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Save the Date

First Presbyterian Church
Danville, Illinois
190th Anniversary Celebration
October 20, 2019

July Meetings

July 1. 4:30 PM Faith Development Meeting
.....5:30 PM Mission Team Meeting
.....6:30 PM Facilities Team Meeting
July 4.....**OFFICE CLOSED**
July 8 5:30 PM Congregational Care Meeting
July 10.....5:00 PM Finance Team Meeting
July 14.....11:00 AM Worship Team Meeting
July 15.....**CHIMES DEADLINE**
July 16... 3:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting
.....6:30 PM Session Meeting
July 17.....9:30 AM Office Staff Meeting

Dear Friends,

As you heard if you attended the first Coffee Talk on June 23, the session is committed to improving communication with the congregation. We have multiple tools to that end: worship/bulletin announcements, minutes for mission, the weekly e-pistle, The Chimes, the church Facebook pages (official and members), the website, and now, the monthly gathering in the lounge during which the Session will share with you their current projects and invite you to ask questions.



What about The Chimes? Is this a helpful form of communication for you? For some of us, it is tempting to cease mailings and rely primarily on electronic communication, but we realize that not everyone in the congregation is—or wants to be—online. So for now, a paper newsletter is probably still useful for many of you.

What isn't in The Chimes that you'd like to see? A few months ago, we removed the back page that listed who had signed up to bring cookies, provide flowers for worship, or serve as greeters and liturgists. Because the office volunteers send reminder cards to those folks, and because the list was often outdated within a day or two of mailing The Chimes, we removed it. Do you want some form of that included?

Would you like to read articles about members? Reflections by members? Articles about theology? Presbyterian beliefs and polity? Book reviews? Would you like to read prayers? Poetry?

As the finance team indicated at Coffee Talk, they are working with Paula to create graphics (bar graphs, pie charts) to present financial information in ways that are relevant and easy to understand. What would you like to read from other ministry teams?

Is each edition of The Chimes too long? Is a monthly mailing too frequent or not frequent enough?

Putting together this mailing is a fairly labor-intensive project, so I'd value your feedback in knowing what you'd like to read each month. Please write me a note, call, or send an email with your thoughts and suggestions, which I will share with the Session.

Thanks!

Grace and peace,


Pastor Ann

Happy Birthday

Deronda Kimberlin	July 2
Ann Miller	July 3
Jay Cline	July 4
Nancy Grimes	July 5
Matthew Miller	July 13
Kaelyn Miller	July 13
June Seitzinger	July 14
Butch Creamer	July 16
Doni Duckett	July 18
Myanne Compton	July 20
Keaton Binette	July 25
Kari Connelly	July 25
Jessica James	July 25
George Milner	July 26
Judy Iverson	July 28
Elliot France	July 29

Happy Anniversary

Jay & Lisa Cline	July 3
Jeff & Jessica James	July 19
Matt & Sarah Smiley	July 25
Tom & Dotty de Torres	July 28



The Mouse House!

We have some paperback books for sale - 50 cents - Hardback - 1 dollar -

Come in and see all of the goodies we have.

"Green" Communion

Thanks to the efforts of the Green Team, we are using real coffee cups and glasses, rather than Styrofoam, during fellowship time. With their encouragement and good example of environmental stewardship, the Worship team has decided to return to using glass communion cups for wine and juice rather than plastic. We've located 600+ in the basement, so there is no need to buy them! In addition, we have purchased a cup holder/rack for the dishwasher so the small glasses do not have to be cleaned by hand.



For Children and Parents

New kids' bags are available on the rack in the back of the sanctuary. The worship team has filled them with books and drawing materials for children to use during the worship service if they get bored or antsy.

Memorial Services

On Saturday, **July 27**, at 10:00 AM, there will be a memorial service in the sanctuary for George Weisiger who died on April 30, 2019. A reception will follow in the lounge.

There will be a memorial service for former members Warren and Betty Beck here on Saturday, **September 21**, at 1:00 PM. They attended First Presbyterian until they moved to Texas in 1993.

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for the annual church picnic, which will be held on Sunday, **September 22**, at 10:30 AM at Kennekuk County Park. The deacons will provide more information in the coming months.

Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship.....	9:45 AM
Children's Sunday School.....	10:00 AM
Coffee Hour:	10:45 AM
Contemporary Christian Studies (CCS).....	11:00 AM
Adult Education	12:00 PM

New Pew Bibles

The Session has voted to purchase new Bibles (NRSV: New Revised Standard Version) for the pews. That is the translation that Pastor Ann generally uses during the worship service. Although the scripture readings are displayed on the screens, some folks prefer reading from the book itself.

If you would like to purchase one or more copies for the pews—in honor or in memory of someone, use the order form below and return it, along with complete payment, to the church office.

I would like to purchase _____ pew Bible(s) for \$9.00 each.

Please indicate which dedication you would like for each Bible you purchase and print the names as you want them to appear inside the cover of the Bible(s):

This Bible is given in honor of

by

This Bible is given in memory of

by

This Bible is given to the glory of God

by

Your name:

Please include payment with your order.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and indicate "Pew Bibles" in the memo line.

FPC Youth Calendar

June 30-July 7	Kelly on vacation
July 2	NO SOS
July 4	NO SOS
July 9	SOS, 12:00-3:00 PM
July 11	SOS, 12:00-3:00 PM
July 13	Pool Party, 6:30 PM
July 14	Community Day, 1:30 PM
July 16	SOS, 12:00-3:00 PM
July 18	SOS, 12:00-3:00 PM
July 23	SOS, 12:00-3:00 PM
July 25	SOS, 12:00-3:00 PM
July 28	Fun Day, 12:00 PM
July 30	SOS, 12:00-3:00 PM
Aug 1	Last day of SOS, 12:00-3:00 PM

Thanks to Children's Retreat Helpers

A huge thanks to *Judy Iverson, Bob Iverson, Amy Iverson, Pat Tarr, Josh Compton, Claudia Ferrell, and Marge Prideaux* for helping at the children's retreat. From them, the children learned about honoring God's creation through planting flowers and vegetables, painting bird-houses, safely building camp fires, and enjoying the outdoors (even when it rains!). Thanks to *Kelly Whitehair* and *Meagan Schildt* for organizing the event.



Summer Sunday School

During the summer months, Sunday School for children continues during the worship service, with Kelly and intern Meagan Schildt leading the weekly lesson and fun activity. On the first Sunday of the month when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, children remain in worship with their families. Nursery care will still be available those days for infants and toddlers.

Summer of Service

Thanks to the Deacon Board for their financial support for the Summer of Service (SOS) program. Already the youth



have pulled weeds and worked at the retreat site. There's plenty more to keep them busy during July. Youth are also available for Rent-a-Kid projects at your home. Sign up in the office or call Kelly.

Please extend a warm welcome to Meagan Schildt, the Summer Intern. She's assisting Kelly with SOS, the children's retreat, and Sunday school.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

Michael Compton and Isaac Williams will join approximately 5,000 other high school-aged Presbyterians at the Youth Triennium at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, **July 16-20**. They will experience five days of worship, learning, music, small groups, recreation, and recreation. Let's pray that they have an amazing week of growth in Christ, new friendships, and fun!

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All-Church Pool Party

Members and friends of all ages are invited to a pool party on Saturday, **July 13**. FPC has reserved Garfield Park Pool from 6:30 to 9:00 PM for an evening of swimming and fellowship. You may bring snacks and drinks, but pool rules prohibit anything in a glass container.

Session Highlights

Session met on June 18, 2019. Following are highlights of their meeting:

- 8 out of 12 elders present
- Voted to purchase 120 NRSV pew Bibles and to provide members and friends the opportunity to buy copies in memory of/in honor of loved ones
- Approved using funds originally received for local mission (\$7,776.80 from the 2014 Group Work Camp account) to pay for renovation costs incurred by the church for the Dwelling Place mission project
- Voted to receive the gift of a 50" television from Mary and Stan Hardy to be used at the retreat site
- Approved hiring Meagan Schildt as Summer Intern for the SOS program

The next stated Session meeting will be **July 16, 2019**.

