

The September Leaven 2022

Dear Friends,

The Transition Team of FPCLVKS is getting ready to wrap up their work in anticipation of the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Since late March the Transition team has hosted three different opportunities for group discussion, they have had many one on one conversations, they have designed a survey and as of this writing, the survey will close on September 12. They will receive the results of the survey and then write a report for the session and the congregation outlying the results and Pastor Nominating Committee will take those results and include them in the Mission Information Form (kind of a Church's resume) that will go out to pastors who are looking for new calls. In the midst of all of that, the Holy Spirit will keep on working as we move forward.

FPCLVKS is in a wonderful mission field. You are surrounded by a community of people needing to know the love of Jesus Christ. And needing to know that concretely. We have just wrapped up the first segment of the Gospels Reading Project. We spend the entire month of August reading the gospel of Matthew, gathering in small groups to share what we have gleaned and listen to what others have gleaned, and we have heard reflections of our readings on Sunday mornings in worship. It dawned on me that a major theme near the beginning and end of the gospel of Matthew is that Jesus is calling us to behave in a loving matter. The entire sermon on the mount is about ethical behavior. The end of chapter 25 – “When you did to the least of these, you did it to me” – is also a call to treat people with love and respect – particularly the “*least of these*”. I think you will find incredibly rich possibilities in new ministries with a new pastor as you live into these ways of being. So, I am excited for your direction.

But you have to be realistic about who you are, where you are, and where you are going. You are not FPCLVKS of 10 or 20 years ago. Your honest, active membership is around 80. You will not be able to do everything. But God won't be expecting you to do everything. God will ask you to take some risks. God will ask you to not live your faith in fear. God will ask you to open your hearts to new possibilities. The very end of Matthew has Jesus speaking these words – “*And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*” These are words both for each and every one of you and for the church as a community. I am excited to see what God will reveal to us in these next few months.

Peace – Krista

ADVENT THEME

The Worship Team will meet for lunch on Sunday, September 18 and will be studying the lectionary texts for Advent to come up with themes for Advent. The congregation is welcome to join us. Ask Krista for the advent texts in advance if you want to join us.

SURVEY

The last day to turn in a paper survey will be noon on Thursday, September 8. The last day to do the survey directly online will be Sunday, September 11. The online survey will close on Monday, September 12. Please fill out the survey by those deadlines.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FirstPresbyterianLeavenworth>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you have some time you can give to the church, you will have the opportunity to do just that Saturday, September 17 when we will be participating in the first ever VA Eastern Kansas Community Celebration & Resource Fair. This event will be taking place from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Administration facilities here in Leavenworth and will be held in conjunction with a car show and other special activities of interest to veterans and others. If you are willing to help man the church's table for an hour, two hours or even all three hours on the 17th, please get in touch with Rick Nichols as soon as possible. Thanks.

Gospel Reading Project Small Group Meeting Times

Our small groups are set for the Gospel Reading Projects. You are welcome to join any of the groups – or be a part of two or more.

Sundays: 9:00am in Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays: 7:00pm – via zoom (zoom link will be emailed out every Monday)

Thursdays: 10:00am – In Classroom 8

Week 6

Sunday, September 4	Mark 8	Monday, September 5	Mark 9
Tuesday, September 6	Mark 10	Wednesday, September 7	Mark 11
Thursday, September 8	Mark 12	Friday, September 9	Mark 13
Saturday, September 10	Mark 14		

(Worship on September 11th will focus on a reading from Mark, Chapters 8-14)

Week 7

Sunday, September 11	Mark 15	Monday, September 12	Mark 16
Tuesday, September 13	Luke 1	Wednesday, September 14	Luke 2
Thursday, September 15	Luke 3	Friday, September 16	Luke 4
Saturday, September 17	Luke 5		

(Worship on September 18th will focus on a reading from Luke, Chapters 1-5)

