

# The Chimes

Happy New Year

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## JANUARY 2017

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| <b>1</b><br><b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b><br>8:30 AM Choir Practice<br>9:15 AM Worship<br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Coffee Hour<br>2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball<br>5:30 PM Youth Group   | <b>2</b><br><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>              | <b>3</b><br>12:30 PM Knit Wifs<br>1:00 PM PDG<br>6:00 PM Deacons                          | <b>4</b><br>6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting<br>7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice<br>7:30 PM Choir Practice       | <b>5</b><br>6:00 PM Social Media Meeting                               | <b>6</b><br>11:00 AM Primetimers                                  | <b>7</b><br>7:30 AM Men's Group/Charlotte's<br>5:00 PM Casual<br>Contemporary Worship-Communion<br>6:00 PM College Age Bible Study |
| <b>8</b><br><b>Un-Hanging of the Greens</b><br>8:30 AM Choir Practice<br>9:15 AM Worship<br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Coffee Hour<br>10:30 AM Shining Stars/First Pres Olympics<br>11:00 AM CCS Class<br>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Officer Training<br>2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball<br>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth/College/New Edition Christmas Party | <b>9</b><br><b>2017 Calendar</b><br>5:00 PM Gatherers Meeting<br>5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting<br>5:30 PM Facilities Team Meeting | <b>10</b><br>10:00 AM Ruth Circle/Lounge<br>1:00 PM PDG<br>6:00 PM Personnel Team Meeting | <b>11</b><br>7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice<br>7:30 PM Choir Practice                                      | <b>12</b><br>9:30 AM Rachel Circle<br>3:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting | <b>13</b><br><b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b>                            | <b>14</b><br>5:00 PM Casual<br>Contemporary Worship<br>6:00 PM College Age Bible Study   |
| <b>15</b><br><b>Blood Pressure checks</b><br>8:30 AM Choir Practice<br>9:15 AM Worship<br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Coffee Hour<br>11:00 AM CCS Class<br>11:00 AM Healthy Living Meeting/CE #1<br>2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball<br>3:30 PM MLK Dinner/Youth   | <b>16</b><br><b>CHIMES DEADLINE</b><br>10:30 AM MLK March/Youth<br>6:30 PM Finance Team Meeting                                      | <b>17</b><br>12:30 PM Knit Wifs<br>1:00 PM PDG<br>6:30 PM Session                         | <b>18</b><br>9:30 AM Staff Meeting<br>7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice<br>7:30 PM Choir Practice             | <b>19</b><br>2:00 PM Lydia Circle                                      | <b>20</b><br>11:00 AM Primetimers                                 | <b>21</b><br><b>HEALING SERVICE</b><br>5:00 PM Casual<br>Contemporary Worship<br>6:00 PM College Age Bible Study                   |
| <b>22</b><br><b>HEALING SERVICE</b><br>8:30 AM Choir Practice<br>9:15 AM Worship<br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Coffee Hour<br>11:00 AM CCS Class<br>2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball<br>5:30 PM Youth Group   | <b>23</b><br>12:30 PM Knit Wifs<br>1:00 PM PDG   | <b>24</b><br>12:30 PM Knit Wifs<br>1:00 PM PDG  | <b>25</b><br><b>Pastor Ann - out of office</b><br>7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice<br>7:30 PM Choir Practice | <b>26</b><br>2:00 PM Lydia Circle                                      | <b>27</b><br>11:00 AM Primetimers                                 | <b>28</b><br><b>Kelly Day Off</b><br>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM<br>Whitehair/Gym<br>5:00 PM Casual<br>Contemporary Worship                  |
| <b>29</b><br>8:30 AM Choir Practice<br>9:15 AM Worship<br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Coffee Hour<br>11:00 AM CCS Class<br>2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball<br>5:30 PM Youth Group   | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b><br>12:30 PM Knit Wifs<br>1:00 PM PDG  | <b>1</b><br>6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting<br>7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice<br>7:30 PM Choir Practice       | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Souper Bowl - Habitat for Humanity | <b>4</b><br>7:30 AM Men's Group/Charlotte's<br>5:00 PM Casual<br>Contemporary Worship<br>6:00 PM College Age Bible Study           |