Presbytery Report

A report from the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southeaster Illinois, held June 6, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church of Tilden, attended by Elder Commissioner Rita Torrey and Pastor Ann:

Much of the meeting dealt with standard matters such as review of financials and attention to personnel matters including, comings, goings, and ordinations. The group worshiped in the morning and participated in a Bible study after lunch. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in three workshops: (1) thoughts on making difficult conversations pastoral and productive; (2) church website design; (3) new ideas for stewardship.

The Stated Clerk presented the statistical report for 2018 for the Presbytery of Southern Illinois (PSEI); active members in PSEI totaled 5,600. Gain in total membership was 119 persons; losses were 561 persons. The total number of baptisms was 36. Currently there are 79 congregations in PSEI; 36 of these have not sent a representative to a Presbytery meeting in the past five years.

Copper Creek Church in Champaign plans to break ground (on land originally owned by First Presbyterian-Champaign) for their new building on June 23, 2019. On the other hand, the Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church closed after 180 years.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Torrey, Commissioner to PSEI

Meet Our Neighbors: Peer Court

Peer Court is one of our second floor tenants. We asked the program director, Katie Osterbur, to tell us about the program:

Peer Court is a program that gives youth the chance to learn from their mistakes before a juvenile crime becomes part of their record. Youth offenders can have their cases heard at a teen court trial if they have no prior convictions on their record, and if they are admitting to the charge. Peer Court clients must take responsibility for their actions.

Peer Court offers youth throughout Vermilion County the opportunity to volunteer. Youth ages 10-18 volunteer to act as jurors, teen attorneys, and clerks during the court sessions. Court sessions are designed to be supportive of the youth offenders while they make amends for their mistakes.



26th Annual Community Day

Sunday, July 14, 2019

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Lincoln Park

Food & beverages

(Mary T's Sweet Potato Pies)

Fun and entertainment

(including FPC's God's Girls)

*Sponsored by The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee
in cooperation with the
City of Danville Human Relations Commission*

The Church Bell: What's the Real Story?

In January 1835, Enoch Kingsbury reported to the American Home Missionary Society that the church had “a good bell of 150 pounds.” He had brought the bell up the Wabash River above Vincennes, Indiana after having procured it from the Missionary Society. Cut in the bell is the maker’s mark, A. Meneely, West Troy, New York. Meneely established his foundry in 1826. Many years later someone claimed that the bell had been salvaged from a steamer, “The Phoenix,” which had been sunk in 1819, four years after its launch.

The Phoenix had become the pride of the side-wheeled steamers upon majestic Lake Champlain. She measured 146 feet in length by 27 feet wide and weighed 336 tons. The ship was on the Whitehall to St. Johns run on September 5, 1819 when, in the early morning hours a fire broke out in the pantry that spread quickly and engulfed the wooden vessel. An alarm was given and 40 of the 46 passengers on board safely abandoned the burning ship. The Phoenix eventually descended in the cold waters of Lake Champlain after hitting the shoals of Colchester Reef. The Phoenix is considered to be one of the lake’s most historic vessels.

On July 26, 1817, the ship was used to transport President James Monroe across the lake. In July, 1818, The Phoenix brought the remains of General Montgomery to Whitehall, New York. However, The Phoenix’s most notable moment came during the tragedy of its sinking. Richard Sherman, 21 years old and the son of the original captain, Jahaziel Sherman, commanded the ship. The elder Sherman was convalescing at home with the flu. The ship was about 12 miles north of Burlington, Vermont, when the alarm was given that a fire had broken out in The Phoenix. Apparently, some members of the crew after a midnight meal left a candle burning in the galley. Within minutes the ship was ablaze and havoc ruled the ship. As the passengers rushed for the two lifeboats, the young captain brandished two pistols and proceeded to direct an orderly evacuation of the burning ship. Fanned by a north wind, The Phoenix soon was a burning ember. Within the next few months the engine and other salvageable items were removed from the burned-out hull; however, no mention was made of salvaging the bell.

The bell was placed in the church belfry and for eleven years called the worshipers to services on the Sabbath and for the schoolchildren during the week. In 1847, the building was remodeled for church purposes exclusively, and for the next ten years it was a church bell. It has the distinction of being only the second bell for a Protestant church in Illinois.

In 1886 the Kingsbury Chapel was built as a mission near Stony Creek Bottoms, and the bell again did service as a church bell until the chapel was sold in 1900. For a number of years thereafter it was displayed outside the current church building on North Street. Later it was used in the church parlor on the second floor, and now may be seen as you enter the sanctuary by the northeast entrance.

