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Bicentennial Task Force

On the weekend of November 9-10, Rev. Rachel Pedersen makes her return visit to FPC! Rachel was our Associate Pastor from 2008-2014. She will preach on Sunday, November 10. Because that Sunday is Heifer Market, a reception to visit with Rachel will be held in Lyman Hall Saturday, November 9, at 3:00 p.m.



Please join us for an Hour of Prayer

**First Monday of each month: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Church Sanctuary
November 4 ♦ December 2**

On the first Monday of each month, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., the Monday Emmaus Group invites everyone to gather with them in the church sanctuary for corporate prayer. Bring a friend, too. Corporate prayer is absolutely necessary for a Christ-led church like FPC.

Matthew 18:19 – Jesus said, “Again, I assure you – If two of you on earth agree about any matter that you pray for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.” Jesus deliberately chose to emphasize a group gathered for prayer. This focus of Jesus on more than one praying indicates that there is a design of God’s in such gatherings, through which He uniquely and powerfully works. Scripture records again and again the mighty works of God for and through His people and connects them to unified, corporate prayer.

Let’s take one step forward in our participation and confidence in prayer, not just as individuals but with others, gathered together with the purpose of seeing God’s glory manifested. Let’s join together to pray for our families, our church, our cities, our nation, and our world.

For more information or questions, please contact Sherry Knighton-Schwandt at skschwandt@gmail.com.

- 11/1 - Jeff Main
- 11/2 - Gail Lessard
- 11/4 - Allan Edmonds
David Grossman
Alyssa & Gavin Kerilla
- 11/5 - Joel Schneider
- 11/10 - Dan Conkle
- 11/14 - Sam Drummy
- 11/16 - Deb Prenkert

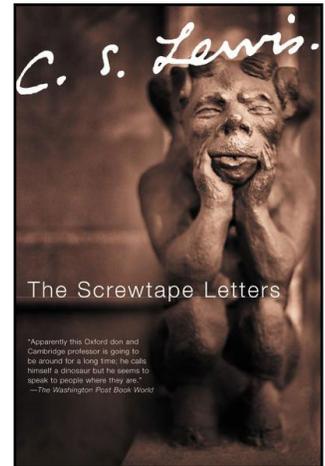


- 11/17 - Michael Klitzing
Adrian Hepfer
- 11/19 - Audrey Deinlein
- 11/21 - Lisa Hardwick
- 11/24 - Debbi Conkle
- 11/26 - Bob Talbot
- 11/29 - Wesley Kissel
- 11/30 - Connie Cleary
Angie Chickedantz

SCREWTAPE LETTERS

Perhaps you have heard of the “Tales of Narnia”; however, C. S. Lewis wrote much more that enlivens our Christian walk. Beginning in late October, Laura Gardner will lead a 6-part series on his 1942 classic entitled “The Screwtape Letters.” Those of us who participated in her earlier series discovered that Laura is both enthusiastic and remarkably conversant in the writings of C.S. Lewis. To make participation really easy, Laura will start each session with a 15-minute dramatization from “Screwtape” starring Andy Serkis. In case you are unfamiliar with the satirical tale, Screwtape is an experienced devil instructing his young charge, Wormwood, on how to tempt and lead his human astray. Come find out how sly the strategies can be! The study will meet on Fridays at 1:15 p.m. in the Church Parlor beginning November 1.

Contact Paul Rothrock at prothrocks73@gmail.com if you have questions.



Adult Education Opportunities for November

Sunday mornings at 9:50 a.m.

Lectionary Bible Study

This class discusses Bible passages based on the weekly *Revised Common Lectionary* and uses a new curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*, to enrich the study. Volunteers take turns leading the spirited discussion.

November 3	Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
November 10	No Lectionary Bible Study	(Heifer Market)
November 17	Living in Faith	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
November 24	The Reigning Christ	Colossians 1:11-20

Lectionary Bible Study meets in [Room 5](#).

Parents of Young Children

This new adult education offering provides an opportunity for parents of young children to share their concerns, resources, celebrations, and ideas with other parents as they guide their children in their faith journeys. The format of each session is an informal conversation on topics that arise organically from shared conversations. Emily and Kevin Bobo will facilitate the group.

