December Meetings and Events

Dec 2 ........ 11:00 AM Hanging of the Greens/Potluck
Dec 3 ................ 4:30 PM Faith Dvlp Team Meeting
.............................. 6:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting
Dec 5 ....................... 6:00 PM Deacons’ Meeting
Dec 7 .................... 5:00 PM First Friday Caroling
Dec 10 .... 5:30 PM Mission/Outreach Team Meeting
.............................. 6:30 PM Cong. Care Team Meeting
Dec 11 .................... 12:00 Stephen Ministry Lunch
Dec 12 .................... 5:30 PM Worship Team Meeting
Dec 15 .............................. Chimes Deadline
Dec 17 ...................... 4:30 PM Personnel Meeting
.............................. 5:30 PM Finance Team Meeting
.............................. 6:00 PM Blue Christmas Service
Dec 18 ....................... 6:30 PM Session Meeting
Dec 20 ..................... 4:30 PM Staff Christmas Dinner
Dec 24 .................... 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25 & 26 .......................... Office Closed
Dec 29 & Jan 1 .......................... Office Closed

Poinsettias Order Form

Poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary beginning Sunday, December 16. If you would like to place an order in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form below and drop it and your payment in the offering plate, or return to the office. The price per plant is $6.00.

Deadline to order is December 2

Name: ___________________________

In( )Honor or ( )Memory of: _______________________

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Number of plants: _________________
Friends,

There’s a new trend in Advent calendars. For years, stores have sold them for children—cardboard Christmas scenes with 24 flaps, which kids open to find a piece of chocolate on each of the days leading up to December 25. It’s not exactly biblical, but it surely adds to the sense of anticipation most children feel this time of year.

Now adults can get in on the fun, with calendars celebrating 25 days of beauty (with hair and make-up products) or candles (with a different scented candle for each day). The one that made me look twice was the Advent booze calendar, featuring 25 mini bottles of adult beverages and promising to make the holiday extra merry. Sigh.

I don’t mean to be a Scrooge, but seriously? The season of Advent is rich in meaning and possibility all by itself. Neither shampoo, smelly candles, nor daily alcohol intake will enhance the event of the birth of our Savior, which is mind-blowing all by itself.

Advent is a time when we reverently acknowledge the gravity of God’s intervention in human history by waiting, watching, and remembering how God has chosen to move in the world. On the church calendar, Advent signals a new time, a season for thinking about fresh possibilities, for opening ourselves to the hope created within us when the Christ child, who came as God hidden in human form, was born in the manger.

It’s a time to weep at the sadness and suffering that are constant realities in the world. It’s a time to pray for God to show us how to break the silences and bridge the distances that separate us from one another. It’s a time to consider how we ought to live, given what we profess to believe.

With all due respect to corporate America and its marketing prowess, the church already knows how to do Advent. We don’t need gimmicks as we wait for God to be born among us.

Join us this season as we worship and wait for Jesus together, counting down in hopeful anticipation for the love and peace of Christ to be fully realized in and among us.

Blessings to you all. And Merry Christmas!

Pastor Ann

Casual & Contemporary Service

At the November meeting, the Session voted to suspend the Casual and Contemporary service at the end of the year as the result of declining attendance.

We are grateful for Myanne Compton’s leadership as the worship coordinator over the past three several years and for the Spirit & Truth band for sharing their gifts.

The final service will be on December 30.

Advent Devotional Booklets

Thanks to members and friends who wrote devotions for Advent. Devotional booklets are available in the office during the week and in the lounge on Sundays. May the reflections inspire and stir you during this holy season.

Wednesday Afternoon Book Group

The Wednesday afternoon readers are on hiatus during December. We will resume meeting on January 9 at 2:00 p.m. Our book for the new year will be Accidental Saints by best-selling author Nadia Bolz-Weber. A former stand-up comic turned pastor, Bolz-Weber shares her experiences of church and of God showing up “in the least likely of people” (including herself!). Join us for lively conversation. If you would like a book (approx. $10 each), please tell Pastor Ann by December 23.

