

The Chimes

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From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The practice of making a regular financial offering to the church is a spiritual discipline, in the same way that praying, reading the Bible, worshiping God, and observing the Sabbath are. It is grounded in the fundamental biblical principle that first appears in Exodus and then several dozen times after that: “The choicest of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God” (Ex. 23:19). Translation: you are called to give the first and the best of your labors to God. That way, your generosity isn’t an afterthought; it is part of your daily joyful response to God.



Stewardship really isn’t about the church budget or the bottom line in our checkbooks or bank accounts. It is a matter of your heart, like gratitude is a matter of the heart. You might recall that Jesus says exactly that: where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:21). That means you can influence your heart to some regard. If you want your heart to be with God, give your treasure to God. Then your heart will be there too.

You will receive a pledge card within the next week. Praise & Thanks is November 24. I’d like to encourage everyone, between when you receive your cards and when we dedicate them on the last Sunday of the month, to pray. First: pray about the mission and vision of the church. Then pray that God will provide the resources to accomplish the church vision and mission. And then pray about what God is calling you to give in 2020.

You’ll also have the opportunity to recall other church activities you participated in this year at church and to quantify those in some way (e.g., served as greeter twice, delivered Meals on Wheels four times, volunteered in the office once a month, drove to Bloomington for food pantry items six times, taught Sunday school eight times, etc.). There will be a bulletin insert on November 10 and 17 where you can write those numbers (anonymously, if you prefer). We’ll share the congregational totals at the meal on the 24th and celebrate your many contributions to the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

I’ve thought a lot over the past month about the many saints of FPC, past and present, whose joyful responses to God—whether in the form of financial and spiritual gifts, prayers offered, or hours dedicated—have given this church life for 190 years. May we continue the legacy by continuing to give to the grace and glory and generosity of God.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Ann*

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All Saints' Day

On **November 3**, we will remember our saints. You are invited to bring pictures or other small mementoes of



the saints you have loved and place them on tables that will be set up in the front of the sanctuary. Write the names of the saints on the bulletin insert; the names will be read and candles lit during the communion prayer.

Remembering saints, those who have died in the faith, has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century. It stems from the belief

that there is a strong connection between those living in heaven and those still on earth.

Advent Devotions

We will create our own devotional booklet for the Advent season again this year. The theme is "Joy to the World." You may sign up in the office during the week or in the lounge on Sundays. Choose one or more scripture passages on which to reflect. Please turn in your devotions to Sheila by **November 17**.

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant

We give thanks to God for the life of Rosella "Rosie" Newton, who died on October 21, 2019. A funeral service was held at the church on October 26.

Rosie joined First Presbyterian Church in March 1961. She was an active member of Ruth Circle, taught sewing to generations of FPC kids and Girl Scouts, volunteered in the church office, and faithfully attended worship.

Our prayers are with her family, especially daughters Diana, Bev, Janice, son Bob, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

It's Time to "Fall Back"

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on **November 2** as we return to Standard time. The good news is that we get an extra hour of sleep that night. The less good news is that we will be plunged into months of darkness. Winter . . . here we come!

Light the Advent Candles

Individuals, families, and groups of friends are invited to read the prepared prayers and light the Advent candles during our Advent worship services and on Christmas Eve. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Ann.



December 1 _____

December 8 _____

December 15 _____

December 22 _____

December 24 _____

Take Home a Piece of History

First Presbyterian has, but no longer uses, lovely stainless steel flatware inscribed with the church's name. In honor of the 190th anniversary, individual place settings are available to members and friends for a donation. Pieces are available in the church office. Contact Pat Tarr if you have questions.

