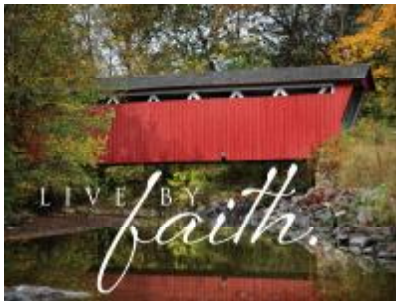




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From the Intentional Interim Minister



Whew! We have been through a whirlwind recently. As a country we have seen much which continues to prick at the conscience of Christian people. How do we live out our faith in the midst of troubled times? Without being overly simplistic, we do what the faithful have done through the years: to place our trust completely and unashamedly as disciples of Jesus Christ. How is God calling us to speak and act on our faith?

In this congregation we know God's voice has led us to care for the environment, to feed the hungry, to provide for the less fortunate, to advocate for the marginalized, and to nurture one another and others who are seekers in a dynamic and engaging life with Jesus. There is a phrase which says, "when we invite Jesus into our lives, we need to remember He brings those he loves with Him." So true! God's love is our most important speech and action.

The whirlwind has touched First Presbyterian Church of Urbana in another way. On January 22 the congregation voted to call as its next pastor, The Reverend Doctor David Oliver-Holder. David's first Sunday here will be March 19. Please keep David, and his wife, Jean, and their family in your prayers. Even for their college age daughters, this change means not returning to the home they have known. Urbana will be their new base. For high school student, Nathan, a new school will create new opportunities and challenges.



I look forward to sharing more with Rev. Oliver-Holder as he becomes acquainted with Urbana-Champaign and with the Presbytery. He is a blessing!

My last day in the office will be March 15. I've started the clearing process.

Blessings,
Deborah

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Ash Wednesday Service






As Lent begins 40 days prior to Easter, we will start with an Ash Wednesday service on **March 1 at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. This meditative service sets the tone for this season of reflection. The service will include scripture, music, and the intinction of ashes.

Notes from the Session Meeting of January 17, 2017

Thank You, Deborah!!

Our 2016 year-end financial status was sound.

1. The Session approved the use of up to \$47,000 in Mission funds for a pre-school at the Jeanes Church in Malawi. An explanatory letter will be sent to the congregation. 
2. The Session approved Dan Mast to be our Chartered Organization Representative to Boy Scout Troop 6 and Jamie Ellis to be our Chartered Organization Representative to Cub Scout Pack 12.
3. The Session will be working closely with the Adult Ministries Committee as they continue to identify educational needs of the congregation, including LGBTQ needs. 
4. The Session looks forward to congregational action on presenting a call to Rev. David Oliver-Holder to be our pastor.
5. A new Nominating Committee will be presented to the congregation for approval within the next 1-2 months. Anyone who wishes to volunteer for this committee should contact Jamie Ellis. 
6. The Session is committed to beginning a long-range planning process in late spring or early summer.
7. Our Office Manager, Tracy Weddle, will be going on maternity leave in March.

Church Archives



8. Ann Ricker has put together a wonderful history, including a trove of documents, on the entire history of First Presbyterian Church of Urbana. It will be available in electronic form in the church office (or from Ann).
9. The Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center gave the church a very nice Thank You arrangement before Christmas.

Please feel free to ask any Session member for additional information on any topic.

—Don Greeley, Clerk of the Session



The Rev. Deborah Owen's last day as Intentional Interim Pastor for First Presbyterian Church of Urbana will be March 15, 2017. You are invited to show your thanks and appreciation for Deborah's service to our congregation. You can demonstrate your gratitude in several ways:

1. Pray for her during her time of transition.
2. Write a note or card and give it to the church office by March 10.
3. Make a financial contribution by writing a check to the church with the note "Gift for Deborah" and give it to the church office by March 10.
4. Attend the **Farewell Potluck for Deborah on Sunday, March 12 at 5:00 p.m.** A main course will be provided, and everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert if they are able. If you need transportation, please contact the church office.