Sunday Morning Schedule

Traditional Worship........................................ 9:45 AM
Children’s Sunday School............................... 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour:.............................................. 10:45 AM
Contemporary Christian Studies (CCS).......... 11:00 AM
Casual & Contemporary Worship ................. 11:30 AM
Advent & Christmas Worship Services

1st Sunday of Advent - December 2
Advent Candle-lighting: Mary Thompson and Helen Bury
Our single service of worship at 9:45 a.m. will be devoted to the Hanging of the Greens. Readers will reflect on the important symbols in the sanctuary, and children and youth will place those symbols. We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper by intinction. Following worship, everyone is invited to help finish decorating the church and then gather in the gym for a potluck.

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 9
Advent Candle-lighting: Iversons and Binettes
Worship services at 9:45 and 11:30 a.m.
Two youth will be baptized and will join the church by publicly professing their faith at the 9:45 service.

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 16
Advent Candle-lighting: Toby Peck
Worship services at 9:45 and 11:30 a.m.

Blue Christmas Worship - December 17
The season of joy and hope can be painful for those who are grieving, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease, experiencing depression, or any other difficult situation. Because so many feel “blue” during this time of year, the Stephen Ministers will hold a service in the chapel at 6:00 p.m. If you or someone you know is struggling or needing comfort and support, this service may be helpful.

4th Sunday of Advent - December 23
Advent Candle-lighting: Rick and Marj Welchans
Worship services at 9:45 and 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - December 24
Advent Candle-lighting: Linda Curtis & Family
Perhaps the holiest night of the year, Christmas Eve ends our Advent waiting as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior. Invite your family and friends to a beautiful service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, where you will hear a cantata by the choir and the story of Jesus’ birth from Luke’s Gospel. Pre-service music will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday after Christmas - December 30
The children and youth will lead worship and present Charlie Brown’s Christmas.

Christmas Gift-Giving as Mission

Want a life-changing, easy Advent Mission project to help people around the world AND at the same time solve the question of what to get for people on your Christmas gift list?

That “perfect” gift is available through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog or the catalog from Heifer International. Both will be available on a table in our lounge starting December 2 through December 16. Minutes for Mission will introduce you to some of the people already impacted by these gifts and hopefully inspire you to consider this opportunity.

First Friday Caroling and Parade

December 7 will be the last First Friday in 2018 and we are going to end with a song. Actually, several songs—carols to be exact. We are caroling downtown before the parade! We will meet at the church between 4:45 and 5:00 to walk downtown and carol. We plan to sing around the intersection of North and Vermillion until 6:00, and then hang around to watch the parade. Everyone is welcome to join us; we will have carol books. See Diana Zsaras or Lisa Taylor for any questions.

Christmas Cookie Walk and Bazaar

The Ruth Circle Women’s Group will hold the Christmas Cookie Walk and Bazaar on December 8, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are seeking cookie donations. Bakers are encouraged to provide 5-6 dozen of each kind of cookie. Other homemade items such as breads, jams, jellies, and noodles are also welcome. Donations of new craft items, books, puzzles, Christmas items, and gently used items to sell would be appreciated. No rummage items please. All proceeds go to the Deacon’s Christmas baskets.

If you are able to help set up on Friday, December 7 and/or staff the sale and clean-up on Saturday, December 8, please contact Pat Tarr.
FPC Youth Calendar

Dec. 2......................... Hanging of the Greens, 10:45 AM (decorating and church potluck, with a guest from the North Pole!)
Dec. 5.......................... Skit practice, 5:30 PM
Dec. 7.......................... Caroling and parade, 5:00 PM
Dec. 12.................... Boxes for Christmas baskets, 5:30 PM
Dec. 26........................ No youth group
Dec. 29......................... Skit practice, 5:30 PM
Dec. 30................. Meet at church before worship, 9:00 AM

Youth Mission Trip Meeting

There will be a mandatory informational meeting for youth who are interested in going on the mission trip next summer—and for their parents too. Bring your calendars so we can choose the date for our week of learning and service at AMEN St. Louis.