November Meetings

Nov 4.....	2:30 pm Faith Development Team
.....	6:00 pm Facilities Team
Nov 5.....	6:00 pm Deacons
Nov 10.....	11:00 am Worship Team
Nov 11.....	4:30 pm Personnel Team
.....	5:30 pm Congregational Care Team
Nov 13.....	5:00 pm Finance Team
Nov 19.....	3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
.....	6:30 pm Session
Nov 20.....	9:30 am Office Staff
Nov 21.....	Presbytery Meeting

FPC Youth Ministry Calendar

Nov 3.....	Cross Guardians (9th-12th), 6:00 pm
Nov 10	Sunday school, 10:00 am
.....	Shining Stars (K-4), 11:00 am
.....	God Squad (5th-8th), 6:00 pm
Nov 16	Night of Lights parade, 4:00 pm
Nov 17	Sunday school, 10:00 am
.....	Cross Guardians (9th-12th), 6:00 pm
Nov 23	All youth decorate gym, 10:00 am
Nov 24	God Squad (5th-8th), 6:00 pm

November Youth Activities

Shining Stars (grades K-4) will meet in the gym for arts and crafts immediately following the worship service on **November 10**.

On Saturday, **November 23**, all youth in grades 5-12 will meet in the gym to decorate for the Praise & Thanks dinner.

Spread the Cheer!

This year the Night of Lights Parade in downtown Danville will be held on Saturday, **November 16**, starting at 5:00 p.m. New Edition will have an entry again, so please come and support them!



New Edition and anyone else who would like to participate in the parade should meet near the corner of Williams and Hazel Streets, near Kruger-Coan funeral home, at 4:00 p.m.

Look for the church van.

Everyone should dress warmly and wear **red** and **green**. If you have any battery-operated lights or glow bracelets, wear those too.

Sunday Adult Class

The Sunday noon adult class will resume on **November 3**. They will be reading *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson, which focuses on inequities in our nation's criminal justice system and efforts that are being made to achieve more just outcomes for all people.

Praise and Thanks Dinner

Ruth Circle is planning the Praise and Thanks Dinner for **November 24**. Every year we gather with our families and our church family for a dinner after the Sunday service to give thanks for the year ahead. The Circle will provide turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and green beans. We need your delicious side dishes and desserts too, so bring something to share. We also need people to help prepare the meal and clean up afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact Pat Tarr.—*Judy Iverson*

Cookie Walk

Ruth Circle will again sponsor a Cookie Walk on **December 7**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 in the hallway outside the church gym. The proceeds will go to the Deacons' Christmas baskets. This year we will only sell cookies, books, puzzles, gently used Christmas decorations, jams, jellies and other baked goods and snack foods. *Please no rummage items.*



We would like you to help us by donating 6-12 dozen cookies, used books or puzzles, jams, jellies, food snack items, and gently used Christmas decorations. A clipboard will be passed around for the cookies soon. Put this date on your calendar and tell all your friends.

A cookie baking day is scheduled for the church kitchen on Thursday, **December 5**, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00. Lisa Taylor will lead us in baking fancy cookies to sell, so if you would like a fun morning of baking with your friends, please join us.

Last but not least, we would like to ask for some volunteers to help set up and clean up.

Circle Meeting

Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, **November 21**, 2:00 p.m., at the home of Ellen Gramm, 427 W. Lake Blvd. Please note that the meeting is one week earlier because of Thanksgiving. Mary Thompson will give the devotions, and Virginia Stewart will lead the study in the magazine, *God's Promise: I Am with You*.

November Mission Matters

Blood Drive: Blood donors are encouraged to sign up with Myanne Compton or in the church office for the blood drive at church on Sunday, **November 10**, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Invite your friends and neighbors too. Blood donations save lives!

BINGO Prizes: During November, the Mission Team is collecting BINGO prizes for residents at the VA in Danville. Popular items are socks, toiletry items, puzzle/activity books, large print novels, coloring books/crayons/colored pencils, stocking caps or hats, decks of cards, and packs of mints and gum. Put your donations in the basket in the lounge by **November 24**.



Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, providing critical financial support to current and retired Presbyterian pastors, ministers, and educators during times of financial need, and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping students of color. We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering on **December 15**.

Advent Gift-Giving

Gift catalogs from the Presbyterian Church and Heifer International will be available again this year in the lounge for those of you who like to do mission when you give gifts. You can spend as little as \$10 or as much as \$1000 to provide tools, seeds, animals, sewing equipment, or even an education for a girl.

