

# WINDOW

FEBRUARY 2019

The Monthly Newsletter  
of First Presbyterian Church Athens, Ohio

February

## From the Pastor....

*"Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord."*  
~ Psalm 4

My wife and I have developed our own language. If I say—as I did the other night—that tonight I'd be going to a "should thing," what both of us know I mean is that I really don't want to. I'd prefer to stay home or sit in my favorite chair and listen to jazz. But I'm not. I'm going. It's a "should thing." What both of us know is that, in life, often as not, we have to do things that sometimes we'd rather not do. We do them because we should. In the Christian's life "should things" compel us much more often than they do in a life that is free from a community of should's.

Is it good for me—doing a whole passel of "should things?" Wouldn't I be better off emotionally if I didn't get collared by responsibilities that, with just a little tweaking, might well be seen as, well, appearances anyway? "I really should be there," I say sometimes. Can conscience ever be a burden? Don't all of us want to just sit one out every once in a while, and go our own way? I sure do. Don't tell anybody, but sometimes I feel burdened by "should things."

Of course, I choose to live in a ] community, where what it costs to sit one out is nothing to sneeze at. Where's there's no anonymity, there's more responsibility, or so it seems to me. My wife and I live in a virtual Wal-Mart of "should things." Just about every night there are "should things." Maybe I'm overstating.

The Psalmist offers us a twelve-step program in Psalm 4. In verse five, for instance, there are a couple of

"should things": "offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord."

Honestly, I don't have much trouble with the trusting, but the first command strikes me as a "should thing."

It shouldn't, but it does. Which is another conundrum, I guess, isn't it? If you want to get answers to prayers, the Psalmist says, here's a list of things to do; one of them is offer "right sacrifices." It's not even a matter of should here, it's a matter of must.

In the original Hebrew language it is written in the imperative. Sacrifice. Give of yourself. The Psalmist says in effect, if you want to sleep well (which is, in a way, what Psalm 4 is about), there simply are things you should do.

I remember reading John Calvin's suggestions for "should things." He advised that if we really wanted to be near God, we should act like God wants us to act: we should forgive, we should love unconditionally, we should seek the best for others, we should sacrifice. You'll know God best by doing what God does—that's what Calvin suggests. It made sense when I read it, and it makes sense today when I think it through. But oh, my, what a multitude of "should things." And they're all so demanding, so tough. Yes, there are "should things." And yes, we ought to do them. Some should things are really must things.

And we've certainly got this much up on the Psalmist from long ago. We know all too well that some massively important things were done deliberately for us—and those events weren't "should things" either. Start here: a cross, a death, a descent for us into hell. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

~ Pastor Rob

## February 2019

### Sunday, February 3rd

10:30 a.m. - Communion  
during Worship

11:45 a.m. - Annual  
Congregational Meeting

### Sunday, February 10th

9:00 a.m. - Valentine  
Breakfast

10:30 a.m. - Worship  
11:45 a.m. - Earth Justice  
Group meeting

### Sunday, February 17th

10:30 a.m. - Bells during  
Worship

### Monday, February 18th

**Presidents' Day**  
Office is closed

### Sunday, February 24th Food Pantry Sunday

10:30 a.m. - Puppets during  
Worship

11:45 a.m. - After-Church  
Organ Recital

Mark 12:30  
And thou shalt love the  
Lord thy God with all thy  
heart, and with all thy soul,  
and with all thy mind, and  
with all thy strength: this is  
the first commandment.

*"We are a Christian  
community of faith that  
shares the love of God with  
all people everywhere."*

## Windows ON: Christian Education Committee

### READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

You are invited once again to enrich your understanding of the Bible by reading it on a daily basis with the "Read the Bible in a Year" program. A new program booklet undated for

the 2018-19 year is available. Readings began on September 1st. Daily readings usually include about 1 or 2 chapters from two different books of the Bible. There will also

be a companion booklet that includes all of Pastor Rob's writings from the weekly email blasts. Contact Kirsten or Pastor Rob with any questions.

## Windows ON: Mission Outreach Committee

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is painting its new offices and welcomes new volunteers to help. To sign up to paint, contact Barry Unger at volunteer@habitatseo.org or phone 740-592-0032 ext 104.

