

The SEPTEMBER Leaven 2021

TESTIMONY OPPORTUNITY

Please prayerfully consider giving a Faithful Discipleship testimony in mid-September or during the months of October and November when there will be multiple opportunities to give one.

A good testimony lasts 2 to 4 minutes and should inspire members and friends of the church to want to continue the giving of their time, talents and treasures in support of the work of the church, especially locally but globally as well.

You can give a testimony in-person or, if you prefer, it can be videotaped at your home or apartment for viewing later at the church. Or you can write out your testimony and I will be happy to read it during the morning worship service.

If you wish to give a testimony, please get in touch with me as soon as possible so that it can be scheduled. Both my phone number and my email address are in the directory.

In Him, Rick Nichols, moderator, Faithful Discipleship Committee



PWC

Presbyterian Women begins its new year with a:

Gathering of Women

Saturday, September 11, 2021

10:00 a.m. in the Living Room

The program will be on the Suffrage Movement, especially in Leavenworth and within our church. All women of the church are invited to attend. We don't discriminate-men are welcome too!



CIRCLES

At First Presbyterian we have Bible Study Circles--- Women helping Women and Bible Study. This year the Bible Study is

What My Grandmothers Taught Me

Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus
by Merryl Blair

We host 3 Circles, all meeting in the Living Room at the Church, unless notice is given.

Circle 3 meets the second Tuesday at 10 am Led by Marti Auchard

Circle 4 meets the third Monday at 10 am Led by Pam Crume

Circle 5 meets the second Tuesday at 6 pm Led by Cindi Scircle and Chris Aus

The Bible Study Books have arrived, please contact your Circle Leader for pick up.

Regular Books are \$10 and Large Print are \$15

DEACON'S DOINGS

July flew by and August is picking up speed. Please place the following event on your September Calendar--The Deacons are ready for some fun!

"Tiffin and Trivia"

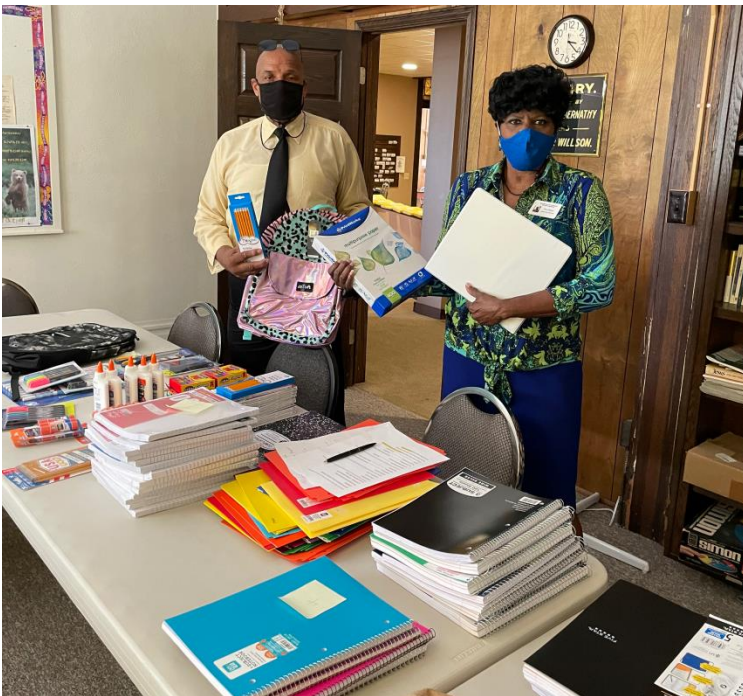
Sunday, September 19, 2021

After Church in Fellowship Hall

Yes, you will have to look that one up! Deacon's Treat Chief's play a night game!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION



Pictured are Mrs. Edna Wagner and Mr. Walter Wallace of the Richard Allen Cultural Center as they picked up the school supplies that the congregation so generously contributed. This is the third year that First Presbyterian Church has donated supplies to the Center's after school program. In addition to items that were contributed, cash donations will be used to furnish the center with things such as printer cartridges, and other supplies that are still needed.

