

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF HIGHLAND



# THE LARGER VIEW

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**FEBRUARY 3 - SOUPer Bowl of Caring**

Adult Study - 9:00 AM  
 Worship (Comm) & K-6th grade Church School- 10:30 AM  
 Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM  
 Faith Development - 11:45 AM  
 Hospitality - 11:45 AM  
 Youth Group - 10-12 (SOUPer Bowl of Caring)

**FEBRUARY 10**

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  
 Youth Group - 5:00 PM (Talent Show Prep)

**FEBRUARY 17**

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

**FEBRUARY 24**

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



**Special points of interest:**

**A Note from Pastor Tyler**

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

**SOUPer Bowl Sunday**

**Fundraising While You Shop**

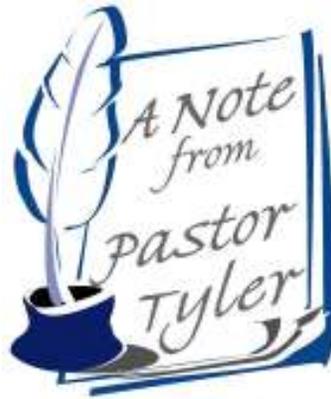
**Prayer List**

**Worship Assistants**



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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,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are now in that season between Epiphany and Lent, the end of the birth narrative and the beginning of the death narrative. This means that liturgically we are in the season of life! It is difficult to look outside or feel the elements in January and February and to think of life, but blessedly the scriptures and the Church's calendar draw our attention to exactly that—life. When we studied Jesus' baptism, we were reminded that there were decades of Jesus' life that our scriptures tell us nothing about. These were the years that formed his beliefs and his character, when he gained from the wisdom of his elders and the common sense of the community that surrounded him. These were the years of childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood, so I am sure that he was also pushing back and challenging at times!

It is easy to forget that Jesus lived the fullness of the process of life until his death in his early to mid thirties. Because our scriptures do so, we tend to jump from his infancy to his adulthood. We have no idea what the details of his experiences were during those intervening decades. Perhaps he traveled broadly. Perhaps he learned the trade of carpentry with Joseph. Perhaps he studied more at the temple and synagogues. There is no way for us to know. We do know, however, that he went through those development processes that are common to all. He probably alternated between fighting with his parents, feeling embarrassed by his parents, and recognizing his dependence on his parents. He probably had a best friend or a group of friends with whom he talked about the trends of the day, played games, and danced. He probably wondered with dismay at the changes of his body. He probably had fits of emotional outbursts. He probably had times of rigid, inflexible thinking. He surely went through the long process of forming an identity that fit him in all of his quirks and in which he could navigate the world.

As we consider the fullness of the life of Jesus of Nazareth, may we remember that Jesus was a baby, a toddler, a young child, a pre-teen, a tween, a teen, and a young adult. May we see Jesus when we look at people representing all of these different life stages in our congregation and in our community. May we be sure to embrace all and include all in the fullness of our life together—in worship, fellowship, and service. This month I pray that you feel the presence of God in all of life's stages and that you see God in others at all stages of life.

In Christ,

*Rev. Tyler Orem*



- At this first meeting of the year, Session revisited the structure of the ministries and appointments. Jean Smith was appointed Clerk of Session for 2019 and Vince Catania was appointed Treasurer for 2019. The annual clerk's statistical report was approved.
- A welcome to Session member Jill Elman ( class of 2021) was extended. Lois Fozkos and Jean Smith are continuing on Session.
- A fundraiser opportunity will be launched at the Annual Congregational meeting – “Shop with Scrips”. All members of the congregation can participate.
- A donation was received in memory of Barbara and Basil Sheets. The money is designated for Bible classes, beautification of grounds, and organ maintenance.
- The trustees are busy with projects. The Session approved a small capital campaign to begin in March to improve the landscaping around the church building.
- Elder Charlotte Abernethy reported on an upcoming Lenten series Bible study. Also, Saturday Nyte Live – an auction and youth talent show will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Consider donating an item and coming for the meal and auction! The proceeds go towards the youth going on their mission trip to the Dominican Republic this summer.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of  
December 31, 2018

	Month of December	Monthly Budget	Year to Date
Operating Revenue	\$10,451.68	\$11,586.00	\$130,589.72
Operating Expenses	15,598.81	12,719.00	122,936.22
Excess (Deficit)	(\$5,147.13)		\$7,653.50



**Gifts given in the month of January to the  
Endowment Fund include:**

In Memory of: Arlene Diekman

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

Nina Christiansen, Vicki Hansen, Marjean Reen, Dr. & Mrs. Lowell Steen,  
Marilyn Underkofler

**A gift was given by Dennis Sheets  
in Memory of Barbara and Basil Sheets  
for the beautification of grounds, funding Bible classes  
and maintenance of the organ**





### 2018 Salvation Army Bell ringing campaign

For the 30<sup>th</sup> year FPCH volunteered to ring the bells at Strack's. Over a six week period 37 members and friends of the church rang the bell for 144 hours. Each Wednesday through Friday from 10:00AM until 6:00PM, our group manned the kettle with greetings and good will to all who passed by. Regardless of our numbers or ages, the FPCH mission spirit remains amazingly strong! That spirit permits us to continue to be the heart, hands and feet of Christ and we are grateful for that blessing. As with every year some rang for many hours, some rang for a few and some made themselves available for any openings that were left to be filled. Every volunteer made our church's effort a success and we thank you all for that.

