



First Presbyterian Church of Lockport

“A WINDOW TO GOD’S LIGHT, LIFE AND LOVE”

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Committee Events

Thanksgiving & Christmas Blessings

*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*

*Let them give thanks to Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men,
for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Psalm 107: 8-9*



NEWS BITES

We are happy to announce that Dollar Dinners are back! Dollar Dinners organizers announced that the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm Dollar Dinners will be provided. A signup sheet is posted in Arnold Hall. This is a vital ministry that enables us to reach out to our community as we are instructed to do by the word of the Lord.

We wish to encourage those that have never participated in the Dollar Dinner ministry to come and join us on Wednesday, November 8th, as we kick off Dollar Dinners.

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From the Pastor's Pen

by: Reverend William James Hardy

Paul wrote to his young disciple Timothy that followers of Jesus are to “do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is a life.”

A “life that really is a life” is a life in Christ. A life in Christ is a life that is spent doing deeds of goodness, being ready to share, and living generously. These attributes create a foundation for the future.

In many ways, we take it for granted that our church will be there for us in times of celebration and sorrow. We look at the strong foundation, the heavy stones that have endured for almost two centuries. We convince ourselves that nothing can shatter an edifice that has nurtured generations of the faithful before us.

We must not become complacent! Hundreds of churches

close their doors every year because people become apathetic to the needs of their faith communities. Church leaders age and die and no one stands up to take their place. And yet people still want to be married or have their children baptized in a church that they no longer regularly attend.

Our church is at a cross roads. We are still generally stable, but our future is no longer certain. Therefore, your church needs you more than ever. In order to continue the level of ministry that we have enjoyed in the past, we need members to respond with generosity to the stewardship call. But we also need members to raise their hands when called to serve. We need members to answer the call of service by volunteering to be an officer or to serve on a committee or to volunteer to coordinate a coffee hour or serve as a liturgist or choir member.

We also need our members to attend worship regularly, to

attend Adult Forum, to join a mission program, and to offer new ideas on how to make the church ministries and programs better. Members who care about the church can no longer sit on the side lines or be Monday morning quarterbacks. If we want our church to thrive, then we need to strive to be more faithful in our efforts to revitalize First Presbyterian Church!

In Christ,
Pastor Jim



All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 5th, 2017

For those who have gone on before us... We pray for all our departed loved ones.



ALL SAINTS DAY

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|------------------|----------------|
| Frederick N. Jex | Warren Sharpe |
| Keirn Vincent | Audry Grout |
| Linda Taylor | Dorothy Bonner |
| Sherina Harper | Rodney Conrad |
| Lori Schumacher | Elaine Shelley |
| Phyllis Noonan | Esther Prudden |
| Barbara Orloff | Nanette Allen |

House & Grounds

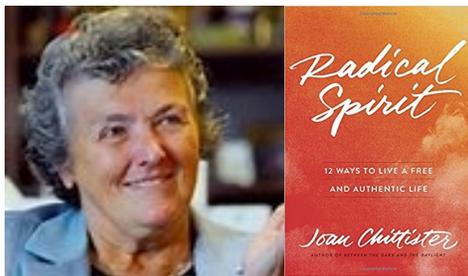
Update...

The committee has been very busy over the last several months landscaping and refinishing the Church Street side of the property. More needs to be done next year.

We have obtained bid for two very costly projects, steeple repair/renovation and the roof capstone surrounding the CE building. All of this will amount to well over \$ 100,000.00. Our beautiful buildings are a treasure but also very costly in upkeep and renovations. For many years we have maintained our church campus aiming to stay relevant in today's world while preserving the best of history. Please keep us in your prayer as we struggle with these much needed repairs.

Kenan Lecture Series

December 3rd, 2017 at 3:00PM.



Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B.

The First Presbyterian Church of Lockport and the Kenan Center presents a special event in honor of the Kenan Center's 50th Anniversary.

“RADICAL CHRISTIAN LIFE”

Author & Key Note Speaker:

Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B.

Joan Chittister is one of the most influential religious and social leaders of our time. For 40 years she has passionately advocated on behalf of peace, human rights, women's issues, and church renewal. A much sought-after speaker, counselor, and clear

voice that bridges across all religions, she is also a best-selling author of more than 50 books, hundreds of articles, an online column for the National Catholic Reporter, and a blog for the Huffington Post.

