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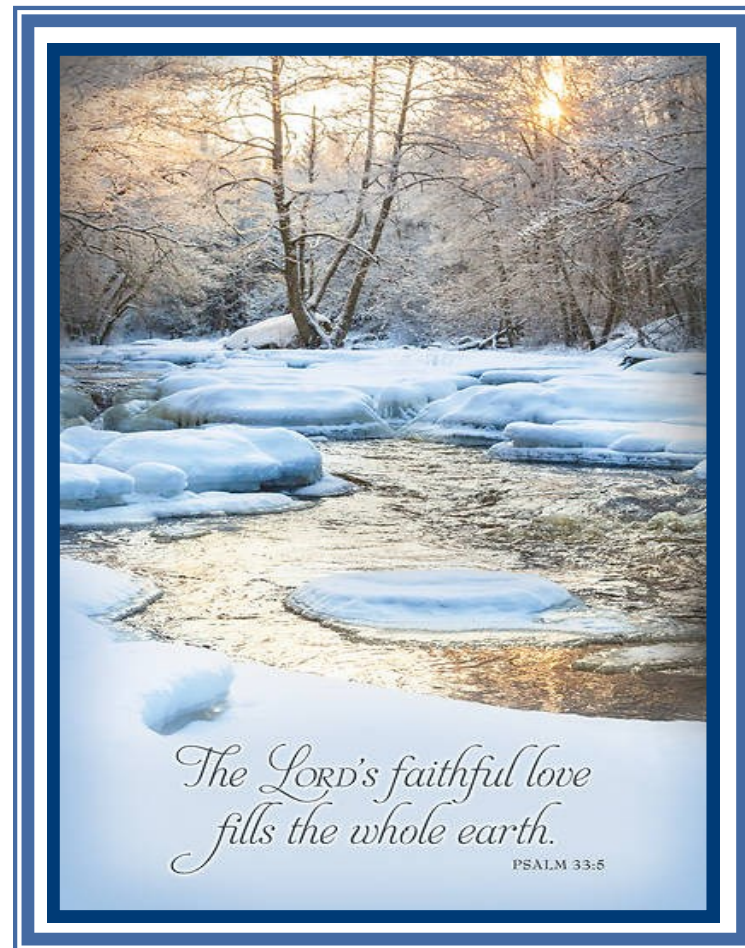


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reflections

Dana Miller,
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Winter is coming! Are you ready for it? I know, I know, it hasn't felt much like winter so far through November and December—it's been so warm, and there hasn't been any real snow yet! But you and I both know that this is Illinois, and when winter snows finally arrive, they usually arrive with a vengeance. We never truly know when that first real blizzard or ice storm will hit, but when it does, you find out just how prepared you really are for it, like it or not. Gas for the snow blower? Snow shovels? If you're stuck behind feet of snow in your driveway, you can't exactly go out and get them, can you? And if you're low on groceries during a snow storm, and you can't get to the store to replenish, you learn just how creative you can be with all those least favorite canned goods you've got in the nether regions of your cupboard, at least until you can get out again....

We all know it's a good idea to prepare ahead of time for that first big snow, because we don't want to get caught unprepared. Why? If we're unprepared, our situation becomes a whole lot more unpleasant than if we had taken the time to get ready for it in advance.

Life works that way, too. We know life is not just sunshine and rainbows, but we all go through periods of trial and difficulty. When those seasons of life catch us unprepared, life becomes a whole lot more unpleasant than if we had been prepared for it in advance. That's what Peter warns us about in 2 Peter 3:17, "Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position." How do we prepare? Peter gives us the answer in the next verse, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

As we enter a new year together, I want to encourage you to spend a little more time each day with God. Perhaps this means a few more minutes each day in prayer, or a few more minutes looking at the Word of God. I promise you this—when difficult times come (and they will come), a firm foundation of faith in Christ and regular prayer and dialog with our Savior can make those tough times far easier to endure than if we have been neglecting our relationship with our Lord. So, if you don't feel like you're ready for those trials, take some time now to prepare by nurturing your relationship with Christ. Just like an Illinois winter, a little preparation now can make those trials easier to endure.

★★★★★ Election ★★★★★

Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting held Sunday, Jan. 9th, at 9 a.m. (just prior to the worship service) to elect new Elder nominee, Dixie Weinheimer and new Deacon nominee, Sarah Hill.

If approved by the congregation, Dixie, will be installed as an Elder and Sarah will be ordained/installed as a Deacon during the worship service with the other church officers in the Class of 2024.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

During worship on Sunday, January 9th, our new officers for the class of 2024 will be ordained and installed. This is a significant event in the life of the church and in the lives of officers as they undertake ordained service as Presbyterian Elders or Deacons.

Tracey Holoch and Steve Sinnott will be installed as Elders.

Barb Monical will be installed as a Deacon. Vonette Miller, Londa Holoch and Amanda Hill will be ordained and installed as Deacons.

Our thanks to the new and returning officers for their willingness to serve First United Presbyterian Church in this way. And thanks goes to our outgoing officers who have served faithfully for the past term: Elders Bonnie Crumbaugh and Terri Caldwell and Deacons Tim Sigler, Angie Timm and Mary Sigler.





