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JOIN US FOR SUMMER WORSHIP!

For the past several years we've had special outdoor worship services throughout the summer months. This year we are switching it up a bit.

For just one Sunday this summer, in conjunction with our Community Meal, we will have our **OUTDOOR SERVICE.**

On June 15th Soul Shine will lead us in worship, so bring a chair to sit on and join us in the cul-de-sac at 10:25 am as we worship together on that beautiful morning.

We will gather inside afterwards for a great meal of hot dogs and sides for a fun, baseball-themed meal for Father's Day.

We hope you can join us for this wonderful time together!

OUR MISSION

TO BE THE LOVING COMMUNITY OF JESUS CHRIST THAT WILL

WIN

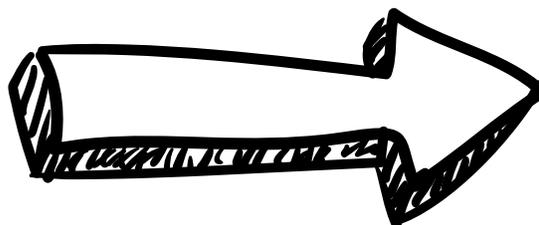
NEW FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST TO SAVING FAITH

GROW

ALL FOLLOWERS TO DEEPER FAITH

GO

INTO THE WORLD AND DEMONSTRATE FAITH





FOOD PANTRY

On April 12th, the Mission Committee participated with the Community Food Basket of Ottawa for their Mobile Food Pantry. They helped by distributing food items to those in need. They were so impressed by the efficiency of their operation and the rich blessings that it poured in to the community that they have decided to do it again.

On Saturday, June 14th, they will have the opportunity to once again serve. They are looking to create a 4-5 person team to volunteer that morning from 8:30-12pm.

If you are interested in being a part of this day, please contact Cheryl Stohr, our Mission Committee elder, at 815.313.9779 to get signed up for the team.

Thank you SS teachers for providing a Christ-led class for our children and adults alike! Your ministry is such an important part of the growing faith in our church.



FPC will once again partner with our local YMCA to help provide a space for their kids summer program. The basement area (including Scott Hall) will be used 5 days a week from 6:30am-5:30pm. Lunch will be served to the children by the Y during this time. The playground area will also be used by the YMCA preschoolers when weather permits.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



TOBIAS BURKEY

“Rocketed from the doomed planet of Krypton as a baby, mild-mannered Tobias Burkey, plans on going to IVCC for one year then transferring to the University of Iowa to learn truth, justice, and comedic timing.”



ADDISON DUGGAN

Addison just graduated from OTHS and plans to enter IVCC in the Fall.



ALAYNA GIBBS

Alayna just graduated and has already been taking classes at IVCC. She plans on pursuing a degree in Elementary Education.



NICK ANGUS

Nick just graduated from Iowa State University with a BS in Agricultural Studies (emphasis in production) with a minor in Agronomy.



TIMOTHY GIBBS

Timothy graduated from Bradley University in December with a BS in Electrical Engineering



NOAH TROLINGER

Noah will graduate from Northern Illinois University in August with a BS in both Math and Statistics.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY is June 8th!

A-OK SUNDAY

We had another successful A-OK Sunday! The Mission Committee would like to extend its thanks to all who participated that morning. Even when plans changed, everyone was able to pivot and work in other areas. The Mission Committee is so grateful for the willingness of our congregation to step out of their comfort zone and use their hands and feet in ministry, just as Christ calls us to do.



PLANT THE SEED IN YOUR CALENDAR—OUR FARM FUNDRAISER IS GROWING SOMETHING SPECIAL!

JOIN US AT SUNNYBROOK FARM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2025 FOR A DAY FULL OF GOOD FOOD, COMMUNITY FUN, AND SUPPORT FOR A POWERFUL CAUSE—TRANSFORMING UGANDAN FARMERS (TUF)!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WE'RE CHANGING LIVES IN UGANDA AT
WWW.TUFPROJECT.ORG**

QUESTIONS? CALL US AT (815) 433-0175

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER—SEE YOU ON THE FARM!



TRANSFORMING UGANDAN FARMERS
A Project Benefitting Ugandan Farmers
www.tufproject.org
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Come visit Sunnybrook Farm
and learn all about TUF:

Saturday, September 13th, 2025

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
7 – 10 am \$10 per person
Silent Auction ~ 50/50 ~ Ugandan Merchandise for sale

3rd Annual Harvest Hand Up
4 – 10 pm \$25 per person
Food Trucks ~ Presentation ~ Live & Silent Auctions
Bourbon Pull ~ Heads n' Tails ~ 50/50 ~ Music
Ugandan Merchandise for Sale

3131 East 18th Road, Ottawa, IL

PRAYER OF SIR FRANCIS DRAKE



Sir Francis Drake was an English sea captain who lived from 1540-1598. He was the second sailor to circumnavigate the globe. This is his famous prayer, one that it would appear God heard and rewarded. Let's make it ours today, and see where God takes us.

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
When with the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the water of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth.
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim,

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wilder seas
Where storms will show Your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push back the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain,
Who is Jesus Christ.



Birthdays

JUNE

Madi McGrath	3
Donna Burkey	14
Gerry Woltering	15
Jenna Smithmeyer	17
Tim Huebner	20
Max McGrath	26
James Gibbs	30

JULY

Kylie Booras	1
Eddie Martin V	2
Carol Woeckel	3
Nick Angus	4
Mary Ellen West	5
Joy Huebner	8
Dorene Pratt	9
Alayna Gibbs	15
Allen Gibbs	15
Jim Keely	19
Gail Dial	19
Deb Deady	27

OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL GRADUATION

Opportunity School just celebrated the end of another school year with a graduation program for their kindergarten-ready preschoolers. What a wonderful mission we have inside the walls of our church! We're grateful to a loving staff of teachers, directors, and board members for continuing to provide a safe learning experience for the children in our community.



