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Church Office
hours:
Tuesday,
Wednesday,
Thursday
8am—1:00pm

Dear friends,

In this month we'll begin our 111th year of ministry together. There have been a lot of people involved in our ministry over the years. There have been multiple buildings, and multiple locations, and many, many people involved in the life and work of this congregation. On top of that, there have been many, many people impacted by the ministry of this congregation over the past 110 years.

Some have been quiet and steady, others have been impossible to miss, and some linger in our memories long after their physical presence is gone. Our history includes standing up to injustice and hatred, making space for those who had no space and needed space, providing for education and opportunity, making homes, digging wells, providing for health care, and often being the first to address a need in our community or our world.

I think that is what I've really learned about us this past year as I dug through our history. We have been first into the beach as a church so many times. We have been willing to risk to follow where our faith has led us. We have risked the church building's perfect paint job to host the school for the deaf, at great consternation about fingerprints and dirt. We have said no to money that came from the dubious source of the white knights of the KKK. We have said yes to building a playground when we didn't have kids to use it. We have said that our physical health is an important part of our spiritual health. We have said that housing is an important asset and resource for our community. We have opened our building to our community and to churches across a theological spectrum.

For 110 years, we have risked for the sake of Gospel. We have faithfully risked, and gone places that we would not go by ourselves, having been led, pushed, and drug by the Holy Spirit. It is with joy, and more than a little bit of fear and trembling, that I look forward to what God will have us do next. I have a feeling it will be uncharted territory, but perhaps we could look at it as being led slowly closer to the promised land, and less like a sojourn in the scary wilderness. So, First Presbyterian Church, what is God calling us to be first in now?

In Christ,

Wade



Beginning of 111 years of ministry together!

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In Our Prayers

Pray for those serving in the armed forces:

- ✝ Army:
Doug Carlile
Sean Richey
- ✝ Coast Guard:
Charles Fosse
- ✝ Marines:
Austin Reach
Kaleb Selock
Jacob Selock
recruit

If you have a service member that you would like to add to this prayer list, please contact your Deacon or the church office.

Pray for these Missions:

- Campus ministries
- Marion Medical Mission
- Camp Carew
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hospitality House
- Marion Ministerial Alliance
- Embangweni Hospital in Malawi
- Wlm. County Child Advocacy Center
- Hospice of So. Illinois
- Lighthouse Shelter
- YAV
- Lithuania College
- Edinburrrough Seminary

Pray for our collegians:

- Danielle Markland
- Emily Wallace
- Gus Martini
- Lanita Ames

Pray for our missionaries:

- Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
- Sabrina Evans
- John Van Dyk
- Tom & Jocelyn Logan

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Pray for these concerns of members and friends of our church family:

Amy Kucharik, Betty Ridgley, Cindy Burroughs, Claire Kreutzer, Fran Giles, Georgia Ruhe, Jeanette & Ron Bowman, John & Jean Johnson, Kay's sister in law, Laura Grey, Laurel's son, Madeline Pam & Roger Hendricks, Peggy Wiley, Ray Presley & Mary Lindley, Ruth Blackburn, Shirley Mitchell, Susan Harbison, Vivian Crofts, Gene Stiman, all those with cancer, the hungry, homeless, those in shelters, protection from nature's wrath, hurricane recovery, those who are ill or in pain, those who are traveling, AIDS & HIV families, homebound or hospitalized, caregivers, the unemployed, the poor, our General Assembly PC (USA), Compassion Children, Co-moderators of PC(USA), disaster recovery, our nation and leaders, our military, our world, POW's, peace around the world, Session, our church, end to wars, Puerto Rico, California, Las Vegas, Zambia, Egypt, Syria, refugee situation around the world.

Someone remembers, Someone cares

Your name is whispered in someone's prayers

-Author unknown

Praise and Thanksgiving: Innocent and Glory's new son Ivan, be thankful for where we live.

Condolences: family of C.J. Rubright, family of Marietta Hale, family of Gene Stettler, victims of Las Vegas shootings, family of Nancy Starker, Pritchett family.

