

# The Chimes

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### FPC Meetings

- Dec. 31 ..... **Office Hours: 8:30-noon**
- Jan. 1 .... **OFFICE CLOSED - Happy New Year!**
- Jan. 2 ..... **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Jan. 3 ..... **7:30 AM Men's Group**
- Jan. 5 ..... **5:00 PM Gatherers Group Meeting**  
 ..... **5:30 PM CE & Outreach Meeting**  
 ..... **6:00 PM Facilities Team Meetings**
- Jan. 6 ..... **6:00 PM Deacons Meeting**
- Jan. 7 ..... **6:00 PM Adventures in Worship**
- Jan. 8 ..... **6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting**
- Jan. 12 ..... **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**  
 ..... **5:30 PM Communications Team Meeting**  
 ..... **6:30 PM Finance Ministry Team Meeting**
- Jan. 13 ..... **6:00 PM Personnel Team Meeting**
- Jan. 14 ..... **6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting**
- Jan. 19 ..... **CHIMES DEADLINE**
- Jan. 20 ..... **6:30 PM Session**
- Jan. 21 ..... **3:15 PM Comfort My People**

**JANUARY FACILITIES MEETING**  
 The January 5 Facilities Team meeting will be devoted to discussing the boiler and the boiler report we have received from Mr. Jim Gleason, representing GHR Mechanical & Electrical Consulting Engineers. The team would like to invite anyone from the congregation who is interested in hearing the information and who would like to be involved in deciding what we as a congregation will need to do about maintaining the heating system in the church to attend. The meeting will be at 6:00 PM in the Lounge.

## JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> Pastor Jimmy vacation 8:30 AM Choir practice 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 2:00 PM Pastor's Adult Bible Study/Youth Group	<b>29</b> Pastor Jimmy vacation	<b>30</b> Pastor Jimmy vacation 12:30 PM Fold Chimes 12:30 PM Knit Wifs 1:00 PM PDG	<b>31</b> Pastor Jimmy vacation 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours	<b>1</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Pastor Jimmy vacation 	<b>2</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Pastor Jimmy vacation	<b>3</b> 7:30 AM Men's Group/Charlotte's 5:00 PM Spirit & Truth 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study
<b>4</b> 8:30 AM Choir practice 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Shining Stars 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 5:30 PM Pastor's Adult Bible Study/Youth Group	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting 6:00 PM Facilities Meeting	<b>6</b> 12:30 PM Knit Wifs 1:00 PM PDG 6:00 PM Deacons	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 PM Meshach BIBLE Study 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir practice	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Rachel Circle 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Sheila-Retreat	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sheila-Retreat 5:00 PM Spirit & Truth 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study
<b>11</b> Annual Healing Service 8:30 AM Choir practice 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 5:30 PM Pastor's Adult Bible Study/Youth Group	<b>12</b> <b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b> 5:30 PM Communications 6:30 PM Finance Ministry Meeting	<b>13</b> 10:30 AM Ruth Circle 1:00 PM PDG 6:00 PM Personnel Team Meeting-CE Room	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 PM Meshach BIBLE Study 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir practice	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mental Health Support Group	<b>16</b> 11:30 AM Primetimers-pottuckchurch	<b>17</b> 5:00 PM Spirit & Truth 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study
<b>18</b> <b>Blood Pressure checks</b> 8:30 AM Choir practice 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 4:00 PM MLK Banquet/Youth	<b>19</b> <b>CHIMES DEADLINE</b> 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Lifeline Screening - gym	<b>20</b> 12:30 PM Knit Wifs 1:00 PM PDG 6:30 PM Session	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 PM Meshach BIBLE Study 3:15 PM Comfort My People 6:00 PM AIW 7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir practice	<b>22</b> 2:00 PM Lydia Circle	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:00 PM Spirit & Truth 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study
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Dr. Jimmy's Spiritual Rx: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent...

— Psalm 30:11, 12

Let them praise God's name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

— Psalm 149:3, 4

One of our church members sent Katie and me the poem several years ago that is found below; its words are concerned with how the last letters in the word "guidance" spell out dance.

But now that the holidays are over and it's time to get back to work, put away decorations, and be reminded of various concerns in this new year, it does seem rather strange I would be encouraging you to dance.