The new offices are on Route 13, on the right just beyond Chauncey. They are marked by a big Habitat sign.



### PW Calendar

February 12th - Coordinating Team Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - at the home of Mildred Woodburn, 6 North Shannon Avenue and at 11:30 a.m. the PW "Out to Lunch" at Applebee's. All women of the church are invited.

February 26th - Tuesday Circle - 10:00 a.m., home of Marilyn Neason, 32 Meadow Lane

February 27th - Wednesday Circle - 10:00 a.m., home of Martha Johnson, 8800 Johnson Road, #114, The Plains

**Reminder:** if bad weather causes schools to be on a delay or canceled, PW meetings are also canceled. Phone your Circle leader if in doubt.



### Church Office Volunteers Needed

Would you like to be a church office volunteer? Basically the only duty is to be the office to answer the phone and take messages. You can volunteer for a whole day or a half day (mornings 8:30 a.m.-Noon and afternoons 1:00-5:00 p.m.). Interested? Please email Jane at email office@athensfpc.org or phone the church office (593-3351) to get more info. It is easy, really!

### Sunday Morning Schedule

Nursery available - 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Chime Choir - 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church - Following Children's Moment  
Children's Craft Time - 11:30 a.m.

### Kroger Rewards Program

Please consider participating in this program.

**How to register?** Go to: [www.krogerrewardsprogram.com](http://www.krogerrewardsprogram.com) to establish your account.

Next - click the button for "Ohio" and then scroll down to the bottom and click the "enroll" button.

You are required to have an email address and create a password. You will need your 12 digit Plus Card number that can be found under the bar code on the back of your Plus Card.

Once you have an account established you may need to click "My Account" and then again click "Edit Kroger Community Rewards."

**If you registered last year—YOU MUST REGISTER EVERY YEAR!**

To link your account, use AFPC's Kroger non-profit number - **FB949** or select First Presbyterian Church from a drop down list. *(Your Plus Card can be linked to only one non-profit charity.)* Any questions? Phone Krogers - 1-800-KROGERS.

**Sign up today, and see what AFPC can make just by YOUR grocery shopping!**



### February is Blanket Month

The Presbyterian Women and FPC is once again sponsoring the February Blanket+ Month program for Church World Service. CWS works in partnership with local communities to identify needs in various ways: Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies; Tools & seeds for refugees returning home to replant; Wells for families living in drought prone areas; and Literacy training/micro-credit for women struggling to realize their potential.

Giving envelopes and pink hearts will be available in the church pews, the narthex and the church office during the month of February.

**Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with Blankets in the memo line.**

Please give to this worthy cause and thank you.



### All-Church Valentine's Breakfast Sunday, February 10th - 9:00 a.m.

The Church Community Committee will once again hold a Valentine's Day Breakfast on Sunday, February 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the Church fellowship hall.

Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and then stay for the Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

### After-Church Organ Recital

Janice Robison will play an organ recital Sunday, February 24th immediately following the worship service. This will be just a fun recital featuring music you would never hear in a Sunday morning worship service.

All are invited to stay for this thirty minute recital.

### Women of Faith Bible Study

The Women of Faith Bible study continues and is studying the book "Liturgy of the Ordinary, Sacred Practices in Everyday Life" by Tish Harrison Warren. This group meets on either Wednesdays at noon or Sundays at 9:00 a.m. You can chose whichever day/time is right for you! All women are welcome to attend.

### Check Out The NEW Church Website

Please take the time to check out the church website at [www.athensfpc.org](http://www.athensfpc.org). A note that if you have the old site bookmarked, you will need to refresh the page to pull up the new site and erase the "memory" of the old one. Here are a few of the exciting new features of this site: \*online calendar of events, \*weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter, \*video archives of sermons, music, and puppet skits, \*Pastor Rob's blog page, and \*beautiful new photographs

### FEBRUARY WORSHIP

|               |  |                                |
|---------------|--|--------------------------------|
| February 3rd  | Psalm 71:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 | <i>Love is a Verb</i>          |
| February 10th | Psalm 138 and Luke 5:1-11              | <i>An Abundance of Grace</i>   |
| February 17th | Psalm 1 and Luke 17-26                 | <i>Blessings and Woes</i>      |
| February 24th | Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 and Luke 6:27-38  | <i>Love is Never Practical</i> |



## Upcoming MARCH Events

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER Tuesday, March 5th - 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Shrove Tuesday occurs the first Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. This year it will fall on February 13th. It officially ends the season of Epiphany and is the vigil for the starting of Lent. Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting required during the Lenten season.