Thank you for sharing in the celebration of Deborah's ministry!



Game Night

The Game Night on January 29 was a success thanks to so many people helping out. The food was good and the games were great!! Everyone had a good time!! Thanks for all the help!!

—Jo Cochran

Scout Sunday Is February 12



Scout Sunday is a day set aside in February to recognize the contributions of youth and adults to Scouting. First Presbyterian Urbana has designated February 12 as Scout Sunday for 2017. Scouts from Troop 6 will provide service to the church as ushers, acolytes, and worship leaders. First Presbyterian Urbana charters and sponsors Boy Scout Troop 6.

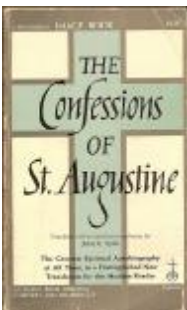
Sunday Seminars 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Scout Seminar February 12

After worship, Scouts and Scouters from Boy Scout Troop 6 will lead a seminar. Come hear a bit about the story of Boy Scouting, some history of Troop 6, and more importantly, what the Scouts are doing now. If you have wondered about this group who graciously uses Fellowship Hall every week or simply want to know more about Scouting, here is your chance.

The Confessions of Augustine

February 19



Eugene Peterson writes, "Spirituality involves taking our personal experience seriously as raw material for redemption and holiness, examining the material of our daily lives with as much rigor as we do Scripture and doctrine. *Confessions* [by Augustine] is the landmark work in this exercise."

As part of an introduction to the Lenten session, Warren Hapke will lead a discussion on this work focusing on it as an introduction to the thought of Augustine and his influence on Western theology.

Lenten Practices February 26



In preparation for the Lenten season, the Rev. Owen will look at several Lenten practices for individuals and for the congregation.

Thinking Lincoln Offering

In honor of President Lincoln's February 12 birthday, please consider bringing on **Sunday, February 12** a monetary love gift with Lincoln on it: \$5 bill, roll of pennies (50¢) or just some pennies. All these Thinking of Lincoln love offerings will go into the Benevolence Fund.



All Church Ice Skating Outing

Friday, February 24, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

at the UI Ice Arena, 5th and Armory on campus

Come enjoy an evening of skating for all ages at this public skate session. Cost is \$5 for admission plus \$2 for skate rental. If you don't care to skate, come and enjoy watching the skaters through the large windows in the heated lobby! There is NO charge for non-skaters. Snacks and beverages can be purchased at the ice arena cafe. Parking is free in nearby University parking lots in the evening, or you can use metered parking on the streets. Questions? Call or text Karen Mortensen.



PYC and GLU Schedule Middle and High School Youth Every Other Sunday, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Youth Center



February 19 – PYC/GLU
Olympics

Friday, February 24 – Join in All Church
Ice Skating Outing (*See announcement above*)

March 5 – Escape Room



Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 8:15 a.m. in Meeting Room B (Jonathan's office) which is next to the church office on the main floor. We are currently studying the book of First Corinthians.

Church Family



In the Church Family

Let us remember in our prayers:

- The Rev. David Oliver-Holder in transition
- Sheila Pelichoff, eye surgery February 7 at Carle
- Cindy Fraser, surgery February 22 at Presence
- Phil Belanger, at Eastview Terrace in Sullivan
- Bill Hall, at Meadowbrook
- Don Murphy, home
- Amanda Pellett
- Jane Green, home
- The Rev. Heidi Weatherford, recovering from surgery

With sadness we share the news that Patty Wayman passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2017. A memorial service will be held this Saturday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m. in our chapel. There will be no formal visitation. Please keep daughter Karen, and son, Steve in your thoughts and prayers.



Welcome, New Members

Guy and Youngsun Williams were received as new members during worship on January 29. We are so thankful the weather finally cooperated! Welcome, Guy and Youngsun!

