 pm - TBD-FPC's Sr. High</p>			<p>9:00 a.m.— Wednesday Prayer Team in person and by Zoom</p> <p>7pm- Choir Practice</p>			
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	<p>9.</p> <p>7 pm—Committee Meetings</p>	10.	<p>11.</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p>	12.	13.
<p>14.</p> <p>10:30 am—Semi-Annual Meeting in Sanctuary and by Zoom</p>	15.	<p>16.</p> <p>7 pm- Session Mtg</p>	17.	18.	19.	20.
<p>21.</p> <p>Christ the King Sunday Noon— THANKSGIVING JUBILIEE & COMMUNITY MEAL</p>	<p>22.</p> <p>7 pm - Regathering Team Meets</p>	23.	24.	<p>25.</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> 	26.	27.
<p>28.</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p>	29.	30.				

November



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Return Service Requested

*Don't forget to turn your clocks back on
Saturday, November 6 before you go to bed!*



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