The name "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the word "shrive", which means to confess and receive absolution. The name denotes a period of cleansing, wherein a person brings their lusts and appetites under subjection through abstention and self-sacrifice. The Origins of Shrove Tuesday originated during the Middle Ages. As in contemporary times, food items like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and fish were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those items that would inevitably become spoiled during the next forty days.

The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday began. In France, the consumption of all fats and fatty foods on this day coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras. Originally beginning on Sunday, Shrove Tuesday was a three-day celebration that culminated in large feasts on Tuesday night. Shrove Tuesday has a variety of customs that have derived from different regions around Europe and the Americas. As previously mentioned, England began the tradition of serving pancakes, and for this reason the day is known as "Pancake Day". In addition, there are the annual Pancake Day Races, where contestants dress in aprons and scarves and race down a course flipping a pancake in a frying pan or skillet.

### Baked Potato Luncheon Fundraiser - March 3rd During Coffee and Fellowship Time In Fellowship Hall Bring Your Appetite and Help This Worthy Mission

This is a fundraiser for this year's mission trip to Webster Springs, W.V. FPC will once again partner with WVMAW to help the elderly and disabled with renovations and new construction. Donations from the luncheon will go towards the purchase of construction materials. Volunteers are needed. Those going will be staying at the Parsonage the same as last year. You may volunteer for the full week or part of the week.

To volunteer and for information, please contact Carla or Mike Boyle.

### Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, March 6th - 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### 2019 Per Capita \$35.75

Please consider donating the per capita assessed by the Presbyterian Church USA per member. The 2019 per capita is \$35.75.

Your donation helps stretch the FPC budget dollars. It can be mailed to the office or placed in the offering plate. Thank you!

Scioto Valley Presbytery - \$23.55

Synod of the Covenant - \$3.25

General Assembly - \$8.95



### Placing Events on the Church Calendar

All occasions/events should be listed on the church calendar to avoid conflict over use of the facilities. The sponsoring group must cover out-of-pocket expenses. Please phone the church office at 593-3351 to request a form for placing your event on the calendar.



### Caring For the Congregation

Pastor Rob and the Deacons place a priority on visiting hospitalized members of the congregation. Hospitals no longer provide information on admissions and dismissals. Please notify the church if you know of someone who should be visited in the hospital or while recovering at home or at a nursing facility.

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
is the fourth Sunday  
of each month.

You can find recordings of the sermons, music, and puppet skits each week on the church's Facebook page. It is a public site so you do not have to be a Facebook user to access the recordings and content. Simply go to: <https://www.facebook.com/AthensFPC/>

### Need a ride to Church? Know someone who does?



Contact the Deacon of the Month - Danny Moates

Phone - 740-592-4064

Email - moates@ohio.edu

### Newsletter Helpers

Jane Baker, Hugh Culbertson, Lillian Dinos, Ann Fox, Lee Gregg, Catherine Hare, Betty Lacy, Susan Loughridge, Robert Martin, Danny Moates and Kirsten Trachsel.

### Windows ON: Amesville/New England THIS MONTH'S NEWS

Dr. Tracee Laing from Granville is the Founding Director of the Healing Art Missions in Haiti. Tracee was in Haiti a few weeks ago with a medical team who did over 100 cataract surgeries....giving the grateful Haitians their sight back.

Between 15 and 20 women from the church and the area under the direction of Marcia Burchby have put together 68 "Days for Girls" kits which have been taken to Haiti. These kits contain washable menstrual pads, underwear, soap, washcloth, gallon plastic bags placed in a colorful drawstring bag. The goal is to give girls the tools

they need to attend school and be active every day of the month.

