

The Leaven JULY 2019



SOULE SEARCHING

Hi "Friends,

I hope you are planning to spend three evenings with us here at church this month; three evenings called Summer Safari Spectacular, July 16, 17 and 18. This is new for all of us and the Christian Education Committee, the Deacons and others are working to make it fun, educational, informative and filling. We will play games, sing songs, talk, think, eat, share thoughts, be creative, and grow in faith and community. We want **everyone** to come and participate. There will be special guests who come and bring their insights and understanding to issues that are impacting our communities. There will be good food. (You don't have to cook but you will be asked to make a donation to help with expenses.) There will be new people to meet and enjoy. You might learn a new skill or a new song. Together we might envision new ministries that God is calling us to undertake. You just don't know how much you will miss if you are not here! See inside for more information concerning these nights and the registration forms. **Sign up now!**

If you are looking for a traditional Bible School for your kids, our congregation is supporting 1st Christian Church's Bible School this summer. It is next week, July 8-12 from 5:50 to 8:30pm each evening. The church is located at 130 North 6th Street. I will be there along with others from the Christian Education Committee. There is no cost for the school. See more information within. On July 28th a group of young women from Teen Challenge in Topeka will be with us in worship to share their testimonies and lead us in worship. A special offering will be received to support this ministry. Our July potluck has been moved to that day and our six guests will be joining us for the meal. Come and hear how the gospel is helping transform the lives of many young women.

I will look forward to seeing you in worship and at these special July events.

Wishing each of you a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Tim

PENTECOST

Congratulations FPC you donated \$669.27 for the Pentecost Offering. The church will issue a check (\$267.71) to the local Salvation Army to be used for the Youth Group that will be on Thursday nights starting in September.

PRESBYTERY STAFF COMING TO LEAVENWORTH

The Presbytery staff is coming to a location near you! We are traveling to the Northwest to: Leavenworth, Kansas

Tuesday, July 9th, from 10:00am-2:00pm

Join us for coffee, lunch, or conversation.

We recognize there is a distance that many of our churches on the outer edges of the presbytery, often travel to come to the presbytery events, meetings, and gatherings.

We are reversing the tables and coming to you!

Sally Hinchman, Stated Clerk, and Dee Cooper, Interim Executive Presbyter (The Presbytery Staff), are coming to a location near to you.

We are creating this space to connect with you and listen to your ideas, your celebrations, your concerns, and your questions.

We are happy to meet with Pastors, CRE's, Ruling Elders, and Members!

*If you want to meet specifically with us one on one, please call in advance and schedule time so that we can create some privacy.

We will be at

Meriwether's Coffee Shop

702 Cherokee Street, Leavenworth, Kansas from 10am-Noon

and then move over to

Baan Thai Restaurant

301 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kansas from Noon-2pm

Upcoming remote days and locations:

August 13th Clinton October 3rd Ottawa

Michelle Jones

Administrative Assistant

Heartland Presbytery

THURSDAY BAND CONCERT IN THE PARK!

Did you know six of our very own church members perform every Thursday night at Kelly Murphy Park in Bonner Springs? Please bring your chair and come enjoy a dessert social and listen to the great music performed by Linda Johnson, Esther Ray, Chuck, Annette, Chase & Drake Allen and the Bonner Springs City Band!

Time: 8:30pm

Dates: July 11, July 18, & July 25

Location: Kelly Murphy Park-2nd/Elm St. Bonner Springs

(Alternate location for heat or inclement weather: Bonner Springs Community Center)

SHEPHERDS

On the Deacons agenda every month is the item 'Shepherds'. I asked the question last month, "Who is your Shepherd" to which Pastor Tim promptly replied, "The Lord is my Shepherd". Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all answered so quickly? But that was not the answer I was seeking..."Who is your Church Shepard?", Did you know you even had one?

I checked the Bible Concordance when I got home and there were 31 references to the word *Shepherd* or *Shepherding* in the Bible. And even more if you reference the word *sheep*. The favorite and one we all know is Psalm 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd...." My favorite from the New Testament is from John, Chapter 21 where Jesus asks Simon Peter three times "Do you love me?" And when Simon Peter answers "Yes, Lord you know that I love you" to all the questions, Jesus says, " 1)Feed my lambs, 2)Take care of my sheep, 3) Feed my sheep..."

The Book of Order says, " The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, he lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures or anyone in distress."

First Presbyterian Church's Standard Operating Procedure says, "The Deacons are the foundation of FPC's efforts to provide care and support for members and friends of the church."

The Deacon's Standard Operating Procedure says, "Shepherding: Keep in contact with the persons on your list, especially if a health issue or family emergency is noted and/or if the member is absent for several weeks. When there are concerns please bring them to the Deacons attention."

I don't know how long Shepherding at FPC has been going on but when we joined in 1991 we were contacted by our 'Shepherd'. The name changed then changed back but the premise was the same- that each member had a member to check on them.

