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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

Join us for Worship during Holy Week 2022!

Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday ~ Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m.

*Come share together in the Lord's Last Supper

*A special message: "From the Curse to the Cross"

Easter Sunday ~ Sunday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m.

*Come enjoy an Easter brunch at 8:30 a.m. in Scott Hall

*An Easter egg hunt for all our kids at 10:45 a.m. in the playground



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,

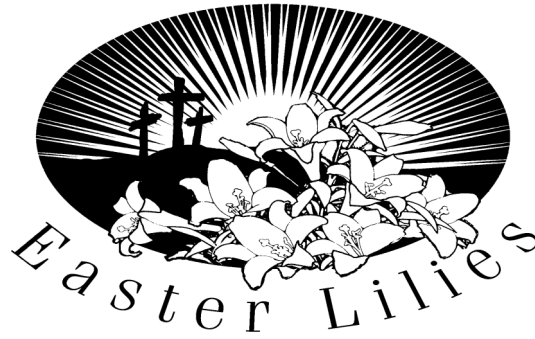
Amen

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>



Lilies will be ordered by Worship committee and will be in the sanctuary on April 17. You may designate your flower be given to a shut-in, or you may take it home after the service.

Cost of the flowers will be \$14.50 and must be included with the order form. These can be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate (in an envelope marked "Worship Committee"). Please complete and turn in the order form by

April 10. If you have any questions please call Nathalie Schmidt (433-0175)

Name _____

Check# _____ Cash _____

Number of flowers desired _____

Please CIRCLE AND FILL IN DESIGNATION

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I would like my flower to go:

To a shut-in _____

I will pick up my flower _____

I Am Bending My Knee

Originally from the Carmina Gadelica I, 3

*Taken from Esther de Waal, editor, The Celtic Vision (Liguori, MO: Liguori/
Triumph, 1988, 2001), p. 7.*

I am bending my knee
 In the eye of the Father who created me,
 In the eye of the Son who purchased me,
 In the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me,
 In friendship and affection.
 Through Thine own Anointed One, O God,
 Bestow upon us fullness in our need,
 Love towards God,
 The affection of God,
 The smile of God,
 The wisdom of God,
 The grace of God,
 The fear of God,
 And the will of God
 To do on the world of the Three,
 As angels and saints
 Do in heaven;
 Each shade and light,
 Each day and night,
 Each time in kindness,
 Give Thou us Thy Spirit.



PLEASE
JOIN
US

Ottawa YMCA COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 5th
7:15-8:30 am



Guest Speaker : Teresa Kopp

PLEASE JOIN US
Free for the community!

Prayer leaders will share words of comfort and inspiration. Join us for a light breakfast, music, fellowship and prayer

Please RSVP by May 2nd at 815-433-2395

AOK SUNDAY, May 15—Let's Spread Some Faith!

AOK stands for Acts of Kindness and on Sunday, May 15 you are needed to go on a mission!! We will serve in our town, be HIS hands and feet, and find joy in a returning tradition! It's AOK SUNDAY, and this is your chance to "go into the world and demonstrate faith." Be part of the FPC CREW! This mission is yours, if you choose to take it~ But it's only possible with YOU!! Watch for more information in the bulletin and May Presby Press!

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***GO INTO THE WORLD
AND DEMONSTRATE
FAITH!***

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022



Easter Brunch in Scott Hall:

The Fellowship & Outreach Committee invites everyone to fellowship together in Scott Hall on Easter morning, Sunday, April 17, from 8:30 am to 9:30 am for Easter Brunch. Come enjoy hot breakfast items, cinnamon rolls, and coffee before worship. Hallelujah, Christ Arose! Let's all celebrate together.

Thriving Groups Workshop

Would you like to be trained to facilitate inductive Bible studies in your small group? Sign up for an online, interactive Thriving Groups Workshop!

There is a workshop for pastors or church leaders to come and check out the training on 2 consecutive *Thursdays, April 28th and May 5th, from 10:00-noon CT.*

There is another workshop open to any interested people in the evenings on *May 11th and May 18th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.*

We will also set up a workshop for a group of small group leaders at a date and time that works for them.