FLASHBACK CORNER

Who Do You See?



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FPC STAFF and ELDERS

John Walker PASTOR	David Farrell ADMINISTRATION	Lisa Smithmeyer DISCIPLESHIP
Lori Trolinger CHURCH SECRETARY	Pete Trolinger ADMINISTRATION	Amanda Brockman FELLOWSHIP
Kerry Gerding CLERK of SESSION	Brian Huebner TRUSTEE	Peg Kramer FELLOWSHIP
Joy Huebner TREASURER	Mike Farrell TRUSTEE	Allen Gibbs WORSHIP
Lloyd Chapman MUSIC DIRECTOR	Dan Mestelle TRUSTEE	Ron Koestler WORSHIP
Diane Chapman ORGANIST	Cheryl Stohr MISSION	



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church office will have new office hours in the months of June, July, and August. Office hours are:

- TUESDAY 10-12pm
- WEDNESDAY 10-12pm
- THURSDAY 10-12pm



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 9-10am through ZOOM. You can ask Pastor John for the link. Come and see what great work God is waiting to do, as we thank, seek, and ask Him in a weekly season of prayer together.

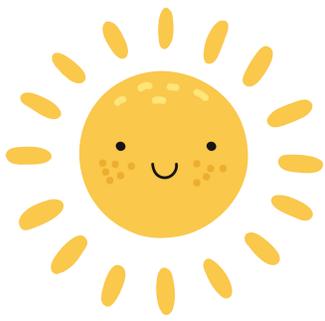
Heavenly Father, Thank you that we can come before you, our loving, powerful Father, and ask for your help and guidance. Thank you for how you have blessed FPC these past 150+ years. Will you please continue to pour out your blessings upon us? We ask for your protection and provision, for our church 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' mighty name. Amen.

**Want more help with HOW to pray and for WHAT?
See the daily calendar for PRAYER on the next page.**

<p>1 Pray for our Restoration and Revival Psalm 80:19</p>	<p>2 Pastor John and his family Galatians 6:9</p>	<p>3 FPC Staff 1 Corinthians 16:4</p>	<p>4 Our Hurting World John 3:16</p>	<p>5 Public Schools and Opportunity School Proverbs 22:6</p>	<p>6 Shut-ins James 1:27</p>
<p>7 Community Meals Matthew 25:37-40</p>	<p>8 Worship Psalm 86:9-10</p>	<p>9 Hearts of Hurting People Psalm 34:18</p>	<p>10 Session Isaiah 41:10</p>	<p>11 PADS Shelter and Homeless Matthew 25:35-40</p>	<p>12 Protection of the Congregation Ephesians 6:10-18</p>
<p>13 Invite and Welcome the Holy Spirit Titus 3:4-7</p>	<p>14 Choir and Music Team Psalm 92:1</p>	<p>15 Youth Group Ministry Proverbs 22:6</p>	<p>16 Our Children Matthew 19:14</p>	<p>17 Pray for our Missionaries strength and protection Acts 1:8</p>	<p>18 Food Pantry Luke 21:18-19</p>
<p>19 Health of the Congregation James 5:14</p>	<p>20 Small Groups and Missional Communities Hebrews 10:25</p>	<p>21 Nation, State, and Government 1 Timothy 2:1-4</p>	<p>22 Bible ZONE and all Sunday School Programs Matthew 19:14</p>	<p>23 Our Seniors Psalm 90:14</p>	<p>24 Churches of Ottawa Hebrews 10:24-25</p>
<p>25 Ottawa Mayor and City Counsel 1 Timothy 2:1-4</p>	<p>26 Leaders of Ministries Hebrews 13:17-18</p>	<p>27 Ottawa Community Jeremiah 29:7</p>	<p>28 Pray for those who are far from God Luke 10:2</p>	<p>29 Servant's Heart Matthew 25:37-40</p>	<p>30 Under His Wings Ministry Jeremiah 29:7</p>

PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY WITH US
FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND CHURCH



June 2025



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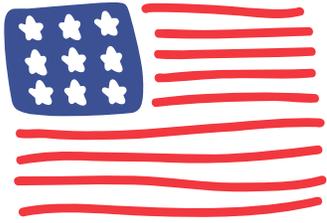
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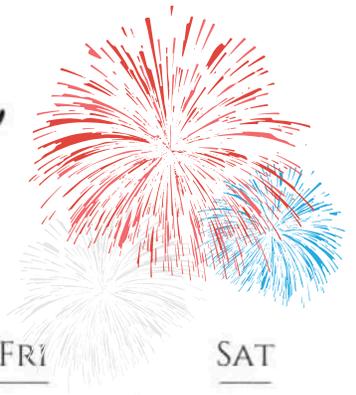
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	JOHN RETURNS FROM VACATION		Prayer Meeting 9am by ZOOM			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communion 9:30am GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY 10:45am in Scott Hall	YMCA SUMMER PROGRAM begins at FPC (see pg. 2)	Committee Meetings 7pm	Prayer Meeting 9am by ZOOM			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
FATHER'S DAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP 10:25am Community Meal 12pm		Session 7pm	Prayer Meeting 9am by ZOOM			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Prayer Meeting 9am by ZOOM			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Prayer Meeting 9am by ZOOM			
29	30					



July

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Prayer Meeting 9am by ZOOM			
27	28	29	30	31		