In the movie Grease, one of the members of the T-Birds gang asks his date at the high school prom in the gym, Why don't you let me lead? His date's response is, I can't help it, I'm used to leading!

I think that is sometimes the way it is in our relationship with God. We get so used to "leading" our own lives that God's role as creation's and eternity's dance leader is left out or forgotten.

It is almost beyond words to find a way to thank you as a congregation for your partnership in the Gospel during the past Advent/Christmas season through your kind words, encouragement, humor, prayers, cards, gifts, and most of all, how we ministered together as a congregation in our church's Advent worship life, outreach, youth, pastoral care, funeral ministries, and fellowship together.

GUIDANCE

Dancing With God

When I meditated on the word Guidance, I kept seeing 'dance' at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right.

Dance together with God, trusting God to lead and to guide you through each season of your life. So let's continue to pray for one another.

And I Hope You Dance !



This Food Pantry is a BLESSING . . . Thanks to you who donate. Many families are being fed. We have found that there are quite a few new families requesting food because, when they get their check and pay their power bill and buy gas to get back and forth to work, they have no money left for food.



Your donations of food are touching the lives of many people. Meats & Toiletries such as Bath Soap, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, etc. are needed every week. The Deacons wish to thank you for your generosity.

- Jan. 4 ..... Meats/Peanut Butter/Jelly/Pancake Mix/Syrup
Jan. 11 ..... Velveeta Cheese/Crackers/Boxed Meals with Meat
Jan. 18 ..... Vegetables/Meats/Ravioli, etc./Velveeta Cheese/Crackers
Jan. 25 ..... Fruit/Vegetables/Boxed Meals with Meat/Cereals

Circle Meetings

Thursday, January 8 ~ Rachel Circle will meet in the Boardroom at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, January 13 ~ Ruth Circle will meet at 10:30 AM at the church.

Thursday, January 22 ~ Lydia Circle will meet at 2 PM, in the CE classroom at the church. The hostess is Libby Milner.

Greeters

- Jan. 4 ..... OPEN
Jan. 11 ..... OPEN
Jan. 18 ..... OPEN
Jan. 25 ..... Steve Bowler

Flowers to Shut-ins

- Jan. 5-9 ..... OPEN
Jan. 12-16 ..... OPEN
Jan. 19-23 ..... Steve Bowler
Jan. 26-30 ..... Kolby Riggle

Cookies

- Jan. 4 ..... Karen Schildt
Jan. 11 ..... Eva Cornwell & Marj Gilliland
Jan. 18 ..... OPEN
Jan. 25 ..... OPEN

Coffee Hour

- Jan. 4 ..... Bill Garrison
Jan. 11 ..... Nancy Grimes
Jan. 18 ..... Steve Bowler
Jan. 25 ..... Marj & Jim Gilliland

Flowers

- Jan. 4 ..... OPEN
Jan. 11 ..... OPEN
Jan. 18 ..... In Memory of Monte Goodwin
..... In Memory of Chuck Riggle
Jan. 25 ..... OPEN

Liturgist

- Jan. 4 ..... OPEN
Jan. 11 ..... OPEN
Jan. 18 ..... Libby Milner
Jan. 25 ..... OPEN

Meals on Wheels

- Jan. 2 ..... Mary Hardy & Carol McLinden
Jan. 9 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Joyce DeBoer
Jan. 16 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Joyce DeBoer
Jan. 23 ..... Jerry Prideaux
Jan. 30 ..... Larry & Jan Voorhees

Ushers ~ Team #1

Judy Laker, Captain; Kolby Riggle; Judy Iverson; Bob Iverson; Peggy Gibson; Rosie Newton; Bev Royce; Robert Crabb; Margaret Crabb; Sarah Smiley; Scott Hardy; Diana Szaras.

39ers
39'ers will not meet in the month of January. There is a possibility of this changing. Please watch your bulletin for updates.