Congratulations to Our Confirmands

During their 5-month confirmation class, Michael Compton and Isaac Williams learned about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and a member of the church. They talked about God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit; salvation and redemption; grace and sin. They shared their own experiences of faith and read, in the stories of the Bible, about others’ experiences. They spent time with their mentors, Matt Smiley and Bob Iverson, respectively. At the end of the class, each wrote a beautiful and unique statement of faith, which are posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

Both Isaac and Michael will be baptized and publicly profess their faith during the 9:45 service on December 9.

Michael is 14 years old and has lived in Danville most of his life. He is in 9th grade at Danville High School. His hobbies are drawing, running, and playing video games. At church, he’s been involved in youth group and Summer of Service.

Isaac first came to First Presbyterian after being invited by Michael! He too is a 9th grader at DHS, where he is in the percussion ensemble. He’s a faithful member of the youth group and has participated in Summer of Service.

December Birthdays
Karen Schildt...................................... December 2
Rosella Newton ................................. December 6
Mike Jones.................................. December 6
Haley Smiley .................................. December 13
Paula Spriestersbach ......................... December 20
Herbert Hales, Jr............................. December 21
Carly Delzell.................................. December 24
Lisa Taylor ................................. December 26
Sarah Smiley ............................... December 27
Samantha Wagner ......................... December 29
Olivia Edington ............................ December 30

December Anniversaries
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Burch...............Dec. 2
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Garrison...............Dec. 22

Birthday Celebration

The FPC church family is invited to help Rosie Newton celebrate her 90th birthday. Her family is hosting a reception on Sunday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the lounge. Happy birthday, Rosie!

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Session Highlights for November

Session held a meeting on November 20, 2018. Following are highlights of the meeting:

- Greeted members of confirmation class, Michael Compton and Isaac Williams, who read their statements of faith to the Session and answered questions about their beliefs and experiences at church. Voted to receive both as members. Isaac and Michael will be baptized and confirmed during the 9:45 a.m. service on December 9.
- Set date of annual congregational meeting for February 3, 2019
- Approved use of the church for a wedding on September 14, 2019
- Approved a revised job description for the Accounts Manager
- Reviewed Treasurers’ report and other financial reports for October and found everything to be in order
- Heard update on stewardship drive and status of pledges
- Approved giving responsibility of church library to Faith Development team
- Voted to suspend Casual and Contemporary Service (11:30 a.m. worship) due to low attendance/participation

The next stated Session meeting will be Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Presbytery Report

The last stated meeting of 2018 of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois was held November 15 at First Presbyterian Church of Champaign. Because of a major storm in the central and southern part of the state, attendance was low.

Fortunately, elders Rita Torrey, Diana Szaras, and Karen Schiltz were able to be there with Pastor Ann as the Presbytery voted to approve her call to the church as installed pastor.

The other highlight of the meeting was hearing J. Herbert Nelson, the Stated Clerk of the PCUSA, speak on transformation in the church.

The next meeting will be Saturday, February 23, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville.

From the Desk of the Deacons

Happy Holidays from the Deacons! The Deacons recently sent 12 care packages out to family and friends of church members who are in the military or at college. Thanks to all of you who helped fill those packages with various goodies. I have noticed that several of the recipients have already sent a thank you via Facebook acknowledging their tummy’s appreciation.

Now on to my favorite time of the year when the Deacons and the First Pres church family spread so much cheer and good will to the community! Get in that spirit with me as we again fill 100 Christmas baskets (actually 400+ boxes!) with nutritious foods. There are numerous ways you can be involved: 1) donate money to assist with food costs; 2) donate new or gently used toys, coats, hats, and gloves; 3) help assemble approximately 400 boxes in the gym on Thursday, December 13; and 4) fill boxes with food at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 15.

If you want to help but can’t help with the Christmas baskets, maybe you would be willing to help with coffee hour, bake cookies for coffee hour, or deliver flowers to shut ins. You can volunteer to do any of these activities on line or by signing up on a clip board in the church lounge every Sunday morning. Because of your support, First Presbyterian Church continues to bless our own members and our community.

