



The Presbyterian

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FEBRUARY 2018

The Season of Lent at First Presbyterian Church

- Feb. 14** **Ash Wednesday**
6:30 pm – Lenten Communion Service – Knox Hall
- Feb. 18** **First Sunday in Lent**
- Feb. 20** 12:00 pm – Community Lenten Service – Central United Church of Christ
- Feb. 21** 6:30 pm – Lenten Communion Service – Knox Hall
- Feb. 25** **Second Sunday in Lent**
- Feb. 27** 12:00 pm – Community Lenten Service – Central United Church of Christ – First Presbyterian Week to host
- Feb. 28** 6:30 pm – Lenten Communion Service – Knox Hall
- Mar. 4** **Third Week of Lent**
- Mar. 6** 12:00 pm – Community Lenten Service – Central United Church of Christ
- Mar. 7** 6:30 pm – Lenten Communion Service – Knox Hall
- Mar. 11** **Fourth Week of Lent** (Daylight Savings Time Begins)
- Mar. 13** 12:00 pm – Community Lenten Service – Central United Church of Christ
- Mar. 14** 6:30 pm – Lenten Communion Service – Knox Hall
- Mar. 18** **Fifth Week of Lent**
- Mar. 20** 12:00 pm – Community Lenten Service – Central United Church of Christ
- Mar. 21** 6:30 pm – Lenten Communion Service – Knox Hall
- Mar. 25** **Palm Sunday**
- Mar. 26-30** Preschool & KPlus Spring Break
- Mar. 27** 12:00 pm - Community Lenten Service - Central United Church of Christ
- Mar. 29** **Maundy Thursday**
7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service
- Mar. 30** **Good Friday**
7:00 pm – Good Friday Tenebrae Service
- Apr. 1** **Easter Sunday**
6:45 am – Easter Sunrise Service – TBD
7:30 am – Easter Breakfast – Knox Hall
8:30 am – Easter Worship Service
10:45 am – Easter Worship Service
5:00 pm – Sunday Night Live @5 Easter Service
- Apr. 3** 11:00 am – Preschool Easter Pageant – Sanctuary





First Presbyterian said goodbye to Pastor Rob & Joan Erickson with a cake reception after church on January 7th, a surprise potluck dinner on January 9th, and the Preschool children singing to him on January 12th. We wish them our best on their move to Alexandria, Virginia.



Deacons from FPC serve lunch to residents at Ken Locke Apartments twice a month each month. This is one of the local missions of our Deacons and others.



STEPHEN MINISTRY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

What Exactly is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian Care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, speak to Jodi Hardman (email: jodihard@gmail.com) or Jim Crabtree (email: jrcrab@embarqmail.com) - Stephen Ministry Leaders.

So often I return to the prayers of Dr. Walter Brueggemann, and I do so as we prepare to enter into the season of Lent. Dr. Brueggemann offers these words of prayer:

We salute the Prince of Peace. Then we daily commit violence: against neighbors close at hand by word and deed; against our neighbors far away, by our systems that keep hurt invisible; against creation by our heavy consuming....wittingly, unwittingly, greedily, without caring. Prince of Peace, purge the hungry violence among us. Use Lent to turn away our devouring habits. Make us thin and lean and quiet, and led beyond our fierceness. Prince of Peace!

Amen.

This prayer speaks to us on the eve of Lent because, even though we do not see ourselves as “violent” people, our actions often do violence in the lives of others. Whether it is through judgmental thinking, actions or words, or through the withholding of that which God is calling us to give, we hurt others “wittingly, unwittingly”.

May we pray, during this Lenten season, to curb all our thoughts and acts of violence— with the guidance and grace of God.

Pastor Dave

DEACONS & ELDERS FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2018

Beth Archias
 Barbara Brennaman
 Shannon Evans
 Cindy Gaines
 Jackie Henry
 Becca Hickman
 Tom Holt
 Valerie Holt
 Cindy Larrick
 Karen Myers
 Sherry Simon

CLASS OF 2020

Cecil Caulkins
 Bill Covington
 Jessica Cox
 Deb Denning
 Cody Epema
 Liz Lehmen
 Mark Ludwig
 Allison Pearson
 Lynn Ratchford
 Blaine Smallwood
 Jeannine Toomey

CLASS OF 2019

Sheryl Bowles
 Kent Burson
 Todd Holt
 Sharon Jarodsky
 Ben Krause
 Barbara Lamon
 Melissa Manda
 Carl Mosher
 Susan Ryck
 Janet Shinkle
 Louisa Stabenow

