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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 DEMON-
STRATE FAITH

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY - OCT. 9

On **Sunday October 9, 2022**, we will commit our resources to God's work through First Presbyterian Church of Ottawa by dedicating our pledges for the coming year. We hope you can join us at the 9:30 a.m. worship service to dedicate your yellow commitment card. If you cannot be present on Sunday, October 9, please mail it to the Church office, 114 E. Jefferson St., Ottawa, IL 61350, marked **STEWARDSHIP** and it will be given unopened to our Church treasurer, who will record it in her account book. Even if you are unable to make a financial commitment for 2023, please return your card so that we have a record that you responded. May God continue to watch over you in all that you do.

Very truly yours in Christ,

Administration Committee

*"Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ"*

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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***Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the
best part of everything you produce.***

Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)

FPC's Stewardship Season is underway! At this time each year we reflect on what God has given us and how we can honor Him with our financial giving to our church. We ask that you pledge a financial commitment for the upcoming year. Envelopes with letters and pledge cards will be available starting September 11. Letters that are not picked up will be personally delivered or mailed. On Sunday, October 9, we will have the opportunity to bring forward our commitment cards during Worship. These cards may also be mailed or given to the church office. Please write, "Stewardship" on the envelope. They will be given, unopened, to the church treasurer. One purpose of the Stewardship Season is to help formulate FPC's budget for the upcoming year. Receipt of your pledges is essential for this process. We ask that you give careful and prayerful consideration to your financial commitment and return your pledge card on or before October 9. Thank you!



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>

Sunday School Classes for All!

GROW all followers to deeper faith - Sunday School classes for all ages at FPC starting this fall:

The Bible ZONE is FPC's Sunday School ministry for kids Pre-K to eighth grade. The word ZONE stands for “**Z**eal for God, **O**neeness in Relationships, **N**urture in God's Word, and **E**xercising our Faith, all of which are our goals. We have two groups, the younger ages (Pre-K to fifth grade), and sixth to eighth grade.

The younger group meets Sunday mornings from 8:15 – 9 am in the East Room (big playroom downstairs). We will be going through the New Testament using a giant felt board with very elaborate and colorful felt pieces to build each Bible lesson. We also spend some time memorizing scripture and catechism. There's usually time for a snack, plenty of paper and crayons/colored pencils for those who love to draw, and time to play. The curriculum is published by Veritas Press and “Through the Bible in Felt” by Betty Lukens.

The older kids up through 8th grade meet after church, from 10:45 – 11:30 am in an upstairs Sunday School room. We will continue to go through scripture in chronologic order. Our conversations are insightful, and it's such a joy to watch our young people grow up and learn about God's Word. The curriculum is by Veritas Press and includes reading scripture and talking about the concepts/ events that took place. It's always so much fun to hear everyone's perspective at such a formative age. If you have any questions, ask or call Susanne Gibbs at 304-633-7172

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.



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

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 before moving to our separate committee meeting spaces.

**SEE YOU ALL IN SCOTT HALL,
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11!**

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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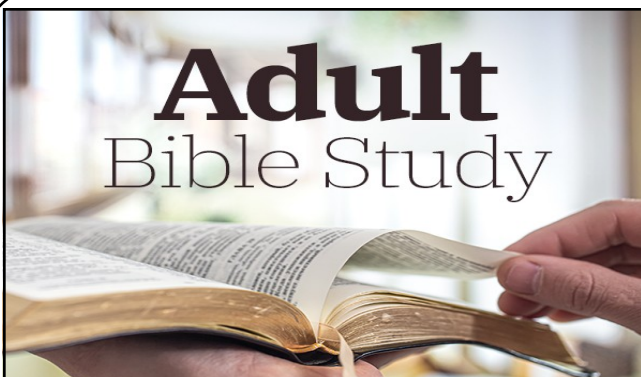
Youth Christian Education

Younger children (pre-K to 5th grade) will meet at 8:15 am. in the East Room (basement level)

Older children and senior highs will meet in various rooms at 10:45 am.

6th to 8th grade (top floor classroom)

9th to 12th grade (main floor senior high room)



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Education & Fellowship



OCTOBER

Larry Schmitt	2
Hannah Walker	2
Shirley Davey	4
Arla Severson	5
Caleb Burkey	6
Mary Lou Smith	12
Rob Angus	14
Joe Schmidt	20
Dan Mestelle	22
Samantha Ehret	24
Ken Damron	26

NOVEMBER

Brad Armstrong	1
Julie Angus	1
Carol Zimmerman	6
Jean Zeilmann	6
Brian Smithmeyer	6
Chris Keely	8
Nolan Zarwell	12
Susanne Gibbs	15
Griffin Clemens	15
Laura Zarwell	15
Kevin Arjes	16
Gayle Schmitt	17
Pat Gerding	18
Kyle Zarwell	22

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:15 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			<u>EACH WEDNESDAY</u> 9:00 a.m.— Wednesday Prayer Team in person and by Zoom 7 pm-Choir Practice			1.
2. WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
9. STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION	10.	11. 7 pm Committee Meetings	12.	13.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18. 7 pm—Session	19.	20.	21.	22.
23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
30. REFORMATION SUNDAY	31.					



OCTOBER

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Ottawa, Illinois 61350

Return Service Requested



The Thanksgiving Jubilee will be here soon!

Fellowship and Outreach is looking for volunteers to donate turkeys for our feast. We need 6 to 7 cooked turkeys.

If you are interested in donating one, please let Julie Angus(815-252-3402) or Casey Clemens (815-343-7245) know.

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