

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF HIGHLAND



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**Special points of interest:**

**Christmas Poinsettia List**

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**2019 Per Capita**

**JANUARY 6**

Adult Study - 9:00 AM  
 Worship (Comm) & K-6th grade Church School- 10:30 AM  
 TAKING DOWN OF THE GREENS  
 Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM  
 Faith Development - 11:45 AM  
 Hospitality - 11:45 AM  
 Youth Group - 5:00 PM (Talent Show Prep)

**JANUARY 13**

Adult Study - 9:00 AM  
 Worship & K-6th grade Church School - 10:30  
 Coffee Fellowship & SOUP SUNDAY - 11:30 AM  
 W & M - 11:45 AM  
 Quirky Quarters - 3 to 5 PM

**JANUARY 20**

Adult Study - 9:00 AM  
 Worship & K-6th grade Church School - 10:30  
 Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM  
 Youth Group - 5:30 PM (Talent Show Prep)

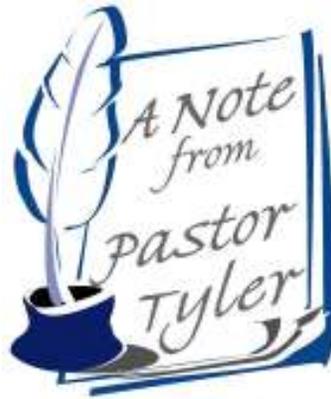
**JANUARY 27**

Adult Study - 9:00 AM  
 Worship & K-6th grade Church School - 10:30  
 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
 POTLUCK LUNCHEON & Soup Sunday - 11:30 AM



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*The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Highland is to be  
 the HEART, HANDS, and FEET of Jesus Christ*



Dear All,

A new year is upon us! The changing of the calendar often gives us a sense of new hope for new possibilities. We think of it as a time to look forward, and we certainly have many things to look forward to. Chief among them is our continued worship together. During my short time here, I have regularly been inspired by the ways in which this congregation gives glory to God. In 2019, may we remember that our worship together is the foundation of everything else that we do, and may we do everything else as a continuation of our worship.

The turning of the year is also an opportunity to look back and reflect. 2018 was a year of change for First Presbyterian Church of Highland. This congregation bade farewell to one beloved pastor, welcomed many pulpit suppliers, and finally called me. This congregation had loved ones, stalwart members of the community, join the resurrection. This congregation has seen new faces coming and dear friends moving away. Throughout all of this, you all have remained faithful. Reflect on that for a moment. Honor what you are grieving. Embrace what excites you.

The wise author of Ecclesiastes writes, "I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover God has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end." We should always have a sense of what has come before and what is yet to come, and we must also understand that God has a plan for all of it that is beyond our comprehension.

As we continue to bask in the glow of Christmas and Epiphany, may we know that the God of new creation is with us always, no matter the season, no matter the struggle. This is the meaning of *Emmanuel*.

In Christ,

*Rev. Tyler Orem*



### TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of  
November 30, 2018

	Month of November	Monthly Budget	Year to Date
Operating Revenue	\$10,342.40	\$11,586.00	\$120,138.04
Operating Expenses	12,922.31	12,719.00	107,337.41
Excess (Deficit)	(\$2,579.91)		\$12,800.63



### Gifts given in the months of December to the Endowment Fund include:

In Memory of: Don & Phyllis Auld, Jim Corten, Arlene Diekman, John Gordon,  
Linda Mann, Mildred Munson, Norma Wilson

### These gifts were given by the following donors:

Robert & Charlotte Abernethy, Joseph & Donna Bond, Fred & Carol Callaway,  
Vince & Debbie Catania, Peter & Gale Churitch, Barb Dye, Eason & Nancy Engle,  
Leroy Fassett, Rodney & Peggy Fozkos, Steven & Terri Grecnik, Carolyn Ham, Effie Hanes,  
Nancy Janett, Nancy Johnston, Douglas & Petra Julian, Richard & Lois McClaughry,  
Jan Oprea, Tom & Pam Porter, Kenneth & Kathleen Rabe, Arletta Schaefer, Linda Skaggs,  
John & Kathleen Slamkowski, Marie Smith, Yvonne Suroviak, John & Judy Toren,  
James Wilson

