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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

FPC to resume Operation Christmas Child

Come to the **PACKING PARTY** on Sunday, Nov. 12, in Scott Hall to pack up Op. Christmas Child shoeboxes. We need to fill them with your donations of gifts for boys and girls, ages 2 to 4 years. Please pick up a donation gift guide on tables outside the church office and at the back of the sanctuary. Drop off your donations in the church library by Nov. 10, and help us toward our goal of filling 25-30 shoeboxes to give children in need around the world a blessing for Christmas. Questions?

Contact Lori Trolinger: (815) 326-0058.



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 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at FPC

*Our Elders are
committed to serving.*

Ron Koestler
(Administration)

Joy Huebner
(Administration)

Dan Duggan
(Trustee)

Dan Mestelle
(Trustee)

Brian Huebner
(Trustee)

Lisa Smithmeyer
(Discipleship)

Casey Clemens
(Fellowship & Outreach)

Julie Angus
(Fellowship & Outreach)

Cheryl Stohr
(Missions)

Allen Gibbs
(Worship)

Lori Trolinger
(Worship)

Kerry Gerding
(Clerk of Session)

THE THANKSGIVING JUBILEE

The jubilee will be held in Scott Hall from 12 pm-1 pm on Sunday, November 20. Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, dressing and gravy will be provided.

If your last initial is:

A-M please bring a dessert

N-Z please bring a salad to pass.



Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

We thank you for your prayers, cards, and condolences on the passing of Bob Keely on October 2. He would have been 72 on October 30. Your thoughtfulness brightened our days as we remembered and celebrated his life. Please continue to pray for his wife Celeste and his children Tony, Jennie, Nick, and Bryce and their families. May God bless you and yours.

In Christ's love,

Jim and Chris Keely

Pictorial Directory!

Our date of photography is Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. You will view your images right away and have the chance to purchase family portraits for your own memories and to give as gifts. You can make an appointment after church services or online at www.ucdir.com. Church code: **il341** and Church Password: **photos**. We look forward to seeing you there. "Members of the Fellowship & Outreach Committee will be available at the front of the sanctuary after worship to help you schedule your photo session TODAY!"

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we are approaching the end of the year, it is a good time to review how we as a congregation are doing relative to our giving pledges for the year. As of the end of October we are about \$10,000 behind in our budgeted giving. There are several large bills due before year end, including about \$18,000 for insurance due in December. Giving statements for the year to date are currently being distributed. Please review yours when you receive it, and if you are behind in your giving, please catch up if you are able. And if you are able, please consider an additional gift to help us close this shortfall. And thank you all for your faithful commitment to the work of our church community.

PRAAYER *and* WORSHIP NIGHT

Saturday, November 4th

Begining at 6:30 p.m.

Christ Community Church



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 the following page.



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 Community <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>

Thanksgiving Peace Prayer

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.”

— The Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi



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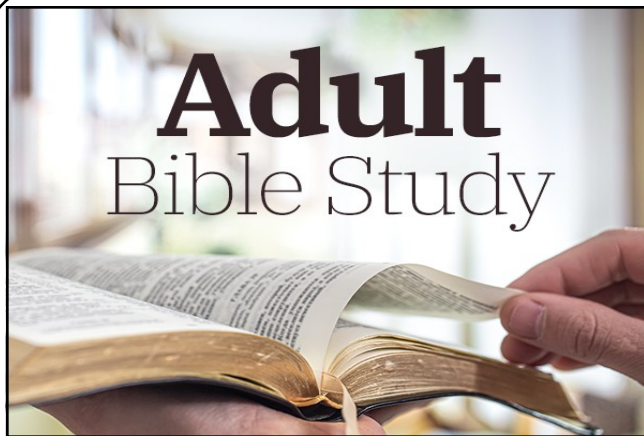
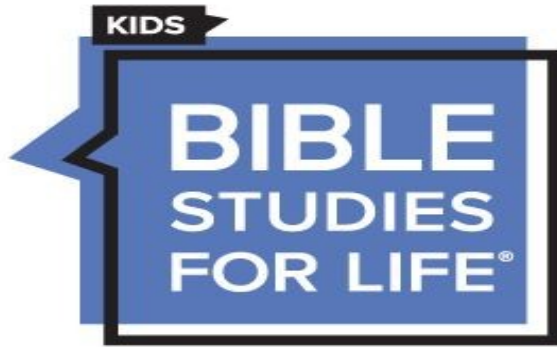
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Youth Christian Education

8:30 a.m.—Bible Zone

11:00 a.m.—Jr. High Class
***Jr. High & Middle School students, 4th to 8th grade**

11:00 a.m.—Sr. High Class



Adult Bible Study meets in the library on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. 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, Fellowship & Birthdays
NOVEMBER

Brad Armstrong	1
Julie Angus	1
Carol Zimmerman	6
Jean Zeilmann	6
Brian Smithmeyer	6
Chris Keely	8
Nolan Zarwell	12
Griffin Clemens	15
Laura Zarwell	15
Kevin Arjes	16
Gayle Schmitt	17
Pat Gerding	18
Kyle Zarwell	22
Thaddeus Armstrong	26
Ron Koestler	28
Lori Trolinger	30

DECEMBER

Sandy Finnegan	4
Lori Olson	4
Ben Dial	6
Karen Mikkelsen	6
Helen Tammen	11
Sawyer Booras	11
Timothy Gibbs	12
Betty Angus	18
Jax & Marek Zarwell	24
Olivia Trolinger	28

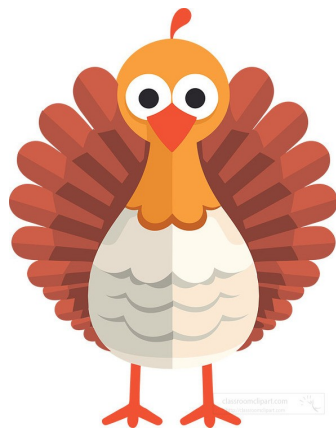
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Classes 8:30 a.m.-Bible ZONE 11:00 a.m.-Jr. High Class 11:00 a.m. -Sr. High Class 11 a.m.—Adult Bible Study			9:00 a.m.— Wednesday Prayer Team meets in church library 6 p.m.-Bell Choir Practice in Scott Hall 7 p.m.—Choir Practice in Library			
			1.	2.	3.	4. Set your clocks back one hour before bed!
5. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11. Veteran's Day
12.	13.	14. 7 P.M.-Committee Meetings	15.	16.	17.	18.
19. Noon-Thanksgiving Jubilee!	20.	21. 7 p.m.—Session	22.	23. THANKSGIVING	24.	25.
26. Christ the King Sunday 10:45 a.m.– Semi-Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary NOTE: For any who wish to come to the semi-annual meeting by Zoom, a link will be emailed on Wednesday, Nov. 22	27.	28.	29.	30.		
PLEASE be sure you are on Cindy's weekly email list!						

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Return Service Requested



SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 26

The Semi-Annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November 26 following worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary for the purpose of:

- A. Reviewing and voting on the adequacy of the compensation of the pastor upon report of prior review by session (copies will be available at sanctuary entrances)
- B. Receiving the report of the Nominating Committee and voting on new trustees and elders put into nomination for office

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