Here is a link where people can sign up:

<https://www.qplace.com/thriving-groups-workshop/>

Please contact Nancy Klaassen with any questions.

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OTTAWA COMMUNITY FOOD BASKET

“The Food Helpers”

Free food is available to a 1-person household with a monthly income of \$1,986 or less or a 2-person household with a monthly income of \$2,686 or less. The monthly income base is adjusted by the number of persons living in the household. An example: a 4-person household with a monthly income of \$4,086 or less qualifies for free food. Contact the Community Food Basket at 815-431-0155 or ottawafoodbasket.org/need help for hours of operation and to have your questions answered. Your household may be eligible for free food

Thank you,
Shelley Threadgill



Community Food Basket

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.

NEW REGATHERING TEAM INFORMATION

Current FPC COVID guidelines:

At the February 14 meeting of the Regathering Team it was determined that since all data of infections and cases in LaSalle County and Illinois are dramatically declining, FPC can now move to the status of: **masks are optional for all**. Please continue to be the *Loving Community of Jesus Christ*, even as all have been during this 2-year long ordeal, showing loving respect of one another and being vigilant in the protection of everyone's health. A mask is optional when Opportunity School is in session also. Thank you.

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 July, August, and October. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Zone is an interactive program for children 3 yrs to 5th grade. They meet in the East Room from 8:30 am to 9:15 am. Lisa Mestelle and Susanne Gibbs are the leaders.

The Jr Hi. class meets on the 2nd floor, room D, from 10:45 am to 11:45 am with Debbie Walker and Lori Trolinger leading.

The Sr Hi class meets in the Youth Ministry Room from 10:30 am to 11:30 am with Ron Koestler as leader.

Sr Hi Youth Group evening group meets Sundays, except for the 1st Sunday, at 4:30 pm in the Youth Ministry Room and is lead by Lloyd and Diane Chapman.

The Adult Bible Study meets after worship at 11am in the Library and on Zoom. Please contact Allen Gibbs, teacher (304-633-1069), for the Zoom link.



7:00 pm Committee Meetings-2nd Tuesday of Each Month

As Covid restrictions lift and masks are now optional at FPC, we will resume our pre-Covid practice on committee night-We will start with all committees and their members gathering at 7:00 pm in Scott Hall to briefly check in together and pray with one another.

SEE YOU ALL IN SCOTT HALL, TUESDAY, APRIL 12!

Youth Christian Education

Sunday morning classes:
8:30-9:15 is Zone for ages 3-5th grade in the East Room.

After worship

Jr Hi 6th-8th grade located on the 2nd floor. After worship

Sr Hi high school students located on the first floor. After worship

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study meets in the library on Sunday, mornings at 11:00 am after worship. The class will not meet on April 17th and April 24th but will resume the regular schedule on May 1.

This will be a hybrid class that also has a ZOOM connection for those who wish to participate remotely. Please contact Allen Gibbs, teacher (304-633-1069), for the Zoom link.

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY



APRIL

Rob McGrath	1
Sue Koestler	3
Mike Farrell	8
Amanda Brockman	10
Diane Farrell	11
Brian Huebner	12
Karla Armstrong	18
Tyler Angus	19
Brad Angus	20
Hannah Duggan	21
Danielle Ehret	23
Rhonda Love	26
Pete Trolinger	27

MAY

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

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			
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3. Communion Sunday	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
10. Palm Sunday	11.	12. 7 pm- Committee Meetings	HOLY WEEK		15. Good Friday	16.
17. Easter Sunday He Is Risen! 8:30 am-9:30am- Easter Brunch Noon- Community Meal	18.	19. 7 pm- Session	20.	21.	22.	23.
24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.



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Return Service Requested

Maundy Thursday ~ Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m.

***Come share together in the Lord's Last Supper**

***A special message: "From the Curse to the Cross"**

Please join us for a meaningful and reflective worship service

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