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2018

Jane Beetem - Mission, *Children's Weekly Ministry
 Tim Collins - *Stewardship
 Mary Corley - *Worship
 Kyle Kittrell - *Mission
 Anne Schneider - *Communication, Worship
 Carol Scott - *Parish Life

CLASS OF 2019

Larry Burkhardt - Facilities
 Andy Cleeton - Christian Education
 John Howland - *Facilities, Family Life
 Cynthia Quetsch - Clerk, *Personnel, Nominating
 Gene Reed - *Family Life, Mission
 Dave Turner - Stewardship

CLASS OF 2020

Judi Busby - Christian Education
 Sue Gray - Youth Ministry Team
 Jan Haviland - Worship
 Dan McPherson - Personnel
 Bob Rogers - Parish Life
 John Smallwood - Youth Ministry Team, Communication

*Committee Chairperson

FEBRUARY Birthdays

1 - Walt Vandelight	16 - Cheryl Smallwood
2 - B.J. Jones	16 - Beth Archias
2 - Natalie Mendez	16 - Eva-Rose Penserum
3 - Mary Call	17 - Don Lehman
3 - Kara Daly	17 - Marcia Reed
4 - Judy Rapps	17 - Jeannine Toomey
4 - Tom Hickman	17 - Andy Cleeton
5 - Mallory Wilding	17 - Rowan Smith
6 - Jennifer Hickman	18 - Megan Clinton
6 - Finley Hoell	18 - Cole Ahrens
7 - Rev. Phyllis Stutzman	19 - Jan Haviland
7 - Linsey Snodgrass	19 - Greg Schildmeyer
7 - Audrey Shinkle	19 - Bob Watson
8 - Rebecca Wilding	20 - Mary Kabiri
9 - Duane Nichols	20 - Mark Clark
9 - Marilyn Hofmann	20 - Jack Ledgerwood
9 - Shelley Swoyer	22 - Amy Naaman
11 - Stacie Holt	23 - Denzil Hawes-Davis
12 - Shannon Evans	24 - Abby Bax
13 - David Epema	24 - Abbie Jansen
13 - Ray Schneider III	25 - Rev. Zac Wolfe
15 - Charles Jackson	26 - Carter Epema
15 - Brian Long	27 - Libby Hafley
16 - Charlie Brown	28 - Danita Hall
16 - Debby Howland	28 - Sharen Lehman
	29 - Roger Connell

THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE HELPING to make this time of Transition a time of optimism, forward-thinking and service to God, our community and beyond. Our pastors and Session appreciate the dedication of so many to the ongoing and growing ministries of our church. Working together we continue to serve God by serving of church family, our community, our nation and all around God's world.

SIXTH ANNUAL C. S. LEWIS LEGACY LECTURE

Featuring **The Reverend Dr. Marvin A. McMickle**, President and Professor of African American Religious Studies, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY, on **Thursday, February 1st** from 11:00-12:15 in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury on the campus of **Westminster College**. Dr. McMickle will speak on **"To Serve This Present Age: Addressing Racism, Poverty, and Militarism Fifty Years after the Death of Martin Luther King, Jr."**. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public. Contact Dr. Cliff Cain or Pastor Dave for more information.

In Christian Sympathy to...

*The family and friends of **Patricia Epema**, who joined the church triumphant on December 23, 2017.*

Reverend Dr. Cecil Culverhouse made his transition from this life to life eternal with God on Sunday, January 7, 2018. Cecil served for 19 years as Parish Associate for our congregation as had a tremendous impact on the lives of so many of us. Cards may be send to his wife Jane at 133 Glenhill Drive, Birmingham, AL 35213.

Welcome Little One!

Congratulations to Celia (Shinkle) & Mark Schroeder on the birth of their daughter, Hadley Rhadell Schroeder, who was born on January 23, 2018. Hadley is the granddaughter of Jeff & Jennifer Shinkle, and great granddaughter of Don & Janet Shinkle.

Our RETIRED ADULT FELLOWSHIP (RAF) will meet on Thursday, February 15th at 10:30 am in Knox Hall. Tom Holt will display his wood carvings and present a program on woodcarving. This group is open to all Retired Adults – and others who can come and enjoy a time of great fellowship and food! On January 18th we enjoyed the singing of John Goad as he treated us to a variety of inspiring music. In March we will travel to Primrose for refreshments and program.

