

Joys and Concerns

Week of January 28, 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.

In the Hospital

Mark Brown—Clark Memorial

Phil Hartzell—Outpatient

From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer for The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival and their work to support the nation's poor and challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality .

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Indiana and their pastors, Rev. Andy Kort and Rev. Kim Adams.

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

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Saturday

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

9:30AM Farmer's Market

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

Rev. Catherine Knott Preaching

Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45AM **Worship** *Rev. Catherine Knott Preaching*

Monday

7:30PM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Tuesday

9:30AM Quilters

Wednesday

5:10PM Supper in Taggart Hall

5:50PM **Service for Wholeness 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

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

9:30AM Farmer's Market

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

Courtney Bowen Preaching

Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45AM **Worship** *Youth Sunday*

12:00PM Endowment Committee Meeting



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Office Hours: 1:00—4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Guest Preacher—Rev. Catherine Knott

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

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.



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 4, 2018 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

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 21, was 105. There were 15 at the Saturday evening service. Attendance on Wednesday evening was 16.



The Adult Sunday School will be studying "Twelve Women of the Bible". It is a 12-week study, and each week will focus on a different woman of the Bible. They meet in the Agape Room. If you have any questions, speak with Doyle Criswell.

Presbyterian Women will have their monthly meeting on Monday, February 5, at 6:00 in the Agape Room. All women of the church are invited. Speak with Beth Snyder if you have any questions.



The Young Adults Sunday School class will be studying "Slow Kingdom Coming" by Kent Annan during Lent. The book is available on Amazon for about \$7.00. If you'd like to join them or have any questions, speak with Courtney Bowen.

Loaves & Fishes



First Prez will be preparing and serving the Loaves & Fishes meal at First Prez on Saturday, February 10. If you are interested in helping cook, serve or clean up, please contact Marsha Emily at (502)645-4725 or marshaemily@gmail.com.

Our February Celebration of the Lord's Supper

will be the weekend of the February 10 & 11 (rather than the usual first weekend celebration) since we will have Youth Sunday on February 4.



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following morning worship on Sunday, February 18. Annual Reports for 2017 will be available on February 11. Please pick up a copy from the Atrium or call 812-283-8606 to pick one up from the office.

Church Newsletter

We will have a church newsletter going in the mail in early February. If you have something to submit for the newsletter, please have it to the church office by February 1.



If you would like to receive your copy by e-mail, instead of having a copy mailed to your house, please call or email the church office, or fill out the form below.

Please email my newsletter to me instead of mailing it.

Name _____

Email Address _____

This Sunday @ First Prez...

Ushers and Greeters this Sunday are Beth Snyder, Petsy Thacker, and Mary Kaelin.

Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters are members of the First Prez Youth.

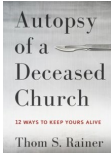
In the nursery this Sunday is Carol Sharp. Alecia Simonis is in the nursery next Sunday. Shirley Rice is leading Kidz Church this Sunday. Next Sunday there is no Kidz Church because it's Youth Sunday.

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 is in the middle of a weekly



book study on Saturdays through February 3 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.

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.



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 _____