In Christ’s service,
Nancy Boesdorfer
New Books in the Library

Thanks to a generous donation of over 60 Guidepost hardback books by Caryl Fox, there are new books to read in our First Presbyterian library. During one of their organizing binges, the Monday Morning Mamas created a new section of the library with Christian-based fiction and nonfiction reading material. It includes the Guidepost books, books from Pastor Ann’s Wednesday book study, and other titles from the shelves that we moved so that they can be more easily found.

These books are located on the north wall under the shelf of books that were donated by the members of the Comfort My People Committee. These are books that will help educate people who are struggling with understanding the diagnosis of a mental illness when they have nowhere else to turn or just need more information.

All of these books are available to anyone who would like to read them. Pick one out, read it, then return it to the shelf and find another one. There is something for everyone.

We are looking for donations to fill up more shelves. We would also like to create a section for little children, middle schoolers, and teens with new or slightly used books that you would like to get rid of.

Remember, these books should be appropriate reading material for a church library.

Thanks for your help. Please come in and check out these new books.

New Church Directory

A rough draft of our new church directory has been printed. Please confirm or correct your contact information (address, phone number(s), and email address(es)) on the clipboard in the lounge after worship or in the church office during the week.

Notes of Thanks

For cards and prayers:

With sincere appreciation for everything you’ve done for me.—Jean Ann Keefer

Thank you for the cards and calls I received while I was ill. I enjoyed reading them and feeling so thankful for all members of First Pres.—Much love, Mid Riggle

For opportunity to preach:

Thank you for your support of the Hope Center. We appreciate the opportunity that you gave us this summer to share about the ministry. It is always a joy to share about what God is doing through the Hope Center. Thank you.—Nathan and Lauren Lenstra

For baby shower:

Thanks to everyone for the baby shower for my child, Kyla. And thanks to everyone who has helped me also. Thanks for the gift cards. Thank you all and love you all.—Steve Bowler

Congratulations on Award

Dear Danville Presbyterian Friends,

Congratulations to First Presbyterian Church of Danville on being the first house of worship to be recognized with an Illinois Sustainability Award by the ISTC. Wow! I read with great interest the article in the News-Gazette highlighting your award and the wonderful way you are restoring your building with an eye on energy savings.

On behalf of Faith in Place, the Illinois organization that empowers people to be leaders in Earth care, I extend a hearty “Well Done!” to Pastor Ann Schwartz, Elder Bob Iverson, and all the Danville Presbyterians on this accomplishment.

Your commitment to caring for Earth and being good stewards of Creation is a beautiful example—a shining light that the whole community will see! Please know that your loving intentions are shared by many people of faith. For all of us, protecting our common home is an act of devotion to God and love for neighbor.

All the best on your continued walk of faith,

Rev. Cindy Shepherd

Annual Reports

Session committee chairs, please submit your annual reports to Sheila by Monday, January 14.
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, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, etc. are needed every week. The Deacons wish to thank you for your generosity.

December 2 ..........Fruit/Meat/Pancake Mix/Syrup/Velveeta
December 9 .......... Meat/Vegetables/Boxed Meals w/meat
December 16.........Boxed Cereal/Oatmeal/Spaghetti/Sauce
December 23.........Peanut Butter/Jelly/Soups
December 30 ..........Cereal/Tuna/Tuna Helper

Circle Meetings

Thursday, December 6 ~ Rachel Circle will meet at 9:30 AM at the home of Helen Bury for their annual Christmas gathering.

Tuesday, December 11 ~ Ruth Circle will meet at 10:00 AM in the church lounge for lesson and devotions followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Thursday, December 13 - Lydia Circle will meet Thursday at noon (please note the change in date from the regular meeting) at the garage of Shirley and Butch Creamer, 1235 E. Williams, for its Christmas Potluck. Please bring a dish to share. Devotions will be presented by Ellen Gramm. The study, Lesson 9 in the study guide, Cloud of Witnesses, will be led by Libby Milner. Dedication of the 2019 Budget will be held and 2019 pledges will be received.