LENTEN STUDY AT PRIMROSE – Sharon Keating and Pastor Dave will lead a Lenten Study Group at Primrose again this year – on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Chapel – Tuesdays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. All residents of Primrose, as well as family members and friends, are invited to attend.

CAPITAL AREA INTERFAITH ALLIANCE (CAIA) will host an evening of **"Art of Many Faiths"** on Thursday, February 15th from 7:00-8:30 pm at First Christian Church (327 E. Capitol Avenue). The Reverend Dr. Cliff Cain will present a program on the way in which the arts are used to enhance our spiritual experience in many faiths. "Come and look and listen – and experience the ways art plays a significant role in the tradition and worship of the major world religions." See Pastor Dave for more information. There is no cost for this event.

Presbyterian Women's Calendar

- Feb 1** "Back to School" local mission drive for KPlus Program continues through Ash Wednesday!
- Feb 7** 10:30 am Bible Study with Pastor Dave, McAfee Room at church
- Feb 7** The Afternoon Circle will join the 10:30 am Bible Study and hold a short Circle meeting afterwards!
- Feb 12** NO HANDS FOR MISSION THIS MONTH! Join us on March 12th at 10:00 am in the Chapel
- Feb 14** 1:30 pm Faith Circle & Bible Study, Heisinger Bluffs Apt. 327
- Feb 20** 6:30 pm Evening Circle, Library
- Feb 21** 1:00 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Anne Schneider's House
- Feb 28** Kaffee Klatsch at HyVee Dining Room
- Mar 7** 10:30 am Bible Study with Pastor Dave, McAfee Room at church

Join a PW Circle!

Jump right into the Book of Hebrews by joining any of our Circles – new members are always welcome! Call the circle moderator for more information: Brenda Waters (Evening Circle), Barb Slevin (Afternoon Circle) or Vicki Schildmeyer (Faith Circle-Heisinger).

Hands for Mission: Sewing, Etc.

Our Hands for Mission sewing group will be skipping February and meeting again on Monday, March 12th. If you'd like to help out on any on-going projects or begin new ones, call Jane Bedsworth at 573-338-5418 for more information, or just show up!

Local Mission Collection

Our Local Mission Collection, a **Back-to-School** supplies drive for our own KPlus Program is continuing through the first half of February. There are specific items that our KPlus program could use, and they'll be posted on the display board in Knox Hall. If you would like to contribute an item, just take it off the board and fill in your name on the list at the display. Help support this important congregational mission project!

Preparation for the Annual Celebrating the Gifts of Women Service

Like to sing but not join the choir? Join our Women's Chorus for the March 4th Celebrating the Gifts of Women services! Anything else you'd like to do to help with these services? Email or call Anne Schneider or any member of the Coordinating Team to add your name to the list. We're going to need lots of help, so don't be shy! Women will be leading both the morning services, the afternoon service at Primrose, and Sunday Night Live, so there are lots of opportunities to participate! Anne's email is akrsch@aol.com.

Presbytery-Wide PW Spring Gathering

Mark your calendars for our Spring Gathering at the Presbyterian Church in Vandalia on Tuesday, April 24th. Women from our church are being asked to lead worship, so we'll share part of our Celebrating the Gifts of Women worship service with the other PW groups!

Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering

In early August, 2018, women from across the United States and around the world will gather in Louisville for the triennial Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. It will be a sight to behold – a homecoming for many and an amazing experience of Presbyterian mission, fellowship and worship. Information about the Churchwide Gathering is now available on-line. We'll be planning a carpool!

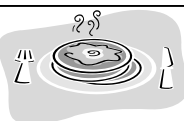
Presbyterian Women Leadership

It's time to nominate women to lead our church's PW and plan activities for next year! We also should nominate a few women to help in similar roles at the presbytery level. If you have a few hours to spare and enjoy planning events (or keeping track of funds or taking minutes), please let Anne Schneider know as our nominations process gets underway!

To my dear friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you very much for all the countless prayers, phone calls and heart-warming cards sent in behalf of my daughter, Donna Scheulen's illness and death. Your kindness and concern are much appreciated.

Evelyn Dubbert



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The group meets at Downtown Diner on High Street on Monday, February 19th at 7:00 am. Bring your best **President's story** for President's Day! It's a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship & join in prayer for those in need in our congregation & beyond as we share a meal.