Parents of young children meet around a table in [Lyman Hall](#).

Faith Forum

This popular opportunity includes presentations and discussions over a range of issues and concerns that we face as Christians in our faith journeys. The schedule for November Faith Forums includes:

November 3: **The Outreach Committee, Moving Forward.** Members of the Outreach Committee will be present to review ongoing efforts to better publicize what we as a church do in the broad area of mission and outreach (to both members and potential members), and discuss the results of an all-church survey designed to poll the congregation on things we’re doing well, and things we could be doing better, looking ahead.

November 10: **No Faith Forum.** Visit the Heifer Market.

November 17: **Connecting the Dots: From FPC to POV to SOLT - how Church, Presbytery and Synod work together for the glory of God.** Rev. Sara Dingman, Synod of Lincoln Trails Executive, will discuss five priorities for the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and how we can be involved in them.

November 27: **TBA**

Faith Forum is held in [Room 7](#).

Heifer Market

Join us **Sunday, November 10th** between worship services for this wonderful annual event in our church -- it's our 31st year!! The Market will continue after the 11:00 service.

More about Heifer Market

Heifer International (www.heifer.org) is a non-profit, ecumenical organization committed to alleviating hunger and poverty in all parts of the world. Heifer International carries out its mission by:

- Providing food- and income-producing animals and related assistance to those in need around the world.
- Training recipient families and communities in animal care, environmentally-sound farming methods, and community development principles
- Enabling those who receive animals to become givers by “passing on the gift” of the first female offspring to another in need in their community.

Since 1989, First Presbyterian Church has been supporting Heifer International through its annual Living Gift Market, or “Heifer Market”, where shoppers can buy gifts of animals or shares of animals in honor of friends and family members. Heifer International uses these funds to send animals to families in need around the world and provides training in the animals’ care. Please consider this special form of giving and participate in the fun on November 10th to further the mission of our church.



Heifer Market

Sunday, November 10th

Between services in Lyman Hall

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for Heifer International!

Get your Christmas shopping done early by buying “living gifts” in honor of your family and friends, gifts that will change the lives of hungry families all over the world

The children and youth of the church will be selling the following living gifts:

Chicks	\$20 / flock	\$2 each
Rabbits	\$60 / trio	\$10 share
Sheep	\$120	\$10 share
Goats	\$120	\$10 share
Pigs	\$120	\$10 share
Cows	\$500	\$50 share
Honeybees	\$30 / hive	\$5 share
Water Buffalo	\$250	\$25 share
Llamas	\$150	\$20 share
Ducks/Geese	\$20/flock	\$2 each
Tree Seedlings	\$60	\$10 share



GIVE FAIRLY-TRADED PRODUCTS FROM EQUAL EXCHANGE AND HELP OTHERS

The farmers producing these products are better able to provide for their families, improve their communities and care for our planet through Fair Trade. And, with the profits, First Presbyterian Church is able to continue supporting our mission work in Posoltega, Nicaragua.

**Order by November 24, 2019, pick up and pay on December 15,
or simply stop by the cart and shop on December 15.**

Name: _____

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Price</u>
	<u>ORGANIC COFFEE (12 oz. or 1 lb. bags)</u>	
___	Breakfast Blend Drip	\$9.00
___	Breakfast Blend BEAN	\$9.00
___	Café Nica French Roast BEAN	\$9.00
___	Decaf Breakfast Blend Drip	\$10.00
___	Decaf Breakfast Blend BEAN	\$10.00
___	Sisters Blend Drip 1lb.	\$11.00
	<u>ORGANIC CHOCOLATE (80 gm bars)</u>	
___	Panama Extra Dark (80%)	\$4.00
___	Very Dark Chocolate Bar (71%)	\$4.00
___	Dark Chocolate Mint Crunch (67%)	\$4.00
___	Dark Chocolate Orange (65%)	\$4.00
___	Dark Chocolate Bar w/almonds (55%)	\$4.00
___	Dark Choc. Caramel Crunch w/ sea salt (55%)	\$4.00
	<u>MORE CHOCOLATE</u>	
___	Organic Hot Cocoa Mix (add water) (12 oz.)	\$6.50
___	Organic Baking Cocoa (8 oz.)	\$6.50
	<u>ORGANIC TEA (20 bags per box)</u>	
___	English Breakfast	\$4.00
___	Earl Grey tea	\$4.00
___	Green tea	\$4.00
___	Chai tea	\$4.00
___	Decaf English Breakfast	\$4.00
___	Caffeine Free Peppermint herbal tea	\$4.00
___	Caffeine Free Rooibos herbal tea	\$4.00