Feeling burnt-out from life, strung-out from social media, and put out by a society that always wants more from you? Beloved nun and social activist Joan Chittister, who appeared on Oprah's Super Soul Sunday, offers a practical, character-building, and inspirational guide to help you take control of your emotional life and redirect your spiritual destiny. Joan Chittister, whom Publishers Weekly calls "one of the most well-known and trusted contemporary spiritual authors," is a rabble-rousing force of nature for social justice, and a passionate proponent of personal faith and spiritual fulfillment. Drawing on little known, ancient teachings of the saints, Sister Joan offers a practical program to help transform our thinking and rebel against our fears, judgments and insecurities.

"Freedom from anxiety, worry, and tensions at home and work, comes when we give ourselves to something greater," she argues. "We need to seek wisdom rather than simply facts, to think before speaking, and in turn create respectful communities." With a series of twelve simple rules for healthy spiritual living, Chittister not only reminds us, but pleads with us, to develop enduring values by shifting our attention to how God wants us to live. This book will teach you how to accomplish this.

Sister Joan will draw from her new book, *Radical Spirit: Twelve Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life*. A book-signing will follow her talk. A limited number of books will be available for purchase at the event. The event is free to the public; at will donations graciously accepted.



First Presbyterian Church of Lockport
New Church Directory

Schedule:

Nov. 19th 12-7:00PM

Nov. 20th 1-8:00PM

Nov. 26th, 27th, 28th at 1-8PM

LifeTouch

Professional photography session: No sitting fees.

8x10 family photograph: With the church directory image of their choice.

Printed Directory: Put names with faces.

Printed Church Directories: All of your photographed families get a copy, plus you receive extra copies for growth and outreach. *You must be a member of First Church.* Photos will be available before Christmas.

Update Photography: Include new families in your directory. Contact Rev. Hardy to schedule your photography session.



Veteran's Day

November 12th, 2017 at the 10:30AM Worship Service.

Join us in observance of Veteran's Day as we honor all those who have served.



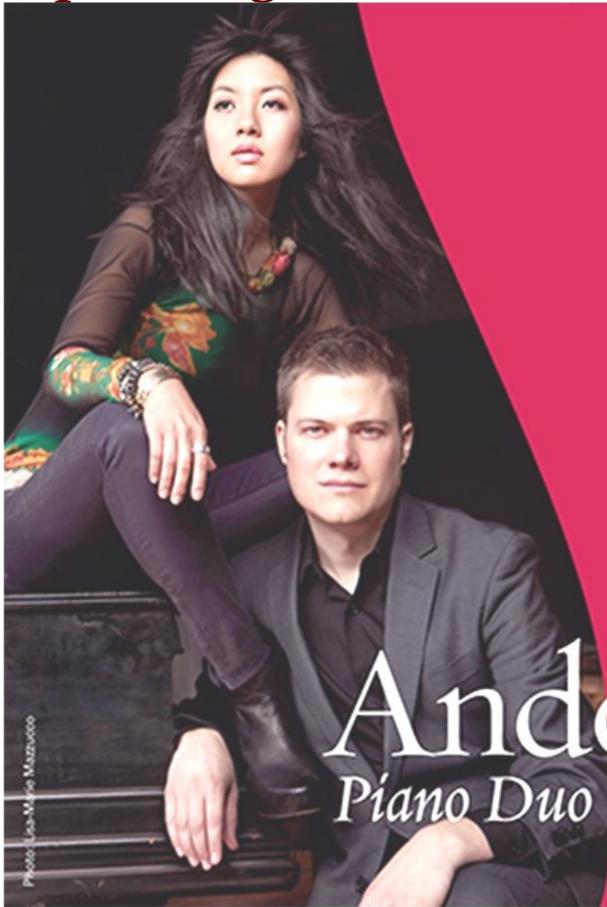
Girl Scout meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 6-7:30PM. For more information contact Susan Haley or church office.



Cub Scouts Den meetings are held Thursday evenings at 6:30-8PM. For more information contact Mr. John Stuart or Mrs. Kim Seekins.



Upcoming Music Events



First Presbyterian Church of Lockport

November 17, 2017
at 7:30 p.m.

Anderson & Roe

Piano Duo

December 1, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Jelani Eddington

Christmas Organ Concert

Join us for our Christmas Organ concert on Friday December 1st at 7:30PM. Jelani Eddington, is a popular artist at the Riviera Theatre in North Tonawanda and will be presenting special Christmas favorites on our organ. This concert completes our latest grant from the William Rand Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust.



