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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

His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."
What will the New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

--Unknown Author

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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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

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 Hurt- ing 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 Congrega- tion <i>Ephesians 6:10-18</i>
13. Invite & Wel- come 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 Com- munity <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>

Community Meals for 2022

The Fellowship & Outreach Committee is looking for small groups, Sunday School classes, families, friends or elders who would be willing to host a Community Meal in 2022. The months we are looking to fill are May, July, August, September, October, and December. If you are interested in any (or all) of these months, just let us know. Please contact Julie Angus (815.252.3402) or Casey Clemens (815.343.7245) if you are interested.

NEW ADULT BIBLEE STUDY BEGINNING JANUARY 9

The Gospel of Matthew starts Sunday January 9th, 2022. We plan to meet in the library at 11:00 am after worship each Sunday. This will be a hybrid class that also has a ZOOM connection.

Who was Jesus? What was His mission? The Gospel of Matthew opens the New Testament with a rich portrait of the Messiah who fulfills God's promises to Israel and proclaims the coming kingdom of God.

In this study we will explore the events of Jesus' life, from His miraculous birth to His triumphant resurrection, and explains some of His most famous teachings including the Sermon on the Mount and the Great Commission.

The Gospel of Matthew was written to the Jews in order to answer their questions regarding Jesus of Nazareth and His claim to be their Messiah. Perhaps you've asked some of the same questions: "Was he truly the Messiah predicted in the Old Testament?"

I hope that you can join us for this exciting study about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and how our lives are forever changed.

NEW CHURCH TREASURER NEEDED

Ad Hoc Treasurer Committee is seeking a new Treasurer and will consider anyone who is qualified and submits an application. Church Treasurer is a paid part-time position and is elected by Session annually. Anyone interested should send a letter applying for the position and stating the applicant's qualifications to the Church Office, 114 East Jefferson St. Ottawa, IL 61350 marked "TREASURER" A job description is available at the Church Office or please contact Jim Keely, Joy Huebner, Mike Farrell, or Dan Mestelle.

REGATHERING TEAM INFORMATION

As of December 12th, the Regathering Team made the decision that masks are recommended for all due to the rise in the number of Covid cases and the burden it is causing on the healthcare system. The team will continue to monitor the situation and make decisions accordingly. The regathering team meets next on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:00p.m. by Zoom.



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY

Ladies' Night Out

Will resume when we are able to meet safely

KUM JOIN US

Will resume when we are able to meet safely



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Keith Stevenson	5
Jodi Martin	5
Betty Ehret	12
Cathy Peters	21
Nathalie Schmidt	26
Debbie Walker,	27
Diane Kennedy,	28

FEBRUARY

Edythe Brockman	6
Dan Brockman	11
Emilie Gibbs	13
Idalia Stricklin	13
Noah Trolinger	14
Tiffini Thompson	24
Sue Brockman	27



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30 a.m.-Bible Zone 9:30 a.m.—In person and remote worship 10:45 a.m.-Jr. & Sr.High Sun. School 11:00 a.m.-Adult Sunday School in person or via Zoom 4:30 pm - Sr. High Ministry			9:00 a.m.— Wednesday Prayer Team in person and by Zoom 7pm– Choir Practice			1.
2. Communion Sunday	3. 7 pm-Regathering Team by Zoom	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
9. Ordination & Installation of New Elders	10.	11. 7 pm– Committee Meetings	12.	13.	14.	15.
16. Noon—Community Meal	17.	18. 7 pm—Session	19.	20.	21.	22.
23.	24	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
30.	31.	25.				



Happy New Year

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Return Service Requested

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY?

January 2— The first Communion Sunday of 2022

January 9—Ordination and Installation of New Elders

January 16—Community Meal at Noon



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