Fill out the form and place in the Lyman Hall box, mail it to the church office, or order through Debbi Conkle at (812) 333-1712 or debbiconkle@gmail.com.

Pay for your order when you pick it up at church on December 15, 2019.

Cash or check payable to **FPC** with **COFFEE** on memo line.

(There will be no coffee cart in November.)



*You're invited to become part of a long-time tradition of
"Getting to know you" at First Presbyterian Church.*

Suppers of Eight 2020

A First Presbyterian Tradition



In 1958, a planning committee suggested and subsequently inaugurated a program which would be primarily social and informal in nature. This activity would involve small groups of people of varying ages, interests, and backgrounds, who would meet monthly in each other's homes for a pitch-in supper. The principal objective was to provide an opportunity for fellow worshipers to get better acquainted and enjoy fellowship. This program generated such initial and ongoing enthusiasm that it has continued annually without interruption and has become a tradition at First Presbyterian known as "Suppers of Eight".

The suppers are held monthly from January-April in the home of the designated host couple or single, who provides the entree. The other three couples bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. Each month the hosts, guests, and assignments rotate, so every dinner is composed of an entirely different group of people. Singles will be paired together where possible.

Everyone is welcome to participate: singles, couples, members and friends. Read on for how to sign up. Reservations are due by Sunday, December 8.

Three Ways to Sign Up:

1 Place completed form in offering plate on Sundays up to December 8; **2** Complete and send form to Kathy Norris (4323 E. Timbercrest Court, Bloomington, IN 47408); or **3** email to kathyjunenorris@gmail.com. Questions? Call Kathy at (812-360-7979).

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ If you cannot

commit to all 4 suppers but would like to substitute, please indicate: _____

I can ____ / cannot ____ accommodate 9 or 10 at my table (bonus guests).

Please return your form by Sunday, December 8. Thank you!



Earth Stewards - Carbon Offsets

Do you contribute to global climate change? Do you travel frequently? Do you run the furnace or AC to keep your house comfortable? Do you enjoy food and other goods shipped from far away?

What can you do about it?

We can all model a life style that moderates these effects. Don't keep the house quite so cool in summer or quite so warm in winter. If you haven't already switched to LED lighting, do it now. Combine trips around town; carpool. Eat local. Eat a more plant-based diet.

But we also realize that these small personal changes won't solve the problem unless they lead to systemic changes.

For many of us us one of the biggest contributors to carbon in the atmosphere is airplane travel.

An honest accounting of our transportation impact on the environment should impel us all to purchase carbon offsets or make additional contributions to organizations more directly addressing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

You might think of carbon offsets as like taking out the trash. When your spouse or partner says to take out the trash, you should really take out the trash, not just buy flowers. There really is a reason to take out the trash. In the climate situation, the trash is CO2, and it spreads quickly worldwide, so reducing it anywhere counts as taking out the trash at your own home. Planting trees here or on the other side of the world counts the same!

Perhaps "carbon offsets" sounds too self-delusional. Instead of calling them "carbon offsets," let's call them "donations to organizations that work for CO2 reduction." Suppose one wants to give some money to organizations that work for CO2 reduction. To whom should you give it? There are a number of highly recommended organizations where you can make such donations. The Gold Standard is one good one, with a wide variety of projects around the world to choose from:

<https://www.goldstandard.org/take-action/offset-your-emissions>

Another good site is <https://www.carbonfootprint.com> which also includes a personal carbon calculator.

