

THE LEAVEN

First Presbyterian Church

Leavenworth, Kansas

October 2015

Church Office will be open Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to Noon. **CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.**

CHURCH CUSTODIAN HOURS: Monday and Thursday Noon to 4:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for the monetary going away gift. That was most generous and kind. As I have been known to do in the past, I used a portion of the money to purchase two Lenten banners to be used in worship. Additionally, I purchased a carpet cleaner, solution and extended warranty (in consultation with the Head Custodian and Building & Grounds).

The reception table was decorated so lovely. For the ones who labored to make Southern, Kentucky refreshments, your labor of love did not go unnoticed! I appreciated the beautiful flowers and being given the bouquet and a potted mum has enabled me to enjoy fresh flowers at home.

As First Presbyterian Church moves into her future, my prayers and thoughts will be with you. As I said in my sermon on my final Sunday, continue to stand fast in the faith; be brave and strong and courageous, knowing that God can and will do amazing and wonderful things through you!

Robyn

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

We welcome **James Hughes Jr. and Jennifer Jacobs-LeBar** into our family of faith! James and Jennifer united with First Presbyterian Church on September 6. WELCOME James and Jennifer!

CROP HUNGER WALK

The 2015 CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 11 at 2pm. The goal is to raise awareness of our neighbors who struggle with hunger both globally and here where we live. It raises funds to help with programs that combat hunger and the causes of hunger. We have a beautiful 5km route. Backpack Buddies and Trinity House will receive local funding. This is a chance to join ecumenically with other Christians in our community. Walkers get a colorful T-shirt. See Carl Johnson after our worship service to sign-up and donate.

Mission Committee

We ARE searching for a Pastor!

The Worship Committee has been doing an excellent job in lining up preachers for Sunday Morning services. And they will continue to do so as we seek a permanent pastor for our church. The Session met with the Heartland Presbytery Committee on Ministry at the Session Meeting in September and they provide some beginning information on the process we must follow in our search and options we have during the interim. The members of the Session met for an informational gathering on Sunday September 27th to insure we were in common understanding of the process for the search and what we needed to do in the interim. The Committee on Ministry (COM) will be invited to the next Session Meeting on October 8th. At that meeting we hope to choose, with COM approval, the best option to follow. We are all anxious to move forward and secure our next great pastor who will meet our congregation needs. Please continue to support your Session with your prayers seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we push forward in this important effort in the life of His Church. If you have questions or suggestions, please talk to a Session member.

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF LIFE

Booklets to pre-plan the Celebration of Life are available in both entry ways. Information is provided in relation to funerals, memorials, and remembrances.

ESL CLASSES

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes held at the Leavenworth Baptist Church every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Call Margie Holland for more information 360-259-7244.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) “Shoeboxes” Time is Near



Once again, 1st Pres members will have the opportunity to send a shoebox Christmas gift for a child in need (US and worldwide). Choose a recipient category by gender and age group (2-4; 5-9; 10-14). Hygiene items, school supplies and fun stuff should all be included in one box. We'll have OCC cardboard boxes here soon. (Or you may use a plastic box or any cardboard shoe box.) You can start accumulating the goodies now. The boxes will be due Nov 8th. We'll have a sheet with suggestions and no-no's available in mid-Oct. (Or go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/>) For the near-term consider...

Some don'ts for the boxes.

Avoid liquids, breakables, aerosols and anything close to expired. Also avoid war-related items. No chocolate (it melts); no fruit roll-ups; no drink mixes.

Some “yes, you can” include.

playing cards; batteries (if loose, cover both ends with tape); glue sticks; scissors; tools (excluding saws and pocketknives); glowsticks; Tootsie Rolls; gummy bears; lip balm (like Chapstick)

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women

PW Shares...

The Presbyterian Women (PW) looked at the creation story in Sep. “Out of the waters of chaos God created everything...” including the 7th day, a day of rest! “A day of rest” inspired discussion...about how busy we are, how much we seem to need to accomplish, how to balance taking care of one’s self versus things that should be done, equating “rest time” with time to listen for God. Maybe every once in a while each of us should re-think how “day of rest” should fit in our own schedules.

NOVEMBER 1 MOVIE NIGHT LITTLE BOY

When auto mechanic James Busbee is sent to fight the Japanese during WW II, he leaves behind his wife and two sons, London and Pepper. Pepper feels his father's absence most keenly, and can't wait for him to return home. An encounter with a magician and advice from a priest convince Pepper that the power to bring his dad back safely may be within himself and his actions.

Bring a snack and JOIN US ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 at 5:00 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

COMMUNITY MEAL SERVICE



Through the efforts of our 29 volunteers (and the help of 9 Saint Mary students) we served 243 meals Tuesday evening. Our delicious chili mac meal and welcoming faces keep inviting our neighbors back. It's such a win-win for us. Life is good; God is great!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Lamb's Inn which supports young parents and babies with supplies and education needs some volunteer help, especially mentors, drivers, and inventory help. They collect used ink cartridges and toner cartridges. If you are looking to donate, they always need copy paper, card stock, large and small envelopes, baby wipes, stamps, printer ink (HP 60XL, color and black), and diapers. They also appreciate love and prayers. They feel strongly this help leads to success for the young families.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

For the 2nd year the Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 4 this year. This builds on the Presbyterian commitment to peacemaking. 25% of this offering stays here for local needs. There are other ways to give as well; contact presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global or text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10.

Let's Knit!



Still time to join the knitting class/group every Wednesday at 9:30 at the church. We have organized a group wanting to knit scarves or hats as Christmas gifts for our Community Meal patrons. Bring a skein of yarn and a pair of knitting needles (any size - medium to large) and let's get started. We can knit, visit with friends, and have a lot of fun. Please come and bring a friend who might want to join us.