### Prayer for the New Year

Now that the mad rush is over,  
 O center of stillness and peace;  
 Now that the needles are falling from the tree,  
 We thank you that you are still God-with-us.  
 As we face the year ahead, help us accept the difficult parts of our lives;  
 help us to make the changes we must make;  
 bring us to new places of openness and love toward you and the people around us;  
 help us to overcome the fears which keep us from fullness of life. As the frigid days of January and February draw near  
 Help us to keep warm places alive within us, where in secret the bulbs of springtime tulips are nurtured.  
 As we face the year ahead, we thank you for one another and for your grace in Jesus Christ.  
 Help us individually and as a congregation to be signs of your compassion, hope, joy, and unity in this world you love in Jesus our Christ. Amen.

By Ruth C. Duck, 1985

### FPC Meetings

- Dec. 30 ..... **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Jan. 2 .... **OFFICE CLOSED - Happy New Year!**
- Jan. 3 ..... **6:00 PM Deacons Meeting**
- Jan. 4 ..... **6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting**
- Jan. 5 ..... **6:00 PM Social Media Meeting**
- Jan. 7 ..... **7:30 AM Men's Group**
- Jan. 9 ..... **5:00 PM Gatherers Group Meeting**  
 ..... **5:30 PM CE/Outreach Meeting**  
 ..... **5:30 PM Facilities Team Meetings**
- Jan. 10 ..... **6:00 PM Personnel Team Meeting**
- Jan. 12 ..... **6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting**
- Jan. 13 ..... **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**
- Jan. 16 ..... **6:30 PM Finance Ministry Team Meeting**  
 ..... **CHIMES DEADLINE**
- Jan. 17 ..... **6:30 PM Session**
- Jan. 25 ..... **Pastor Ann - out of office**
- Jan. 28 ..... **Kelly - day off**