Week 8

Sunday, September 18	Luke 6	Monday, September 19	Luke 7
Tuesday, September 20	Luke 8	Wednesday, September 21	Luke 9
Thursday, September 22	Luke 10	Friday, September 23	Luke 11
Saturday, September 24	Luke 12		

(Worship on September 25th will focus on a reading from Luke, Chapters 6-12)

Week 9

Sunday, September 25	Luke 13	Monday, September 26	Luke 14
Tuesday, September 27	Luke 15	Wednesday, September 28	Luke 16
Thursday, September 29	Luke 17	Friday, September 30	Luke 18
Saturday, October 1	Luke 19		

(Worship on October 2 will focus on a reading from Luke, Chapters 13-19)



All of the Food Pantries of the area are in need of help. Food prices have risen and The Second Harvest out of Saint Joseph has felt the prices changes also. They are no longer able to provide as much food as they have in the past. There is a need for basic items that would normally be provided by Second Harvest. The Mission committee asks everyone to fill a blue bag or two with food for the community.

Please take a bag next Sunday and fill it with the following items:

3 Vegetables

3 Fruit

3 Proteins (tuna, chicken or peanut butter)

3 Potato products

Breakfast Cereal (Adult or Children)

2 Spaghetti or Macaroni meals

Hamburger helper or similar meal

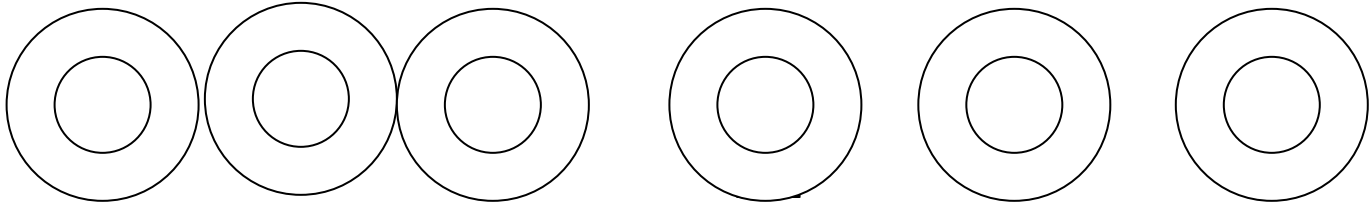
Top it off with your favorite box dessert

Return the bag to the church any Sunday. The bags will be dedicated on Communion Sunday each month. After dedication they will be brought to the Mission on Spruce. This need will continue for at least the next two months and possibly more.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Deacon Claude Wiedower prepared the hot dogs that were served during the Ice Cream Social that followed the worship service Sunday, August 21. This event was organized by the Board of Deacons.



THE CIRCLES ARE COMING THE CIRCLES ARE COMING

We WELCOME all women attending First Presbyterian Church to join in the activities of Presbyterian Women of the Congregation.

Presbyterian Women's predecessor organizations began more than 200 years ago when women had no role outside the home. In spite of numerous societal restrictions, the women's organizations gained respect, especially that of missionaries in the field who requested women's donations and prayers. Two centuries after Presbyterian women first gathered to pray and give their money to the church, women have voice in the church and in the world. A legacy of devotion to the church and dedication to God are a strong foundation for continuing mission and taking Christ into every area of life in Presbyterian women's third century of organization. Presbyterian Women exists today because women are adaptable, determined, proactive, charitable, generous and dedicated to God.

Presbyterian Women meet monthly at 1st PC for Bible Study, Fellowship and Mission Opportunities. Our Bible Study this year is

Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight

by Carol M. Bechtel

We host three "Circles"

Circle 3	10 am the Second Tuesday	Leader: Marti Auchard
Circle 4	10 am the Third Monday	Leader: Pam Crume
Circle 5	6:30 pm Second Tuesday	Leader: Cindy Scircle/Chris Aus