Lenten Vesper Services – We will begin the Season of Lent with our **Ash Wednesday Vesper Service** in Knox Hall on Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30 pm. This is a 30 minute service of worship and Communion around the “Lord’s Table”. Pastor Dave will preach on “Love Divine”. Our Wednesday evening Lenten Vesper Services will continue through March 21st- Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 25th.

Lenten Study Groups will begin meeting on Sunday, February 18th. These groups will study the book “Embracing the Uncertain” by Magrey R. deVega. You are invited to join one of the groups listed below and make this study a part of your Lenten discipline:

- Sundays (Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25) at 3:30 pm in the Church Parlor facilitated by Pastor Dave.
- **Mondays** (Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26) at 7:00 pm at the home of Jim & Marilyn Hofmann facilitated by Sharon Keating.
- Tuesdays (Feb. Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6. 13. 20. 27) at 9:30 am in the McAfee Room.
- Tuesdays (Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6. 13. 20. 27) at 10:30 am in the Chapel at **Primrose** facilitated by Sharon Keating and Pastor Dave.

Lenten Devotion Books – Again this year we will have our Lenten Devotion Books – with a Devotion for each day of Lent written by a member of our Church Family – available throughout Lent. This year we are offering the option of having each day’s Devotion sent to you via Email. If you would like to receive the daily devotion by email, contact Diane in the Church Office or email her at office@fpcjcmo.org.

Friday Morning Prayer Time – Each Friday morning during Lent – from 7:00-7:45 am – Pastor Dave will be in the Church Parlor to lead those who choose to come in a time of devotion and prayer. Our focus during these times of prayer will be the “Mountains of God” as we “climb” Mt. Diablo, Mount Tabor, Mount Horeb-Sinai, (descend into) Gilgal Valley, through the Mount of Olives to Mt. Calvary on Good Friday. See Pastor Dave for more information.

Fasting – A time-honored discipline during Lent is the discipline of Fasting – which may be “giving up” one meal a day, or one meal per week, or fasting from sunrise until we “break the Fast” with Communion on Wednesdays. Sometimes the money we save by “missing meals” is donated to a special cause, like our **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** which will be received throughout Lent, culminating of Easter Sunday.

Holy Week Worship – Holy Week is March 25th through April 1st and will include:

- **Palm Sunday Worship** with the waving of Palm branches on Sunday, March 25th in our 8:30,10:45 and 5:00 pm Worship Services.
- **Community Lenten Service** at Central United Church of Christ on Tuesday, March 27th at 12:00 n.
- **Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion** in our Sanctuary on Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 pm.
- **Good Friday Tenebrae Service** in our Sanctuary on Friday, March 30th at 7:00 pm with music by our Chancel Choir and the “darkening and stripping of the Sanctuary”.

Easter Sunday Morning will include our:

- **Easter Sunrise Service** - (place to be announced) at 6:45 am, with Pastor Dave preaching on “God Did It!”
- **Easter Morning Breakfast** in Knox Hall at 7:30 am – a hot breakfast and time of fellowship.
- **Easter Worship** in our Sanctuary at 8:30 and 10:45 am with our Chancel Choir and at 5:00 pm in Knox Hall with our Praise Team.

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Elder Corley offered a prayer for the committees who work with children.

Old Business

Outgoing Elders Caplinger, Carr, Hardman and Johnston were thanked for their hard work and dedication while serving as an active Elder. Appreciation was also expressed for Elders Hickman and Sanders, who were not present at the meeting. Appreciation was expressed to Pastor Rob for his dedication, work and leadership at First Presbyterian Church and in the community. His enthusiastic

presence will be missed.

New Business and Upcoming Events

Ordination of Officers on Jan. 14th.
 Congregational Meeting on Jan. 28th
 The Missouri Union Presbytery will meet at FPC on May 19th.

Session was adjourned at 8:35 following a prayer by Pastor Zac.

A Summary of January 9, 2018 Session Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Session meeting started with prayers for those in need of healing in the congregation.

Clerk's Report

Membership: The Session approved the transfer of membership for Joan Erickson to Heritage Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Virginia. Session also approved the removal of Celia Shinkle Schroeder from active rolls, as she has joined St. John's Lutheran Church in Taos.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Rob:

- Presented Cindy Gaines, Valerie Holt and Jessica Cox as deacons to be examined. They were examined and approved by Session. Pastor Rob offered a prayer for the new deacons.
- Presented the proposed Elder Committee assignments and corporate officers for 2018. These were approved. Corporate officers will be recommended to the Church at the Jan. 28th Congregational meeting.
- Reported on his meetings with the Stewardship & Worship Committees and with the Music team. He led worship at Primrose on Jan. 7th and led Bible Studies at Villa Marie on Jan. 4th, and on Tuesday Jan. 9th in the McAfee Room.
- His last day of preaching will be Jan. 14th.
- Lillian, Vivian & Madelaine Engle were baptized on Jan. 7th by Pastors Rob, Dave & Zac.

