

# *Joys and Concerns*

*Week of January 14, 2018*

## Joys and Thanksgivings

It is a joy to welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time. May you experience God's presence and blessing in this gathering of believers.

It is a joy to welcome Kenny Smith as a new member of First Prez! Kenny will be joining the church on Sunday morning.

## Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Ray Stone following his death Friday morning. Especially be in prayer for his wife, Pat.

## In the Hospital

Richard Spellman—Outpatient

## From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer for the Presbyterian Hunger Program and all programs that work to end hunger.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for the all of the churches in the Presbytery and the work that they do.

Continue to be in prayer for our Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee as they work to find the right person to lead our congregation.

Please continue in prayer for all in our congregation and community who are experiencing home, health, family and financial concerns.

# Calendar

Week of January 14, 2018

## Saturday

8:30AM Men's Group Book Study at Doyle Criswell's

9:30AM Farmer's Market

5:00PM **Worship in the Chapel**

*Rev. Bren Bishop Preaching*

## Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:15AM Called Session Meeting

10:45AM **Worship** *Rev. Bren Bishop Preaching*

12:00PM Music Committee Meeting

## Monday

7:30PM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

## Tuesday

9:30AM Quilters

## Wednesday

5:10PM Supper in Taggart Hall

5:50PM **Lord's Supper in the Chapel**

6:15PM Bell Choir

7:00PM Chancel Choir

## Thursday

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

7:00PM Square Dance Lessons

## Saturday

8:30AM Men's Group at Adrienne's Café

5:00PM **Worship in the Chapel**

*Rev. Ginny Brown Preaching*

## Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45AM **Worship** *Rev. Ginny Brown Preaching*

*Ordination & Installation of Elders*

12:00PM Worship Planning Committee Meeting

2:30PM Book Discussion Group in Meriwether Room



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Monday through Friday

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Guest Preacher—Rev. Bren Bishop  
Student Pastor—Courtney Bowen

Choir Director—Steve Inman      Organist—Judy Diekhoff  
Bell Choir Director—Trish Read

Saturday Night Music Director—Brian Herald  
Sunday Sound & Technology Engineer—Keith Noe  
Saturday Projection Crew—Alecia Simonis & Keith Noe  
Church Administrator—Becky Herald  
Church Custodian—Mindy Inman  
Clerk of Session—Mary Ruth Phares

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## Hope Chest Gifts for January Support the First Prez Transient Pantry



Suggested donations are:

Individual packets of peanuts, applesauce,  
Cheez-its, or Welch's fruit snacks.

Peanut butter crackers

Granola bars

Cans of Vienna sausage

\$5 Subway or \$10 Thornton's gift cards

*Please leave your in-kind contributions in the Hope  
Chest, located in the Atrium.*

*Gift cards/cash donations may be left in the church  
office.*

Also, for those who forget or prefer not to shop,  
"Hope Chest" donation envelopes are available in  
the pew racks and from the table in the chapel.

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## Winter Coat Collection...

We are again collecting coats, jackets, sweatshirts and other warm winter clothing items for adults and children. We have had great success in the past and have helped many people who needed warm clothes to get them through the winter. Donations will be distributed by Exit 0 and the Center for Lay Ministries.



Please help out by leaving your donations in the box in the Atrium. If you have any questions, speak with Virgil Hertling.

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## Offering Envelopes for 2018

 are available in the Atrium. If you don't see yours, or would like to have some, please let the church office know.

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## The church's operations manual is being updated!

The Session approved changes at their December meeting. If you have an old copy and would like an update (or don't need your copy anymore and want to bring it back), please get them to the church office by January 14. We will have updated copies available by January 25. All current Session members will get a copy, if anyone else wants a copy, let the church office know.



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**The Men's Group** will have their next gathering at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, at Adrienne's Café. Contact Doyle Criswell for more information.

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# VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES

We will soon be sending Valentine care packages to members of our church family who are between the ages of 18 and 25 and living away from home in college or in the military.

## CARE PACKAGE DONATION SUGGESTIONS

- Little Debbie Cakes, Packaged Cookies
  - Dry Soup, Hot Chocolate
  - Individually Wrapped Candy and Gum
  - Chips, Microwave Popcorn
  - Cheese Crackers
  - Pens, Pencils, Highlighters
  - Monetary Donations\*
- (\*Please give to Kathy Bixler or Sandy Locke)



Donations may be placed in the box in the Atrium marked "Valentine Care Packages." We also need large shoe boxes to pack the items in for mailing. We must have the information requested below in order to send a care package. Please complete the tear slip below and put it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office by Sunday, February 4. Thank you!

### 2018 Valentine care package information form

name \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Need phone # for UPS)

address/School \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome to First Prez...

**Visitors — We welcome you!** If there is any assistance we can provide, or if there are any questions we can answer for you, please speak to a greeter or usher, a neighbor next to you or the pastor. We'll be happy to do what we can to help you feel at home.

**Ministry of friendship sheets** are in the folders at the end of the pews on Sunday and on the table with the bulletins on Saturday night. Please leave a record of your attendance by signing in.

**Attendance** on Sunday, January 7, was 89.

There were 21 at the Saturday evening service. Attendance at Wednesday evening's service was 19.



**The Book Group** is meeting Sunday, January 21, at 2:30 in the Meriwether Room. They will be discussing chapters nine and ten of



*Reconstruction* by Eric Foner. The group gets together the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested,

contact Rodney Smithey at rodwsm@gmail.com or 812-280-0665.

## There will be a 'lock-in' THIS SUNDAY

NIGHT at church from 6:30-11 for the junior/senior high youth! We will be meeting at church and then traveling to Puerto Vallarta for dinner. There will be basketball, ping pong, other activities, and continued planning for youth Sunday! See you there!



# Change the Game!

Our **First Prez Youth** are proud to announce that we are participating in the 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring! Souper Bowl of Caring uses the energy around our nation's largest sporting event to mobilize and inspire youth to fight hunger and poverty. Youth develop



stronger connections to their communities as they collect food and raise money for charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

On Sunday February 5, 2017 our First Prez Youth will lead the worship service and take up a collection with 100% of the donations going to Loaves and Fishes. We will also collect canned goods for the Center for Lay Ministries. We then will report our total numbers of dollars donated and canned goods received to be included the Souper Bowl of Caring's nationwide tally. Through this experience, our youth learn the power of working together to make a difference in the lives of others. Please help us make this a positive learning experience for our Youth!

## On Souper Bowl Sunday We Will Collect

Canned goods  
Cash donations (or checks payable to  
First Presbyterian Church)

Thank you for doing your part to make our  
2018 Souper Bowl of Caring a success!!!

*First Prez Youth*

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## This Sunday @ First Prez...

**Ushers and Greeters** this Sunday are Julie Hartzell, Patrick Hammett, Lilly Scott, and Isaiah Simonis.

**Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters** are Jackie Smithey, Sheri Isgrigg, Yvonne Knight, and Pat Ohlmann..

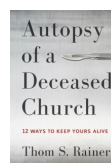
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## Jeffersonville's Winter

**Farmers' Market** has returned to the Taggart Hall gym on Saturday mornings. They will be here every Saturday through Memorial Day.



**The Men's Group** will have a four-week book study starting January 6 at Doyle Criswell's home (513 Sarah Ct. in Jeffersonville). They will study the book *Autopsy of a Deceased Church (12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive)*. They will meet 8:30 to 10:00am except for January 20, when they have their regular monthly meeting at Adrienne's Cafe.



**The Prayer Lunch group** will gather on Thursday, January 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the Agape Room. Lunch is provided.