**Remember in Prayer**

**Ongoing:** Kay Barrett (*Ruth Pancoast's sister—cancer*); Helen Cade; Roy & Jean Christison; Carlene Coddington (*friend of Muriel Mullins*); Doris Collins (*Esther Williams' sister—broken shoulder*); Wayne Dawes (*friend of Lisa & Jay Cline—waiting for heart transplant*); Mary Dison; Dr. Robert Elghammer; Jane King; Robbie Lewis; Roberta McNeill (*Janet Martin's mother-in-law/Bob's mother*); Nancy Orlea; Audrey Oswalt; Harriet Rauchbach; Catherine Ribbe; Jake Ruder (*brain tumor*); Don Van Pelt; Jim Van Pelt; Nancy Voss; Gary Waller; Nancy Walser; Margaret Ward; Our Nation's President and all elected leaders.

**Recent:** Diane Bales; Joyce Black (*friend of George Milner*); Sharon Black; Betty Brown; Boma Brown (*friend of Tina Amadi—stroke*); Jeanne Burke; Debbie Catron (*Mary Hardy's friend—cancer*); Richard Chapman (*friend of Jim Gilliland*); John Crook (*cancer*); Jessica DuPree (*friend of Kathy Delzell—cancer*); Scotty Geades; Ray Griffith; John Grygiel (*friend of Linda Curtis—leg amputation*); Carol Ingram (*cousin of George Milner*); Dora Jameson (*friend of Libby & George Milner*); Mary Jane Johnson (*Ruth Pancoast's sister; heart problem & liver transplant*); Tom Kesler (*Bob Kesler's son—cancer*); Steve Kirby (*cancer surgery*); Inez & Deronda Kimberlin; David & Sue Laker (*David is Stephen Laker's brother, caregiver of Sue – Alzheimer's*); Phyllis Lawrence (*cancer*); Dorothy Loving; Alex McMahan (*Eva Cornwell's neighbor—cancer*); Marion Maden; Monroe Melzer; Mert Meyer; Jaxson Moles (*Hurler's syndrome; great grandson of Nancy Jennings, grandson of Debbie Pruitt*); Phyllis Morin; Debbie Mullins; Craig Page (*Larken Parr's uncle*); Colten Robertson (*family of Lisa Cline—congenital heart disease*); Jayne Robinson (*Judy Laker's sister*); Taylor Schendel (*multiple sclerosis – friend of Harriet Hymmer*); Karen Schildt; Harlan Smith (*friend of Betty Kannapel—advancing dementia*); Barbara Todd (*friend of Judy Laker*); Nancy & Charles Winchester; The families of Carolyn Van Pelt, Juanita Van Pelt, Betty Kannapel, and Julia Andrews.

**Military Service:** Nicholas Harvey (*Marine Parents: Allan & Lisa Harvey*); SFC Thomas Kuchefski (*Pat Phillips' nephew*); TSgt. Adam Beal (*Lois Stevenson's grandson*); Billy Jackman (*Sharon Huffman's grandson-in-law—Saudia Arabia*); John Tanner; Samantha Grimes (*US Marines*); and all men and women that serve and others on prayer board across from office.

**FPC Inquirers for the Ministry:** Rachel Riggle (*Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*); James Potts (*McCormick Theological Seminary*)  
**Seminary Students:** Mina Choi (*Princeton Theological Seminary*); and Cody Watson (*Johnson University*).

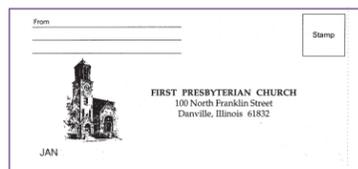


**Annual Report Articles**

Are due no later than  
**January 12, 2015.**

If you are a Chair of a Ministry Team or Organization, you will need to get an Article to Sheila in the Office. If you have any questions, please consult last year's report. If you don't have a report, please stop by the office to obtain one. The **Annual Meeting** will be held on **February 8, 2015.**

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

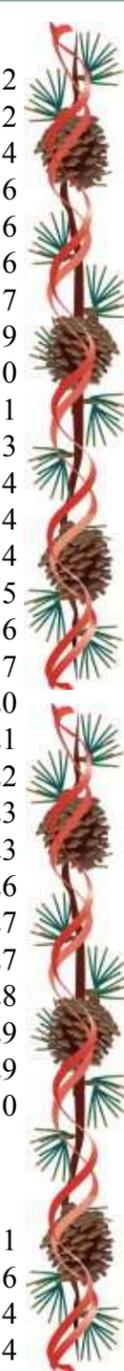


All those who already have an envelope number will receive **Weekly Offering Envelopes** for the year **2015.**

