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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR REMIND?

If anyone would like to receive emails and Remind messages to inform you of current information, receive bulletins and newsletters, please contact the office (433-1045) or let Cindy know so we can get you signed up.

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



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
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Save the date of September 24th!

Discipleship and Fellowship and Outreach are planning a carnival on Jefferson St. and inviting all students and families at Opportunity school. More information will be coming later in August.

THANK YOU!

As I continue with my recovery process I look back at all the cards, well-wishes and prayers that have been said for me and I am overwhelmed by my blessings! God has certainly been good to me, my family and my church family; I sincerely thank all of you in His Holy Name.

A special thank you to Pastor John for his concern and prayers for Sandy and me,

To Karen Mikkelson for the beautiful prayer shawl,

And to Carol Woeckel for sending me the prayer to be said when using the prayer shawl.

May God bless you,

Jack Finnegan

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 your 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>

HELP! WE NEED SOMEBODY! NOT JUST ANYBODY!

The Discipleship Committee are looking for a teacher for Zone. Zone is before worship from 8:15 am-9:00 am. They will begin meeting on Sept 18

We are also hiring a sitter for the nursery during worship. This is a paid position. Please contact Lisa Smithmeyer (815-313-5843) or Gayle Schmitt (815-343-6147) for more information.



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Dog Days

The dog days of summer
Bring heat so very hot
The sidewalks steam so scorching,
I could fry an egg without a pot!
The heat comes on so quickly
But will leave so very soon
And Fall will come with its cool, cold air
So enjoy this dog day afternoon!

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP CHILDREN IN UGANDA? OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE!

- Adopt Glory primary school \$3000/year (teaching and learning supplies, meals, etc.)
- Adopt a Village savings and loan association (VSLA) \$2000/year
- Save a mother, purchase a mama kit at \$6 per mother
- Keep a girl child in school, purchase re-usable sanitary pad at \$2 per pack
(3 in a pack and underpants)
- Sponsor a family at \$75/month OR Sponsor a child in school at \$75 per term, 3 times a year (\$225/year)
- Provide safe water supply system for 500 people with clean drinking water at \$3000 OR family water kit at \$50-80
- Support our office staff with used or new laptops, cameras and motorcycles to facilitate field activities
- Partner: Need at least 2 acres of land, new building, sustainable water supply and equipment for MEDICAL Center
- Transform an African farmer by providing equipment i.e. maize shellerse
- Purchase and give one time support to a needy family a pair of pigs (\$120) pair of goats (\$120) pair of chickens (\$15)



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, AUGUST 9**

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,
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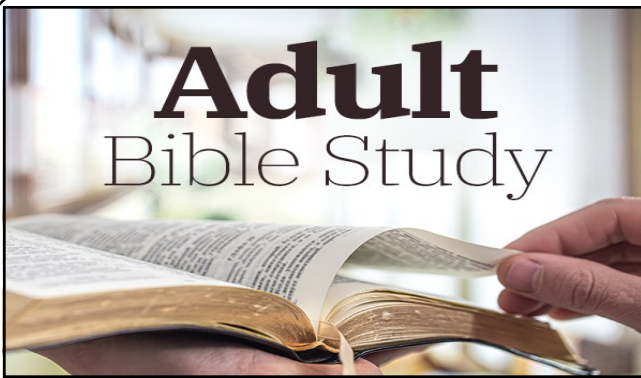
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Youth Christian Education



Youth Education begins
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.

EDUCATION & FAMILY



AUGUST

Carol Engberg	2
Tobias Burkey	9
Ralph Bean	12
Jack Finnegan	20
Addison Duggan	22
Jackie Bean	25
Diane Chapman	25
Stanley Carpenter	27
Stacey Fowler	27
Char Bragg	31
Ashley McGrath	31

SEPTEMBER

Cindy Arjes	4
Jon Woodyer	14
Mark Brockman	15
Dan Duggan	16
Katie Duggan	26
David Farrell	28

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.	6.
7.	8.	9. 7 pm— Committee Meetings	10.	11.	12.	13.
14.	15.	16. 7 pm—Session	17.	18.	19.	20.
21. 10:25 am— Outdoor Service Noon-Community Meal	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
28.	29.	30.	31.			

August

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Return Service Requested

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