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OUR MISSION

TO BE THE
LOVING
COMMUNITY OF
JESUS CHRIST
THAT WILL

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NEW FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO
SAVING FAITH

GROW

ALL FOLLOWERS
TO DEEPER FAITH

GO

INTO THE
WORLD AND
DEMONSTRATE
FAITH

MEET, EAT & GREET OUR MISSIONARIES IN JUNE!

Wednesday, June 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Come for a catered dinner with Pastor Freddy Smola and hear what life and ministry are like for his church network in the Czech Republic as they welcome and care for Ukrainian refugees.
- Please RSVP to Cindy (815-433-1045) so enough food can be ordered.

Sunday, June 12, 11:30 a.m. in Scott Hall at FPC

- Stay after our outdoor worship service on 6/12 to share lunch with Sean, Sarah, Hezekiah & Illiana Smith as they share what they are doing with Josiah Ministry in the Czech Republic.
- Please RSVP to Cindy (815-431-1045) to let us know you'll be there.

Wednesday, June 22, 5:00-8:00 p.m. in Scott Hall at FPC

- Come welcome Milton from Uganda at a reception
- If you would like to donate cookies, etc. please call Kerry Gerding (815-228-4123)



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

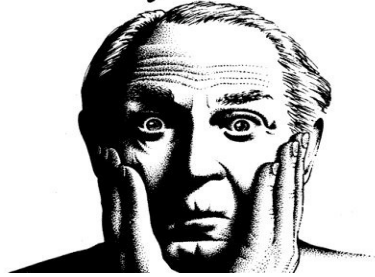
1. Pray for Restoration and Revival <i>Psalm 80:19</i>	2. Pastor John and his family <i>Galatians 6:9</i>	3. FPC Staff <i>1 Corinthians 16:4</i>	4. Our Hurting World <i>John 3:16</i>	5. Public Schools & Opportunity School <i>Proverbs 22:6</i>	6. Shut-ins <i>James 1:27</i>
7. Community Meals <i>Matthew 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>

The Church Building Needs Your Help!

We have joked many times

“What would happen if the boiler blew up. Do we have the funds to pay to fix it?”

Oh, no!



Please rest assured, the boiler did not blow up and is not needing to be replaced, but there have been some parts that had to be replaced in order to keep it running. In the last month or so two pumps had to be replaced and to top it off the hot water tank needed to be replaced also.

Unfortunately, these were unexpected repairs and funds were not set aside to pay for these items. The Session voted on using \$8500 of the Memorial Funds in order to pay the contractor who completed the repairs. The Session is determined to reimburse the Memorial Fund so that the monies that were given to the Fund are available to be used for their true intent.

Can you help with a donation to the Memorial Fund to replenish the fund back to its proper use?

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following Trustees:

Mike Farrell—815-434-2774

Dan Duggan—815-431-9168

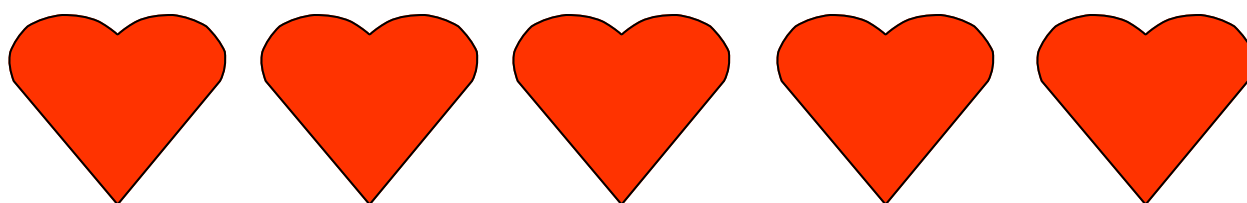
Dan Mestelle—815-252-7462

Pastor Emmanuel Kasija Dies in Bus Accident

“We mourn Pastor Emma's passing. He was a friend to all and his work with ITI was a rich blessing. May his life be all for blessing and glory to God”, Nathalie Schmidt wrote.