Greeters

December 2 ............Jennifer Debenham & Judy Laker
December 9 .......... Bob & Judy Iverson/Keaton Binette
December 16 ..............Roger & Eva Cornwell
December 23 ............Butch & Shirley Creamer
December 24 ............ 7:00 PM—Jay & Lisa Cline
December 30 .............Bob & Margaret Crabb

Liturgists

December 2 ..................Myanne Compton
December 9 .......................Marj Welchans
December 16 ....................Lisa Taylor
December 23 ....................Susie Townsley
December 30 ...................Marj Welchans

Flowers to Shut-Ins

December 3-7 ..................................OPEN
December 10-14 .............................Nancy Boesdorfer
December 17-21 .............................Mary Hardy
December 24-28 .............................OPEN

Cookies

December 2 .......... HANGING OF THE GREENS
December 9 ..........................Newton Family
December 16 ................................Ann Miller
December 23 ............Nancy Boesdorfer & Lisa Cline
December 30 .............Matthew & Kaelyn

Meals on Wheels

December 7 .......... Mary Hardy & Carol McLinden
December 14 .......... Nancy Boesdorfer & Pam Strahl
December 21 ..........................Jim & Linda Anderson
December 28 .......... Mary Thompson & Rita Torrey

Coffee Hour

December 2 .......... HANGING OF THE GREENS
December 9 ..........................Diana Szaras/Newton Family
December 16 ................................Virginia Stewart
December 23 ...... Nancy Boesdorfer & Myanne Compton
December 30 .............................OPEN

Flowers

December 2 .......... In Honor of Rosella Newton’s birthday
December 9 ..........................OPEN
December 16 ..........................In Memory of George Torrey
December 23 ...... In Honor of Lisa Taylor’s birthday
December 30 ..........................OPEN

Ushers ~ Team #3

Allan Harvey, Captain; Jim Gilliland; Marjorie Gilliland; Joyce Schmitt.

Chancel Guild

December ..........................Roger & Eva Cornwell

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This Week’s Prayer Needs: Amy Iversen; Roger Cornwell; Peggy Welch; Eric Tesmond (Welchans’ son-in-law); Laura Williams (T. Peck); Nancy Fuller (J. Laker); Michelle Skelton (B. Creamer’s daughter); Carolyn Walser; Susie Townsley; Patty King (C. Lovell’s friend); Ashton Anderson (J. Anderson grandson); Kathy Carmody; Pandora Pratt (T. Peck friend); Dorothy Loving; Norma Burch; Bill Fellwork (B. Creamer); John Grygiel (L. Curtis’ friend); Bob Crabb; Justine Whitehair; Steve Bowler; Penny Blair; John McBride (S. Faulkner’s friend); Bob Martin; George Schildt; Lisa Palinski (Gracee Whitehair’s teacher—cancer); Beau Edington; Edward J. Paris, Jr. (C. Lovell’s friend); Jean Land; Wayne Styck (K. Delzell’s brother-in-law); John Mosser; Barbara Stover; Xiaoyi Zha (L. Tang’s boyfriend); Pam Green (L. Green’s sister-in-law); Mel Robinson (J. Laker’s brother-cancer); Linda Baumgart (L. Taylor’s friend); Edward Conrad (Jean Land’s father); Dave Conner (V. Stewart’s friend); Jim Varboncoeur (E. William’s nephew); Bobbie McHone; Rosie Newton; Marj Gilliland; Bob Bryant (C. Lovell); Joseph Singleton (T. Peck); Leonardo Lucetti (J. Laker’s great-nephew); Jeanne Jones (M. Jones’ mom); Ramona Barnes (M. Hardy’s friend); Jim Lyons (cancer); Alice Faulkner; Katie Silver (Pastor Ann’s niece); Wilmetta Feezor (N. Gribb’s mom); Sally Thompson (J. Compton); Greg Lewis (T. Peck); Athena Brooks (P. Evans); Jim (T. Peck); Judy Scott (J. Laker); Janet Gale (L. Gilliland); Pat Stevens (Cornwells); Virginia Stewart.

Those who mourn: The family and friends of Dale Ferrell, Dorothy Loving, Lyle Milner & Pandora Pratt.