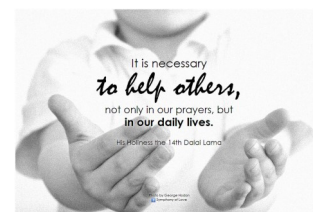
The last kit was given out while Tracee was in Haiti. She posted a picture and said, "This is the recipient wither family and Nurse Guerdy who is the head nurse at the Centre de Sainte Dumay. The mother of the 15-year-old girl insisted that she too deserves a kit and made Guerdy promise to save one for her next time. The girl who received the kit was thrilled but a little shy about it, but her mom was hilarious. She insisted she needed one and made the nurses promise to give her a kit when they get more.

Tracee told her the undies provided would not fit her, but she didn't care. The interpreter (Jerome) was so impressed with their reaction that he made me get the instructions (written in Haitian Creole) so he could study what all the excitement was about."

The Amesville group is already working on the next batch of kits (with the help of some women in Granville/Newark) who have sergers! At least 25 kits will be sent to the clinic in Haiti when Tracee Laing makes her next trip in April.

### Prayer Concern Requests and Visitation

Prayer request slips are available in the narthex. If you would like others in the church to pray for a person or for a concern near to your heart, place the slips in the Prayer Request box in the narthex. If you or someone you know would enjoy a visit from Pastor Rob and a Deacon, or appreciate receiving communion at home, phone the church office (593-3351), place a note in the collection plate, or email: [office@athensfpc.org](mailto:office@athensfpc.org)



## Windows ON: Christian Education Committee

### "GOING DEEPER" BIBLE STUDIES

The Going Deeper Bible Study series will continue! Pastor Rob has agreed to continue holding the studies which focus on a single book of the Bible at each meeting. Participants this past year have enjoyed the opportunity to take a closer look at the overall

composition and content of each book they have discussed. It has brought deeper understanding and wider perspective on the history and purpose of the writings. The study does not require participation in the "Read the Bible in a Year" program and participants do not

need to have read the book that will be discussed prior to the evening of the study. **The next study take place on Tuesday, February 26th.** A light dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. with discussion from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

#### Going Deeper Dates

Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
 Tuesday, April 30, 2019  
 Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
 Summer 2019 - TBA



**Going Deeper Bible Study**  
**February 26th in Fellowship Hall**  
**Meal begins at 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study begins at 7:00 p.m.**

What does it mean to give God our praise? How is it described in scripture?

There are a variety of words that explore what it means to praise God. Here are a few: Hallel (Heb. הלל) is the general term designating Psalms 113–118. These psalms are essentially expressions of thanksgiving and joy for divine redemption. **Hallel** is recited in two forms: (a) The "full" Hallel, consisting of Psalms 113–118. It is chanted in the synagogue on the high Jewish Holy days of Sukkot, Hanukkah, the first day of Passover, and Shavu'ot. Hallel is also recited during the Passover seder service, when it is known as Hallel Mizri ("Egyptian Hallel") because of the exodus from Egypt, which the seder commemorates. The "hallelu-" part is from a verb meaning "praise!" that shows up nearly 150 times in the Bible. Meanwhile, "-jah" is an abbreviated way of saying "the LORD" (similar to names ending "-iah"). Today, the word sometimes shows up as "alleluia." ("h" sounds don't always transfer from one language to another, especially when Greek exerts influence, as is the case here).

The word **tehillah** shows up 56 times in the Old Testament. A simple way to think of this word is that **tehillah** means a song or hymn of praise. Vocally, we express worship. While **halal** gave us the view of being in public and acting, **tehillah** specifically is describing us singing and vocalizing our praise.

The third most prolific word for praise in the Old Testament is **zamar**, used 44 times. It is defined as making music.

The word **yodah** is a gesture of throwing out one's arms in celebration or confession.

The word **todah** translated as praise is specifically pictures a "communal" sacrifice from God's people. It is defined as a choir offering thanksgiving and praise in worship.

The word **sabah** is like the stroke of a swimmer or a soothing, stilling hold. This perhaps is an affectionate move of praise. And, **sabah** may also be the experience we feel as stormy waters still during our lifting up of praise to God.