Music News notes: All Bell & Choir rehearsal's have gotten off to a great start. We are blessed with a very talented and active music department with activities for all ages and for vocal and/or handbells. We are looking for singers and hand bell ringers for our choirs. Church membership is not a requirement. Contact our Music Director, Jeff Seekins for details at 716-433-5905.

Board of Deacons Events



Thanksgiving Baskets donations

The Deacons will be accepting non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving baskets. We ask that you donate items specific to thanksgiving dinner. This year's baskets will be given to underprivileged families out side of the church.



Thank you for your continued support!
Board of Deacons



Coats for the Cold

The Deacons are requesting gently used coats, hats, mittens etc. The deadline for contributions is November 12th, 2017.



Giving Tree

Gift tags are available on Sunday, November 19th. Make a needy child's Christmas that much brighter.



Deck the Halls

Monday, November 27th.
Pot luck dinner at 5:00pm.
Bring a dish to pass.

Poinsettia's Order Forms will be available on November 12th.

The deadline for all orders is December 3rd. 2017.



Christmas Poinsettia Sale

Proceeds benefit the work of the Board of Deacons. Plants you purchase will be used to decorate the church and can be taken home Christmas Eve after the 11:00 p.m. service. God bless you for your continued support and have a blessed Christmas!



Christmas
Eve
Service

Deadline: No Later Than Sunday, December 03, 2017

Cost: \$9.00 per plant

Number ordered: _____ Take Home: _____ Donation only: _____ Give to church member who is Shut-in: _____
(Please check one): Give in loving memory: Given in honor of:

Given by: _____

For Office Use only: Cash _____ Check# _____ Amount \$ _____

Peanut Brittle Celebrating 50th Year Anniversary!



Hurray! It's Peanut Brittle Time!

We are calling all volunteers to sign up for another awesome season of Peanut Brittle making. This is a huge fundraiser for the church and we need your support. Everyone knows that First Church volunteers are simply the very best!

Here is our production schedule: *weather permitting*

Saturday, October 28th 9:00-11:00am Peanut Sorting

Saturday, Nov 4th 7:45am – 1:00pm Peanut Brittle Making & Clean-up

Saturday, Nov 11th 7:45am – 1:00pm Peanut Brittle Making & Clean-up

Saturday, Nov 18th 7:45am – 1:00pm Peanut Brittle Making & Clean-up

Saturday, Dec 2nd 7:45am – 1:00pm Peanut Brittle Making & Clean-up

Saturday, Dec 9th 7:45am – 1:00pm Peanut Brittle Making & Clean-up

Schedule subject to change dependent on the weather

Please note: If you can't stay the whole time, we particularly need:

Early workers (7:45 am. We need 25 workers per shift)

Volunteers needed from 12-1pm for Clean-up.

If you have orders for buying or pre-orders for selling,



Christmas Eve Services

On Sunday, December 24th, 2017 we will **not** have our regular 8:15AM & 10:30AM Worship Services. Please mark your calendars.

We have two beautiful Christmas Eve services packed with music at 3:00 and 11:00PM on Sunday, December 24th.

3:00 PM Family Communion Service

This family friendly service will include communion and music by our New Beginnings Handbell Ensemble plus soprano Maria Goodrich.

11:00 PM Traditional Candlelight Communion Service

This is our traditional candlelight communion service with music by harpist Beth-Anne Brenamen and soprano Emily Storrs.

Come and celebrate our Savior's birth!



Christmas Caroling

Dig out your Santa Hats and get your Fa-La-La on for some good old fashion Christmas Caroling. More information on this event will be provided in December.

Happy Birthday Jesus!



December 17, 2017 following the 10:30AM service.

Ugly Christmas Sweater

On December 17th wear your ugliest Christmas sweater to church!



Christian Education News

The Sunday School year has gotten off to a strong start and we are looking forward to the beginning of the advent season! If you haven't joined us for Sunday School yet, please consider coming and joining us. We have Sunday School classes for all ages. We begin at 9:30 in Arnold Hall with an energizer led by Rev. Hardy. If you would like to help as a Sunday School teacher or sub, please let Rev. Hardy or Corey McCarthy know. We would love to have your help!