Ongoing: Baby AJ; Teresa Andrews (neuromuscular disease); Diane Bales; Kay Barrett (Ruth Pancoast’s sister—cancer); John Burton (Cornwells’ friend); Iris McHone-Chase (Bobbie McHone’s granddaughter); Pastor Trent Cline (Lisa Cline’s friend—bladder cancer); Carlene Coddington (Mullins’ friend); Gary Crisp (Cornwells’ friend); Ann Corbett (Bobbie McHone’s aunt); Butch Creamer; Wayne Dawes (Lisa & Jay Cline’s friend—waiting for heart transplant); Mary Dison; Steve Faulkner; Ray Griffith; Carol Ingram (George Milner’s cousin); Jeff/Jessica James (J. Martin’s son & daughter-in-law); Mary Jane Johnson (Ruth Pancoast’s sister; heart problem & liver transplant); Bob Kesler; Deronda Kimberlin; Pat Kuhs; David & Sue Laker (Stephen Laker’s brother and sister-in-law); Judy Laker; Brian Lennenager; Robbie Lewis; John C. Mason, Jr.; Bob Miller (Carol McLinden’s friend—cancer); Debbie Mullins; Natalie Mullins; Barb Nelson (S. Townsley’s friend); Kathy Parks; Bob Pyles (Ruth Pancoast’s brother-in-law); Rick Reeb (S. Townsley’s friend); John Rinkengerber (Ellen Gramm’s nephew); Jayne Robinson (Judy Laker’s sister); Amie Rodgers (Skilea Hall’s sister); Jake Ruder (brain tumor); Katie Slezk (Curtis family—breast cancer); Marshall Smith; Lois Stevenson; John Stewart (Virginia Stewart’s son); Jack & Wilma Thomas; Tom Wagner; Gary Waller; Nancy Walser; Nancy & Charles Winchester; Marjorie Young; Military Personnel.

FPC Candidate for the Ministry: James Potts, M.Div.

Theological Students: Mary Hossl Soliday (Johnson University); Joseph Compton (Moody Bible Institute).

Expectant Parents: Kyla Bowler and Shy Reyes (due in December).
Stewardship Update

As of November 25, we have received **36 pledges** for 2019, totaling **$119,320**. Thanks to all who have made this commitment. Your gifts allow all of us the opportunity to worship and serve God in this place, to care for our neighbors, to be the “church with a heart in the heart of the city.”

To those of you who have not yet responded, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to the church for 2019.

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Memorials

The following memorials were received in November:

**Dorothy Loving:** Dale Carlton; Linda Curtis; Kathy Delzell; Robert Hous; Steve and Judy Laker; Bob and Janet Martin; William Takokoshi

**Dale Ferrell:** Jim and Linda Anderson; Nick and Pat de Place; Stan and Mary Hardy

**Monty Tarr:** Jerry Bartos; Stan and Mary Hardy; Sally Masters

**Muriel Mullins:** Nick and Pat de Place

**Jerry Prideaux:** Nick and Pat de Place

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Offering Envelopes

All those who already have an envelope number will receive weekly offering envelopes for **2019**.

If you do not currently receive envelopes, but want them, please contact Paula in the Office.

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Per Capita Reminder

As the end of 2018 nears, the Finance Team offers a gentle reminder for you to pay your per capita. Per capita is one of the ways that all of the congregations in the PC (USA) are connected. Together we mutually share the costs of traveling/gathering, training pastors and ruling elders, serving in the life of the wider church, and discerning in groups small and large where God is leading us.

The 2018 per capita fee for each member (excluding children who have not been confirmed) is $40; $28.69 to the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois; $3.81 to the Synod of Lincoln Trails; and $7.50 to the General Assembly. (Like your other giving to the church, per capita is tax-deductible). Funds not paid by individual members must come from the church budget, meaning that less ministry can be done.

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Monthly General Fund Giving

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Monthly Deacons’ Fund Giving

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A Gift to the Church

Notice the beautiful new chalice and paten (plate) on the communion table the next time you’re in the sanctuary. The set was a gift from Linda Green, given to Pastor Ann and First Presbyterian Church “in celebration of your installation as full-time pastor of the church.”

Thank you, Linda!