### In Celebration of Dr. Lowell Steen's 95th Birthday:

Fred & Carol Callaway, Rick Parker, Tom & Pam Porter, and Peter & Laura Wisner

### In Celebration of George Griner and Dr. Lowell Steen's 95th Birthday:

Paul and Sandy Nicholls

### In Celebration of Pastor Tyler's Installation:

Peter and Gale Churitch





## Trustee Happenings

1. Six new speakers were installed by Broadway Music. We can also play and record CD's should Music and Worship wish to enhance worship services. With a modest expense, we can also play background music for choir, weddings, funerals and special events and record the event for uploading to the website. We continue to seek volunteers to work the sound panel during worship service.
2. Tiger Plumbing rebuilt the flush valve in the men's room across from the church office.
3. Toddco Mechanical installed a new motor and pressure relief valve which allows us to heat the men and women restrooms across from the church office. They also released a stuck relay switch which caused the sanctuary to heat to 77 degrees. The relay can go anytime so Toddco is looking for replacement relays to assure problem is resolved long term.
4. Foster Electric is hired to replace light bulbs high in the sanctuary rafters with LED bulbs. Exterior lights at South building also need to be done by an electrician or electrical contractor.
5. We continue to upgrade lights to high efficient LED bulbs and have a supply of fluorescent bulbs available on first come basis. We primarily have the lower level in the south building and a few other random lights to replace. This project is expected to be completed early 2019. See Eason Engle or Jeff Savage for the excess bulbs.
6. The church leased 10 south side parking spaces to the Town in 2019. We will need to move the paper collection box and outline the last parking space. The Town will use the spaces during Town events.
7. We have quotes to replace the landscaping in front of both sanctuaries and the north lot. Options are being evaluated.
8. Indiana Dunes Great Banquet Group requested use of the fellowship hall and sanctuary for 50-60 people on Saturday Jan. 26th 2019. Insurance paperwork is being processed. We expect a free-will offering.
9. We are seeking volunteers to work with the garden people during the Spring. Contact the Trustees or Cheryl Steen or Nancy Engle.

*Eason, Debbie, Dennis, Jeff, Winnie, Jerry and Josh*



## Shelter Report for December

Lee Ann, Judy and Cheryl were blessed at the December Shelter cooking to have a Brownie troop join us for the cooking and serving.

Several of the moms were also there along with their troop leader.

The girls helped with the salad under the direction of Lee Ann. She also showed them how we roll silverware and pack up all the necessary items to serve. Judy did the supervision of the dump cake and hard boiled eggs. Not any broken ones! Good job girls! Cheryl took over the main entrée of goulash with the help of one of the moms.

Four of the girls came along to serve. They had a good interaction with the guests and even want to come back. They did a little song and dance after serving, and the guests told them they should have done it sooner so they had a show while they were eating. Next time we can work on that!!

A huge thank you to the moms and especially the girls for their interest in this project.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Mitten Tree. We collected 35 hats, 56 pairs of gloves, 13 pair of mittens, 9 scarves, 3 hat and scarf sets, 1 hat and glove set, 1 head band, and 16 pair of socks. This year we will be giving these items to the Highland Elementary schools. We also received a pair of hand puppets, which will be given to our Adopt-A-Family.



On December 7<sup>th</sup>, eight FPCH members attended the annual Vespers Service at the Valparaiso University Chapel. Oral readings and musical selections told the Biblical story from creation through the birth of Jesus.

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, seven youth visited five FPCH families serenading them with Christmas Carols and presenting them with plates of homemade Christmas cookies. The youth are planning a mission trip to the Dominican Republic this coming June. The mission will be working with young children. They may be asking you for a contribution to help with the cost of the trip. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The next Quirky Quarters will celebrate Epiphany. The date is Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 3:00-5:00 in fellowship hall. Children K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. Please plan to come and bring a friend.

