

# The Chimes

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### FPC Meetings

- May 2 ..... 5:00 PM Gatherers Group Meeting
- ..... 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting
- ..... 5:30 PM Facilities Team Meeting
- May 3 ..... 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting
- May 4 ..... 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting
- May 5 ..... 12:00 PM National Day of Prayer  
...../Temple Plaza
- May 7 ..... 7:30 AM Men's Group/Charlotte's
- May 9 ..... 5:30 PM Communications Team Meeting
- ..... 6:30 PM Finance Ministry Meeting
- May 10 ..... 6:00 PM Personnel Ministry Meeting
- May 12 ..... 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry
- May 17 ..... 6:30 PM Session
- May 23 ..... **CHIMES DEADLINE**
- May 30 ..... **OFFICE CLOSED**



MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Choir practice 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM CCS Class 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 5:30 PM Pastor's Adult Bible Study/Youth Group	2 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting 5:30 PM Facilities Meeting 6:30 PM Focus Group Meeting	3 12:30 PM Knit Wifs 1:00 PM PDG 6:00 PM Deacons	4 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir practice	5 12:00 PM National Day of Prayer	6 9:00 AM Master Gardeners/Gym	7 7:30 AM Men's Group/Charlotte's 5:00 PM Spirit & Truth 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study
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Primetimers will be visiting the Lincoln Bookbindery in Champaign on Friday, May 20. The bindery is a small independent business that binds books one at a time. It is run by the owner and 1 employee. He will show us the making of a book from beginning to end. We will leave the church at 9:15 AM and eat lunch at the Homer Soda Shop. Let Judy or Sheila know if you are planning to go.



**Dr. Jimmy's Spiritual Rx: What Jesus Does Not Say and What Jesus Does Say**  
**Suggested Scriptures: Proverbs 3:5,6; Isaiah 40:1-8; Isaiah 41:10-17; and Jeremiah 29:11**

In discerning what to write this last time in The Chimes for *Dr. Jimmy's Spiritual Rx*, I had a fairly easy time choosing the suggested Scripture passages – the four listed above are favorites of Katie's and mine and I have quoted them to you regularly from the pulpit, in Bible studies, prayer, and pastoral care. But choosing the words that follow in this space is a lot more difficult this last time – so many different things I am thankful for having been your CO-Pastor and then Pastor such as the trust you have given me by including and welcoming my pastoral care and friendship in Christ during some of your most joyous and saddest times in your lives as a congregation and individually, and the many ways we have partnered in ministry together for one another and our community.

But words today are hard to come by so I need a little help as I think about this new phase of ministry in my own life to which I am being called as well as the coming transition - but also a future - in the life and ministry of this "... church with a heart in the heart of the city" Let's not forget that all of this is in response to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ, that it is all about Christ who is Head of His Body, the Church, and who even already has planned for FPC, Danville's future interim and long-term pastoral leadership.

So, beginning with a little help from two writers from the internet, please focus with me on the truths below that apply to our lives as a church and as Christ's individual disciples. We all know that many days in Christ's service and being his disciples are not easy, and many have become disillusioned on this journey over the centuries because their faith was based on wishful thinking or perceived promises that Christ never spoke. Rick Warren says that the Scriptures, instead, say this about God and Christ's calling in our lives:

*Wherever God guides He provides. The Bible is full of stories where God calls people into tough roles, or enters into tough times with them. God does not promise that He guides us only to easy places, where everything is simple, manageable and straightforward. God does promise that wherever He guides us, He will provide for us and be with us in all seasons and times of life.*

So with the help of another writer, Jarrid Wilson, let's also be reminded of some things Jesus did not say:

- 1) *No shirt, no shoes, no service...* Jesus never gave prerequisites for encountering his love... Nobody is too flawed for forgiveness and eternal salvation.
- 2) *Follow me, and I will bring you fame and fortune...* if our reason for seeking God is materially focused, we need to ask, "What god are we seeking?"
- 3) *Everything will go according to your plans...* it is God's plans for us and His will for which we are to pray.
- 4) *I will bless you if you pray hard enough...* This has to do with treating Jesus as a magic genie or God as a cosmic vending machine who is interested in our requests alone; instead, God will and does respond to prayer according to the nature of His name and providence of His will in Christ.
- 5) *Life is going to be without rough patches...* the promise is not that life will be perfect, but that the imperfections are met with our perfect and flawless Savior!
- 6) *I will answer your prayers on your time...* see again #'s 3 and 4; faith is trusting in the timing of God, not ours.
- 7) *You're too far gone to be saved...* Nobody, and I mean nobody, is too far traveled from having a saving relationship with God.
- 8) *You deserve to have nice things...* Jesus did not say we cannot have nice things, but does not promise that we either deserve them or they are "perks" we get for being a Christian. So let's remember what Jesus does say: *life's blessings are meant to be shared; we need to love our neighbors and help those in need!*

And in conclusion, here are ten things that our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus have said and want us to know: *I will give you rest; I will strengthen you; I will answer you; I believe in you; I will bless you; I am for you; I will not fail you; I will provide for you; I will be with you; I love you!*

May God always bless and keep all of you in Christ; it was the Apostle Paul who originally penned these words to the church in Philippi – the first church to be founded in Europe – please receive these words of the Apostle now as my own to you:

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God with every remembrance of you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your "koinonia"/sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*  
**Philippians 1:2-6**

In Christ's love, faithfully and eternally, Pastor Jimmy

The Food Pantry is a blessing. From April 4- April 25 we have



served 15 families with 36 people total. **We NEED Canned Meats.** Spam, Ham, Roast Beef, Chicken, Hash, Corned Beef, etc.; any kind you can just open and eat with crackers. **NO** perishables please! **The Deacons wish to thank**

**you for your generosity.**

- May 1 ..... Boxed Meals with Meat/Canned Meats/Velveeta Cheese
- May 8 ..... Boxed Cereals/Canned Vegetables/Cookies/Crackers
- May 15 ..... Toothbrushes & Paste/Soap/Pancakes/Syrup/Soups
- May 22 ..... Soups/Canned Pasta with Meat/Bar Soap/Shampoo
- May 29 ..... Peanut Butter/Jelly/Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce

**Circle Meetings**

**Tuesday, May 10** ~ Ruth Circle will be meeting at 10:30 AM in the church lounge.

**Thursday, May 12** ~ Rachel Circle will meet at 9:30 AM in the Board Room.

**Thursday, May 26** ~ Lydia Circle will meet at 2 PM, in the Classroom at the church. The hostess will be Libby Milner. The Devotions will be presented by Virginia Stewart. Libby Milner will lead the study, Lesson 5, *Stormy Water - Faith*, in the study guide, *Come to the Waters*.

**Greeters**

- May 1 ..... Bob & Judy Iverson
- May 8 ..... Pat Tarr & Jeanne Burke
- May 15 ..... Bob & Margaret Crabb
- May 22 ..... Jim & Marj Gilliland
- May 29 ..... Ellen Gramm & Mary Thompson

**Cookie Bakers**

- May 1 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Pat Tarr
- May 8 ..... Reception for Pastor Jimmy
- May 15 ..... Judy Iverson & Amy Iverson
- May 22 ..... YOUTH WAFFLE BRUNCH
- May 29 ..... Karen Schildt & Jeanette Hoss

**Flowers**

- May 1 ..... In Honor of Bob & Janet Martin's Ann. .... In Honor of Bob & Carryl Fox's 66th Ann.
- May 8 ..... In Honor of the Choir
- May 15 ..... In Honor of Kolby Riggle's birthday
- May 22 ..... In Honor of Janice Kain's birthday
- May 29 .... In Honor of George & Libby Milner's 48th Ann. .... In Honor of Ann Ostrom's birthday

**Coffee Hour**

- May 1 ..... Jean Land & Bill Garrison
- May 8 ..... Mary Thompson
- May 15 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Bob/Judy Iverson
- May 22 ..... YOUTH WAFFLE BRUNCH
- May 29 ..... Kolby Riggle & Bill Garrison