The Christmas pageant this year will be directed by Jim McCarthy. Rehearsals will be held after the 10:30AM Worship Service. Please see schedule below. A pizza lunch will be provided before rehearsals. The pageant will be performed on December 17th.

2017 Christmas Pageant rehearsal schedule:

- Sunday, November 5th.....Pageant rehearsal 11:45AM
- Sunday, November 12th..... Pageant rehearsal 11:45AM
- Sunday, November 19th.....Pageant rehearsal 11:45AM
- Sunday, December 3rd..... Pageant rehearsal 11:45AM
- Sunday, December 10th.....Pageant rehearsal 11:45AM
- Saturday, December 16th.....Dress Rehearsal 11:30AM
- Sunday, December 17th.....Christmas Pageant at 10:30AM

Let's Dance!!

Thursday, November 9, 2017

(Thursday before Veterans' Day)

7:00-9:30 p.m.



The fun takes place at First Presbyterian Church, 21 Church Street, Lockport

This event is open to all Presbytery Youth Groups and their friends! There will be a great DJ, Montreat/Triennium Energizers, and refreshments will be provided. The cost of admission is a new toiletry item to be given to support needy Veterans and their families.

Creation Exploration!

The Pre-K kids spent a couple weeks learning about the creation story. On October 8th we went on a "field trip" to see and learn about the cool stuff God has given us. Our group is called, "Creation Exploration."



First Church Pre-K kids setting off on their exploration.



Reagan, Joey, Alaina



Joey learning that this snail is one of God's creations, and it will not hurt him.

2018 Stewardship Drive

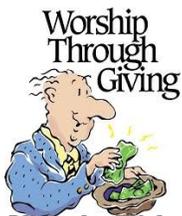


Live Generously

TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE

1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19

2017 Stewardship Campaign



Worship
Through
Giving

November 12, 2017
Stewardship Dedication
Bring your Commitment Cards to worship
as a symbol of your commitment to
the church of Christ.

Visit the Webpage for additional stewardship resources.

<http://1stpreslockport.org/stewardship-2017/>

Hurricane Relief

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program is providing aid to the victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma, Maria etc. Through donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing and through congregations donations, monies collected will provide aid to these storms victims.

The devastation of these storms has impacted in-numerous numbers of people. If you would like to make a donation please make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church of Lockport. All donations will be forwarded to this vital program. The need is so great. Please keep those affected by these epic storms in your prayers and please, prayerfully give.

We have currently collected \$1,685.00 for the Presbyterian Disaster Relief.



FLOM Events

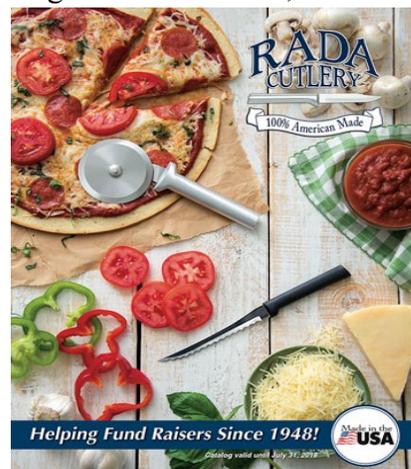


Kick off was Sunday, Oct. 15th and runs through November 19th. Give the gift to a child who does not know the joy of receiving gifts on Christmas morning. Shoe boxes are available. Please see Janice Bregy.



RADA Sale

Sale begins on Sunday, October 29th through November 12th, 2017.



November Birthdays

Zebadiah Hare	11/01	Matthew Pisarski	11/08	Hannah Berry	11/21
Joshua Sherman	11/01	Jeri Serriane	11/08	Courey Penna	11/21
Leon Smith	11/01	Rodney Conrad Jr.	11/09	Samuel Parker	11/22
Ruth Trombitas	11/02	Steven Secord	11/09	Carlin Serriane	11/22
Erik Zimmerman	11/02	Joseph Rongo	11/11	Jacob Cummings	11/24
Skyler Maurer	11/03	Laura Schmidt	11/11	Lloyd Gerstung	11/25
Jacob Rogers	11/03	James Colletti	11/12	Don Hall Jr.	11/25
Dawn Rubeck	11/03	Helen Miller	11/12	Lucas Jex	11/25
Amy Bluhm	11/04	Ryan Penfold	11/12	Devyn Johnston	11/25
Robert Lewis	11/04	Peter Welsby	11/12	Barbara Wolcott	11/25
Bradley Marble	11/04	Michael Trombitas	11/13	Allan Jack	11/26
Donna Garver	11/05	Joan Lantinen	11/14	Mary Ann Marotta	11/26
Samantha Johns	11/05	Barbara Mayer	11/14	Heather Schmidt	11/26
Doug Fitch	11/06	Patricia Giambrone	11/15	Brendan Towlson	11/26
Tony Shay	11/06	Cameron Bonanno	11/16	Janet Grimm	11/27
Kelsey Barrick	11/07	Oliver Hardy	11/17	Robert Berry	11/29
Jameson Cummings	11/07	Elizabeth Rogers	11/19	Amy Keller	11/29
R. Marshall Hall	11/07	Scott Baron	11/20	Steven Lewis	11/29
Richard Stern	11/07	Samantha Allee	11/21	Lila Maurer	11/29
Diane Kilroy	11/08	Alicia Balbuzoski	11/21	Trish Welsby	11/29