Peace & Global Witness Update

Thanks to all who gave last month to the Peace & Global Witness offering. We received \$717 (an increase from \$613 in 2018)!

The Session designated our local 25% to Peer Court of Vermilion County. The remaining portion will support denominational ministries of peacemaking at the national and international levels.

From the Desk of the Deacons

The Deacons and the worship team welcomed the congregation to our annual all-church picnic at Kennekuk Country Park on September 22. Fearing large quantities of rain, we were greatly relieved to have a beautiful morning. Everyone in attendance had a great time.



Although the Deacons took the summer off, your donations to the Deacons, however, kept working and were put to good use over the summer in the gainful employment of youth in the SOS program, purchases to supplement the food pantry with nourishing foodstuffs, and assistance to Love, INC.

We're planning for our upcoming college and military care package program in November. If you have any names of college students or military personnel, please supply them to the church office before November 1. Also we're soliciting donations of cookies and other sweets, including leftover Halloween candy as well as personal items for the military recipients. We'll pack the boxes at our November 5 meeting.

We continue our ministry of delivering flowers to shut-ins and hospitalized church members. If you donate flowers for the sanctuary and don't want to take them home, let the church office know, and they'll be delivered to shut-in members.

As always, we appreciate those of you who supply cookies and/or assistance for serving coffee hour in the lounge after worship.

Yours in Christ,
Bill Garrison

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
OUR PAINT & CLEAN PARTY!
BYOPB & BYOCR**

Help us get
The Dwelling Place Day Center
ready for opening!

Saturday, November 2
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
100 N. Franklin Street, Danville

Bring your own paint brush!
Bring your own cleaning rag!

RSVP 217.495.2006 or 217.260.1230

Session Highlights

Session had a called meeting on September 29, 2019.

- Accepted proposal from Johnson Controls Security for the installation of new fire alarm systems for the church building and retreat site for \$76,045 (does not include monthly monitoring/maintenance)

Session met on October 15, 2019. Following are highlights of their meeting:

- 8 out of 12 elders present
- Approved revised position description for Youth Director
- Voted to use funds from the McMullin bequest to pay for purchase and installation of fire alarm systems (balance of bequest is \$171,641 and it was given to be used for building improvements)

The next stated Session meeting will be **Nov. 19**.

Coffee Talk with the Session

Join Session members **in the gym** after worship on **November 24** for news from the November Session meeting as we wait to share the Praise & Thanks meal.

Per Capita Reminder

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 2019 per capita fee for each member (excluding children who have not been confirmed) is \$42. The Session encourages you to pay yours if you haven't already.

Elder on Call

Among the duties of each Ruling Elder who is serving on the Session is to serve for one month out of each year as the elder on call. During that time, the elder is responsible for opening the building for outside groups who are using the church beyond the typical office hours, un-arming the alarm, making sure the building is locked after the event, and being the contact person in case the group needs something while at the church. The elder also serves as the hospitality person for guest preachers when Pastor Ann is away and provides devotions at the Session meeting that month.

Congregational Meeting

A stated meeting of the congregation was held on **October 13** to affirm the slate of officers provided by the Nominating Committee.

The following individuals were elected to serve:

Ruling Elders, Class of 2022

Claudia Ferrell

Judy Iverson

Ruth Pancoast

Bev Royce

Deacons, Class of 2022

Jim Anderson

Anne Binette

Nancy Boesdorfer

Myanne Compton

2020 Nominating Committee

Helen Bury

Eva Cornwell

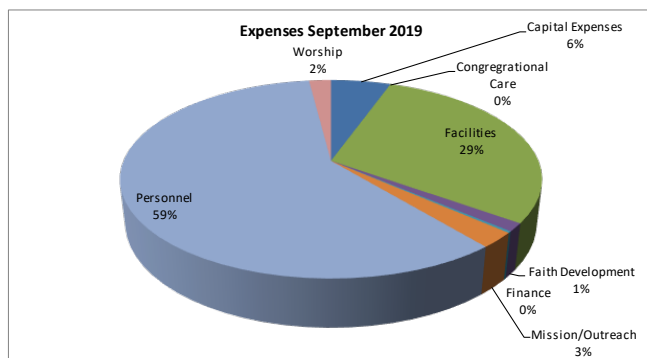
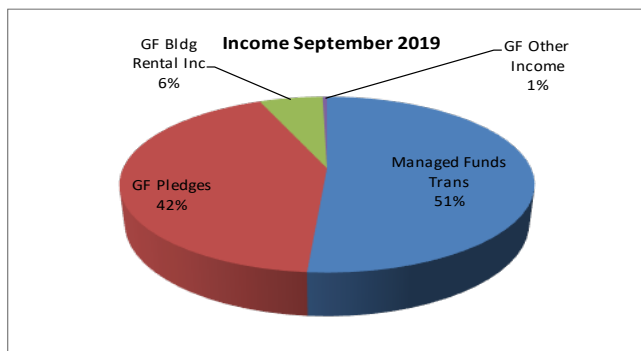
Bob Iverson

Bobbie McHone

Karen Schildt

New officers will be ordained and installed on January 12, 2020.

September 2019 Income and Expenses



November Birthdays

Michael Compton	November 4
Mike Gibson.....	November 6
Carol Nichols	November 6
William Black.....	November 11
Claudia Ferrell.....	November 12
Meghan Verkler.....	November 16
Nancy Winchester	November 16
Anne Binette.....	November 17
Libby Milner	November 17
Sharon Black	November 19
Roger Cornwell.....	November 19
Baron Gouty, Jr.....	November 20
Pat Kuhs	November 21
Margaret Crabb.....	November 27
Sally Masters.....	November 30

November Anniversaries

Jack & Wilma Thomas.....	November 1
Butch & Shirley Creamer.....	November 5
Fred & Ruth Pancoast	November 6
Jim & Linda Anderson.....	November 29

Member News

Joanne Chacon is recovering from surgery in Wisconsin after breaking her back in a fall. You can send cards and notes to her daughter's home: Joanne Chacon, c/o Ana Amorin, 875 Apple Tree Lane, Brookfield, WI 53005.

Steve, Laura, and Kyla Bowler have moved. Their new address is 1005 Walnut, Danville 61832.

Isaac Williams' new address is 307 North St., Westville.

Congratulations!

George Milner was elected President of the Kiwanis Golden K for the 2019-2020 year. Libby Milner was elected the Assistant Secretary.

At the Installation Banquet, Libby received the Hixon Award. George F. Hixon was a 50-year Kiwanian who was dedicated to advising the organization to become a leading entity in world service. The award was presented by last year's recipient, Sally Masters. Several members of the church and several deceased members of the church also received this prestigious award.

Prayer List

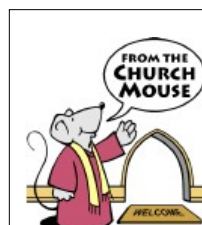
This Week's Prayer Needs: Lisa Taylor; Esther Williams; Libby Carter (K. Whitehair's sister); Karl Steiner (Pastor Ann); Joanne Chacon; Jim Cumbow (G. Cumbow's son); Brad Larson; James Dixon; Bob and Nan Coppel (E. Cornwell's parents); Jeanette Smith (F. Smith's mom); Kelly's sister; Joyce Varcoeur (E. Williams' sister); John Sant; Sally Masters; Melvin Robinson (J. Laker); John & Jim Stewart (V. Stewart's sons); Jack Wiburn (H. Bury's son-in-law); Autumn Schildt; Karen Mullins; Barbara Stover; Bob Crabb; Ana Amorin (J. Chacon's daughter); Morris Cline (J. Cline's dad); Julia Vehlewald (F. Pancoast's mom); Jeff & Cindy Benefield (B. Royce); Phronsie Hart (P. Tarr's sister-in-law); Larry Mullins (L. Cline); Judy Scott (J. Laker); Linda Knoblott (E. Cornwell); Amanda Weaver; Phil Briggs (D. Briggs' dad); Tamalyn Cervin (H. Bury); Laurie Keys (L. Cline); Bob Mendenhall (B. Creamer); 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); Judy Scott (J. Laker); Janet Gale (J. Gilliland); Pat Stevens (Cornwells).