**Liturgists**

- May 1 ..... Rev. Pat Kuhs
- May 8 ..... Youth Group
- May 15 ..... Lisa Taylor
- May 22 ..... OPEN
- May 29 ..... OPEN

**Flowers to Shut-Ins**

- May 2 – 6 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer
- May 9 – 13 ..... OPEN
- May 16 – 20 ..... OPEN
- May 23 – 27 ..... Kolby Riggle

**Meals on Wheels**

- May 6 ..... Mary Hardy
- May 13 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Joyce DeBoer
- May 20 ..... Dale & Claudia Ferrell
- May 27 ..... Mary Thompson

**Chancel Guild**

May ..... Captain, Muriel Mullins; Jay Cline, Lisa Cline

**Ushers ~ Team #2**

Sally Masters; Jerry Prideaux; Kathy Delzell; Bill Garrison; Linda Anderson; and Jim Anderson.

**FPC Choir**  
 The choir will conclude its season on May 29. Special music will be featured in the summer months.



This Week's Prayer Needs: Bob Crabb; Eric Meek (Milners' neighbor's son); Pastor Trent Cloin (bladder cancer - Lisa Cline); Dale Ferrell; Simra Alam (2 years old); Larry Schmitt (Parkinson's brain surgery); Walter Lovell; Debra Huckleby; Mike Jone's mother.

Ongoing: Diane Bales; Kay Barrett (Ruth Pancoast's sister-cancer); Jennifer Bender; Mary Carter (friend of the Milners); Richard Chapman (friend of Jim Gilliland); Roy Christison; Carlene Coddington (friend of Muriel Mullins); Wayne Dawes (friend of Lisa & Jay Cline-waiting for heart transplant); Mary Dison; Dr. Robert Elghammer; 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); Bob Kesler; Jane King; Deronda Kimberlin; Pat Kuhs; David & Sue Laker (David is Stephen Laker's brother, caregiver of Sue-Alzheimer's); Robbie Lewis; Bob Martin; Jim Meharry (friend of Judy Laker-heart infection/surgery); Alex McMahan (Eva Cornwell's neighbor-cancer); Roberta McNeill (Janet Martin's mother-in-law/Bob's mother); Monroe Melzer; Bob Miller (friend of Carol McLinden-cancer); Debbie Mullins; Nancy Orlea; Audrey Oswald; Harriet Rauchbach; Catherine Ribbe; Jayne Robinson (Judy Laker's sister); Jake Ruder (brain tumor); Grover Seitzinger; Harlan Smith (advancing dementia); Wilma Thomas; Barbara Todd (friend of Judy Laker); Julie Tyndall (daughter of Jackie Bean-cancer); Nancy Voss; Gary Waller; Nancy Walser; Nancy & Charles Winchester; Marjorie Young; Military Personnel.

FPC Inquirer for the Ministry: James Potts (McCormick Theological Seminary).

FPC Candidate for the Ministry: Rachel Riggle, M.Div. (Intern at FPC, Columbia, MO)

Seminary Students: Mina Choi (Princeton Theological Seminary) and Cody Watson (Johnson University).

New Stage Curtains for the Community Room

Just in time for the youth Dinner Theater, the Ruth Circle project of replacing the stage curtains has been completed. They were dedicated on Palm Sunday. In last month's Chimes was an explanation of the Seal of the Presbyterian Church that is embroidered on the valance. We hope to put that information on a plaque on the wall so that members and visitors can refer to it. We want to thank Janice Kain for going above and beyond to get this project done and would also like to thank Nick de Place, Bev and Mike Royce, and Beau Kingore for helping Janice hang the new curtains on the stage.

Men's Fellowship Group

Men in the church are invited to a time of coffee, fellowship, and prayer the first Saturday of each month. We gather at Charlotte's on Ann Street just off of South Gilbert St., and our meeting date for this month is May 7. Bring yourself and a friend!