If you do not receive Offering Envelopes, but still want them, please contact Tina in the Office.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Nan Perry .....	Jan. 2
Carol McLinden .....	Jan. 2
Stanley Hardy .....	Jan. 4
Pam Taylor .....	Jan. 6
Stephen Laker .....	Jan. 6
Beau Kingore .....	Jan. 6
Helen Bury .....	Jan. 7
John Schulenburg .....	Jan. 9
Marion Maden .....	Jan. 10
Sandra Rudolph .....	Jan. 11
Esther Williams .....	Jan. 13
Nick DeBoer .....	Jan. 14
Bobbie McHone .....	Jan. 14
John Harvey .....	Jan. 14
Jim Anderson .....	Jan. 15
Jean Quick .....	Jan. 16
Judith Laker .....	Jan. 17
Lisa Cline .....	Jan. 20
Nancy Curtis .....	Jan. 21
Allan Harvey .....	Jan. 22
Joanne Chacon .....	Jan. 23
Gary Waller .....	Jan. 23
Gracee Whitehair .....	Jan. 26
Nancy Voss .....	Jan. 27
Allen Wagner .....	Jan. 27
Erin Atchison .....	Jan. 28
Steve Nichols .....	Jan. 29
Carolyn Walser .....	Jan. 29
Sloan Wagner .....	Jan. 30



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Linda Curtis & Dan Pentony .....	Jan. 1
John & Vanetta Harvey .....	Jan. 6
Rick & Peggy Gibson .....	Jan. 14
Ernest & Rosemary Curtis .....	Jan. 14

**WINTER Office Hours ~ 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Our Fall Sunday Schedule Is:**

Worship: (Sunday) .....	9:15 AM
Spirit & Truth Worship: (Saturday) .....	5:00 PM
Sunday School: .....	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour: .....	10:30 AM
Contemporary Christian Studies: (CCS) .....	11:00 AM

**FAITH LINE -- 444-5999 -- A Voice of Inspiration available 24 Hours**



**Appreciation From Your Staff**

Happy New Year! We would like to start the new year by sending a big "Thank You" for your support to the Staff of First Presbyterian Church this last year.

The Volunteers have done a great job in folding the Bulletins and The Chimes, and in helping to get cards out to Greeters, etc. A special Thank You goes out to the PDG for all of their hard work. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered in the past year in any capacity.

We would also like to thank everyone that brought fruit, candy, gifts to the staff, and contributed to the Staff gift. Your generosity was truly appreciated and shared by all.



**Pastoral Care during Pastor's Absence**

Pastor Jimmy is out of town visiting his family in Texas January 22 through January 30, 2015 and will return to the pulpit Sunday, February 1 and the office Monday, February 2. During his absence, please feel free to contact one of FPC's Stephen Ministers, Deacons or Elders or the parish nurses. In the event of hospitalization, please contact the pastoral care department of that particular hospital or, again, call the office and they will contact a Stephen Minister.



**Campbell Soup Bar Codes**

It's WINTER and the days and evenings are really cold. Please remember as you make that hot bowl of soup and a sandwich, to save the bar codes from the labels and bring them in.

Labels are taken to area schools where they are used to purchase equipment for the school. You may drop them off in the office or place in the offering plate.

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### New Church Sign

Well, in 2015 there will be another “sign” that FPC, Danville is moving with Christ into the technological age we are calling the 21 Century! No, really – this sign is a new and improved and upgraded sign to be installed at the south end of the

church parking lot in the same place as our current church sign which has welcomed area residents and visitors with all kinds of messages, invitations, and information for over 30 years.

Background: The church in 2014 received a generous and undesignated and unrestricted bequest from the Georgia Ward estate. The Session – after hearing from some of the church ministry teams – voted to use 50% of the bequest for mission/evangelism. Blessing by Session was given this past Fall to investigate the cost of installing an LED lighted/digital sign through Danville’s local but nationally known Watchfire Sign Company. The bid was well within the range of the Ward bequest funds that could be made available for this project and after further investigation, the Session approved for the sign to be constructed and installed during early 2015.