Associate Pastors' Reports

Pastor Dave:

- Requested permission to use the facilities for the wedding of Jordan Beech (Granddaughter of Carol & Carl Beech) and Patrick Hall on May 12th with Pastor Dave officiating. This was approved.
- Reported on local mission activities and the relationship with an Eritrean refugee family in Columbia.
- He presented a program on the Refugee Crisis to the Unitarian Universalist fellowship on Jan. 8th.
- He officiated at the funeral of Pat Epema on Dec. 29th.
- He updated Session on the Religious Art Interfaith Event in February and the Festival of Faiths on Apr. 20-21st.
- Presented the Board of Deacon's report. The Deacons requested that Julie Rehagen's resignation from the Board of Deacons be accepted. This was approved.

Pastor Zac:

- Reported that the college student retreat to Montreat was successful.
- Reported on past and upcoming Youth activities, including the Presbytery-wide Senior High Lock-In to be held at our church on Jan. 19th.
- He met with the "Faith Uncorked" Young Adults group and the Youth Ministry Team.

Committee Reports

Personnel - Elder Quetsch presented for approval the Ministry Information Form to be used to seek an interim

Head of Staff. This was approved and will be sent to the Presbytery for approval. The Committee recommended to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry that the Rev. Dave Henry serve as the moderator of the Session and the Congregational Meeting from Jan. 16th until the interim Head of Staff is installed.

Stewardship - Elder Carr reported on the financial report through December. Elders Collins and Carr presented the 2018 Proposed Budget. The Proposed Budget will include a 5% cut from each committee, and no increase in staff salaries. The 2018 Proposed Budget was approved.

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income	\$87,917	\$786,929	95%
Expenses	\$85,133	\$786,929	95%

Worship - Elder Corley asked for approval for the Rev. Bob Bailey to preach and serve communion on Feb. 4th at the Sunday Night Live @5 Service, and for the Rev. Mark Kiekhaefer to preach on Feb. 18th at the Sunday Night Live @5 Service. These were approved. She also reported that the Community Lenten Services will begin on Feb. 20th at the Central United Church of Christ. FPC will be sponsoring one of the services.

Facilities - Elder Howland reported that the roof contract with Weathercraft is ready for signature, and that they hope to start work in March or April. Volunteers are needed to lock the church and turn off lights after the 10:45 am services.

Mission - Elder Johnston reported on the financial support for the Nepal, Peru, Malawi, Common Ground and Habitat for Humanity mission programs. The Fair Trade/Mission Sale sold over \$3,000 of items during Advent and the funds will go to the mission programs of the Fair Trade items and to Common Ground. Additional information was given about the mission trips to Peru, Malawi and Nepal this year and local mission efforts.

Elder Carr offered a prayer for the programs that support the functions of the church.

Parish Life - Elder Scott reported that the Committee is working on plans for the new year and as they are taking on coordinating the Sunday Night Live @5 meals and expanding the Loaves & Fishes program.

Communications - Pastor Rob reported that the Committee has been working on holiday ads and the live streaming of worship services.

Elder Cleeton offered a prayer for the community building committees that hold the church together.

Christian Education - Elder Caplinger reported that the curriculum has been ordered and the intergenerational Christmas pageant was a success.

Children's Weekly Ministry - Elder Beetem reported that the Committee is exploring expanding hours of service and summer hours.

Youth Ministry Team - Elder Kittrell reported on recent fundraising activities and upcoming events including a Nebraska Mission Trip Feb. 16-19th and the Souper Bowl for Caring Donation collection on Feb. 4th. The Committee will be hosing an event for mid and senior high students at the church with snacks and games on the days the public school has early release.

BOARD OF DEACONS

The Board of Deacons met on January 14th at 12:00 n for our annual Deacon Lunch and Orientation for 2018. Deacon Officers for 2018 are:

Moderator: Tom Holt, Vice Moderator: Janet Shinkle, Recording Secretary: Sherry Simon, Corresponding Secretary: Beth Archais.