So the Question remains, **"Who is your FPC shepherd?" Did you know you had one?** Eight people have answered the call to be Shepherds. They are or have been Deacons or Elders, they are 'people oriented' and have your welfare in mind. They may email you, send cards or notes, call, or just see you in church and ask how you are doing. You may not want the phone calls or special attention and that is OK. But we are hoping that if you have need of a visit, a ride, prayers and or joys to share that you will contact your Shepherd. The list is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. The list is reviewed every few months. If you **don't** see your name, please let Arlene or any of the Deacons or Shepherds know.



CONGRATULATIONS!! CELEBRATE U.S. CITIZEN

Gustavo de la Cruz

July 24, 2019 from 5-9pm

Wollman Park Pavilion

13th & Shawnee St. Leavenworth

RSVP to Katherine at 913-240-8172 by July 10

BBQ and dessert provided:

Please bring a side dish to share

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Mission Committee would like to offer you the chance to be of service to the community. If we can get enough volunteer drivers, we would like to commit to filling the need for a driver with vehicle at the Shelter of Hope on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:00 PM. The driving is local, and is controlled by a dispatcher.

If we can get enough volunteers, no one will be over burdened. If you think that you can help with this, please email the church using the subject, Volunteer Driver. For more information, call Jim Mathison at 913-240-6271.

HOME COMMUNION JULY 10th

Home communion will be offered on Wednesday, July 10th, if you haven't been contacted and would like communion please call the church office at 913-682-6891

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Subject to Session approval, the Faithful Discipleship Committee will be organizing a special event to be held Sunday, September 29 during the regular morning worship service. On Heritage Celebration Sunday, we will be celebrating the rich heritage of this church as a place second to none where music praising and honoring God has been sung and performed by any number of talented musicians over the years, a place where groups such as the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor have flourished, a place from which community Sunday Schools have been planted and nourished, and a place from which more than a few children have gone on to enter the mission field.

Some thought has been given to the idea of having some of us "dress the part" to play the roles of individuals who had a significant impact on the life of the church in its earlier years, and there are other possibilities that need to be discussed as well. Church historian Shirley Rockwell is working with the committee on this project, and if you, too, would like to become involved in the planning and implementing of Heritage Celebration Sunday, we would certainly welcome your input now and your participation both now and later.

In His service, Rick Nichols, moderator of the Faithful Discipleship Committee

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO HOST SUMMER SAFARI SPECTACULAR

An intergenerational Vacation Bible School focusing on the subjects of poverty and homelessness, immigration and emergency relief will be taking place at Leavenworth First Presbyterian Church, 407 Walnut, July 16-18.

Open to the public, the Summer Safari Spectacular will consist of three nights of Study, Activities, Fellowship, Action, Reflection and Inspiration, SAFARI, based upon the Bible's "love chapter," I Corinthians 13.

During what is being called One Hour of Great Sharing, adults will hear presentations by Sister Vicki Perkins, director of Leavenworth Community of Hope, Jermaine Wilson, mayor of Leavenworth, the Rev. Rick Behrens, pastor of Grandview Park Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Kan., Advocates for

Immigrant Rights & Reconciliation, and Jesse Miguel, a ruling elder at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village. Meanwhile, children and youth will be learning more about these same subjects through mini-lessons and hands-on projects designed with them in mind.

Both Perkins and Wilson will be speaking July 16. The two of them have extensive experience working with the poor and homeless in and around Leavenworth. Behrens and representatives of AIRR (Advocates for Immigrants Rights and Reconciliation) will have the floor July 17. Berhands' Grandview Park church has a long history of working with immigrants in the greater Kansas City area. Miguel will be talking about the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program July 18. Having been to many places where disaster has struck, he will be able to provide a first-hand account of how this program has made a difference in the lives of people around the world.

"I am very excited about this three-evening event and invite children, youth and adults from the community to come and join us as we explore ways we can put our faith into action in very timely and practical ways," the Rev. Tim Soule, church pastor, said. "Come one night, two nights or all three! We would love to have you join us."

The nightly schedule calls for dinner to be served at 5:30 p.m., with One Hour of Great Sharing to start at 6:45. Dessert is to be served at 8 in conjunction with the closing exercise.

There will be no charge for a meal, but freewill donations will be accepted. Reservations are requested to help with the planning of meals. To make a reservation, call the church office at 913-682-6891 or visit the church's Facebook page.

Child care will be available for children 3 and younger.

More information can be obtained by calling the church or visiting the church's website, www.fpc-lvks.org, or Facebook page.

COMMUNITY MEAL

At our Community Meal on June 25 we served 215 meals with the help of 21 volunteers and 4 grandchildren!