The new sign will include the current shell that tops the existing sign and says, “First Presbyterian Church” and painted to match using the existing framework. Size of the LED screens will be three feet in height and eight feet in length. Messages will now be able to be changed and updated via the church office’s current computer internet system indoors! Although this will certainly not be the first sign of this kind here in Danville with either a church or business, it will be the first with a new feature that can brighten the screens with better reader definition on days with a lot of glare, but at night reduce the brightness for convenience and safety of drivers and pedestrians.

We want to thank those who have helped change the letters on our current sign over the past 12 years: Linda Curtis and her family; Andrew Philips; Dennis Bartlow; Office Manager Sheila Smiley; Custodian Beau Kingore; George Milner; Pastor Jimmy; and, most recently and most regularly, Bill Garrison!

If anyone in the congregation knows of any history concerning the present sign – i.e., out of what funds (memorial or designated) or from a church member(s) or family(s) possibly in honor or memory of someone, please let the church office know. So far, we have not been able to confirm any of these possibilities. We would like to include any such information in a future dedication of the new sign after its installation.

### Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Event Calendar for January

- **Sunday, January 4** – 5:30 PM at church – dinner and beginning meeting and planning for annual dinner theatre
- **Sunday, January 11** – 5:30 PM at church – dinner and beginning meetings and practice for annual dinner theatre
- **Sunday, January 18** – 4:00 PM at Days Inn – Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Dinner
- **Monday, January 19** – 11:00 AM – at St. James United Methodist Church – MLK Community Worship Service
- **Sunday, January 25** – 5:30 PM at church – dinner and beginning meetings and practice for annual dinner theatre



### General Fund

#### Income & Expense MTD – November 2014

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ (234.21)	<b>\$ (234.21)</b>
*Current Income:	\$20121.09	
**Fund Transfers:	\$27517.00 (from Endowment)	
<b>Total Income &amp; Transfer:</b>		<b>\$47638.09</b>
<b>Total General fund checking</b>		<b>\$47403.88</b>
<b>Total General fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$(34145.40)</b>	<b>\$(34145.40)</b>
<b>Balance Forward:</b>	\$13258.48	<b>\$13258.48</b>

\*Current Income refers to money received during the month from pledges, loose offering, rents, income from outside trusts, and misc. donations.

\*\*Fund Transfers refers to budgeted money from the Endowment from earnings and allowable principle. This money is transferred only as needed, approximately quarterly during the year.

### MEMORIALS: Carolyn Van Pelt

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Burch; Mrs. Helen Bury; Leslie & Eva Cornwell; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crabb; Ms. Linda Curtis; Grace & Doug Herr; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Iverson; Deborah Knight; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Laker; Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Lape; James & Mary Liggett; Fred & Bernice McCoy; Mrs. Rosella Newton; Charles & Joyce Richter; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Royce; Diana Szaras; Mrs. Mary Thompson; Mrs. Carolyn Walser; Warner Construction Consultant; Women Association of Covenant; Karen Nunez; Mr. & Mrs. George Milner.

### Men’s Group Meeting

All men of the church are invited (and feel free to bring a guest!) to gather the first Saturday of the month at 7:30 AM at Charlotte’s for coffee, conversation on the topics or news events of the day, prayer, etc. Ideas for other men’s church activities can also be discussed. The meeting for this month is Saturday, January 3.



### The Faith Line

There is no better way to connect with God each day during 2015 than by calling the FPC Faith Line – 444-5999 – for a daily devotional, usually changed each day by 10:00 AM. Devotionals are about two minutes in length and are provided by seven church member volunteers. The Faith Line is available 24 hours a day – so make this a New Year’s resolution to connect with God each day by calling 444-5999.



### Youth Group and Adult Weekly Bible Study Meetings Resume!

Youth and adults will resume their Sunday evening gatherings on Sunday, January 4 at 5:30 PM. Please note the time and schedules for January elsewhere in the newsletter calendar and in the listing of youth events. A light supper and refreshments are enjoyed, then the youth will meet to begin rehearsal and planning for their annual dinner theatre; and the adults will meet for Bible study with Pastor Jimmy.

For adults unable to attend on Sunday evenings, the Bible study portion from Sunday nights is repeated by Pastor Jimmy on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM **and will resume January 7**. The adults continue their study of the book, *Jesus is the Question*.