PRAYERS

Immediate: Family of Anthony Jimenez, Family of Phil Comstock, Liam, Marge Grafke-Doby, Bob Doby, Elaine Carder and family, Bill, Alan and Margene (Dennis and Rodney), Holly Allen and Family, Jim and Lorna Mathison, Katie Scircle, Geri Malle (L. Barry), Diann Wooley (Cindy Scircle), Mike Ray (Esther), Bernice Johnson, Ed Bristow (Chris Aus), Grandfather Marshall (Chris and Jessica Flynn)

Ongoing: Steve Finch, Erika Johnson, Margie Holland, Shirley Rockwell, Joe Hudson, Barbara-Sue Rose, Maria Gordon (Carolyn Tillotson), Le Thomas, Al Pursell, V. Williams (Barbara-Sue Rose), Judy Jahn, Michael Brock (C. Scircle), Mike Graham (Pam Crume), Jeanie (Barbara-Sue Rose), Rick Nichols, Greta Sharp, Cindy Scircle, John Garner (Carolyn T.), Richard and Linda Cooper (Darrell and Margie Holland's daughter and son-in-law), Brianna Hoffman and Family (Cindy Scircle)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

We are sad to share the news that Gerald Carder died on Sunday, July 31. Gerald was a dear member of First Presbyterian and was a friend to many. We give thanks to God for Gerald's life and ministry, we hold Elaine and her family in prayer, and we trust that Gerald is now free of pain and enjoying the fullness of God's love in eternal life. A celebration of Gerald's life will be held at the church **October 15** with visitation at 10:00a.m. and celebration of life at 11:00 a.m.

DEACON'S DOINGS

YEA ! WE'RE BACK

POT LUCK DINNER WILL BE SEPTEMBER 11TH
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PLEASE PLAN TO BRING ONE OF THE ITEMS
LISTED BELOW

A-C- Salads, Sides, and/or Bread

L-Z – Dessert

D-K- Main Dish

SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP TREATS

Sept. 4 –Circle 4

Sept. 11 –Potluck- A-C- Salads, Sides, and/or Bread

L-Z – Dessert

D-K- Main Dish

Sept. 18-Circle 5 Sept. 25-Session

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8- Dennis Goodwin and Rodney Schwatken

11- Linda and Tom Thompson

21- Ron and Kathy Kenton

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3- Annette Allen 4-Virginia Rawlings 5-Chase Allen 5- Drake Allen 5-Shirley Rockwell

8-Claude Wiedower 11-Jerry Traynham 15-Merna Roe 17-Dick Gibson 25-Debbie Soule

30-Carl Johnson 30-Christopher Flynn 30-Darrell Holland 30-Greta Sharp

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 Church Office Closed	3
4 Fellowship Treats-Circle 4 Worship Committee Meeting 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	5 Church Office Closed Labor Day	6 1:00pm ESL	7 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice	8 10:00am GRP- Small Groups <i>6:00pm Session Meeting</i> Paper Survey Closes at Noon	9 Church Office Closed	10
11 Fellowship Treats - Potluck 9:00am GRP-Small Group 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship Online Survey Closes at 11:59 p.m.	12 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers	13 10:00am Circle 3 1:00pm ESL 6:30pm Circle 5	14 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 11:00am Deacons Meeting 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice	15 10:00am GRP- Small Groups	16 Church Office Closed	17 10:00am League of Women Voters
18 Fellowship Treats - Circle 5 9:00am GRP-Small Group 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship 11:30am Worship Committee Meeting-Advent Planning lunch	19 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 10:00am Circle 4 6:30pm Special Needs Advocacy 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers	20 1:00pm ESL 5:00pm - 6:00pm Community Meal	21 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice	22 First Day of Autumn 10:00am GRP- Small Groups	23 Church Office Closed 6:30pm - 8:00pm Amateur Radio Testing	24
25 Fellowship Treats-Session Mission Committee Meeting 9:00am GRP-Small Group 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	26 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers	27 1:00pm ESL	28 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice	29 10:00am GRP- Small Groups	30 Church Office Closed	1