Save the Date

The annual 39ers Picnic will be held on Friday, June 10, beginning at 6 PM, at the Rotary Point Shelter at Kennekuk County Park. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Hosts for the event are George and Libby Milner and Lynn and Carol McLinden.

Memorials

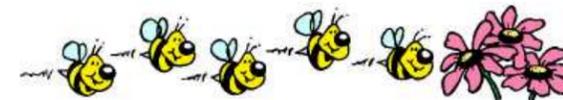
- Agnes (Scotty) Geades - Ruth Circle
Dorothy Stine - Pape Funeral Home
Wilma Barry - John Barry; Kelly Barry; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boesdorfer; Jeanne Burke; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crabb; Linda Curtis; Rosemary Curtis; Iris Elliott; Roy Elliott; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fox; Beverly Garner; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Laker; Robert Mathis; Rachel Circle; Cathy Smith
Larry Whitaker - Linda Curtis; Jean Palmer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Bob Kesler May 3
Cindy Crucitti May 4
William Hymer May 4
Kolby Riggle May 11
Aujah Gibson May 12
Andrew Torrey May 14
Caitlin Whitehair May 16
Bob Rudolph May 19
Linda Valdes May 19
Janice Kain May 21
Dorothy Loving May 22
Robert Crabb May 24
Rita Adams May 26
Virginia Stewart May 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Bob & Janet Martin May 2
Mike & Joyce Schmitt May 7
Pete & Marge Krainock May 10



Our Spring-Summer Sunday Schedule Is:

- Worship: 9:15 AM
Children's Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Coffee Hour: 10:30 AM
Contemporary Christian Studies (CCS): 11:00 AM
Worship: (Saturday) 5:00 PM

SUMMER Office Hours ~ 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Summer Office Hours



Begin After Memorial Day

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday



Deacons to Give out 25 and 50 year pins

Sunday, May 22, 2016 the Deacons will do their annual celebration of our longest church members. There will be pins presented for those who are reaching 50 or 25 years of membership at First Presbyterian Church. This is a wonderful tribute to the faithfulness of our members. If you think that you have earned such an honor, please contact the church office. We don't want to leave anyone out.

25 Years

Tom Wagner (30 yr); Michael Royce; Judy Fippinger

50 Years

Jim Gilliland

Congratulations



Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 8, we will celebrate Mother's Day as well as honor all of our church women - age infant to 90+ years! A special gift will be available, too!

Session highlights for April 2016

Session meeting on April 19, 2016 opened at 6:35 PM with the lighting of the Christ candle, prayer, and a hymn. A quorum was declared.

Clerk's report was approved. There were minutes from the previous session meeting and from a called meeting to discuss Pastor Jimmy leaving for another position in Pennsylvania. A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, April 24 to discuss the process to obtain a new minister. Clerk Libby Milner read correspondence received by the church.

Treasurer's report was given by Jim Anderson and approved by Session.

Pastor's report was approved. Pastor Jimmy listed the community ministry, hospital and nursing home visits, home visits, funerals, prospective member contacts, continuing education, and service to the denomination done in the past month. The Session approved a rehearsal and a wedding in the church on July 29-30 for George Wolfe and Natalee Bantz. The Presbytery will also have to approve Pastor Jimmy returning to FPC to perform the wedding at the couple's request.

Devotional. Rick Welchans read from "Guidepost" about how friends are blessed and God ordained.

Team reports. The monthly reports from the various ministry teams were accepted. Highlights that were discussed or approved by Session include:

- From the **Worship Team** – The Session approved a special concert to be presented by singer Glenn Kaiser. It will take the place of In Spirit and Truth service at a later date. There will be a freewill offering for Kaiser's gas and food, and whatever is remaining will be given to Love INC. The Session also approved several budget amendments for the Team and changing the title of the budget line item from AIW to In Spirit and Truth.
- From **Christian Education/Outreach Team** – Session approved the Team's motion to provide \$10,000 from the Bremer Trust for the first year of college tuition for Mary Hoss. The Focus Team also reported to the Session that it will be sending surveys to church members and to others in the community.
- From **Finance Team** – The Team is still seeking a church Treasurer. The Gatherers group met and discussed whether to host a Work Camp in the summer of 2017. There was concern due to the departure of Pastor Jimmy,

who has been a vital part of the WorkCamp success in the past. The Gatherers decided that FPC did have the resources for it, and it is a great thing for the community. Session agreed with the decision that our church should go ahead and host it.