By Norm Holy and Allan Edmonds

Report of Accounts September 2019

General Fund	\$14,069.79
Special Funds	\$62,553.15
Reserve Fund	\$15,440.83
Endowment (New Covenant Funds)	\$81,574.05
Capital Campaign Fund	\$50,770.84
Capital Campaign Mortgage	\$(288,469.45)
Parking Lot Fund	\$41,539.86
Parking Lot Mortgage	\$(240,634.82)
CDs	
93222825 (exp. 2/7/2020) @ .25%	\$50,729.75
IUCD (13 month APY: 2.5%)	\$10,089.72
IUCD (13 month APY: 2.5%)	\$30,269.17

Notes:

First Presbyterian Church owes \$15,560 (or \$40/ active member) for per capita in 2019. Thank you to each of you who has already contributed to defray this expense. If you have not contributed, but would like more information please contact Mary McClellan at (812) 332-1514 or mary@fpcbloomington.org.

What we are able to accomplish in 2019 will depend on how close we are able to get to our pledge goal of \$561,817. If you have not made a pledge or are not sure if you submitted a pledge card, please contact Mary McClellan. Cards are available in the pews and the narthexes.

Count Your Blessings by Pat Stackhouse

It had been one of those days when everything went wrong from the moment I got up. I wanted to use the computer and it wasn't working right. The repairman couldn't come for several days.

I then decided to go to the grocery store. I took the opportunity to load up on frozen food only to discover it wouldn't all fit in the freezer. I had to eat the ice cream to get the door shut.

I was having a few friends over for dinner later that week and I decided to get the jump on things and run the sweeper. It wasn't running right and left a trail of dust everywhere. I was thinking I might as well give up.

I was to meet a friend for lunch. Once in the restaurant, I begin telling her about my frustrating day. She interrupted me and said, "Do you remember several days ago it was Thanksgiving?"

"Yes," I answered.

She said, "I lost my husband just a year ago and my daughter and I celebrated Thanksgiving without him." Everything got really quiet and I said, "I'm sorry. I forgot." This made me think.

I went home and vowed that I would thank God at the end of each day for the blessings of the day, realizing I had so much to be thankful for.

As the Pilgrims and Indians sat together let us remember this is a time to mend any broken ties with our fellowman; extend the olive branch. This is the time to feast together in harmony as brothers and sisters in Christ. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Presbyterian Women

Over the last two centuries women have been a vital part of our church and this year is no different. We have women active in all areas of our church's education, mission and outreach including the three circles and the coordinating team for these circles.

As we go forward in time, we wish to continue women's participation in church life, mission and outreach. We would greatly appreciate if you would consider a donation to PW this and future years. You can submit a donation by putting a separate donation marked in the memo line to "PW" or "First Presbyterian Church-PW". These "pledges" are used to support the Presbytery of Ohio Valley Missions in general as well as Monroe County United Ministries, Monroe County Church Women United, Church World Services, and Camp Pyoca.

This year PW decided to start a youth endowment to help our children attend Camp Pyoca or a mission trip. We are taking orders for ingredient stacked jars of two different soup mixes for either Fall or Winter, brownie mix and taco seasoning spice mix. You can still submit an order by filling out an order form available in Lyman Hall.

Church Recycling Team

Our recycling team could use a new member. Maybe it's you? Each team member volunteers two months a year to transport paper, plastics, metals, glass, etc., to the Monroe County Recycling Center. Typically twice a month is sufficient. Each trip takes around 1 to 2 hours. This is a simple way to be involved with church business, a way to help in our environmental stewardship, and a chance to explore the dungeon (where our janitor stores recyclables)! If you are interested in helping, contact Allan Edmonds at allan.edmonds@gmail.com.

YOUTH MISSION POINSETTIA BENEFIT

It seems early, but **now is the time to order!!**

\$13 each

Last day to order will be **November 21st.**
Please make payment with your order.

This year you can choose red or white blooms

Number & color of Plants for Home	Number & color of Plants for Church (<i>Take home after 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service.</i>)	Total Due/Paid
Your Name:		
Phone:		

Your message to honor or in memory of: _____

It's time to order poinsettias for the sanctuary and for your home.