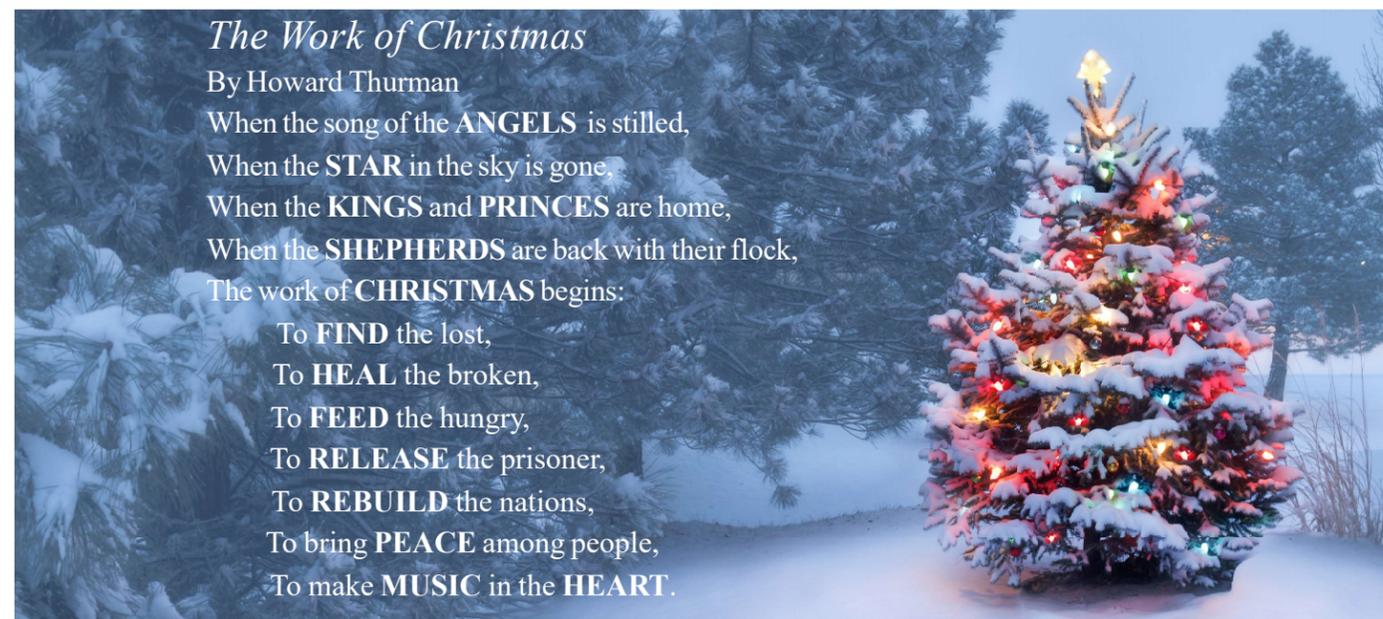


Happy New Year! I pray that each of you experienced special moments of God's peace and presence during Advent, and that as Christmastide continues through Epiphany on January 6, you might still be attentive to God's light shining in the darkness.

For pastors—and probably for many of the rest of you the weeks after Christmas are a recovery period from the demands of a busy season. I am grateful for a few days away with my family between Christmas and New Year's. We always travel to Grand Rapids, which becomes the hub for our family scattered throughout the state of Michigan. (Despite our invitations over the past 17 years, nobody seems interested in spending their holiday with us in Hoopeston!) It's just as well though, because Grand Rapids has wonderful restaurants and a huge variety of options for entertainment and outdoor activities. As my daughters attempt downhill skiing for the first time this year, I will relax in the warmth of the ski lodge with a good book. Careening down a snowy mountain (or, in my case, tumbling down the bunny hill) is not my idea of a good time. I know my limits!

I am grateful for the hospitality you have extended during my first six weeks here—for the meals out, the lovely cards and notes, so many Christmas gifts left on my desk (many from "Secret Santas"), the words of affirmation, and the warm welcome you gave my daughters when they visited. Thank you too for the delightful staff lunch you provided and for including me in the staff Christmas gift.

New beginnings are energizing and hopeful for me, so I am looking forward to 2017, and especially to how we might learn and grow, worship and serve together. As the poem below reminds us, the work of Christmas continues, even as the nativities are packed away until next year.



The Work of Christmas

By Howard Thurman

When the song of the ANGELS is stilled,  
When the STAR in the sky is gone,  
When the KINGS and PRINCES are home,  
When the SHEPHERDS are back with their flock,  
The work of CHRISTMAS begins:

- To FIND the lost,  
To HEAL the broken,  
To FEED the hungry,  
To RELEASE the prisoner,  
To REBUILD the nations,  
To bring PEACE among people,  
To make MUSIC in the HEART.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ann



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. 1 ..... Meats/Peanut Butter/Jelly/Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Jan. 8 ..... Velveeta Cheese/Crackers/Boxed Meals with Meat
- Jan. 15 ..... Vegetables/Meats/Ravioli, etc./Velveeta Cheese/Crackers
- Jan. 22 ..... Fruit/Vegetables/Boxed Meals with Meat/Cereals
- Jan. 29 ..... Soups/Hamburger Helper/Tuna/Tuna Helper

Circle Meetings

Tuesday, January 10 ~ Ruth Circle will meet at 10:00 AM at the church.

Thursday, January 12 ~ Rachel Circle will meet in the Boardroom at 9:30 AM

Thursday, January 26 ~ Lydia Circle will meet at 2 p.m., at a location to be determined. Leaders of the Devotions and the Study are also to be determined. The study will be Lesson 1, According to Mark, in the Horizons Study Guide, "Who Is Jesus?"