## Windows ON: Church Community Committee - College Lunch

### COLLEGE LUNCH PLANS FOR SPRING UNDERWAY; VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Several church members have already signed up to provide food during spring semester for the weekly free lunch provided in the fellowship hall for college students on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The first lunch of the term will occur on January 24th.

Church members provide main-course and dessert food. Also, they may help with tasks such as dish washing, set-up for lunch, clean-up, etc. if they have the time and energy. Interacting with the students is enjoyable and lifts the spirits! The Lunch Bunch also appreciates those who volunteer to step in when the regulars can't be there. Those wishing to volunteer can phone Lee Gregg at 740-592-

3622 or can e-mail her at [tleeegregg@gmail.com](mailto:tleeegregg@gmail.com).

The Ohio Program for Intensive English (OPIE), part of the Ohio University Department of Linguistics, continues to encourage visiting students from abroad to attend college lunch and practice speaking with and listening to native English speakers. These students come to Athens for several weeks or months to improve their English-language mastery and learn about American life and culture. Church members can help by chatting with students who otherwise tend to converse primarily with people from their homelands. Dr. Jerry Krzic, OPIE director, and his staff encourage

students to start conversations by interviewing and taking pictures of lunch workers.

Three sets of students are scheduled to be here under OPIE auspices during spring semesters. A group of Turkish young people will come on January 27th and stay for about six months. A small group will visit for several weeks, beginning on February 16th, from Iwate University in Japan. And a larger contingent will come for about four months, beginning on March 2nd, from Chubu University in Japan. College lunch has hosted people from Chubu for several years as OPIE has had a long-term relationship with that school.

## Windows ON: Church Support Committee

### KITCHEN RENOVATION IN 2019

The Property Committee put a priority on replacing the kitchen floor, repairing the water-damaged sink base cabinet, and replacing the ten-burner Garland commercial range.

Some of the work got underway in 2018. Brian Bobo fabricated a steel pan to protect the dish washer controls from water leaks from loading dishwasher trays. Floor and Moore installed new laminate flooring in December. Keith Morrow removed and repaired the sink base. John King assisted him in re-installing the sink base and replacing the faucet set on the sink.

The Garland range was purchased many years ago from the old Morrison School for \$50.00. The oven temperature can no longer accurately calibrated. The ten-burner unit is oversized for church needs. John King, Susan Loughridge and Keith Morrow investigated commercial

ranges and convection ovens at Columbus restaurant suppliers. A used Vulcan six burner range with a convection oven was purchased at the end of January. An energy star rated Blodgett double stacked convection oven unit was purchased to replace the double oven unit. These appliances will be delivered and installed in February.



## Windows ON: Church Support Committee

### FINANCE REPORT

| <b>Income and Expenses, 2019</b>  |                   |   |                 |
|---|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| Offering Budgeted for 2019  | \$ 263,000        | Offering Received to Date   | \$ 45,846       |
| Other Income Budgeted for 2019 (endowment, parking lot lease, Putnam apt. rent, interest)                                 | \$121,868         | Other Income (Received to Date)   | \$7,939         |
| 2018-2021 Capital Campaign (\$200,000)  | \$67,000          | Campaign donations this year  | \$100           |
| <b>Total Income Budgeted 2019</b>   | <b>\$451,868</b>  | <b>Total Income (Received to Date)</b>  | <b>\$53,885</b> |
| Current Assets (checking & petty cash)  | -----             | Total Cash on Hand  | \$ 34,828       |
| <b>Expenses Budgeted in 2019</b>  | <b>\$ 451,866</b> | <b>Expenses to Date</b>   | <b>\$19,692</b> |
| <b>Other Endowment and Contribution Activity in 2019</b>  |                   |   |                 |
| Special Offerings<br>(Christmas Joy, Pentecost, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Peacemaking)                               | \$0               | Sent to Presbytery<br>(40% -of Pentecost is retained for local use and 25% of Peacemaking offering is retained for local use) |                 |
| Offering Gifts<br>(Athens Co. Food Pantry, Good Works, My Sister's Place, Planned Parenthood, Habitat for Humanity, etc.) | \$315             | Disbursed to appropriate agency or group  |                 |
| Memorial Gifts  | \$0               | Disbursed as designated by donors.  |                 |
| Offering gifts designated for the Discretionary Fund (Local Emergencies)  | \$0               | To be distributed by the Pastor for local emergencies   |                 |
| Local Emergencies - Special   | \$100             | Community donations for a refugee family. Flow-through account for AFPC to pay family bills.                                  |                 |
| Gifts supporting AFPC Mission Projects  | \$100             | Used for AFPC mission work projects   |                 |
| Gifts Supporting Trail Mix Ministry   | \$0               | Used to buy supplies.   |                 |