—Jim Anderson



From the Desk of the Deacons

Check your calendar to make sure you have penciled in the Church Picnic. This will be held on September 22, 2019 at Kennekuk Park. The Deacons will provide fried chicken as well as basic drinks and games. The Deacons will cover picnic tables and set up for the lunch. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. Generally, we have lots of deserts so if you are so inclined, a salad or a vegetable dish might be something to consider. Service will start at 10:30 AM. Please bring lawn chairs for your party and if you have an extra, bring that as well. You might want to consider a little bug spray.



The Food Pantry as it currently exists, will close on January 1, 2020. We have shared with you in previous Chimes, as well as in Minute for Mission announcements, that the Deacons have been discussing pantry issues and voted to close the pantry. The Deacons continue to address the mission of providing community support as part of our work. To that end, the Deacons have commissioned a three-person subcommittee to formulate and present alternatives to the current food pantry. Diana Szaras will chair this committee (dssrn3@yahoo.com). Serving with her are Myanne Compton (myannecompton@gmail.com) and George Schildt (geos111@sbcglobal.net). Please feel free to share any ideas that you might have regarding alternatives to the current food pantry with the committee either in person or by e-mail. Be advised that all communications on this topic will be shared with the entire subcommittee. The committee will present a report to the Deacons at the September 2019 meeting.

The Summer of Service Program (SOS) will begin June 18th. The program is funded through the Deacons. We wish Kelly Whitehair and all the participants success. If you have some chores or need a little help around your home, please contact Kelly to discuss your need. All that is asked is that you consider making a donation to the youth for the service(s) rendered. You can discuss this with Kelly as well.

If you are so inclined, the Deacons can always use a few cookies. Not for ourselves, but for the Coffee Hour following the Church Service. You can also volunteer to help serve coffee if you like. Signup sheets are available after the service and are also available in the church of-

fice. So, pitch in and bake a few dozen cookies. Folks love sampling the treats that you make.

Another mission of the Deacons is the Meals on Wheels program. Our Church supplies drivers to deliver these meals. Mary Hardy heads up this operation. If you have a little free time around the lunch hour and would like to assist with this project, please contact Mary.

The Deacons have also begun planning for the annual Christmas Basket program. This is a major project. Jay Cline will continue to oversee the project with support from the Deacons, the church office (Shelia) and Nick DePlace.

All the work that the Deacons do is dependent on your support. The Deacons thank you for your time, your talents and your donations. Please have a generous heart as the Deacons go about fulfilling Christ's mission.

—Submitted by George Schildt

Mission Matters

A calendar of ongoing mission opportunities:

July 14

Community Day at Lincoln Park

August 3

Work day at Kemmerer Village

September

Open

October 6

Peace & Global Witness Offering

November

Prizes for Bingo games for patients/residents at the VA

December

Christmas Joy Offering on **December 22**

Please share with the Mission and Outreach Team any ideas you have or opportunities you are aware of for doing mission in our community: *Lisa Taylor, Diana Szaras, Judy Iverson, Myanne Compton.*

Pentecost Offering Update

The total offering was \$611.39 for ministries to at-risk youth. Forty percent will go to CASA of Vermilion and Edgar Counties. Thanks for your generosity.

Prayer List

Urgent Needs: Barbara Stover; Greg Hoss; Myanne Compton; Scott Sykes; Steve Bowler; Bob Crabb; Susie Townsley; Rosie Newton; Ana Amorin (*J. Chacon's daughter*); Morris Cline (*J. Cline's dad*); Julia Vehlewald (*F. Pancoast's mom*);

Please
Pray
for...



