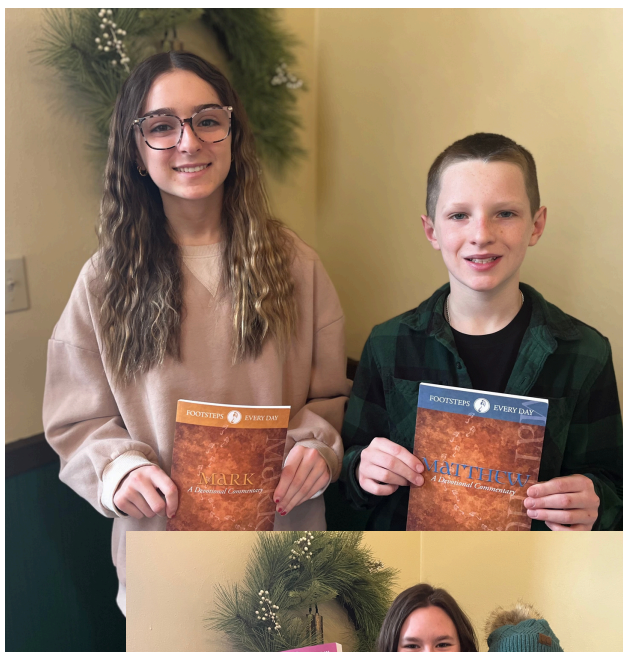




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A NEW GOSPEL STUDY

We have some excited helpers here to show off our new devotional series on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

To help you learn more about Jesus and your faith in him, please pick up one copy of one of the four devotionals we have at the back of the sanctuary. When you're ready to move to another gospel devotional, please return the previous so others might use it, and find another devotional for yourself.

If you'd prefer to order the copies on your own, we invite you to go online to bobrognlien.com and look for the "store" tab at the top to place your order.

Many have already taken advantage of this series and are reading along with us as we move through the month and into this new year.

We invite you to join us as we dive into the gospels in 2025!

OUR MISSION

TO BE THE LOVING COMMUNITY OF JESUS CHRIST THAT WILL

WIN

NEW FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST TO SAVING FAITH

GROW

ALL FOLLOWERS TO DEEPER FAITH

GO

INTO THE WORLD AND DEMONSTRATE FAITH

SUNDAY SCHOOL WINTER/SPRING SESSION

BIBLE ZONE - 8:30-9am

3 yrs - 3rd grade
in the East Room

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 11-11:45am

4th-8th grade
on the 2nd floor

HIGH SCHOOL - 11-12pm

9th-12th grade
on the first floor across from the elevator

YOUNG ADULT CLASS - 11-12pm

in the Pastor John's Office

ADULT CLASS - 11-12pm

in the church library

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on February 16, 2025 at 10:30 am in the sanctuary for the purpose of:

- a. Reviewing the 2023 budget
- b. Electing of congregational members of the Nominating Committee
- c. Receiving annual reports
- d. Transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.



Lent is a 40-day period leading up to Easter that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The length of Lent represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before beginning his ministry. It is a time of spiritual renewal and reflection in preparation for observing Good Friday, the death of Jesus, and celebrating Easter, the resurrection of Jesus.

The purpose of Lent is to draw closer to God through prayer, repentance, and self-examination. During Lent, many Christians fast or give up certain indulgences as a form of self-discipline and penance. This may include abstaining from certain foods, activities, or habits.

We invite you to mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. as we begin this Lenten season together on **Ash Wednesday** here at FPC.



Birthdays

FEBRUARY

Edythe Brockman	6
Lynn Woltering	8
Dan Brockman	11
Idalia Stricklin	13
Emilie Gibbs	13
Noah Trolinger	14
Ayden Pinney	16
Katie Kolesar	18
Lloyd Chapman	22
Tiffani Dial	24
Bill Gaspar	25
Sue Brockman	27

MARCH

Lisa Smithmeyer	2
Kerry Gerding	5
Randy Ehret, Sr.	8
Joanie Bixby	13
Kathy Gonzalo	13
John Walker	16
Sarah Walker	17
Grant Smithmeyer	21
Allen Tucke	22
Madie Trolinger	22
Matthew Walker	24

COMMUNITY MEALS

Our Fellowship and Outreach Committee is looking to fill the 2025 Community Meal calendar. Our FPC family serves meals to those in need on the third Sunday of every month. If you are interested in providing a meal with your family, with friends, or with a small group, please speak to our Fellowship elders - Amanda Brockman and Peg Kramer - to get your month reserved. Thank you!



FLASHBACK CORNER

Who Do You See?



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OTTAWA OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE



Registration for the 2025-2026 school year begins at our Open House. Your child's spot will be reserved with an application and a \$40 registration fee.