- **Assistance Given to Community Neighbors** in December: 92 bags of groceries; food items donated by a church family (turkey, sandwiches, fresh vegetables); \$120.00 in gas vouchers; \$278.38 for housing/shelter; 2 bus passes; \$25.00 for medicines; \$150 in Gift cards; \$65.73 for Christmas gifts; 2 packages of diapers.
- **Mission JC** is set from Sunday, April 29th. If you know of Service Projects we could complete that Sunday morning, please talk to Deacon Karen Myers or Pastor Dave.
- **Deacons** were Ordained and Installed on Sunday, January 14th: Cecil Caulkins, Cody Epema, Mark Ludwig, Allison Pearson, and Blaine Smallwood; those previously Ordained were Installed: Bill Covington, Jessica Cox, Debbie Denning, Cindy Gaines, Lynn Ratchford, and Jeannine Toomey. Elizabeth Lehmen will be Ordained and Installed, and Valerie Holt will be Installed during an upcoming Worship Service.
- The Deacons held their annual **Deacon Lunch and Orientation Meeting** for the New Year on **Sunday, January 14th.**
- Committee Assignments, as well as dates for Deacons duties, for 2018 were given out at the Orientation.
- Our **Coat and Shoe Drives** continues. We will also distribute coats and other clothing to Community Neighbors throughout the winter months, especially on Sunday evenings. We have personal hygiene items (tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) available as well.
- Accepted the Resignation of Julie Rehagen, Class of 2018, from the Board of Deacons.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Sunday School is important in the lives of Christ's disciples as it provides spiritual development. Sunday School is a "forum for learning the basic beliefs of our faith and how to live out those beliefs." This forum is comprised of students and teachers and encourages the spiritual interaction between them, providing a comprehensive way of learning essential truths. Our Church family provides classes for folks of all ages:

CALVIN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - shares discussion, prayer and fellowship around a different Scripture passage from **The Present Word** adult curriculum every Sunday in the McAfee Room from 9:45 to 10:30. In sharing our concerns, hopes, questions, and what we're learning, we have found encouragement and friendship for our daily lives as Christ's disciples. It's worthwhile to come each week, but the written curriculum makes it easy to pick up whenever one can

attend. Through February our lessons center on "Faith in Action" and the lessons in March through May will be on "Acknowledging God". Tom Holt and Vicki Schildmeyer teach this Class.

CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – The upcoming Themes and Schedule for the Chapel Sunday School Class are: Sundays, Jan. 28- Feb. 18 – "The Life of a Church: Worship, Study, Fellowship and Mission" led by Pastor Dave. Jan. 28 "Worship" Feb. 4 "Study" Feb. 11 "Fellowship" Feb. 18 "Mission" and then Sundays, Feb.25-Mar. 11 – "Civil Rights Movement & Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." led by Dr. Cliff Cain.

ADULT CONTEMPORARY CLASS - is taught by Jim McAdams and Cynthia Quetsch and meets each Sunday in the Library, Educational wing, third floor. The focus of the class is to "Discuss and address contemporary issues found in recent newspapers or periodicals from a Christian perspective." Topics are determined on a weekly basis based on materials found in current newspapers or periodicals. In light of the nature of the class no topics for the next couple of months can be identified. After the Lenten Dialogue book is selected, the class may decide to read it and discuss it in class in lieu of discussing a current topic. The class makes this determination.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS - While we face many different challenges as we encounter jobs, relationships, marriage, and children, we share a common identity as disciples and servants of Christ. Come join us for coffee as we disciple together. The Class meets on the balcony of Knox Hall and Megan Weber is the facilitator.

SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL – facilitated by Nathan Nickolaus, Rebecca Stabenow and Rudi Wolfe. The focus is on preparing youth to face a world whose values and beliefs are not ours. Currently discussing Ethics; what are ethics, on what do we base our moral decisions, and are morals absolute or relative.

MID HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL – taught by Marilyn Hofmann, Siri Kemp, Jeannine Toomey and Pastor Zac Wolfe. The Class is using the PC(USA)'s **Faith Questions** resource to learn and experience the Bible, God, and our faith in exciting and meaningful ways. Youth are encouraged to come with questions and explore those questions as we learn together.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL – taught by Shannon Evans and Liz Lehmen. The focus of our elementary class is to build on the stories and teachings that we already know, introduce new stories and concepts, and live out the word of God. This Spring we will be focusing on God's spiritual gifts and how we use them in Grace and Gratitude to spread the word of God.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL - taught by Natalie Mendez and Susan Sanker. The focus of our preschool class is to engage our smallest learners in active and participatory Bible stories, prayers, and free play. This Spring we will be learning about God's spiritual gifts and how we use them in Grace and Gratitude to spread the word of God.