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH

Need a ride to church? Call veterans cab company 913-682-7200. They will pick you up from anywhere in the Lansing-Leavenworth area and bring you to First Presbyterian Church at no cost to you. Cab fee will be paid by the Deacons. Please let someone know you have taken the cab to church and a member of the congregation will be happy to take you home following the service.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Mission Committee announces our drive for July! We will be collecting school supplies all month and donating them to the Richard Allen Cultural Center for their after school tutoring program and to Churches United For Our Youth (CUFOY) for their annual backpack giveaway. The giveaway is Saturday, July 27, at Sunflower Baptist Church, so we need your donations by Sunday the 21st.

All school supplies are welcome, but here is a list of items that are especially needed:

Pencils (No. 2 preferred), Erasers, Loose leaf paper, Markers, Tablets, divided by 3 or 5 subjects, Poster board, Folders, with pocket, Copy paper, and Backpacks.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Immediate: Abby Wilder (Cindy Scircle), Bob Doby, Laura Chapa (Linda Barry), Tom and Becky Stovall and family

Ongoing: Marilyn Ferbert (Judy Jahn), Joe Hudson, Judy Jahn, Mike and Susan Hill (Tim & Debbie Soule), Jack Thomas, Gladys Griffin (Maria Traynham), Barbara-Sue Rose, Maria Gordon (Carolyn Tillotson), John Hamstra, Betsy Wakely (Cindy Scircle), Erin (Maria Traynham), Brianna Hoffman (Cindy Scircle), Rose (Jim Garrett)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Celebration of the life for Arlene Stovall who passed away June 18, mother of Tom and Becky Stovall will be July 31.

JULY FELLOWSHIP TREATS

The schedule for providing treats for June:

July 7 –Deacons **July 14** –Choir and Bell Choir **July 21**-Congregation N-Z

July 28 - Pot Luck

A,M-S- Salads, Sides, and/or Bread **B,D-L-** Main Dish **C,T-Z-** Desserts

JULY BIRTHDAYS

5- Tom Stovall **10-**Jim Schroeder **12-**Gary Auchard **13-**Gail Garrett
14-Deborah Anderson **15-**Daniel Williams **16-**Ellen Morton **19-**Bianca McSwiggen
19-Robert Chambers **20-**Katherine de la Cruz **22-**Ann Keeling **27-**Anna Hurt
28-Barbara Katzenberger **28-**Jennifer LeBar

JULY ANNIVERSARYS

4-Harold and Carla Hathaway **9-** Chuck and Annette Allen **12-** John and Ginnie Strand

THREE EVENINGS OF

- **STUDY**
- **ACTIVITIES**
- **FELLOWSHIP**
- **ACTION**
- **REFLECTION**
- **INSPIRATION**

NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

5:30	Dinner
6:00	'Round the Table Trivia
6:30	Gathering in the Sanctuary
6:45	One Hour of Great Sharing
7:45	Assembling
8:00	Dessert/Closing



BASED ON
1ST Corinthians



An
Intergenerational

SUMMER

SAFARI

SPECTACULAR

July 16-18, 2019

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
407 Walnut
Leavenworth, KS



ONE HOUR OF GREAT SHARING

Tuesday:

Love Never Gives Up
Poverty/Homelessness

Wednesday:

Love is spoken in all Languages
Immigration

Thursday:

Love Endures All Things
Emergency Relief

LOVE IS ACTION



LOVE BELIEVES ALL THINGS

LOVE HOPES ALL THINGS

Registration Form

!We plan on attending the

Spectacular SAFARI on:

Tuesday # attending

Session w/ dinner

Session w/o dinner

Wednesday # attending

Session w/ dinner

Session w/o dinner

Thursday # attending

Session w/ dinner

Session w/o dinner

Name:

Phone

Please put this in the offering plate, give to a member of the CE committee, or turn into the church office by July 7, 2019.



VBS 2019: TO MARS AND BEYOND!!!!!!

July 8th to 12th, 5:50-8:25 PM

First Christian Church, 6th & Seneca

3, 2, 1... Ignition Sequence - Launch to Mars!!!

We will be learning about Daniel & the Lion's Den, Queen Esther, the Good Samaritan, Jesus healing the sick and Jesus comforting friends.

Light meal: 5:15 to 5:45pm each evening (Monday-Friday)

VBS: 5:50pm to 8:25pm

(NOTE: In order to maintain a safe and secure environment for your children, you will be able to pick up your children from their home rooms once the evening's activities have concluded.)

Combined Service/Program/Potluck: 10:15am Sunday, July 14th



Pre-registration is strongly encouraged in order to make sure enough supplies are available. You may register your children using the link on the www.leavenworthchristian.com web site. Serving Pre-K (potty-trained) through children going into 6th grade. We also offer a special needs class for all ages; use the "Register as Adult" option when supplying your information.

Please note that registering as a volunteer or as a participant (children attending) constitutes permission to take pictures during Vacation Bible School (VBS).

Come and join us! To Mars and beyond!!!

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(913) 682-3222

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Session 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	1 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choraleers</i>	2	3 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	4  Church Office Closed	5 Church Office Closed	6
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