Please remember these members & friends
with your prayers, cards and calls:

Georgia Ruhe

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Thank you to those volunteers who represented First Presbyterian Church by working at the Lighthouse Shelter. Those volunteers are: Tim Van Roekel, Ron Campbell, Landa Stettler, Mona Odum and Lee Thompson.

A Big **Thank You** to those who came in on Saturday the 21st for our Church Work Day. The prayer garden in the back was trimmed and weeded leaving a beautiful area for peace and prayer. The garden area in the front of the church was trimmed, weeded and pruned leaving us with an attractive entrance, drooping tree branches were removed, the gutters were cleaned out and the motion lights under the portico were replaced with a water proof outlet. It was a busy day and all of the hard work shows!

HEALTH MINISTRY
Submitted by Susan Van Dyk

Getting Your Ducks In A Row

Who needs a will? Apparently not Peggy, who has all her ducks in a row. . .

Last fall, at the Health Ministry's End of Life Workshop, Peggy Fish gave a presentation on "Getting Your Act Together." Peggy, a long-time friend of Dan and Susie's, has thoughtfully prepared many details for her brother, who will be in charge of taking over her affairs when she is no longer able to do so. For Peggy, who keeps defying predictions of how long she can live with the cancer diagnosis she has received, it made sense to care for the details.

Suzanne K. has thoughtfully taken Peggy's information, and with some other information, has compiled a packet. Copies of it are on the Health Ministries table, or can be obtained from Suzanne or Lee. Look for the picture of the little girl with all her ducks in a row.

The Table of Contents:

- Funeral choices
- Home
- Utilities
- Insurance
- Financials
- Pet Information
- Bequests
- List of Friends and Family to be notified
- Stuff up for grabs

Pastor Wade would really appreciate each of us filling out the "Funeral Service of Witness for the Resurrection" form to keep on file at the church. It includes places to enter your chosen Scripture passages, favorite music, musicians you want, designated charity in lieu of flowers and other information that will make planning your celebration of life service less stressful for those who are charged with that task.

It is suggested that along with a copy of that form, you place the rest of the information in a colorful binder or folder. Suzanne chose a bright pink binder, easy to spot. This is a handy place to keep information: Do you own or rent your home? Who holds the mortgage or who is the landlord to contact? There are also reminders to notify utilities, housekeeper, lawn care person. . . You get the picture.

Who is your insurance agent? To which bank do you make car payments? What happens to your pet(s)? Or, for that matter, what happens to your minor children? Who does your taxes? What pensions do you receive? What automatic withdrawals come from your accounts?

What about your stuff? Have you designated who gets the family Bible or the heirloom clock?

A list of family and friends to be notified in the case of your death will save someone much time weeding through your address book or cell phone contacts list. That is, if you remember to keep it up to date.

Suzanne has also thoughtfully provided a copy of the Illinois Statutory Short Form for Power of Attorney for Health Care.

If you wish, pick up a packet at the Health Ministries table. If you pick one up, the best idea is to fill it out right away to the extent that you can. . . rather than putting it in a pile of stuff for someone else to take care of later!

Easy Butternut Squash



1 butternut squash

1 t. oil

Cut off the stem of the butternut squash. Cut the squash in half "from pole to pole." Use a spoon to scrape out the seeds.

Oil the bottom of a 9X13 pan. Place squash halves in it, cut side down.

Bake at 350 degrees for about an hour, until the neck end of the squash gives to your touch.

Remove from oven. Invert squash to cool. Scoop out the "meat." Sprinkle with savory or sweet seasonings:

salt, pepper, basil or oregano or honey, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves or pumpkin pie spice

Submitted by Susan Van Dyk

MMM CHILI SUPPER FUNDRAISER



CHRIST'S LOVE
COMMUNITY
CLEAN WATER

CHILI SUPPER FUNDRAISER

The Difference is You!

Join us for an awesome chili dinner and hear about Marion Medical Mission's progress toward providing safe, healthy water sources to the people of Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19 5:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church
1200 S. Carbon, Marion IL
Freewill offering will be collected

Silent and Live Auction Items

Bid on a great selection of unique items from local businesses and craft items from supporters! Silent auction proceeds will benefit wells that will provide a source of clean drinking water.

Thank you sponsors!