- From **Personnel Team** – The team presented a new job description for the Nursery Attendants and the Lead Nursery Attendant. There also was a salary increase for the Lead Attendant. Session approved these motions.
- Minutes from the **Deacons** meeting were received.

The Session meeting was concluded with prayers. Session was adjourned at 8:33 PM

Respectfully, Bob Iverson, Vice Clerk of Session

Attention all FPC members and groups!



Let us remember and honor our military veterans at the Danville Veterans hospital by collecting items that would be much appreciated. We would like to set Memorial Day, Monday, May

30 as our goal to collect items by. Suggested items are: socks, slippers, underwear, boxed drinks, finger snacks, or other items you feel will be happily received. If we can fill this list by our goal date we can bring a few smiles to our military heroes. Thank you and God Bless America!

Also for Pentecost – May 15

Be sure to wear red – the color symbolizing the flames of the Holy Spirit described in Acts 2; The sanctuary will be decorated with red geraniums given in memory or honor of loved ones.



One Great Hour of Sharing Totals:

\$306.69

Presbyterian Youth Calendar - May

May 1 – Youth pizza bible study 5:30 PM at the church.

May 8 – All youth be at the 9:15 AM service to pass out Mother's Day gifts before service. Youth group will not meet that night because of Mother's Day (Pastor Jimmy's last service)

May 15 – Youth dinner and games 5:30 PM at the church.

May 21 – Youth Group will meet at 6 PM after Saturday service to set up for the Youth Waffle Brunch for Sunday 22.

May 22 – Youth/College will need to be at the church by 8:45 AM to start cooking for the Waffle brunch.

May 28 – Beau Kingore (coach) and (assistant coach) Josh Compton will meet with the Youth boys at 6 PM after Saturday service for basketball.

May 29 – Youth/college will meet at 1:00 – 4:00 PM at Illini Skateland for an end-the-year Youth meeting.



From the Deacon's Desk

The Deacons are busy in the month of May with many projects. It is reception season with lots of cake and cookies to be plated, punch, coffee and tea to be brewed, napkins to displayed in a pleasing design, and the al-

ways required cleanup to complete.

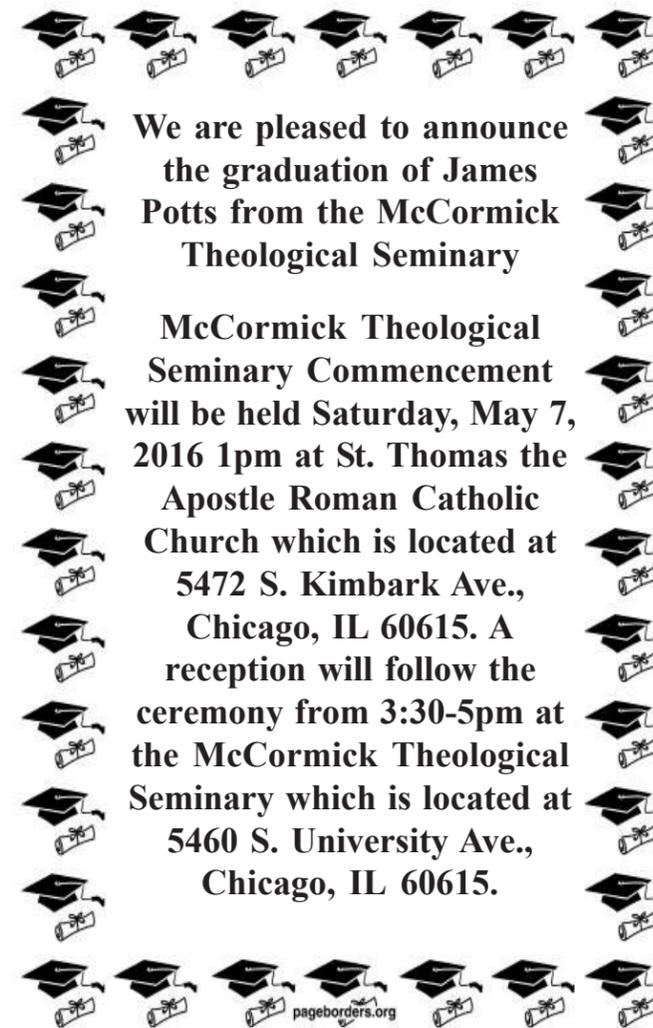
But first let's talk clipboards. I know the Deacons have been hounding you all lately about the forest of clipboards that appear in the lounge every Sunday. Each clipboard represents a task that needs to be performed to assist First Presbyterian Church with our services, mission and fellowship. Please take the time to look at the forest of clipboards, pick a tree (clipboard) and sign up for a task that you would like to try. When we work for the Church we are doing God's work.