As for this year, our total is almost \$500 greater than last year! That may be because of the gold coin dropped in our kettle, or because of our well-honed and effective bell ringing skills. Either way, it resulted in \$6,238.16 for those in need! Again, thank you!

Mission project coordinators-Jill Elman, John Toren



**Thank you FPCH Christmas elves.**

**We were able to deliver presents and dinner fixings to two appreciative families just prior to Christmas.**

**Thanks to contributors who generously bought gifts and groceries.**

**We'll look forward to your help with families again next year. HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



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## **City Rescue Mission – Breakfast is Served**

*by Tracy Oprea*

Saturday, January 12, 2019 was the Ministry of Mission's scheduled day to cook and serve at City Rescue Mission in Hammond. The Family Team of Tracy Oprea, Holly Severson, Ella Severson, Kent Oprea, Michelle Eiden, Patryce Hanft and Kelly DeSantiago prepared a breakfast buffet for the men and women at the shelter. Twenty-Nine (29) men and two (2) women enjoyed two types of breakfast casseroles, blueberry french toast casserole, cinnamon roll casserole, fresh fruit, freshly baked homemade muffins, cookies and rice krispy treats, as well as regular milk and chocolate milk and hard boiled eggs. The meal was enjoyed by all and the recipients were extremely grateful for the same.



The Ministry of Mission is always looking for volunteers to cook, serve or cook and serve on the second Saturday of each and every month. This is a great opportunity for both family and friends to donate their time and help the less fortunate. Please see any Mission member if you would like to sign up.



**FEBRUARY**

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

**MARCH**

- \*2 2:00 Set up for Talent Show  
5:00 Dinner  
6:00 Talent Show
- \*8-9 Ski Trip  
4 PM Friday until 7 PM Saturday
- \*23 Ronald McDonald House—serve lunch



**YOUTH POWER...**

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

A Song by Jenna Turpin....

Waiting by the window for daddy  
to come home

Waiting for a better life that I can  
call my own

Waiting for the next thing to go  
wrong

Hoping today's the day that I can  
finally eat.

Hoping my new dad isn't another  
dead beat

Hoping that I can just stay strong.

And now...

I'm looking for that hand reaching  
out to me

Looking for a role model who I  
wanna be

But that's just life here in  
Cincinnati

Went to place called Camp Washington

There I could finally jump out my own  
skin

And just be a kid for a few hours a day

Gotta new buddy from some random  
town

Gotta smile on her face that never  
seems to frown

And I wonder what's the most she's  
ever had to face

But now...

I finally gotta role model who I wanna  
to be

But in a few days, she's leaving  
Cincinnati



Today's the day that my buddy leaves  
 I don't know if anyone's ever been that  
 good to me  
 But she promises me that I'll see her  
 again

She tells me that I can make it out  
 Tells me I'm a good kid, she has no  
 doubt  
 Tells me that in her I'll always have a  
 friend.

She says when in doubt look to the lord in  
 the sky  
 Says that he can really help me get by  
 Says that he gives out hope and faith  
 And that if I stay with him that nothing will  
 get in my way

So now...  
 I'll always have a hand reaching out to me  
 Gotta lord in the sky that's helping me  
 So I'm not so alone in Cincinnati

## **IT'S SATURDAY NYTE LIVE TIME AGAIN!!**

### **MARCH 2ND AT 5:00 pm**

#### **MISSION STARTS AT HOME...BUT IT DOESN'T STOP THERE!!**

This Youth Group is actively involved in serving the needy in our area. We have served meals at the homeless center in Hammond, Haven House and Ronald McDonald House. We have volunteered at the Calumet Humane Society and served homeless veterans. We have had many food drives for the Salvation Army and the food pantry. This Youth Group does trash pick-up in the neighborhood around downtown Highland. We also regularly go to homes and nursing care centers to visit and bring gifts to the elderly. **WE LOVE TO SERVE!**

Although MOST of our service is done right here AT HOME, we also travel to other places in need. We have been to West Virginia and Cincinnati serving young and old living in poverty. This year, we are going back to the Dominican Republic to serve orphans and some of the poorest children on our planet.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are looking for auction items to sell. Gift cards, baked goods, gift certificates, gift baskets—virtually ANY item or service you care to donate would be greatly appreciated. In the past, you have generously given Bears, Bulls, Sox and Cub tickets.

If you are UNABLE to attend this year's event or prefer to make a cash donation, please drop in in the offering plate or the church office.