**THANK YOU TO LINDA HUGGINS
FOR TAKING CARE OF WATERING THE PLANTS
DURING THE HOT SUMMER!!**

FELLOWSHIP TREATS

Sept. 5-Circle 3 **Sept. 12** – Circle 4 **Sept. 19**-Deacons-Tiffin and Trivia **Sept. 26**-Circle 5

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3- Annette Allen **3-** Dale Hurt **4-** Virginia Rawlings **5-** Chase Allen
5- Drake Allen **5-** Shirley Rockwell **8-** Claude Wiedower **11-** Jerry Traynham
15- Merna Roe **16-** Brian Gummert **17-** Dick Gibson **25-** Debbie Soule
30- Carl Johnson **30-** Darrell Holland **30-** Greta Sharp

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARYS

8- Dennis Goodwin and Rodney Schwatken
11- Linda and Tom Thompson
21- Ron and Kathy Kenton





Pastors corner
Tim Soule
Guest columnist

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There is no mention of retirement in the Bible

After 40 years of ordained ministry, serving five congregations in Iowa, California and Kansas, I was granted my retirement at the end of July. The rewards of working with these faithful people were many and each church taught me a great deal about strength, resiliency, hospitality, grace, forgiveness, passion, hope and love. With each congregation I was blessed with good and generous leaders who were seeking to live out the commitment to follow Christ as Lord and savior.

One of the things I will most cherish from my time in Leavenworth was the growing sense of community among the churches. The Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope, Welcome Central, the shelter, the Leavenworth County Clergy Associates, United As One and Concerned Clergy of Leavenworth County are all examples of the shared ministry that is alive and strong in the area. It is drawing more and more of us together to witness to the calling and work of Christ. The food pantries are also led by people of faith working hard to see that all in the county are fed.

Of course, there is much work that is ahead and I trust, with these ministries in place and under good leadership, will continue to seek to serve faithfully.

One of the things I found strange as my retirement drew near was how often I was congratulated for ceasing to work, especially when I knew there was still much to be done. On the other hand, I also had many people reminding me that there is no mention of retirement in the Bible.

It was then that I thought about the Hebrew word "hineni" which means "Here I am." It is more than "being here," it is to be fully present. It is a word used by Jacob, Moses, Samuel and Isaiah when they are called by God. Moses was well past retirement age when his call came. So, I understand that even though I am leaving the employment of the church, I remain fully under the call of God. So, I will continue, along with all the faithful, to seek to love my neighbors just as I love myself. I will continue to feed the hungry, care for the hurting, challenge those who make decisions to do so with the needs of the least of our society fully in mind. I will try to preach the gospel in all that I do and at times, when it is necessary, I will use words as well as actions.

I am grateful for my time with the Leavenworth community and pray that you will continue in your faith and service to our loving Lord.

Be fully present and encourage one another in all that you do. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

Tim Soule is the retired pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Leavenworth.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Fellowship Treats-Choir and Bell Choir 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	30 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers	31	1 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	2	3 Church Office Closed	4
5 Fellowship Treats-Circle 3 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	6 HOLIDAY- Church Office Closed	7 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	8 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	9 6:00 PM <i>Session Meeting</i>	10 Church Office Closed	11 10:00 AM PWC Gathering of Women
12 Fellowship Treats-Circle 4 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	13 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers	14 10:00 AM Circle 3 6:30 PM Circle 5	15 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	16	17 Church Office Closed	18 10:00 AM League of Women Voters
19 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Christian Ed. Committee Meeting 12:00 PM Deacon's Doings "Tiffin and Trivia"	20 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 10:00 AM Circle 4 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers	21	22 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	23	24 Church Office Closed 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Testing	25
26 Fellowship Treats - Circle 5 Worship Committee Meeting 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	27 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers	28 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Community Meal	29 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	30	1 Church Office Closed	2