Please remember to stop at the Mouse House for small gifts, books and assorted stuff that you cannot live without. Stop every Sunday, the merchandise changes with some regularity.

On Sunday, May 8 the Deacons will host a reception for Pastor Jimmy Hopper. Pastor Jimmy will be leaving First Presbyterian Church after 13 years to answer a call to another church. We are very sad that Pastor Jimmy is leaving but also happy for Jimmy that he will be able to join Katie in her home.

The Deacons will serve strawberries and shortcake after service on May 8. The hours of the reception will be extended to allow members of the community to say goodbye to Jimmy.

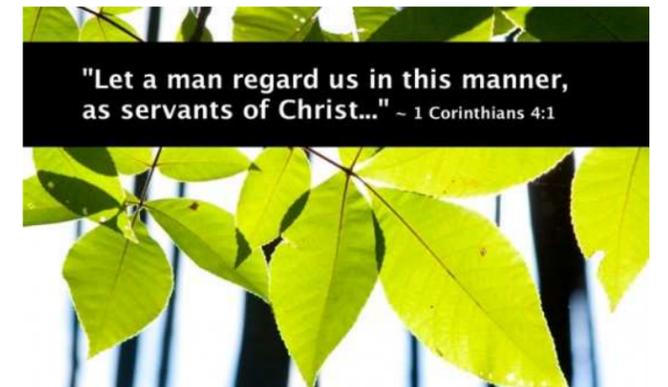
It will be very hard to see Jimmy leave. He has been my spiritual leader, my loving pastor and my friend. Please join us in saying goodbye and good luck to Pastor Jimmy. In Christ's Service, Kolby Riggle



We are pleased to announce the graduation of James Potts from the McCormick Theological Seminary

McCormick Theological Seminary Commencement will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016 1pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church which is located at 5472 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, IL 60615. A reception will follow the ceremony from 3:30-5pm at the McCormick Theological Seminary which is located at 5460 S. University Ave., Chicago, IL 60615.

"Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ..." - 1 Corinthians 4:1



**“Quick Facts About Pentecost”**

The Day of Pentecost in the Western Church will be celebrated Sunday, May 15. This day is determined by when Easter is celebrated and comes on the Sunday that is closest to fifty days after Easter. Originally, in Jesus’ day the Day of Pentecost was a celebration festival that occurred fifty days after Passover.

And it was on this day that Jesus’ disciples gathered, fifty days after Passover, but also fifty days after the resurrection and ten days following his ascension into heaven. The disciples and other followers were gathered in Jerusalem on Jesus’ instructions awaiting the sending of the Holy Spirit as he had promised. A mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire rested on those who were gathered and waiting. They spoke in languages not of their own, proclaiming the mighty acts of God in Christ; new disciples were baptized; and the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ was born!