Christian Education

November 2017



It is that time of year again. Someone may ask you to serve as an elder or a deacon. We hope you will listen and give the request some prayerful consideration. We are each given a spiritual gift to be used "for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7). We, as a congregation, are given the gifts we need to carry on ministry in this place. Gifts mentioned in Scripture are hospitality, generosity, teaching, preaching, administration, and healing. However, the Spirit is not limited to any particular list of gifts and is constantly at work in our congregation and beyond us, drawing and cultivating gifts needed for the mission and ministry here, in this congregation.

We need people that know the kids by name, we need people to greet visitors and new members, we need people to deal with money. We need people to teach Sunday School and SHARKs. There are people who have never taught a Sunday School class but as soon as they volunteer because there was a need, they find they are given what they need and find that teaching is a joy. This is the Spirit as work empowering the ministry of ordinary church members.



Out of this understanding of ministry as a part of our church membership comes the practice of electing and ordaining officers - elders and deacons - to carry out particular tasks in the life of our church. Elders are set apart, along with our Pastor, to lead and govern the church. Deacons are set apart for ministries of compassion and service. "The existence of these offices in no way diminishes the importance of the commitment of all members to the total ministry of the church. These ordained officers differ from other members in function only." (The Book Of Order)

Just as Jesus set the example by washing the feet of the Disciples, we are called to the ministry of church officers, or as Sunday School teachers or leaders of SHARKs, along with that of all Christians, to carry out the imitation of Christ, who showed his love by serving.

Training Videos for Church Officers -

<http://newchurchofficer.com/>

Tim Van Roekel, Elder for Christian Education
(Chairman Nominating Committee 2017)

The Session met Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Moderator, Rev. Wade Halva, opened the meeting with prayer. Elders present were Tom Kucharik, Tim VanRoekel, Gayla Martini, and Marna Ames. Elder Wendy Evans was excused. Elder Jean Johnson arrived at 6:25 The printed agenda was approved.

Deacons' Report advised that Susan VanDyk will represent the Deacons on the 2018 nominating committee

The **minutes of the September 12 Session meeting** were approved as written. The minutes of the October 8, 2017 Called Congregational Meeting to elect the 2018 Nominating Committee were also approved as written.

Elder Tim VanRoekel and the Moderator led review of The Policy and Procedure Manual from Section 10.00 to Section A21.00. Each section was discussed. Further review will be in forthcoming Session Meetings until Manual is ready for final printing.

Notes to Financial Statements was presented by Treasurer, Jean Johnson
As of October 10, 2017

Total income shown in statements \$13,450.00 (attributed giving only totaled \$12,598.00)

Less our monthly expenses 32,997.64 *

Total income for period (\$19,547.64) Negative total

These expenses were comprised of 3 Scholarships totaling \$16,750.00 and \$4,986.00 for resurfacing of parking lot & drive.

Our Balance sheet for September 30, 2017 shows: Total Liabilities & Equity to be \$218,765.01*

*Total Liabilities & Equity is our net worth in all our accounts.

Elder assigned to assist with **Pastoral Care** in October and November is Elder Tom Kucharik and Elder Jean Johnson will assist in December and January.

Pastor's Report for September 2017

Activities Report

- Attended MMA book group
- Attended Ministerial Alliance meeting (9/6)
- Many pastoral calls and visits
- Begin work with SHARKS
- Attended Lectionary group
- Continued Study on Spiritual Autobiographies
- Worked on identifying issues/Solving problems with the organ
- Served communion at Outdoor Worship service (9/24)
- Celebration of Witness to the life and resurrection of Gene Stettler (9/28)
- Continued work with Cindy Bean on Proposed Overture to the General Assembly in 2018 **Session approved this Overture to be submitted.**

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Report of committees

Christian Education Report given by Elder Tim Van Roekel.

Properties Committee given by Elder Tom Kucharik.

Stewardship/Mission committee email report was submitted by Elder Wendy Evans.

Spiritual life committee oral report was given by Elder Marna Ames.

Financial Stewardship oral report was given by Elder Jean Johnson.

Worship Committee oral report was given by Elder Gayla Martini.

These reports were given for informational purposes and no action was necessary.