Introducing Melissa Records

You will soon be seeing a new face in the office. Melissa Records will be our Substitute Office Manager for Tracy Weddle when Tracy has her baby in March. Melissa is retired as a librarian at the Champaign Public Library and held a similar substitute position in the office of her home church, St. Peter's United Church of Christ. We are excited to have such a capable substitute for Tracy while she is away. Melissa has been training with Tracy the last couple weeks. She will be back in March. Feel free to stop in and introduce yourself and welcome her.



Mail-In Baby Shower

Tracy Weddle, Office Manager, and her husband Joshua are expecting their second daughter in March. While not having a "sit-down" baby shower, the church is having a "mail-in" shower. You may send cards, make financial gifts or send gift cards (for Meijer, Target or Babies R Us) by February 28.

Happy Birthday Tracy!

Office Manager, Tracy Weddle has a birthday February 17. The staff will celebrate with her with a luncheon on February 15. Happy Birthday Tracy!

Sunday Assisting Schedule

	February 12	February 19	February 26	March 5
Worship Leader	Jamie Ellis and Scouts	Harold Guither	Lauren Smith	Nancy Hatch
Head Usher	Andy Harden	TBD	Jason Harris	TBD
Ushers	Troop 6 Scouts	Ed Scharlau Carol Scharlau Beth Chato	TBD	TBD
Greeter	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Steward	Nancy Uchtmann	Marty Lampman	TBD	TBD
Coffee Maker	Karen Mortensen	Jamie Ellis	TBD	TBD
Cup Washer	Karen Mortensen	Jamie Ellis	TBD	TBD
Communion Table	Flowers: Helen Vedder		Flowers: Alison Champion	Communion Preparer: Linda Williams

Pulpit Guests in January

Executive Presbyter, Rev. Bill McLean was our pulpit guest on January 8, and he brought greetings from the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois.



Pastor and Overseer, Charlotte Blissit was out pulpit guest January 15 for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. She was also a part of the the Community Martin Luther King, Jr. service that day.

Presbytery Training Here

One of three Presbytery wide trainings for Clerks of Session will be held here at First Presbyterian Church of Urbana on **Sunday, February 19 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. As we host, we are in need of some greeters/coffee makers and cup washers for the day. Please let Rev. Owen know if you could help with this hospitality.

Thanks, Thrift Shop Volunteers!!

On Saturday, January 21, Mary Lou Bauer, Anna Kate Cline, and Harold and Lois Guither worked with Camille Caldwell to sort and price many donations newly arrived at *Twice Is Nice*. We appreciate their gift of time and energy: it truly made a difference for the shop and our customers.



Know a Student Who Needs Community Service Hours?

Please refer them to *Twice Is Nice*. They can volunteer once or over a period of time. From sorting merchandise and tidying shelves to preparing boxes for recycle and sorting bags for merchandise, there is a task to suit any volunteer and all will help *Twice Is Nice* continue to thrive.

CoYA Dinner

All young adults are invited to dinner on **Friday, February 24**. Meet at the church at **6:30 p.m.** and we will carpool to the Apple Dumplin'. Please call the office by Thursday, February 23 by 4:00 p.m. to reserve a spot.



CoYA and Spring Break

Alternative multi-generational spring break mission trip to Mississippi: March 19-26, 2017. Mission money is available to assist with the cost of the trip. Please see Rev. Owen.

Souper Bowl of Caring Thanks

Thanks to all who supported our Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 5. Our high school youth collected \$283.98, which will be given to local food programs.



Thanks also to all who brought in cans of your favorite kinds of soup. We received 80 cans of soup for our Food & More Partnership Program.

Food Pantry Update

In January we served 45 households (representing 163 people, including 81 children and 20 seniors). We had five new households in January. We are seeing increased numbers of people selecting items from the special diet table (low-salt, low carb items, gluten free items) and ready-to-eat table (for those without kitchen facilities or a working kitchen). Over half of our partners (53%) brought their own bags. Eleven people attended the nutrition class this month; all enjoyed the Baja Bean Dip recipe! We celebrated the life of Ms. Diane, one of our long-term older adult partners, who died in November. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. Also pray for one of our younger partners who had to give up her job this month because of health issues.