**JANUARY**

- 6 Talent Show preparations begin  
20 Talent Show Prep

**FEBRUARY**

- \*3 SOUPer Bowl Sunday Collection  
10 AM to Noon  
17 Talent Show Prep  
24 Talent Show Prep

**YOUTH POWER....**

*(These are excerpts from sermons given by the Youth on Mission Trip Sunday, July 1st)*

Imagine living with your aunt, uncle, grandma or grandpa because you don't know where your parents are. Or maybe you do, but it's not any better because they're in jail. Imagine living in a household with 12 other kids. You feel invisible. Imagine that your sibling, someone you want to look up to, is in jail. Imagine not knowing when your next meal will be because although this is something I'm sure we all unknowingly take for granted, food is not a given for these kids. They don't all get to wake up and eat breakfast and lunch and dinner. They don't get to have a snack in between meals just because they feel like it. At one point, some of these kids didn't even have a home to wake up in. This nightmare is their reality. These kids, who are either my age or much, much younger are facing these unfathomable hardships. I wouldn't even know what to do if I was in their position. I will forever be changed. I can think of no better way to have spent my week. With all that said, I would like to end with a scripture verse:

Revelation 21:4

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes: There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

~Sarah Manning



**Thank you for the beauty of poinsettias given to  
decorate the sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season.  
The poinsettias were given to the glory of God by:**

Fred & Carol Callaway, in memory of Charles & Florence  
Baudouine and Paul & Mary Callaway

Gale Churitch, in celebration of Peter & Gale Churitch's  
36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Lois Fozkos, in memory of family present and passed

Rodney & Peggy Fozkos, in memory of loved ones

Laura Jones, in memory of family and friends

Barbara Morton

Marjean M. Reed, in memory of Dr. Ronald R. Reed,  
Maxwell and Reed & Families

Dr. & Mrs. Lowell Steen, in memory of their parents

**In Lieu of Flowers:**

Shirley McKnight, in memory of her husband, Barry McKnight

Bonnie Perryman, in honor of Mary Ann Benard and

in memory of J. Robert Benard



**FREE-WILL DONATION**  
**SOUP SALES**

There will be Soup available on January 13th & 27th following worship in Fellowship Hall.



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCHEON - JANUARY 27th IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP - IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**



**The Per Capita PER member is \$41.21 for 2019**



*Per Capita - For Love of Christ's Church*



Thank you to all those who prayed, sent cards, and came to Jim's funeral. He loved the church!

*Jim and Ede Corten's Family*

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Thank you to the "Soup Angel" for the soup.

*Jeanne Nestor*

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*George Griner*

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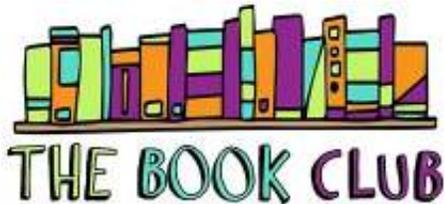
Thank you to the Youth Group, Dave Gibbs and the Abernethy's for the cookies and the carols.

*Barb Dye*

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We want to thank our entire church family for their cards, prayers, visits and support during my Mom Arlene's recent illness and passing. We are so grateful for Rev. Tyler Orem's message and service and music by our organist David.

*Jean and Jay Smith*



Book Club will not be meeting in December.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 3rd at 2:00 PM at the home of Debbie Catania to discuss the book "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" by Robert Dugoni.



**The next meal will be on Saturday, January 26th from 12 to 1 PM**



**Murray Faris**  
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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Grace Kerber
- 3 Josh Nelson
- 9 Gale Churitch  
Eric Johnston
- 10 Norma Bauer  
Bonnie Nolen
- 12 David Hamblin
- 15 Anettia Holmes  
Kate Kerber
- 16 Sandy Buono  
Sharon LaFlech
- 17 Jennifer Vuckovich
- 22 Wanda Weston
- 24 Bailey Parker
- 27 Dan Miller
- 31 Peggy Fozkos





### Prayers of Christian Sympathy to:

Jay and Jean Smith and their family on the death of Jean's mother, Arlene Diekman on December 17th.