Pastor Emmanuel Kasaija, who through some point in 2020 led the faith based programming for ITI, supported also by our FPC missions, was involved in a transport bus accident this past week and lost his life. He was on a Greyhound style bus on the main road that links all points east near Kampala with all points west in Fort Portal. We were sent messages from Milton about his passing. The driver also lost his life in the accident along with seven children.

Joe and Nathalie Schmidt met Pastor Emmanuel in both 2019 & 2020 while in Uganda. Milton & Debbie Damron knew him very well and more about his work with ITI. He lit up a room when he arrived anywhere, has a deep love for our Heavenly Father, and passionate about sharing the gospel with the families involved with ITI and in his community. Most recently after departing ITI he had started a church with a fellow pastor and was involved with soccer clubs/devotional groups in working with kids. He leaves behind a wife and three very young children. Nathalie wanted to share with you all so that our loving community could be so kind to include in their prayers this loss of a wonderful Christian man and partner in sharing the love of Jesus Christ as well for his family.



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, JUNE 14**



Thank you to my church family for keeping me in your prayers during my recovery. Thank you for the cards and for the afghan and devotional book. You are such a loving and supportive family! My broken wrist is healing and I am learning all that I can do with one hand!

Diane Farrell

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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](http://ottawafoodbasket.org/need-help) for hours of operation and to have your questions answered. Your household may be eligible for free food

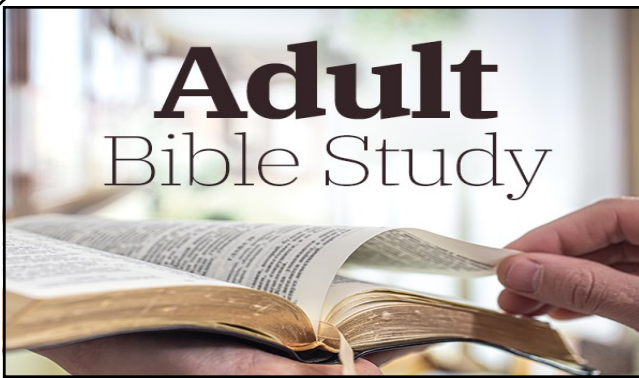
Thank you,
Shelley Threadgill



Community Food Basket

Youth Christian Education

The last day for Zone, Jr. High Class and Senior High Class was May 8th. We will be back in September!



Adult Bible Study meets in the library on Sunday, mornings at 11:00 am after worship. 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



JUNE

Madisyn McGrath	3
Donna Burkey	14
Beth Woodyer	15
Jenna Smithmeyer	17
Tim Huebner	20
Max McGrath	26
James Gibbs	30

JULY

Kylie Booras	1
Carol Woeckel	3
Nicholas Angus	4
Mary Ellen West	5
Drake Stuedemann	7
Joy Huebner	8
Dorene Pratt	9
Alayana Gibbs	15
Allen Gibbs	15
James Keely	19
Gail Dial	19
Linda Lindeman	25
Stacey Fowler	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			
			1.	2.	3.	4.
5. <u>Pentecost</u> 11:30 am-Senior Recognition Reception	6.	7.	8. 5:30-7:30 pm— Dinner w/Pastor Freddy	9.	10.	11.
12. 11:30 am-Meet Sean & Sarah Smith	13.	14. 7 pm– Committee meetings	15.	16.	17.	18.
19. <u>Father’s Day</u>	20.	21. 7 pm– Session	22. 5-8 pm– Reception for Milton from Uganda	23.	24.	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.		



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Return Service Requested

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 5 is Senior Recognition Sunday! Come to worship where our STUDENTS will be leading us as we celebrate Emilie Gibbs graduating from high school and James Gibbs and Tyler Angus as they graduate college. There will be a reception in Scott Hall following the service.



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