### Church Master Calendar Meeting for Monday evening, January 12

The calendar planning and church event coordination meeting for 2015 will be held Monday, January 12, 6:00 PM in the board room. This meeting is for ministry teams, Session and Board of Deacons members, women’s groups, other organizations, and/or individuals who have either on-going or onetime events during the year that need to be scheduled. This meeting is sponsored by the Communications Ministry Team and is intended to help prevent overlapping of events or planning snafus during the coming months.

### Winter Blood Drive

A Winter Blood Drive is being planned to be held on Sunday, February 15, which will again be in the church gym, beginning that morning at 9:00 AM and going until approximately 1:00 PM. We have a goal for this drive to collect at least 13 units. For more information, you may speak with Jim Gilliland.



### What is Epiphany?

Are you acquainted with the word “epiphany”? It is derived from the Greek word epiphaneia, and means “**an appearance.**” Centuries ago, the church set aside **January 5, the 12 day after Christmas**, and called that day Epiphany, intending for it to refer to the **revealing of Jesus as the Christ to the Wise Men, who were Gentiles.** The very first followers of Christ were Jewish. The story of the revelation of Christ to the Wise Men, who were non-Jewish, is a reminder that God meant for Christ to be the Savior of the whole world. As an old hymn put it: “The light of the world is Jesus to the whole world!” Have a Merry Epiphany!

### Per Capita

The Westminster Confession of Faith says, “all believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth (*The Book of Confessions*). Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are connected and participate in the work of the wider church. Per capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better teaching elders and ruling elders. It is how Presbyterians discern God’s call in their lives. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions.”

The 2015 Per Capita for each communicant member of the church is \$40. The breakdown per judicatory is as follows: Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois \$29.17; Synod of Lincoln Trails \$3.81; and General Assembly \$7.02. Please use the envelope that is marked for this purpose in your envelope packet. If you would like additional information, please contact Rev. Jimmy Hopper or Libby Milner. Thank you for your support, Libby Milner, Clerk of the Session

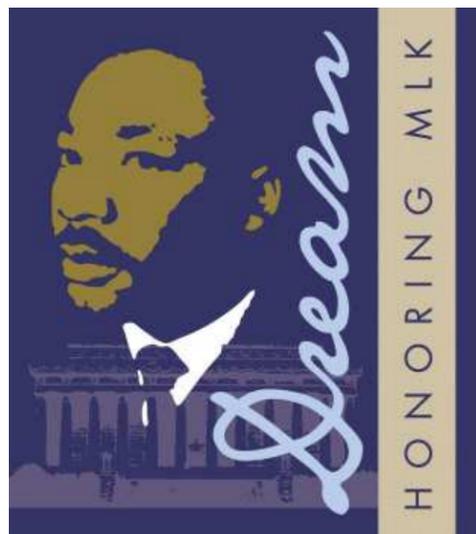


### Annual Healing Service

For more than eight years now we have developed a special tradition in the worship life of First Presbyterian Church. The second Sunday in January (Jan. 11th), we will be offering the anointing with oil that is symbolic of healing. Scripture says, “if anyone is sick, let us call the elders and have them anoint them with oil.” This is a wonderful, touching service that allows us to be anointed for our own healing or for the healing of someone we love. You will be invited to come quietly to one of the pastors or elders or Stephen Ministers and tell them your prayer concern for yourself or someone you love. Then the elder or pastor will anoint you with oil in the sign of a cross invoking the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then they will pray about the concern that you shared very quietly. Let us start the New Year with our Lord and His healing and wholeness and Shalom.

### MLK Weekend Events

- **Sunday, January 18 – Annual MLK Scholarship Banquet** – 4:00 PM at Days Inn; please see or call Mary Thompson or Pastor Jimmy if you would like to purchase tickets; additional details for all of the weekend events will be in Sunday worship bulletins and local newspapers.
- **Monday, January 19 – 10:00 AM – Annual March** – Meet at the corner of Logan and Main streets by the Jet. After marching to the King memorial at Jackson and Williams Streets, the march concludes at St. James United Methodist Church where at **11:00 AM the Annual Community Worship Service will be held.**





# Hangings of the Greens 2014