Food & More Program Donation Request for February: BEEF STEW

As of February 5, we have received 76 cans of beef stew.



Community Events

Church Women United World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 3, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Urbana



A service, written by the women of the Philippines will be a part of Church Women United's World Day of Prayer celebration. The morning begins with a fellowship time, followed by a worship service. First Pres, Urbana is providing some of the refreshments for the fellowship time. Please see our CWU representative, Beth Chato if you

would like to assist. The service theme is "Am I Being Unfair to You?"

St. Patrick's Church is located at 708 W. Main St., Urbana, with plenty of parking and an accessible entrance off Busey Av. or Coler St. All women (and men) are welcome. Church Women United is an organization of Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Women worldwide. The local unit has been together for over 90 years.

Meals on Wheels Thanks

Thank you to all the following for delivering meals the week of January 30:



Carl and Nadja Altstetter
Jim Welch
Jean and Ellis Sanderson
Carl and Camille Caldwell
Pat Jensen
Linda Williams
Don Hunt

Not only was the food welcome, but also your warm greeting. Many THANKS!

—Dot Hunt

End Racism Hub

A new website is up and running

Check out this link to see community events about understanding and eliminating racism and other prejudices that divide us.

<https://sites.google.com/site/endrachimhub/calendar>

If you or your organization would like to add events, click the "contact" link to the left of the calendar. Or email Amy Felty at asfelty@gmail.com.

Racial Taboo Film Showing

Sunday, March 12, 2017; 2:30 p.m.
at McKinley Presbyterian Church and Foundation


Everyone is invited to the next community showing of the film Racial Taboo. McKinley is located at 809 S. 5th Street (on Daniel Street between 4th and 5th), Champaign, IL.



Doors open – 2:00 p.m.

Film begins – 2:30 p.m.

Discussion – 3:30 p.m.

 **Presbyterian 101**

Question from January: What two books are essential tenets for Presbyterians?

Answer: Book of Order and Book of Confessions

New Question: Does every Presbyterian church have a Board (Committee) of Deacons?

Look for the answer in the March Open Door

Jim Wallis to Speak at Eureka College

Ask the Rev. Owen about free ticket information.

February 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>5 8:15 AM Bible Study (MB) 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal (CL) 9:15 AM Child Care Infants and Toddlers (Rooms 4 & 5) 9:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM Fellowship Time (N); Parish Nurse (NO) 10:45 AM Covenant Kids (DS); Youth (DS); Seminar (FH) 11:30 AM Chapel Service (C) 1:00 PM Korean Church (S, DS, CR) 12(C) 1:30 PM Communion at Clark-Lindsey 2:00 PM Middle & High School Youth: Laser Tag (Skateland in Savoy)</p>	<p>6 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 11:00 AM OA (L) 8:00 PM AA (YC & 6)</p>	<p>7 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM "Twice is Nice" Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 6 (FH) 7:00 PM Worship Committee (MA)</p>	<p>1 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 10:00 AM Staff Mtg (MA) 12:00 PM Sorting Day at the Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 12:00 PM Wilds (YC) 5:30 PM Deacons (L) 7:30 PM Choir (CL)</p>	<p>2 Open Door DEADLINE 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM "Twice is Nice" Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 5:30 PM OA (L) 7:00 PM ACA (YC)</p>	<p>3 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 7:00 PM Korean Crossways (DS)</p>	<p>4 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM "Twice is Nice" Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 9:00 AM Korean Lang. School (US, DS, MA) 10:00 AM BACH Rehearsal (FH) 11:00 AM OA (L)</p>
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OUR KEY MESSAGES

Welcome to our church family!

God is doing *exciting* things here!

Choose a path: **Have an impact & feed your soul!**

Thanks to Jim and Fran Welch for preparing this Open Door for mailing.

Open Door Deadline: For inclusion in the next Open Door, items should be submitted by **Thursday, February 23** to office@firstpresurbana.org. The Open Door will be mailed on **Wednesday, March 1**.

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