Happy Birthday



December Birthdays

Pierson Janes	12/01	Margaret Buchner	12/13	Heather Roncone	12/21
Jamie Johnston	12/01	Kimberlyn Comstock	12/13	Peggy Shea-Robichaud	12/21
Jinny Mulvey	12/01	Ella Johns	12/13	Brandi Sutter	12/21
Nita Jackson	12/02	Jenny Swick	12/13	Jennifer Rodgers	12/22
Pat Pynn	12/02	Maria DiCillo	12/14	Nate Flint	12/23
Ian Brunner	12/03	James McCarthy	12/14	John Neden Jr.	12/23
Nicholas Larouere	12/03	Mary Mulvey	12/14	Daniel Suplicki	12/24
Stephen Ames	12/05	Barbara Kelsey	12/15	Mike Cummings	12/25
Dillon Bender	12/05	Timothy Lomison	12/15	Christen Mueller	12/25
Nicholas Preskop	12/05	James Nogle	12/15	Helen Zimmerman	12/25
Norman Pearson	12/06	Darin Tothill	12/15	Holly Lederhouse	12/26
Cali Sullivan	12/06	David Tothill	12/15	Daniel Kohl	12/27
Amber Szafranski	12/06	Maureen Dischner	12/16	Tyler Nogle	12/27
Joseph Guagliano	12/07	Carla Glenna	12/17	McKenzie Pilarski	12/27
Dave Mazur	12/07	Joseph Lederhouse	12/18	Nathan Stern	12/28
Olivia Norris	12/07	Tristan Tothill	12/19	Dawn Coyle	12/29
Mary Jo McCarty	12/09	John Traversone	12/19	Indigo Hare	12/29
Fred Zimmerman	12/10	Ray Webster III	12/19	Brittany Lewis	12/29
Peter D'Angelo	12/11	Marianne Currie-Hall	12/21	Daniel Maurer	12/29
Kevin Seekins	12/11	Michael Drinkwalter	12/21	Gail Mitchell	12/29
Bobbie Mael	12/12	Susan Haley	12/21	Carolyn Parker	12/29
Paul Baughman, III	12/13			John Berry	12/30
				Berkley Turner III	12/30
				Marissa Bleiler	12/31



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP SCRIP CARD FUNDRAISER**
(payment due with order)

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
YOUTH GROUP MEMBER: _____

Cards Available in OPEN boxes only

Vendor	(% church profit)	Gift Card Amount					\$ Total
		\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50	\$100	
EXAMPLE: MYSTORE				2		1	\$ 150.00
Ace Hardware (4%)							
Aeropostale (10%)							
Amazon.com (2.5%)							
AMC Theatres (8%)							
American Eagle (10%)							
American Girl (9%)							
Applebee's (8%)							
Arby's (8%)							
AutoZone (8%)							
Barnes and Noble (8%)							
Bath & Body Works (13%)							
Bed Bath & Beyond (7%)							
Best Buy (4%)							
Bob Evans (10%)							
Bonefish Grill (8%)							
Bon-Ton (12%)							
Boston Market (12%)							
Bravo Italian Restaurant (12%)							
Buffalo Wild Wings (8%)							
Build-A-Bear Workshop (8%)							
Burger King (4%)							
Cabela's (11%)							
Carrabba's Italian Grill (8%)							
Chipotle Mexican Grill (10%)							
Chuck E. Cheese (8%)							
Claire's (9%)							
Dairy Queen (3%)							
Dave & Busters (13%)							
Denny's (7%)							
Dick's Sporting Goods (8%)							
Dunkin' Donuts (2.5%)							
Express (10%)							
Family Video (12%)							
Game Stop (3%)							
Gap (14%)							
Great Clips (8%)							
Home Depot (4%)							
IHOP Restaurant (8%)							
iTunes (5%)	** Avail. in \$15 Amt.	**\$15					
JCPenney (5%)							
Jo-Ann Fabrics (6%)							
TOTAL OF PAGE 1:							

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser

WINTER 2017

Questions?
Please contact Heather Miner
434-8324
Thank you for your support!