### Ongoing Prayers



The Prayer Circle prays for the people on this list, and for all other concerns named at that time. Please include the persons listed here in your daily devotional time. Thank you.

- Debbie Abernethy
- Anthony - Suzanne Gruoner's son
- Alaina (Callaway)
- Marge Ashton
- Bapst Family (Callaway)
- Sonny Buono
- Mary Ann (Perryman)
- Art Calvin
- Ina Chappell
- I Sun Chong (Oprea)
- Marian Clayton (Morton)
- Ede Corten
- Ruth Dekker
- Barb Dye
- Matt Hanft (Oprea)
- Daniel Litwicki (Debbie Catania)
- Murray Faris
- Marlys Furnas
- David Jones (Oprea)
- Rick Parker
- Calvin Scott
- Bonita Sutton (Nolen)
- Steve & Melinda
- Dennis VanKooten

In order to keep the prayer list current, we need your input. If there are people you would like to have added or if there is someone who can be taken off the list, please call the Church Office (838-6850).

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 Due to federal regulations about privacy, ***we are no longer called by hospitals*** about patient admissions. Even if they ask you for your church affiliation when checking in, they do not call. If you or your loved one would like a visit while hospitalized, or would like a home visit, please call the church office at 219-838-6850.  
 Thank you!  
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- We pray for those undergoing treatment for cancer, the mentally ill and their families, those recuperating, those undergoing treatments and those waiting for transplants.
- We pray for our country.
- We pray for our firemen and police who help keep us safe at home.
- We pray for our service men and women.
- We pray for the unemployed, the under employed and the homeless.

- We pray for those who are traveling.
- We pray for those we hold silently in our hearts.
- We pray for all children in the world.
- We pray for the work of the Holy Spirit within the life of FPCH and within each of us, that we may indeed be and make disciples in each new day.
- We pray for our home-bound.

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**USHER SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 6**

Anettia Holmes  
John & Judy Toren

**JANUARY 13**

Eason & Nancy Engle  
Ben Porter

**JANUARY 20**

Tom & Pam Porter  
Lee Ann Cheesebrough

**JANUARY 27**

Norma Bauer  
Donna Helmer  
Kelsey Helmer

**FLOWERS**

**JANUARY 6 - 27**  
OPEN

**LITURGISTS**

**JANUARY 6**

Hilary Kikkert

**JANUARY 13**

Tracy Oprea

**JANUARY 20**

Lois Fozkos

**JANUARY 27**

John Toren

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

**JANUARY 6**

OPEN

**JANUARY 13**

Kelly LaFlech  
Sharon LaFlech

**JANUARY 20**

OPEN

**JANUARY 27**

Potluck Luncheon

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

1/6: P. Fozkos/L. Fozkos  
1/13: J. Smith/N. Engle  
1/20: H. Kikkert/D. Catania  
1/27: T. Oprea/T. Severson

**HOSPITALITY HOSTS**

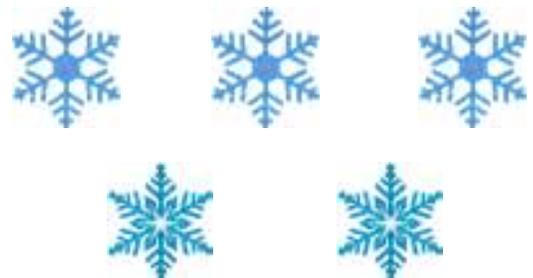
1/6: Debbie Catania  
1/13: Arletta Schaefer  
1/20: Nancy Engle  
1/27: Jerry Martinez

**COMMUNION: January 6th:**

Carol Callaway  
Jan Oprea  
Cheryl Steen  
John Toren

**RIDES TO HERITAGE  
WORSHIP**

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