This is why Pentecost is called by many the “birthday” of the Christian church. And for the first several hundred years after the close of the New Testament period, Pentecost and Easter were the two major events remembered in the church year. It was not until six to seven hundred years after Christ that remembering his birth became a regular celebration. And as Christmas became the biggest of all Christian festival seasons and days, especially in the West, Pentecost faded in importance and observation.

But, as each Sunday is supposed to be a little Easter since Jesus was raised on the first day of the week, each Lord’s Day should also be a little Pentecost. For as the Scripture promises, the Holy Spirit is the presence of God inhabiting our praises as we gather each time for worship. It is exciting that in recent years there has been renewed interest across denominational lines in the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the day of Pentecost itself, spiritual growth and renewal, and God’s provision of spiritual gifts for ministry. What is also good about the celebration of Pentecost is that this is the only major festival in the church year that has not been “secularized” by the world at large, like Christmas and Easter.

Pentecost calls us to remember that each day by the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ’s promise to be with us always is constantly being fulfilled - Matthew 28:20 - and that Christ’s presence is even closer than the air that we breathe. This is the significance of the celebration of the Day of Pentecost during the church year. Soooo..., Merry Christmas, Happy Easter, and a blessed Pentecost to all!



**Nominations for Elders and Deacons**

Pending Session action, a Called Meeting of the Congregation will be held either June 5 or 12 during the 9:15 AM worship service to elect deacons and elders for the Classes of 2019. After election, these new officers will be ordained and/or installed in late August to begin their terms of service in September. *Please take note of the Officer Nomination forms that are in the Sunday worship bulletins this month for church members to nominate persons they think would be good elders or deacons. Self-nominations are also welcome and current officers completing one full term or a partial term are eligible for nomination and election to a second term.* Notices to the committee about needed meetings will be communicated from the church office later this month.

**You Can Still Help with Per Capita for 2016**

The Per Capita cost for 2016 that is split between Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly is about \$40.00 per active member. The Session asks for members to consider if they can give this extra amount that will help save the general budget some of its expenses in 2016. If you have questions, you may contact the church Accounts Manager, Paula, at the church office. Thank you for your consideration and many thanks to those who have already helped with this budget cost.



Therefore Go and Make Disciples of All Nations, Baptizing Them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
Matthew: 28:19  
NancyMcGuirk.com

**May, 2016 Unique Holidays**

- 1 – May Day
- 1 – Save the Rhino Day
- 3 – National Teachers Day
- 4 – Star Wars Day - *May the 4th be with you.*
- 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- 6 – National Nurses Day
- 6 – Beverage Day
- 6 – Military Spouses Day
- 8 – Mother’s Day
- 8 – No Socks Day
- 9 – Lost Sock Memorial Day
- 10 – Clean up Your Room Day
- 11 – Eat What You Want Day
- 11 – Twilight Zone Day
- 13 – Blame Someone Else Day
- 13 – Friday the 13th (the only one in 2016)
- 13 – Frog Jumping Day
- 14 – Dance Like a Chicken Day
- 16 – Wear Purple for Peace Day
- 17 – Pack Rat Day
- 18 – No Dirty Dishes Day
- 25 – National Wine Day
- 29 – Learn about Composting Day
- 30 – Memorial Day
- 31 – World No Tobacco Day

<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Income &amp; Expense MTD – March 2016</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$1599.25	<b>\$199.25</b>
*Current Income:	\$20755.27	
**Fund Transfers:	\$15000.00	Endowment
<b>Total Income &amp; Transfer:</b>		<b><u>\$35755.27</u></b>
<b>Total General fund checking</b>		<b><u>\$37354.52</u></b>
<b>Total General fund Expenses(\$34379.82)</b>		<b><u>(\$34379.82)</u></b>
<b>Total Restricted fund Expense (\$213.36)</b>		<b><u>(\$213.36)</u></b>
<b>Balance Forward:</b>	\$2761.34	<b>\$2761.34</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 principal. This money is transferred only as needed, approximately quarterly during the year.



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