New Business

1. Session set Monday, October 30, 2017 for special called Session meeting for 2018 Budget meeting at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge Sunday will be November 5, 2017.
3. Marion Medical Mission will hold Chili Supper and presentation on the 2017 mission will be on Sunday, November 19 at 5:00 p.m.
4. Our Nominations for Keilmann Funds (transportation for MMM) for 2018 is Wade Halva, Janice West, and Lanita Ames.)
5. Policy Manual section will be reviewed at each regular session meeting until review is complete.

Meeting closed with prayer by Moderator at 8:00 p.m. Next state session meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

“A Modern Parable”

The treasurer of a congregation in one of the western states resigned. The elders asked one of the members who was the manager of the local grain elevator to take his place...He agreed under two conditions. 1. That no report from the treasurer be asked for one year. 2. That no one ask him any questions during this one year period.

Since he was a trusted man in the community and most of them did their business with him as manager of the grain elevator, they agreed with this arrangement. At the end of the year he gave this report: The indebtedness of \$25,000.00 on the church was paid. The parsonage had been redecorated. The minister's salary has been increased. The mission quota was doubled. There were no outstanding bills and a cash balance of \$12,500.00.

The amazed congregation asked how this was accomplished. Quietly he answered, “Most of you bring grain to my elevator. As you did business with me, I simply withheld 10% on your behalf and gave it to the church. You did not even miss it. Now you see what we could do for the Lord if we were all willing to return the first portion to Him, who really owns it?”



Social Justice Team

The Social Justice Team would like to offer a series of biographies of great American heroes who are persons of color. Unfortunately, we did not learn about many of these individuals in our high school history classes.



Ida B. Wells

Ida Bell Wells-Barnett, more commonly known as Ida B. Wells, was an African-American journalist, newspaper editor, suffragist, sociologist, feminist, and an early leader in the Civil Rights Movement. She was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909.

Ms. Wells was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi in 1862 a few months prior to the Emancipation Proclamation. Her parents were slaves of a prominent architect and she was one of 8 children. After the Civil War, her father became a master carpenter and fought hard for the advancement of black people. He encouraged Ida and his other children to attend college. Tragically in 1878, Ida lost both of her parents and a younger sibling to yellow fever. Ida fought to keep her siblings together (instead of placed in foster care) by going to work as a schoolteacher. As a black teacher, she earned \$30 a month while her white peer teachers earned \$80 a month. This discrimination made her more determined to fight the discrimination in how blacks were treated.

In 1884 a Memphis train conductor ordered her to give up her paid for first class ticket to move to the overcrowded smoking car. This was 70 years before Rosa Parks. She sued the Memphis train system and won a \$500 settlement. However the next year, the Tennessee Supreme Court over-turned the lower court ruling and even ordered Ida to pay court costs. She was very disappointed with this ruling and wrote in response, "O God, is there no justice in this land for us?" She then became a noted journalist advocating for "justice for all" especially for African Americans and women.

In 1889 three black men who were close friends of Ida's were lynched following a white mob attack on the black men's grocery store in Memphis. From that point forward, Ms. Wells began to investigate all the incidents of lynching and found that they rarely occurred as a consequence of crime but they seemed to occur during times of economic depression and increase in black population. In 1990 her findings were corroborated in an influential study on lynching in America. This 1990 study (entitled the Beck and Tolney study) found that the rate of lynchings was higher when marginal whites were under threat because of uncertain economic times.

Ms. Wells freely acknowledged her personal flaws in particular her being quick to criticize and use harsh words. However her courage and crusade for the truth were how she should be remembered. In 1909 she became a co-founder of the NAACP.

Ms. Wells spent her later years working for urban reform in Chicago as well as raising her family of 4 children and 2 stepchildren with her husband, attorney Ferdinand Barnett. She died in 1931 at the age of 68. Since her death, her legacy has grown. Her homes in Chicago and Mississippi have become African American museums that act as cultural centers of African American history. There have been plays written about her life, a commissioned portrait of her hangs in the Harvard Kennedy School and there is a Foundation established in her name to protect, preserve and promote her legacy.



Reminders



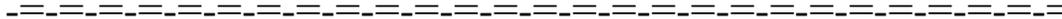
KROGER CARDS

The Kroger Community rewards program is in effect and there is no need to sign up yearly anymore.