MUSIC NOTES

Freda Proctor (Music Director) will be presenting a piano and organ recital of spooky Halloween type music on the evening of October 29th at 7:00 p.m. The organ selections will include Bach's "Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor", Boellmann's "Toccatina from the Suite Gothique", and Messiaen's "Vision of the Church Eternal". Freda will also perform "Diabolical Suggestions" by Prokofiev and "Mephisto Waltz" by Liszt on the piano, and Marti Auchard will join her in a piano duet arrangement of "In the Hall of the Mountain King" by Grieg.



FELLOWSHIP TREATS

Here is the schedule for providing treats for October:

October 4 – Circle 5	October 11 -Pot Luck Sunday-
	A, M-S Dessert
	B, D-L Salads, Sides, and/or Bread
	C, T-Z Main Dish
October 18 – Session	October 25 – Choir and Bell Choir

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

7-Barbara Finch	12-Bobbie Snyder	15-Maria Traynham
16-Phyllis Garnhart	18-Chuck Allen	19-Alice Williams
19-Carolyn Anderson	19-Bob Doby	22-Crystal Mangos
29-Judy Fulton	30-Chris Aus	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

5-Edward and Lois Chapman	15-Dan and Liz Williams
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PRAYER CONCERNS –Judy Jahn, Ellen Carter, Bob Taylor, Shirley Rockwell, Doris Hendrickson, Peter Burgess, Hunter Beal, Gerry Martin, Sonya Philbrick, Kum Cha Williams, Heather Daniels.



EUGENIA'S THOUGHTS

Have you ever felt a cloud looked like a bird or an animal? There was one I saw not long ago – a long body and at one end a cloud was upright – made me think of a pony or a horse. Watch these clouds you'll be amazed!



NOMINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

In the Presbyterian Church, we believe that God calls certain people to be ordained officers. That group includes clergy, but we also believe God calls elders and deacons to ordained office. Scripture proclaims that deacons are responsible for ministry to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. Elders exercise “leadership, government, and discipline...for the life of a particular church”.

These officers are incredibly important, and there is no more important task than the selection of these officers. Our entire church program is shaped by these people. They are the moderators of committees and vote on the future direction of the church. Officers should be selected because gifts and skills are perceived that match what God is asking the church.

The nominating committee asks you to participate in this process. Nominate yourself or another member who you believe is being called to this office, who would agree in being nominated. Ask yourself, “In what areas, does the church need leadership?” We are in need of four elders and four deacons for the class of 2018 and 1 elder and 1 deacon (for 1 year) for class of 2016. The nominating committee will be in communication with all who are interested in leading First Presbyterian Church into the future.

I nominate myself, _____ for the office of _____ (elder or deacon) because _____.

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Signature (optional) _____

Please return completed form to the church office.

Faithful Discipleship

We are drawing near to commitment Sunday when each member is asked to prayerfully pledge their time, talent and treasure as an act of discipleship. This commitment is important for each Christian for three principal reasons:

1. **Our Church:** During this time of transition it will be very important that we maintain strong, viable programs to continue our mission, maintain interest and develop momentum to carry us into the future. The church is the body of Christ. To continue our Church's mission, worship and fellowship as this body requires support for less exciting expenses like staff salaries, administration, utility cost and the costs for building up-keep, as well as the volunteered time and talent of singers, teachers, lay leaders and those helping with the community projects.
2. **Our Community:** Over the past few years our church as established a presence in our community by serving over two hundred people during our community meals, packing food for over 700 children in the Back Pack Buddies Program, providing volunteer support at the homeless shelter, providing supplies to high school students, English as a Second Language classes to non-English speaking members of our community, ringing bells for Salvation Army and providing money and supplies to such programs as the Alliance Against Family Violence. These programs provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and hope to those without hope in our community.
3. **Our Selves:** Just as the physical body needs exercise to remain strong and productive so too does our spiritual body need prayer, worship and discipleship to remain vital and healthy. Discipleship requires the most effort on our part and hence contributes significantly to our spiritual growth. By freely giving our most valuable resources, sharing our time, and contributing our talents we demonstrate to ourselves, and to others, that we are God's people, we serve God and show our gratitude for the many blessings God has given us.

Please prayerfully consider your commitment to the mission of our church, always mindful that we are legally required to “render to Caesar what is Caesar's” but it is by choice we render unto “God what is God's”.



Calendar

OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats - Circle 4 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship</p>	<p>28 Article for Leaven Due 11:30 AM Faithful Discipleship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 9:30 AM Knitting Class 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>1 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>2 Church Office Closed 9:00 AM PWC</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Fellowship Treats - Circle 5 Peacemaking Offering World Communion 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:30 AM Knitting Class 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>8 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Session Meeting</p>	<p>9 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 CROP Walk held at Richard Warren School 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM - 1:00 AM Pot Luck</p>	<p>12 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>13 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle 3 6:30 PM Circle 5 home of Maria Traynham 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Compassionate Friends, LR</p>	<p>14 9:30 AM Knitting Class 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Session 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 2:30 PM Circle 2 PWC-Kathie's Home</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Circle 4 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:30 AM Knitting Class 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>22 6:00 PM Capital Campaign/Renovation</p>	<p>23 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Choir and Bell Choir 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship</p>	<p>26 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>27 Article for The Leaven Due 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Community Meal</p>	<p>28 9:30 AM Knitting Class 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>29 1:00 PM Membership/Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Music Recital</p>	<p>30 Church Office Closed 6:00 PM Mo-Kan Vec Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club</p>	<p>31</p>