Greeters

- Jan. 1 ..... Bob & Margaret Crabb
- Jan. 8 ..... Dick & Norma Burch
- Jan. 15 ..... Roger & Eva Cornwell
- Jan. 22 ..... Pat Tarr
- Jan. 29 ..... Nick & Pat de Place

Flowers to Shut-ins

- Jan. 2-6 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 9-13 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 16-20 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer
- Jan. 23-27 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 30-Feb. 3 ..... Kolby Riggle

Cookies

- Jan. 1 ..... Margaret Crabb & Judy Iverson
- Jan. 8 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 15 ..... Myanne Compton & Nancy Boesdorfer
- Jan. 22 ..... Marj Gilliland
- Jan. 29 ..... OPEN

Coffee Hour

- Jan. 1 ..... Bill Garrison
- Jan. 8 ..... Kolby Riggle
- Jan. 15 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer
- Jan. 22 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 29 ..... Myanne Compton & Nancy Grimes

Flowers

- Jan. 1 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 8 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 15 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 22 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 29 ..... OPEN

Liturgist

- Jan. 1 ..... Lisa Taylor
- Jan. 8 ..... Helen Bury
- Jan. 15 ..... Pat Tarr
- Jan. 22 ..... Eva Cornwell
- Jan. 29 ..... Nancy Grimes

Meals on Wheels

- Jan. 6 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 13 ..... OPEN
- Jan. 20 ..... Claudia & Dale Ferrell
- Jan. 27 ..... OPEN

Ushers ~ Team #1

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

Primetimers

Primetimers will meet on January 20 at 11:00 AM at the church. We will have a potluck lunch and discuss programs for this year. Please come with ideas and something to go with soup for lunch





Remember in Prayer

This Week's Prayer Needs: Bob Pyles (Ruth Pancoast's brother-in-law); Sierra Guge (family of the Curtises); Harriet Rauchbach; Wayne Styck (Milners' family); Rossi Rennaker (Janet Martin's friend); Virginia Stewart; Ryan Quick (Milners' friend); Eleanor Fleming; Lois Stevenson; Slick Keith; Bob Kesler; Lisa Stewart (Virginia Stewart's daughter-in-law); John Homann (Deborah Huckelby's nephew); J.D. Conder (Eva Cornwell's nephew); Shannon Bishop (Sheila's cousin-hospice). The families of Richard Chapman, Dorothy Pipkin, Ken Crabb (Bob Crabb's brother); Monroe Melzer, Dr. Robert Elghammer, and Catherine Ribbe.

Ongoing: Diane Bales; Kay Barrett (Ruth Pancoast's sister-cancer); Mary Carter (friend of the Milners); Roy Christison; Pastor Trent Cloin (bladder cancer-Lisa Cline); Carlene Coddington (friend of Muriel Mullins); Bob Crabb; Wayne Dawes (friend of Lisa & Jay Cline-waiting for heart transplant); Mary Dison; Dale Ferrell; Carryl Fox; Ray Griffith; Carol Ingram (cousin of George Milner); Dora Jameson (friend of Libby & George Milner); Mary Jane Johnson (Ruth Pancoast's sister; heart problem & liver transplant); Jane King; Deronda Kimberlin; Pat Kuhs; David & Sue Laker (David is Stephen Laker's brother, caregiver of Sue-Alzheimer's); Robbie Lewis; Jim Meharry (friend of Judy Laker-heart infection/surgery); Roberta McNeill (Janet Martin's mother-in-law/Bob's mother); Bob Miller (friend of Carol McLinden-cancer); Debbie Mullins; Nancy Orlea; Curt Palmer (Jennifer Debenham's friend); Jayne Robinson (Judy Laker's sister); Jake Ruder (brain tumor); Larry Schmitt (Parkinson's); Grover Seitzinger; Harlan Smith (advancing dementia); Wilma Thomas; Barbara Todd (friend of Judy Laker); Julie Tyndall (daughter of Jackie Bean-cancer); Tom Wagner; Gary Waller; Nancy Walser; Nancy & Charles Winchester; Debbie Wombles (Tobi Peck's friend); Marjorie Young; Military Personnel.