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the service desk at any Kroger store.

Once you are signed up you can check the bottom of your Kroger receipt to see if your purchase amount is benefitting this church. If that is not listed, you may need to sign up online at Kroger.com.

In September of 2017 we received a check from Kroger for \$162.89.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday the 4th at bedtime!

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or

pastor@marionpresbyterian.org

November 5, 2017

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Matthew 1:1-17 Genealogy of Jesus

Genesis 5 Descendants of Adam

How We Got Here

November 12, 2017

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Year 110

November 19, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah: A Child Is Born

Isaiah 9:1-7 People who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

John 8:12

Next or Now

November 26, 2017

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 Seek the welfare of the city; I know the plans I have for you.

John 14:27

Where We are Now





Thu 2: 6:00pm ADK (retired teachers group) will hold their meeting.

Sat 4: **Daylight saving time ends.** Set your clocks back 1 hour before bedtime .

Mon 27 thru Friday Dec 1: Our opportunity to work in the **Marion Ministerial Alliance Soup Kitchen.** Please volunteer if you are able to represent 1st Presbyterian Church in serving your community.

SUNDAYS AND DURING THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

5: Pledge Sunday. The Worship Committee meets during the fellowship hour.

19: There will be a blood pressure screening sponsored by the Health Ministry during the fellowship hour.
5:30pm MMM Chili Supper fundraiser with silent and live auction.

26: Christ the King Sunday. Hanging of the greens. Chili lunch.
Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for the upcoming Christmas Season. Bringing in your homemade chili, chili ingredients, crackers, desserts or side dishes to share for lunch would be greatly appreciated.

MEETINGS THROUGH THE WEEK

Fri 10: 8:30 –2:00pm Home School group meet.

Tue 14: Deacons meeting. 6:00pm Session meeting.

Thu 16: 6:00pm Social Justice group meeting.

Sat 18: 8:00am Presbyterian Men meet at IHOP.

Mon 20: 5:00pm Health Ministry meeting.
6:30pm Cancer Support group meeting.

Thu 23: Thanksgiving Day.
The Johnson family has reserved the hall and kitchen for their family Thanksgiving day dinner.

WEEKLY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays: 11:00 am Tuesday Prayer Group meets at the church.

Wednesdays: 10:00am Book Study. 4:00pm S.H.A.R.K.s 6:00pm Choir.

Thursdays 3:30pm Tai Chi.

To aid the members in pray fully contemplating service as a Deacon or an Elder here are the basic duties/responsibilities of each. The nominating committee thanks each of you for reading and encouraging each other in the work of the Church.

First Presbyterian Church 1200 S Carbon Marion, Illinois		Policy and Procedure Manual	
		Deacons	
10/1/2017			D10.00

POLICY

It is the policy of First Presbyterian Church that a Board of Deacons be formed and made up of Deacons elected by the Congregation.

The description of a Deacon is found in G-2.0201, Deacon Defined, of the Book of Order.

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

PROCEDURE

1. The Nominating Committee will suggest at an annual Congregational Meeting a slate of Deacons. Deacons will be elected in classes to maintain consistency on the Board of Deacons.
2. The Board of Deacons is made up of 6 Deacons each serving two year terms in classes of three Deacons.
3. A Deacon may serve up to six years concurrently and then must rotate off the Board of Deacons. (Per Book of Order)
4. The Deacons are a Ministry of Compassion and Service.
5. The ministry of the Board of Deacons is under the supervision and authority of the session.
6. The Deacons are responsible for the caring of those in need within the congregation.
7. The Deacons shall oversee any needed funeral meals. Assistance may requested from the Fellowship Committee and membership at large.