Jeff & Cindy Benefield (*B. Royce*); Phronsie Hart (*P. Tarr's sister-in-law*); Larry Mullins (*L. Cline*); Judy Scott (*J. Laker*); Linda Knoblett (*E. Cornwell*); Monica Binette; Amanda Weaver; Phil Briggs (*D. Briggs' dad*); Lori Landers (*P. de Place*); Tamalyn Cervin (*H. Bury*); Laurie Keys (*L. Cline*);

Bob Mendenhall (*B. Creamer*); Nancy Fuller (*J. Laker*); Michelle Skelton (*B. Creamer's daughter*); Bill Fellwork (*B. Creamer*); John Grygiel (*L. Curtis' friend*); John McBride (*S. Faulkner's friend*); Wayne Styck (*K. Delzell's brother-in-law*); Edward Conrad (*Jean Land's father*); Dave Conner (*V. Stewart's friend*); Leonardo Luchetti (*J. Laker's great-nephew*); Ramona Barnes (*M. Hardy's friend*); Athena Brooks (*P. Evans*); Judy Scott (*J. Laker*); Janet Gale (*J. Gilliland*); Pat Stevens (*Cornwells*).

Those who mourn: The family and friends of Joann Ellis; George Weisiger; Nancy Butler; Hazel Swick; Sandra Sykes; Kathy Carmody; Thomas Wolfe; Al Wieneke (*P. Tarr*); Sue Laker (*S. Laker's sister-in-law*).

Ongoing: Teresa Andrews (*neuromuscular disease*); Diane Bales; Kay Barrett (*R. Pancoast's sister—cancer*); Norma Burch; John Burton (*Cornwells' friend*); Iris McHone-Chase (*B. McHone's granddaughter*); Pastor Trent Cloin (*L. Cline's friend—bladder cancer*); Carlene Coddington (*Mullins' friend*); Roger Cornwell; Gary Crisp (*Cornwells' friend*); Ann Corbett (*Bobbie McHone's aunt*); Wayne Dawes (*Clines' friend—waiting for heart transplant*); Mary Dison; Marj Gilliland; Pam Green (*L. Green's sister-in-law*); Ray Griffith; Carol Ingram (*G. Milner's cousin*); Mary Jane Johnson (*R. Pancoast's sister; heart problem & liver transplant*); Deronda Kimberlin; Pat Kuhs; Judy Laker; Brian Lemenager; Robbie Lewis; Jim Lyons (*cancer*); John C. Mason, Jr.; Bob Miller (*C. McLinden's friend—cancer*); Debbie Mullins; Natalie Mullins; Barb Nelson (*S. Townsley's friend*); Lisa Palinski (*G. Whitehair's teacher—cancer*); Kathy Parks; Bob Pyles (*R. Pancoast's brother-in-law*); Rick Reebee (*S. Townsley's friend*); John Rinkenberger (*E. Gramm's nephew*); Mel Robinson (*J. Laker's brother—cancer*); Jayne Robinson (*J. Laker's sister*); Amie Rodgers (*S. Hall's sister*); Jake Ruder (*brain tumor*); Grover Seitzinger; Katie Slezak (*Curtis family—breast cancer*); Denise Smith (*B. Royce cousin—chemo*); Lois Stevenson; John Stewart (*V. Stewart's son*); Jack & Wilma Thomas; Meghan Verkler; Carolyn Walser; Nancy & Charles Winchester; Marjorie Young; Military Personnel.

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

Theological Students: Mary Hoss Solliday (*Johnson University*); Joseph Compton (*Moody Bible Institute*).

Engaged: David Rosendahl & Rachel Riggle

From the Church Mailbox

To all at FPC,

My deep and sincere thanks to you all for the cards you send me every now and then. Its special to be remembered and missed. And my special thanks for the card and your thoughts in memory of my losing my best friend, Titan. Titan (a border collie/newfoundland mix) was my family and I will miss him forever. But he remains always in my heart with an abundance of memories. I will look for another rescue dog and hopefully a new furry lover boy will come into my life. Again, thank you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you too.—Rev. Pat (Kuhs)

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of the cards and messages. Thank you Pastor Ann for coming to visit me in the hospital. I am starting to feel a little better. I hope to see everyone soon.—Love, Meghan (Verkler)

Dear FPC,

On behalf of the PEO Sisters, I want to thank you for allowing us to use your gym for our garage sale. We were able to raise over \$1,400. That money will be used to help women earn education degrees.—Mary Hardy, PEO Corresponding Secretary

Dear FPC,

Thank you so much for allowing the Master Gardeners to use your facility. Your very helpful staff and location are great assets to our successful sale.—Jan Hetherington and friends of Master Gardeners

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