Those who mourn: The family and friends of Rosie Newton.

Ongoing: Teresa Andrews; Diane Bales; Kay Barrett (R. Pancoast's sister); Norma Burch; John Burton (Cornwells' friend); Iris McHone-Chase (B. McHone's granddaughter); Pastor Trent Cloin (L. Cline's friend); Carlene Coddington (Mullins' friend); Roger Cornwell; Gary Crisp (Cornwells' friend); Ann Corbett (B. McHone's aunt); Wayne Dawes (L. & J. Cline's friend); 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); Deronda Kimberlin; Pat Kuhs; Judy Laker; Brian Lemenager; Robbie Lewis; Jim Lyons; John C. Mason, Jr.; Bob Miller (C. McLinden's friend); Debbie Mullins; Natalie Mullins; Barb Nelson (S. Townsley's friend); 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); Jayne Robinson (J. Laker's sister); Amie Rodgers; Jake Ruder; Katie Slezak (Curtis family); Denise Smith (B. Royce cousin); Lois Stevenson; 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 (King University); Joseph Comp-ton (Moody Bible Institute).



The Mouse House
All books and greeting cards
are now .25 each!

In the Church Mailbox

Dear Church Family,

Just a note to thank everyone who sent a card, a letter or simply pulled us aside to thank us for our part in what was a wonderful celebration of the life of First Presbyterian Church. Your thoughtfulness and kind words meant so much to us, and truly underscored that this was a labor of love and learning. The gifts you shared are very much appreciated, and will certainly be well-used (especially the hat)! It's true that many hands make for small tasks, and we couldn't have been more blessed with the support of all the cleaning crews, those who helped with the beautiful flowers, the designers, our special guests, the set-up crew, our photographer, those who provided special music and food, and the list goes on and on. As always, Pastor Ann was the steady force moving things forward, and her words of thanks were appropriately directed to both past and present members of our church family. As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, let us all remember everything for which we are thankful, and commit ourselves to offering a message to all of God's grace and goodness. God Bless You All,

Jim and Linda Anderson

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards and calls when I broke my arm and for the wonderful birthday party. Also for all the prayers which helped so much. Thank you!
Mid Riggle

Dear Rev. Schwartz and Congregation,

Thank you for choosing Peer Court for the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Your donation and ongoing support are very much appreciated. Thank you for all of your support and work in our community.
Katie Osterbur, Peer Court Director

Hi Pastor Ann,

Just want to say how glad I was to be a part of things last week [at the 190th celebration]. Thanks so much. Maybe we can think of some way that I can come over and be able to stick around and talk with everybody. I got a lovely card in the mail from you all—and again, thanks so much.

Ray Wiggs

Community Events

The Hope Center invites everyone to “Evening of Hope” at Crossroads Christian Church, Monday, **November 4**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the program begins at 7:00. Childcare will be provided for children ages 0-12 years. RSVP by October 28 to Nathan Lenstra, 474-1293 or Lenstra80@yahoo.com. Please indicate the number of adults and children (ages) attending when you respond.

Love, INC will host a Praise and Pastry Fund-raiser at Second Church of Christ on Thursday, **November 7**, 6:30 p.m. Some of Danville's best bakers will have their desserts auctioned. The proceeds will help Love, INC transform lives in the name of Christ with programs such as parenting and budget classes.

BAKERS, CAKE ARTISTS & PASTRY LOVERS!
Join us at 2nd Church of Christ for Great Music and Sweet Treats!
Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 P.M.



TO DONATE
TO PURCHASE

For more information please call 217-442-7311
or email: ED@LoveINCVermilion.com

St. James United Methodist Church is hosting a bazaar and luncheon on Thursday, **November 7**, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE!

Bremer Center
2000 E. Main Street, Danville
Saturday, April 4, 2020 • 6:00 PM

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