FPC Candidates for the Ministry: Rachel Riggle, M.Div. (Intern at FPC, Columbia, MO); James Potts, M.Div. (CPE Intern).

Seminary Students: Mary Hoss (Johnson University); Joseph Compton (Moody Bible Institute).

Expectant Parents: Elizabeth & Jay Tarr (due in February).

New Officer Training

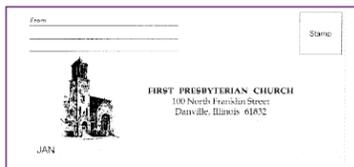
A training and education event for Ruling Elders and Deacons in the Class of 2019 will be held on Sunday, January 8, 1:00-3:00 PM in the Board Room. Pastor Ann will review the roles and responsibilities of those offices, the fundamentals of our Presbyterian faith, and the Constitution of the church (Book of Confessions and Book of Order).

Annual Report Articles

Are due no later than January 13, 2017.

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 5, 2017.

OFFERING ENVELOPES



All those who already have an envelope number will receive Weekly Offering Envelopes for the year 2017.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 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
Sandra Rudolph Jan. 11
Esther Williams Jan. 13
Nick DeBoer Jan. 14
Bobbie McHone 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
Erin Atchison Jan. 28
Steve Nichols Jan. 29
Carolyn Walser Jan. 29
Sloan Wagner Jan. 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Linda Curtis & Dan Pentony Jan. 1
Rick & Peggy Gibson Jan. 14



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

Our Saturday & Sunday Schedule Is:

- Casual Contemporary Worship: (Saturday) 5:00 PM
Worship: (Sunday) 9:15 AM
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
Thank You! 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.

Healthy Living Program



If not Now, When??

Join us Jan 15 at 11AM for more information. Meetings to be held in the previous Nursery rooms

(1st floor, Christian Ed. wing, east side)
Jean Land, RD Joyce DeBoer, RN
Karen Schildt, RN, NP Diana Szaras, RN

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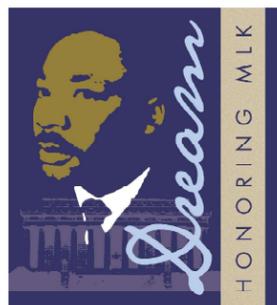
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**From the Desk of the Deacons**

By the time you read this article, the Deacons and many of you will have put a huge amount of food into 450 boxes/

Christmas baskets for 90 families. Whew! That sounds like a lot of work, but you would never know it by the smiles on everyone's faces as they worked diligently picking up boxes and boxes of food from County Market, unloading those boxes at the church, hauling it to specified places in the gym, and carefully placing all those food items in the boxes. Jay Cline oversees this production, but we have such faithful workers that do this year after year that almost everyone knows their role. This is such a heartwarming activity and a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit! The Deacons thank each and every one of you that helped with this year's Christmas Baskets. We could not do it without all of your financial and physical contributions. But it does not stop there. These same families, plus others, will probably need food at other times throughout the upcoming year. Please continue to support the food pantry by bringing canned and boxed items to the church throughout the year. The Deacons also appreciate your help with Meals on Wheels. We have some very faithful volunteers that do this monthly, but I know we could use some backup drivers/deliverers to cover the months that have a fifth Friday or to cover when one of our regular drivers is ill or has a conflict. Please call the church office if you are willing volunteer in this role. At this time of the year when we think about all those people in our lives who mean so much to us, the Deacons cannot forget to thank all of you for your many contributions to our church and church family. Thank you not only to our Christmas basket workers, but also to our cookie bakers, our coffee hour hosts and hostesses, and our flower deliverers. First Presbyterian Church is so lucky to have such willing and faithful servants. May God continue to richly bless our church and church family in 2017. In Christ's Service, Nancy Boesdorfer



**Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Event Calendar for January**

**January 1, 22, 29 – Sunday Youth bible study 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM.**

**January 8 – Youth/College/New Edition Christmas Party – meet at Lincoln Lanes 5:30 PM.**

**January 15 – MLK dinner; meet in the lobby of the Days Inn on Gilbert 3:30 PM**

**January 16 – MLK March. The parade/motorcade is Monday, starting at 10:30 AM at the corner of Logan and Main.**

**January 7, 14, 21 – Saturday College bible study 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.**

**January 28 – Saturday Kelly will be off that day.**



**General Fund**

**Income & Expense MTD – November 2016**

**Beginning Balance: \$5218.40 \$5218.40**

\*Current Income: \$16723.85  
 \*\*Fund Transfers: \$5000.00 (from Endowment)  
**Total Income & Transfer: \$21723.85**

Total General fund checking **\$26942.25**  
 Total General fund Expenses \$(24707.09) **\$(24707.09)**  
 Total Restricted fund Expense (\$120.00) \$(120.00)  
**Balance Forward: \$2115.16 \$2115.16**

\*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 principal. This money is transferred only as needed, approximately quarterly during the year.



**Church Phone Tree Reminder**

Although we continue with a mild winter so far, as we know the weather conditions and forecasts in this part of Illinois and the Midwest can change quickly and dramatically. So we remind all that one of the church's newest ways of contacting members and friends of special church events or weather cancelations is the Phone Tree. If you are not on the list please call Sheila at the church office so your contact phone # can be added. We remind all that when the Phone Tree is activated to contact the church list via phone, the number from the phone tree you will see on your caller ID resembles a toll-free/telemarketing phone number and is currently: 800-679-0847



**Men's Group Meeting**

All men of the church are invited (and feel free to bring a guest!) to gather 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 7.



**Church Master Calendar Meeting for Monday evening, January 9**

The calendar planning and church event coordination meeting for 2017 will be the evening of Monday, January 9, 5:30 PM in the board room. This meeting is for ministry teams, Session or 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 intended to help prevent overlapping of events or planning snafus during the coming months.

**Faith Line**  
**217-444-5999**

**The Faith Line**

There is no better way to connect with God each day

during 2017 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.

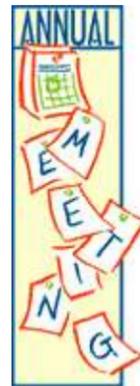
**Per Capita**



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 2017 Per Capita for each communicant member of the church is \$40. The breakdown per judicatory is as follows: Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois \$28.69; Synod of Lincoln Trails \$3.81; General Assembly \$7.50. Please use the envelope that is marked for this purpose in your box of offertory envelopes. If you would like additional information, please contact Rev. Ann Schwartz or Libby Milner. Thank you for your support. Libby Milner, Clerk of the Session



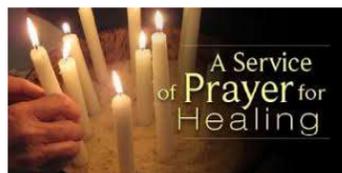


## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on **February 5** in the sanctuary, immediately following our morning worship service. We will take time to review the Annual Report together, remember 2016, and look ahead to our ministry in 2017. All members are encouraged to attend. Only active members may speak and vote at congregational meetings. The written Annual Report will be available by January 27. Join us as we stop and take an accounting of our journey and prepare to move ahead into a brand new year where we will continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## Service of Healing

During the weekend of **January 21 and 22**, both the casual and contemporary service on Saturday evening and the traditional worship service on Sunday morning will feature an emphasis on healing in the liturgy and sermon. At the conclusion of the services, those who wish to be anointed with oil and offered a blessing will be able to do so. Healing was an essential part of Jesus' ministry, and it continues to be part of the church's ministry as well. That is reflected in the prayer lists in the bulletin and *The Chimes*, our weekly prayers during worship, the work of the Stephen Ministers and deacons in particular, and the pastor's visits to those who are hospitalized or recovering at home or in nursing homes.