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8. The Deacons shall oversee any special meals such as baby showers, hospitalized members family, and other special needs and may ask for assistance from the Fellowship Committee and membership at large.
9. The Deacons shall develop a care list of all members and regular attendees and others that need to be included. Each Deacon will be responsible for a portion of this list and be available to listen and help as needed. Deacons shall provide care including cards and or calls for such as shut-ins, those missing several weeks in a row and other needs as the Deacons shall outline.
10. The Deacons shall recognize the attendance of visitors and follow up as appropriate.
11. The Deacons may be asked to assist with the serving of Communion.
12. The Deacons may work with other committees as needs arise and duties overlap.
13. The Deacons should meet monthly.
14. The minutes of the Board of Deacons shall be available for the next Session Meeting.
15. A representative of the Board of Deacons shall report monthly to the Session. **written or physical presence?**
16. It is the responsibility of the Deacons to supply a single rose commemorating births in the congregation.
17. The Deacons will be responsible for the spending of all moneys for flowers.
18. To propose to the Session an amount to be included in the annual budget to accomplish the work of the Deacons.
19. Recognizing that moneys contributed through the quarterly green Deacons' Fund envelope should be treated as specified giving, Finance Committee shall set this money aside in a special account which will be available to the Deacons for use in their compassionate work over and above the budgeted moneys. Also, that any balance in this account at the end of the year should be carried over to the next year.

The pastor is available to serve as a resource person and to meet with the committee when invited.

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		Session	
10/1/2017			\$10.00

POLICY

It is the policy of First Presbyterian Church that a Session be formed and made up of Ruling Elders elected by the Congregation.

Membership and responsibilities are found in G-3.02, THE SESSION, of the Book of Order.

The description of an Elder is found in G-2.03, RULING ELDERS, of the Book of Order.

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PROCEDURE

1. The Nominating Committee will suggest at an annual Congregational Meeting a slate of Ruling Elders. Elders will be elected in classes to maintain consistency on the Session.
2. The Session is made up of Six Elders each serving two year terms in classes of three elders.
3. An Elder may serve up to six years concurrently and then must rotate off the Session.
4. The Session consists of members, ordained as Ruling Elders of the church, and each will chair and report for one of the following Committees:
 - a. Budget Committee (Session as a Whole)
 - b. Christian Education
 - c. Mission/Communication
 - d. Properties/Buildings and Grounds
 - e. Spiritual Life
 - f. Stewardship/Finance
 - g. Personnel (Session as a Whole)
 - h. Worship
 - i. Each committee may have subcommittees. (These are listed under the Policies of each committee)
 - j. The Session shall elect a commissioner to attend Presbytery on a rotating basis.

SESSION BEHAVIOR

1. Remember you are part of a working Body of Christ. Give everyone a chance to be heard.
2. Remember to disagree with issues, not with people.
3. Be constructive in your criticism
4. No personal attacks
5. Be loving and thankful for others
6. Remember we are working together to build the church.
7. Be sure to listen with an open mind
8. We don't gather already knowing God's will; we gather to seek it together
9. Remember to seek unity and purpose
10. Begin discussions with points of agreement
11. Explore alternatives and third ways
12. Remember to be involved in our work, but don't lose your sense of perspective.
13. Remember to keep your sense of humor.
14. Remember to stand up firmly for essentials, but remember also to know the difference between essentials and nonessentials.



Birthdays: 11th J R Russell, 12th Marlene Sheruda, Bob Ames,
13th Jean Johnson, 23rd Silas Evans, 26th Laura Kucharik

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10am Book Study 4pm SHARKs 6pm Choir	2 3:30pm Tai Chi 6pm ADK	3	4
5 Worship Committee 	6	7 11am Prayer Group	8 10am Book Study 4pm SHARKs 6pm Choir	9 3:30pm Tai Chi	10 8:30-2pm Home School Group	11
12	13	14 10am Deacons 11am Prayer Group 6pm Session PLAN deadline	15 10am Book Study 4pm SHARKs 6pm Choir	16 3:30pm Tai Chi 6pm Social Justice Group	17	18 8am Presbyterian Men meet at the IHOP
19 Blood Pressure Check 5pm Chili Supper fundraiser MMM	20 5pm Health Ministry 6:30pm Cancer Support Group	21 11am Prayer Group	22 10am Book Study 4pm SHARKs 6pm Choir	23 	24	25
26 Christ the King Hanging of the Greens Chili Lunch	27	28 11am Prayer Group	29 10am Book Study 4pm SHARKs 6pm Choir	30 3:30pm Tai Chi	SOUP KITCHEN WEEK	



First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School: 9:00am

Worship Service: 10:30am