### Communion

Communion at FPC offers gluten-free bread along with regular bread for communion.



**The FPC Worship Service is aired on**  
Athens City Community TV Channel 9  
Monday-Friday - 9:00 a.m. / Saturday/Sunday - 5:00 p.m.

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**Bible Study - Noon, Tuesdays, Library**

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**Church Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday - 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

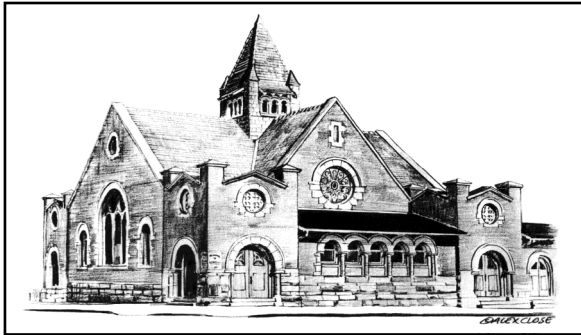
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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 – Tirza Costello   | 17 – Caroline Nagy       |
| 3 – Ellen Sostarich  | 19 – Danny Moates        |
| 6 – Jesse Yun        | Carolyn Sutherland       |
| 7 – Scott Broadbent  | 23 – Andrew Korn         |
| Patrick Tegge        |                          |
| 8 – Charlotte Wright | 24 – Mary Ellen Borchert |
| 10 – Will Parks      | 26 – Jeff Brown          |
| 11 – Keith Morrow    | Barbara Culbertson       |
| 14 – James Frost     | 27 – Kevin Morgan        |
| Benji Martin         | 28 – Ann Hill            |
| 16 – Hannah Bierlein |                          |

**No February Anniversaries**



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**Clerk of Session:** Andrew Stuart

**Choir Director:** David M. Tadlock  
**Organist:** Janice Robison  
**CE Coordinator / Bell Choir Director:** Kirsten Trachsel

**Adm. Assist.:** Jane A. Baker

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**Worship Service and Children's Church - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Coffee/Fellowship - 11:30 a.m.**

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on Athens Community TV Channel 9 -  
Monday-Friday - 9:00 a.m. and Saturdays-Sundays - 5:00 p.m.

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**Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon in the church library

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**Deadline for March 2019 Newsletter:**  
**Monday - February 25th**

**First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Ohio** - AFPC has occupied its site in the center of Athens, Ohio since 1809. Among the founding fathers was Ohio University's first president, a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Jacob Lindley. Dr. Lindley served this congregation as Moderator and Pastor until 1824. Over the years, thirteen pastors of the church have been either university presidents or members of the faculty. Dr. William Holmes McGuffey, author of the McGuffey's Readers, was called to serve as President of Ohio University and served as pastor of the church in 1839.

**Presbytery of Scioto Valley** - The Presbytery of Scioto Valley encompasses twenty-six counties in south central Ohio. From Ironton in the south to Ibera in the north: Hanover in the east and London in the west, FPC's presbytery consists of 112 congregations many of them historic where Presbyterians today are carrying on a long tradition of witness and service in their communities. All over FPC's presbytery, Presbyterians reach out to welcome the stranger, sharing the Gospel and God's love as Christ bids us to do.

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)** - The PC (U.S.A.), with denominational offices in Louisville, Kentucky, has approximately 2.3 million members, more than 10,000 congregations and 14,000 ordained and active ministers. Presbyterians trace their history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Its heritage, and much of its doctrine began with John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that preceded him.