NEWS FROM UKRAINE/HUNGARY:

Through the generous donations received in our Alternative Christmas Giving efforts and our Mission Sales we continue to support the ministries of David Pandy-Szekeres with the Roma families in Ukraine.

NEWS FROM NEPAL:

Elder Kyle Kittrell will lead an International Habitat Build in Nepal in early November 2018, and the trip will also provide an opportunity for members of our church family to visit with the Ripple-Nepal children (those sponsored by members of our congregation, friends of FPC and through our church budget) and their families – as well as opportunity to worship and fellowship with Pastor Mahendra and the folks at Aasish Presbyterian Church in Kathmandu. We currently sponsor 30 children and are receiving funds to help some of those students with University fees. Through the generous donations received in our Alternative Christmas Giving efforts and our Mission Sales, we were able to send additional funds for the rebuilding of a school destroyed in the earthquakes of 2016.

NEWS FROM PERU:

Through a gift from Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church (Quarryville, PA) and some additional FPC funds money was given to Pastor Johel for a Chocolatada on December 22nd for the children of the church and village; and to Kelly for a Chocolatada for the children and families of the SCOTA School on December 18th. (Photos on page 12)

PERU MISSION TRIP 2018 DATES:

Week I - Friday, June 8-Saturday, June 16.

Week II - Friday, June 15-Saturday, June 23.

Two Weeks – Friday, June 8-Saturday, June 23

(a side trip to Cusco and Manchu Picchu is being planned).

Cost (includes airfare, meals (except in-transit), lodging, boat transportation):

One week - \$2600.00 per person.

Two weeks - \$3200.00 per person.

If you are interested in participating in the **2018 Peru Mission Trip** talk with Pastor Dave. It is not too late to join us on this trip. Current Peru Crew members are: Jeffrey & Lorraine Dodson, Brandy Hoelscher, Michelle & Abbie Jansen, Karen Laves and Pastor Dave.

10TH ANNUAL HALO HOME AUCTION AND FUNDRAISER

Will be held on Friday, **March 2nd** at the HALO Home (3519 Bennett Lane) from 6:00-11:00 pm. Check out the HALO website for tickets and other information. HALO provides safe housing for teenage girls and other valuable ministries. See Pastor Dave for more info.

The **Annual Shoe** (with shoes going for mission in Haiti (through Hope for Caribbean Kids, Inc) and **Annual Coat Drives** (with coats going to our Community Neighbors, the Salvation Army and Samaritan Center) continues. A box (for shoes) and a barrel (for other apparel) are in Knox Hall and shoes, coats and other “cold weather apparel” may be placed there. **We have an ongoing need for shoes, coats, etc. among our Community Neighbors** and your donations are appreciated!

FAITH VOICES FOR JEFFERSON CITY

The next monthly **Assembly Meeting** will be on Monday, February 26th at 6:30 pm at Quinn Chapel. As this group becomes a part of Missouri Faith Voices, focusing on the needs of folks in Jefferson City (and beyond), we seek to be faithful in sharing God’s love with all. **SAVE THE DATE** for our 2018 Faith Voices for Jefferson City **Fundraiser Dinner and Silent Auction** which will be on Friday, March 16th at Lincoln University. Contact Amy Rogers or Pastor Dave for more information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM

Will meet on Monday, February 5th and Monday, March 5th at 5:30 pm in the McAfee Room. This Team of church family members seeks to follow the prophetic word of scripture to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God” as we discern ways to be advocates for those who are often forgotten or neglected in our society – and follow through with God’s guidance. All are welcome to join us! See Elders Cynthia Quetsch or Anne Schneider or Pastor Dave for more information.

NEWS FROM MALAWI – 2018 HABITAT/ MISSION TRIP:

In late July 2018, Kyle Kittrell will be leading a trip to Malawi, Africa. The first part of the trip will be to visit, speak and worship with the various partners of First Presbyterian Church. We will visit projects that we have been involved in over the past 12+ years: Water Well, Churches, Clinics, Teacher Housing, Clinic Staff Housing and Children's Centers. The second part will be a short safari in Zambia. The last part will be a Habitat for Humanity Build in central Malawi. This will be a hands-on project where we will work side by side with the family to help change their lives. You are welcome to take part in any of these parts. If you are interested, please contact Kyle Kittrell.