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2025



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FPC STAFF and ELDERS

John Walker PASTOR	David Farrell ADMINISTRATION	Lisa Smithmeyer DISCIPLESHIP
Lori Trolinger CHURCH SECRETARY	Pete Trolinger ADMINISTRATION	Amanda Brockman FELLOWSHIP
Kerry Gerding CLERK of SESSION	Brian Huebner TRUSTEE	Peg Kramer FELLOWSHIP
Joy Huebner TREASURER	Mike Farrell TRUSTEE	Allen Gibbs WORSHIP
Lloyd Chapman MUSIC DIRECTOR	Dan Mestelle TRUSTEE	Ron Koestler WORSHIP
Diane Chapman ORGANIST	Cheryl Stohr MISSION	



OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin this month!

Registration begins:

- February 2nd - church members
- February 10th - current students/siblings
- February 17th - Public Open House and registration 6-7pm

A registration fee (cash or check) of \$40 and a completed application is needed to secure a spot for your child.

Please see our website for more information at:

ottawaoportunitieschool@yahoo.com



We invite you to be a part of refreshing the PRAYER LIFE of our congregation! We know that the foundation of prayer is so important for anything we do. There is an opportunity each week to be a part of this important and special work of the church; WEDNESDAY mornings from 9-10am (NOTE: from January through March we meet by ZOOM). Please come join us in the church library or by ZOOM. You can ask Pastor John for the link. Come and see what great work God is waiting to do, as we thank, seek, and ask Him in a weekly season of prayer together.

Heavenly Father, Thank you that we can come before you, our loving, powerful Father, and ask for your help and guidance. Thank you for how you have blessed FPC these past 150+ years. Will you please continue to pour out your blessings upon us? We ask for your protection and provision, for our church and leaders, as we enter this time of wanting to grow closer to you and be your disciples. Please help our hearts to be open to what you want to teach us. Help us to see your love for us and others all around us. Show us where we can be your hands and feet. Give us courage to speak out in love and kindness, in your name, where we see need. Please heal those who are sick; comfort those whose hearts are hurting; provide for those in need; bless and protect our families; heal our nation and world. Jesus, thank you for your amazing gift of complete forgiveness, because of your obedience and sacrifice on the cross, on our behalf. Please help us to live with new awareness of the freedom we have been given as your deeply loved sons and daughters. Help us to grasp and understand the rich PRIZE you have for us, and those all around us. Holy Spirit, please reveal yourself to us. Guide, lead, and protect us. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

**Want more help with HOW to pray and for WHAT?
See the daily calendar for PRAYER on the next page.**

<p>1</p> <p>Pray for our Restoration and Revival</p> <p>Psalm 80:19</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor John and his family</p> <p>Galatians 6:9</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FPC Staff</p> <p>1 Corinthians 16:4</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Our Hurting World</p> <p>John 3:16</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Public Schools and Opportunity School</p> <p>Proverbs 22:6</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Shut-ins</p> <p>James 1:27</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Community Meals</p> <p>Matthew 25:37-40</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Psalm 86:9-10</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Hearts of Hurting People</p> <p>Psalm 34:18</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Session</p> <p>Isaiah 41:10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>PADS Shelter and Homeless</p> <p>Matthew 25:35-40</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Protection of the Congregation</p> <p>Ephesians 6:10-18</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Invite and Welcome the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Titus 3:4-7</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Choir and Music Team</p> <p>Psalm 92:1</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Youth Group Ministry</p> <p>Proverbs 22:6</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Our Children</p> <p>Matthew 19:14</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pray for our Missionaries strength and protection</p> <p>Acts 1:8</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Food Pantry</p> <p>Luke 21:18-19</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Health of the Congregation</p> <p>James 5:14</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Small Groups and Missional Communities</p> <p>Hebrews 10:25</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Nation, State, and Government</p> <p>1 Timothy 2:1-4</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bible ZONE and all Sunday School Programs</p> <p>Matthew 19:14</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Our Seniors</p> <p>Psalm 90:14</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Churches of Ottawa</p> <p>Hebrews 10:24-25</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Ottawa Mayor and City Counsel</p> <p>1 Timothy 2:1-4</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Leaders of Ministries</p> <p>Hebrews 13:17-18</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Ottawa Community</p> <p>Jeremiah 29:7</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pray for those who are far from God</p> <p>Luke 10:2</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Servant's Heart</p> <p>Matthew 25:37-40</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Under His Wings Ministry</p> <p>Jeremiah 29:7</p>

PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY WITH US
FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND CHURCH



February

2025



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 SATURDAYGIFT

Want to join the Wednesday Prayer Team by ZOOM this Winter? Let Pastor John know.

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Communion
9:30am

Opportunity School
Registration for FPC Members

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Prayer Meeting
9am by ZOOM

Choir Practice
7:00pm

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Prayer Meeting
9am by ZOOM

Committee Meetings
7pm

Choir Practice
7:00pm

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ANNUAL MEETING
10:30am

Community Meal
12pm

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Prayer Meeting
9am by ZOOM

Choir Practice
7:00pm

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Prayer Meeting
9am by ZOOM

Choir Practice
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