The fundraiser will benefit our FPC youth mission.

The plants are red or white, in 6 ½” pots, lovely and full. They will be delivered the 1st week of December. If ordered for your home, we will notify you when they arrive. If ordered to beautify our sanctuary, they will be

available to take home after the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. The price is \$13.00 with \$4 going to our youth. Please make payment when you submit your order.



Get Out & Get Involved

11/9: Kids' Night In. From 5:00-8:00 p.m. This is a ministry for children birth-2nd grade. Come hang out with our nursery staff for a fun night of games and creating! Please RSVP with nursery coordinator Crystal Ritter at crystal@fpcbloomington.org, so that she can plan for your child's participation.

11/11: The Fiber Arts Group (knitters, crocheters, weavers, spinners, quilters, cross-stitchers, sew-ers, et al.) meets the second Monday of each month from 1:30-4:30 p.m., and on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the parlor. New members are welcome. Contact Sue Connell, (812) 339-8768, or suerconnell@gmail.com for information.

11/15: Our monthly **Men's Breakfast** will meet at Village Deli at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, November 15th. This will be our usual time for a Dutch-treat breakfast and conversation. We have no formal program and no advance sign-up. We hope you will join us on the 15th and all third Fridays for this time of fellowship.

11/18: Theology on Tap: This monthly, informal fellowship opportunity takes place at Chili's on East 3rd Street. Our conversation includes a current practical theology topic. The next meeting is October 28 at 6:00 p.m.; the topic is the pluses and minuses of "passing of peace"

(<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/are-you-glad-when-passing-the-peace-ends/>)

For more info, contact Paul Rothrock at prothro73@gmail.com.

11/18: Schedule those meetings today! The December First Press **newsletter deadline** is Monday, November 18th. Please send all announcements to Karla in the church office at karla@fpcbloomington.org.

11/27: The Fiber Arts Group (knitters, crocheters, weavers, spinners, quilters, cross-stitchers, sew-ers, et al.) meets the second Monday of each month from 1:30-4:30 p.m., and on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the parlor. New members are welcome. Contact Sue Connell, (812) 339-8768, or suerconnell@gmail.com for information.

11/24: FPC Book Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs activity room in the main building at the Bell Trace Retirement Community off of East 10th Street. This month's book by Tara Westover is, *Educated: A Memoir*. Leader: Martha Wailes. The daughter of Mormon survivalists is kept out of school but educates herself enough to leave home for Brigham Young University. There, she studies psychology, politics, philosophy, and history, learning for the first time about pivotal world events like the Holocaust and the Civil Rights Movement. Her quest for knowledge transforms her, taking her to Harvard and Cambridge. Only then does she wonder if she's traveled too far, if there is still a way home.

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1:15p Screwtape Letters Study	
9/11a Worship & Communion 9:50a Christian Education 12p Fellowship Time & Children's Choir Practice 6p FPC Youth 7p Vesper Service	11:30a Congregation Hour of Prayer	6:30p Deacons Meeting	5:45p Outreach Mtg 6:30p Committee Night	1p PW Circle Mary 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Emmaus Group 2 7p Choir Practice	1:15p Screwtape Letters Study	3p Rachel Pedersen Reception 5p Kids' Night In 5p Youth Group Lock In
9/11a Worship 9:50a Christian Education 12p Fellowship Time & Children's Choir Practice 6p FPC Session	1:30p Fiber Arts Group	7p PW Koinonia Circle		6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Choir Practice	7:30a Men's Breakfast 1:15p Screwtape Letters Study	
Heifer Market	Veteran's Day		Area 10 Grocery Bagging & Delivery			
9/11a Worship 9:50a Christian Education 12p Fellowship Time & Children's Choir Practice 6p FPC Youth	11:30a Emmaus Small Group 6p Theology on Tap	4:30p Membership Committee Meeting	6:30p Missing Peace	6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Emmaus Group 2 7p Choir Practice	1:15p Screwtape Letters Study	
	First Press Deadline					
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			Office Closed for Thanksgiving			