## Memorials

**Catherine Ribbe – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martin**



## 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 6, the 12th 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!

## Mission Trip Opportunity for Adults

For several years, the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois has partnered with JustHope, a non-profit organization whose mission is to create long-term global partnerships that are committed to combating extreme poverty and increasing global understanding. To that end, this partnership has included a mission trip to La Flor, Nicaragua. There are spots available for a couple of people for the March 11–18, 2017 trip. The primary activity of the trip is to establish relationships—to learn about the culture of the people of La Flor, to experience daily life with them, and to hear about their struggles, hopes, and dreams. The groups will work together on building some "green stoves" that will allow for greater ecological sustainability. The cost is \$825 plus airfare. This covers lodging, meals, in-country transportation, interpreter expenses, and trip coordination and leadership. If you would like more information about the trip, contact Mary Simon ([msimon1@illinois.edu](mailto:msimon1@illinois.edu)) or Phil Morice Brubaker ([phil@JustHope.org](mailto:phil@JustHope.org)). You can register online at [JustHope.org](http://JustHope.org).

## Women's Bazaar

2016

Proceeds - \$1587.24



## Social Media Ministry

The Session voted at the December 2016 meeting to create a social media policy as we expand and enhance our online presence. So far, we have a church website ([www.fpccdanville.org](http://www.fpccdanville.org)) and an official Facebook page, as well as a new app that will be available soon for smartphones. These are essential outreach tools for every church in 2017. With them we are can share with others—before they ever set foot in our building—who we are, what we believe, and how we worship and serve God. Given the very public nature of this ministry, we want to ensure that our sites accurately reflect our Presbyterian identity and are easy to use and hospitable to all who visit them. Contact Pastor Ann or a member of the session if you have questions about our social media ministry. The meeting is scheduled for Jan. 5 at 6:00 PM

## What Does It Mean to Be Presbyterian?

Throughout our long history, Presbyterians have been Christians who emphasize learning, education, and growing in our Christian faith. That is why Presbyterian pastors are required to complete rigorous theological education before they can be ordained and serve a church. That is why Christian education for Presbyterians of all ages has been stressed. That is why Presbyterians have established colleges and universities. Our faith is nurtured and made stronger as we come to know more about what we believe. I hope to use this space each month to share with you something of what it means to be Presbyterian. If you have particular questions or topics you would like me to address, let me know what interests you.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

"*Reconciliation: A Season for Change*" is the theme of the annual two-day celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, organized by the MLK Jr. Celebration Committee. Events will begin with the MLK Scholarship Banquet on Sunday, **January 15, 2017**, at 4:00 PM at the Days Hotel (Days Inn) on N. Gilbert St. The banquet will feature a performance by The Williams Singers, a gospel group from Indianapolis, and the presentation of the MLK Scholarship to a graduating high school senior from Danville who plans to study at a college or university. Tickets are \$20 and are available in the Human Relations Department at Danville City Hall (431-2280). On **January 16**, the motorcade/parade will begin at 10:30 AM at the corner of Main and Logan Streets. Those wishing to march/ride should

line up at 10:00. A worship service at 11:30 AM will be held at St. James United Methodist Church, where the parade concludes. Speaking at the service will be Dr. Michael McCoy, Sr., the National Director of VA Chaplains at the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Danville MLK Mass Choir, under the direction of Mr. Brett Dupree, will perform. For those who would like to sing in the choir, which is open to everyone, see the rehearsal schedule and locations on the bulletin board across from the church office.

As we celebrate the life and ministry of Martin Luther King Jr. Day this month, you may want to reflect on some of his most compelling statements:

*The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.*

*We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.*

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

*Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude.*

*Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.*

*Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.*

*If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.*

*Violence as a way of achieving racial justice is both impractical and immoral. I am not unmindful of the fact that violence often brings about momentary results. Nations have frequently won their independence in battle. But in spite of temporary victories, violence never brings permanent peace.*



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