EVERY SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Knox Hall
 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
 10:45 am Worship Service
 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in Knox Hall
 5:00 pm Sunday Night Live @5 Worship Service
 5:45 pm Shared Meal in Knox Hall

Thursday, February 1

- 5:30 pm Worship Committee - Library
 6:00 pm Preschool "Donuts for Dads" - Knox Hall

Sunday, February 4**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY - Souper Bowl for Caring**

- 2:00 pm Worship at Primrose Retirement
 Community
 3:30 pm Youth Football Game at Lincoln University
 5:30 pm Youth Super Bowl Party - Pastor Zac's
 Home

Monday, February 5

- 5:00 pm Christian Education Committee - CE Office
 5:00 pm Facilities Committee - Library
 5:30 pm Social Justice Ministry Team - McAfee
 Room

Tuesday, February 6

- 6:00 pm Deacon Committees Meet - Chapel
 6:30 pm Board of Deacons - Chapel

Wednesday, February 7

- 10:30 am Presbyterian Women Bible Study &
 Afternoon Circle - McAfee Room

Thursday, February 8

- 7:30 am Stephen Minister Leaders - Library

Friday, February 9

- 8:00 am CAIA Committee Meeting - Parlor
 10:45 am Meals on Wheels

Saturday, February 10

- 11:30 am Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments
 5:00 pm Parents' Night Out Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, February 11

- 12:00 pm Nebraska Mission Trip Meeting

Monday, February 12

- 1:15 pm Youth Early Release Activity -
 Confirmation Classroom
 4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army
 6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - Parlor
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Court of Honor - Knox
 Hall

Tuesday, February 13

- 4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army
 6:30 pm Session Meets - Chapel

Wednesday, February 14**ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS
 VALENTINE'S DAY**

- 1:30 pm Presbyterian Women Faith Circle -
 Heisinger Bluffs, Apt. 327
 4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army
 5:45 pm SWAG (Mid Highs) Meet (Lenten schedule)
 6:30 pm Lenten Communion Service - Knox Hall
 7:00 pm EPIC (Senior Highs) Meet (Lenten
 schedule)
 7:15 pm Choir Practice (Lenten schedule)

Thursday, February 15

- 10:30 am Retired Adults Fellowship - Knox Hall

EVERY WEEK

- 5:15 pm Monday - Bible Study - Library
 7:00 pm Monday - Boy Scouts Troop 2 - Gym
 9:30 am Tuesday - Bible Study - McAfee Room
 1:30 pm Tuesday - Staff Meeting
 6:00 pm Wednesday - SWAG (Mid Highs) Meet
 7:00 pm Wednesday - EPIC (Senior Highs) Meet
 6:30 pm Wednesday - Choir Practice

Friday, February 16

- 7:00 am Lenten Friday Morning Prayer Time - Parlor
YOUTH LEAVE ON MISSION TO LINCOLN, NB
 12:00 pm Boy Scout District Dinner - Knox Hall

Sunday, February 17**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

- 3:30 pm Lenten Book Study - Parlor

Monday, February 19**PRESIDENT'S DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 NO PRESCHOOL & KPLUS**

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Downtown Diner
 4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army
 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study - the Hofmann's Home

Tuesday, February 20

- 10:30 am Lenten Book Study - Primrose Retirement
 Community
 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service - United Church of
 Christ

- 6:30 pm Presbyterian Women Evening Circle - Library

Wednesday, February 21

- 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team - the
 Schneider's Home

- 6:30 pm Lenten Communion Service - Knox Hall

Friday, February 23

- 7:00 am Lenten Friday Morning Prayer Time - Parlor
 5:00 pm Ripple-Nepal Sponsor & Friends Dinner -
 Knox Hall

Saturday, February 24

- 11:30 am Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments

Sunday, February 25**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

- 3:30 pm Lenten Book Study - Parlor

Monday, February 26

- 6:30 pm Faith Voices - Quinn Chapel
 6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - Parlor
 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study - the Hofmann's Home

Tuesday, February 27

- 10:30 am Lenten Book Study - Primrose Retirement
 Community
 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service - FPC's Week -
 United Church of Christ

Wednesday, February 28

- 10:30 am Ladies Kaffee Klatsch - HyVee
 4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army
 6:30 pm Lenten Communion Service - Knox Hall

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