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YOUTH GROUP SCRIP CARD FUNDRAISER**
(payment due with order)

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
YOUTH GROUP MEMBER: _____

Cards Available in OPEN boxes only

Vendor (% church profit)	Gift Card Amount					\$ Total
	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50	\$100	
Kohl's (4%)						
LL Bean (16%)						
Lands' End (16%)						
Lord & Taylor (8%)						
Lowe's Home Imprvmt. (4%)						
Macy's (10%)						
Marshalls (7%)						
Maurices (7%)						
Michaels (4%)						
Office Depot/Office Max (5%)						
Old Navy (14%)						
Olive Garden (9%)						
Oriental Trading Co. (9%)						
Outback Steakhouse (8%)						
Panera Bread (9%)						
PetSmart (5%)						
Pizza Hut (8%)						
Rainforest Café (9%)						
Red Lobster (8%)						
Red Robin (8%)						
Regal Entertainment (8%)						
Rite Aid (4%)						
Sally Beauty Supply (12%)						
Shutterfly (9%)						
Starbucks (7%)						
Subway (6%)						
Supercuts (8%)						
TJ Maxx (7%)						
Taco Bell (5%)						
Target (2.5%)						
TGI Friday's (9%)						
Tim Hortons (5%)						
Tops Supermarket (5%)						
Toys-R-Us/Babies-R-Us (3%)						
Walgreens (5%)						
Wal-Mart/Sam's Club (2.5%)						
Wendy's (4%)						
other*:						
other*:						

TOTAL FROM PAGE 1:

* From "Master List" of ALL (local/non-local) retailers GRAND TOTAL DUE:
Payment is due when order is placed (cash or check payable to First Presbyterian).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser

WINTER 2017

Questions?
Please contact Heather Miner
434-8324
Thank you for your support!

Montreat Fundraiser Winter 2017

With each gift card you purchase, the church earns revenue (2%-15%). The program requires payment up front at time of order. Fill out the order form included with payment in **cash or check made payable to: First Presbyterian Church** and drop it off at the church office or give to Heather Miner.

Orders are due to Heather Miner **NO LATER THAN:** For **NOVEMBER 5th-Orders** or **DECEMBER 3rd-Orders.**

Gift cards will be delivered before Christmas. Please contact Heather Miner at 434-8324 (home) or 418-9815 (cell) with any questions you may have about the program.

Thank you for supporting the youth of First Presbyterian!

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“Remember...
 Sunday, November 5, 2017,
 clocks are turned backward 1 hour.”

Church office will be closed November 23rd & 24th
 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

December 25th, Christmas Day and January 1st,
 2018 New Years Day!

Our Staff

Rev. W. James Hardy
Pastor

Robin Andrews
Sunday Nursery Care

Lorraine Kibler
Moderator of Deacons

Elizabeth Lattimer
Office Manager

Heather Miner
Clerk of Session

Jeffrey Seekins
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Prayer Corner

Ken Baggett	John McWilliams
Sue Benner	Lorraine Mitchell
Bergeron family	Steven O'Cestello
Arlene Bolton	Kristi Polster
Whitney Bregy	Mike Preskop
David Carlson	Dotti Waite
Dorothy Degnan	Noreen Weatherall
Martha Ferguson	

Pray for those in nursing facilities, our shut-ins, and those serving in the military.
 Contact the church office to add/remove off the prayer list.

In Sympathy

Our Condolences to the family of Kim Seekins on the passing of her mother Nanette Allen. Please keep the family and her loved ones in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Dorothy Craig and her loved ones on the passing of her sister.

*Our thoughts
 And prayers
 Are with you.*



From the Editor

Our next edition for 2018 will be the January/February edition. Deadline for submission is December 15th, 2017.

STAY IN TOUCH

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