God Bless You, and **THANK YOU!!!**



The SOUPER Bowl of Caring was started by a Presbyterian Youth Group in Columbia, South Carolina in 1990. Since then, over \$100,000,000 (yes one hundred million dollars!) in cash and food donations have been raised. All the items and cash are collected by local churches and given by them to the Charity of their choice. The Youth will be collecting canned goods and donations on FEBRUARY 3rd. The Youth have decided to give all the donations to our very own Food Pantry Ministry.

Help us use the Notoriety of the big football game to help those in need!



Sunday, January 13th, the youth celebrated Epiphany. Heather Casiano explained about the guiding star announcing the birth of Jesus, who was the light of the world. Our challenge is to let "our light" be visible to others, daily. In the first photo, Rev. Tyler is participating in a minute-to-win-it sticker game with Savannah Ham. In the 2nd photo the youth and Charlotte Abernethy are knot-tying a fleece blanket, which will be donated to an assisted-living facility. Our next quirky quarters will be the Easter Egg Hunt, March 20th.

# PASTOR TYLER'S



SUNDAY	8 AM TO 3 PM
MONDAY	10 AM TO 4 PM
WEDNESDAY	8 AM TO 11:30 AM
THURSDAY	8 AM TO 11:30 AM



The Per Capita PER member is \$41.21 for 2019



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



## FREE-WILL DONATION SOUP SALES

There will be Soup available on February 10th and 24th following Worship in Fellowship Hall.



A double "Thank You!"

First, we would like to thank the soup angel. We enjoyed the soup and appreciated thinking of us.

Second, we would like to thank the Youth Group, Charlotte & Bob and Dave for the Christmas Carols and cookies. We enjoyed it so much! It was also very thoughtful of all of them. The Youth Group is a very great group of kids.

Thank you,

*Elwyn & Caroline Studer*

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Thank you so much to the soup angel and all the soup that was brought to me throughout the month.

*Yvonne Suroviak*

# Fundraising WHILE YOU Shop<sup>®</sup>



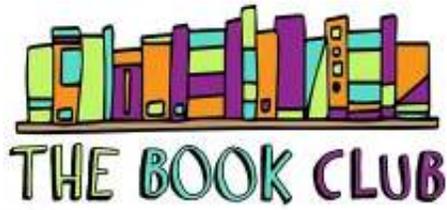
Stop selling and start earning! Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that allows families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!

When you use scrip gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers more than 700 of the country's biggest retailers, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!



Coordinator:  
Sharon LaFlech  
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The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 7th at 2:00 PM at the home of Charlotte Abernethy to discuss the book "The Storyteller's Secret" by Sejal Badani.



The next meal will be on Saturday, February 23rd from 12 to 1 PM



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 Jay Smith
- 8 Don Zuke
- 9 Ted Speroff
- 10 Phyllis Auld
- 11 Brian Scott
- 16 Tracy Oprea
- 17 Kelsey Helmer
- Marilyn Metzger
- Jessica & Melissa Rosa
- 20 Philip Parker
- 29 Janet Terpstra



### Prayers of Christian Sympathy to:

John and Judy Toren and their family on the death of Judy's aunt Bernice Putman on January 18th.



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
- Vicky Callaway
- Art Calvin
- Ina Chappell
- I Sun Chong (Oprea)
- Marian Clayton (Morton)
- Jim & Ede Corten
- Ruth Dekker
- Denise (Kikkert)
- Barb Dye
- Matt Hanft (Oprea)
- Daniel Litwicki (Debbie Catania)
- Murray Faris
- Marlys Furnas
- David Jones (Oprea)
- Linda Kubiak (L. Fozkos)
- Mary Ann (Perryman)
- 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,

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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 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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- 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.



**USHER SCHEDULE**

**FEBRUARY 3**

Carolyn Ham  
Jamie & Savannah Ham

**FEBRUARY 10**

Rodney & Peggy Fozkos  
Anettia Holmes

**FEBRUARY 17**

Lee Ann Cheesebrough  
Bob Abernethy  
Jan Oprea

**FEBRUARY 24**

Nancy O'Donnell  
Debbie Catania  
Cheryl Steen

**FLOWERS**

**February 3 - 24**  
OPEN

**LITURGISTS**

**FEBRUARY 3**

Jean Smith

**FEBRUARY 10**

Lois Fozkos

**FEBRUARY 17**

Bonnie Perryman

**FEBRUARY 24**

Vince Catania

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

**FEBRUARY 3**

Gale Churitch  
Nancy O'Donnell

**FEBRUARY 10**

Jamie & Carolyn Ham

**FEBRUARY 17**

John & Judy Toren

**FEBRUARY 24**

Worship & Music

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

2/3 P. Fozkos/L. Fozkos  
2/10: J. Smith/N. Engle  
2/17: H. Kikkert/D. Catania  
2/24: T. Oprea/T. Severson

**HOSPITALITY HOSTS**

2/3 Cheryl Steen  
2/10: Laura Jones  
2/17: Lexa Miller  
2/24: Jamie Ham

**COMMUNION: February 3:**

Cheryl Steen  
Bonnie Perryman  
John & Judy Toren

**RIDES TO HERITAGE**  
**WORSHIP**

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Worship  
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