January Birthdays

1/03 Blake Walker	1/17 Deb Drennen
1/03 Nadia Bollhorst	1/19 Lois Stevens
1/05 Anita Norton	1/20 Brett Hill
1/06 Kenzie Timm	1/25 Mary Lou Rutledge
1/12 Tanner Holoch	1/29 Bruce Owens
1/17 Carol Bottles	

As winter weather has arrived, it is a good time to be aware that in the event of severe weather during the week, the church office may be closed without notification. Please call ahead before venturing out.



featuring Skillet, Tauren Wells, KB, Colton Dixon & more!

FUPC Youth! Remember this date!

WINTERJAM 22

Peoria Civic Center on January 27th.
Doors open at 6 p.m. -- Music starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets \$10 available at the door.

More info coming soon!



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for January 30th immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

At this meeting there will be reports from the various boards and committees of the church, as well as year- end financial reports and the budget for 2022. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

December Library Corner

By Marty Dean



Twelve Days of Christmas Reading Guide

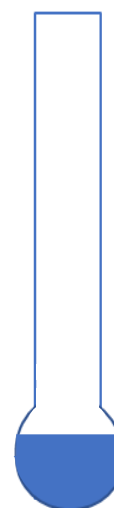
Our library table overfloweth with Christmas literary treasures--old and new, for the young, and young at heart--something for all to enjoy during the Twelve Days of Christmas and beyond.

For a deeper dive into a *whale of a tale*--Mr. Dana compiled a five week study from the book of Jonah. Built upon 5 principles--number one being, *it is impossible to run from God* along with *failure does not disqualify you from being able to serve God*. Replete with a map of Jonah's journey and modern day photos of the region, this study guide can be found in the resource section of our library.

Enjoy the plunge and happy reading!

BUILDING RENOVATION PROGRESS UPDATES:

100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
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The new plumbing and electrical work in the old nursery area has been completed (as far as it can be until the offices are moved) and the downstairs ceiling remains "open" for now until all the work in the area has been completed. The next steps is this area include installing the new office windows and installing the drywall.

Unfortunately the outside demolition is still on hold until the contractor can get here. While we know that everyone was hoping to see this phase begin before winter arrived and are anxious to see this work begin, everything seems to have been slowed down due to labor shortages.

This "thermometer" graph is a visual aide to watch our contributions grow to pay towards the \$300,000 that we intend to borrow towards the project. We have received **\$40,173** since the project was approved at the end of February. Our thanks to all who are helping to achieve our goal!



2021 CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT



PJ's and Praise Worship December 26, 2021



Worship Schedule - January 2022

9:00 a.m. Sunday WORSHIP	January 2 (Communion)	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
PULPIT SUPPLY	Bob Marsh	Kathy Mitchell	Bob Marsh	Bob Marsh	Kathy Mitchell
ACCOMPANIST	Vonette Miller Londa Holoch	Mary Sigler	Mary Sigler	Mary Sigler	Mary Sigler
LAY READER	Naomi Chaplin	Marty Dean	Mary Sigler	Anna Rayburn	Marty Dean
USHER/ GREETERS	Angie Timm	Steve & Kim Myers	Dennis Mennenga, Barb Monical	Beverly & Jack Burcham	John & Bobbi Murfin
COMMUNION SERVERS	Bobbi Murfin, Beverly Burcham, Barb Monical				Bobbi Murfin
TECH BOOTH	Steve Sinnott Tanner Holoch	Steve Sinnott Sarah Hill	Steve Sinnott Tate Sigler	Steve Sinnott Tracey Holoch	Steve Sinnott Randy Sigler

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

<i>Sunday Dates</i>	<i>Special Services</i>	<i>Sunday Attendance</i>
December 5		50
December 12		54
December 19		60
December 24 (Children's Program)	96	
December 24 (Candlelight Worship)	35	
December 26		36
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		50

CHURCH OFFICERS

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS WILL BE ORDAINED/INSTALLED ON JANUARY 9TH.

Elders:

Outgoing Elders

Bonnie Crumbaugh
Tracey Holoch
Terri Caldwell

Class of 2022

Ashley Sigler
Mary Ella Mennenga
Anna Rayburn

Class of 2023

Randy Sigler
Martha Dean
Dennis McCormick

Class of 2024 (incoming)

Tracey Holoch
Steve Sinnott
**Dixie Weinheimer*

Deacons:

Outgoing Deacons

Tim Sigler
Angie Timm
Barb Monical
Mary Sigler

Class of 2022

Teresha Bossingham
Scott Graves
Beverly Burcham
Jack Burcham

Class of 2023

Rick Gaffney
Bobbi Murfin

Class of 2024 (incoming)

Vonette Miller
Barb Monical
Londa Holoch
Amanda Hill
**Sarah Hill*

**NOMINEES;*

They will be presented to the congregation for election at the Congregational meeting to be held at 9 a.m. just prior to the January 9th worship service.

Session next meets on Jan. 12th

Session Minutes are available, after approval, in the office.



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January

Deacon of the Month
Bobbi Murfin

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 7:00 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class	27	28 6:00 PM ADMINISTRATION	29	30 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	31 OFFICE CLOSED	1
2 7:00 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class	3	4	5 10:00 AM MISSION & OUTREACH 6:00 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC	6 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 7:00 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Congregational Meeting 9:05 AM Worship Service (Installation of Officers) 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class	10	11	12 6:00 PM SESSION	13 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 7:00 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class	17	18	19	20 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
23 7:00 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class	24	25 6:00 PM ADMINISTRATION	26	27 7:00 PM Winter Jam (Youth) 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
30 7:00 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Annual Congregation Meeting 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class	31	1	2 10:00 AM MISSION & OUTREACH 6:00 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5