

# The Church & You

## First Presbyterian Church Oklahoma City

July 2017



This summer we average 242 different children and youth in our building each week!





**July's Lunch Bunch outings will take us to Iron Star on July 6<sup>th</sup> and Sam's Southern Eatery July 20<sup>th</sup>.** The Iron Star features urban barbeque and great side dishes. Their menu is also full of delicious salads, sandwiches, and burgers. Make sure you save a little bit of room for their Double Chocolate Bread Pudding for dessert. Sam's Southern Eatery offers Louisiana inspired seafood and other "Home Style Southern Cooking" favorites including salads, assorted Po' Boy sandwiches, and chicken.

- July 6 Iron Star, 3700 N. Shartel Ave., 11:45 am
- July 20 Sam's, 2336 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> St., 11:45 am



**Thursday Noon Bible Study Is Growing - Not Too Late to Join!**

This month we will continue our study of *Mudhouse Sabbath* as we look at chapters 4 and 5 on hospitality and prayer. We have had wonderful discussions and our group continues to grow! We will plan to continue to meet in room 122 and will have a sign posted there if we move to a larger space. What a wonderful problem to have! Please bring a lunch and join us July 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

- July 13 hachnassat orchim/hospitality, room 122, noon
- July 27 tefillah/prayer, room 122, noon

**Pastor John's Summer Travel**



I am delighted to be turning in my preaching robe for my cooking apron as I travel with the senior high youth group to Montreat, NC for a youth conference. I have attended several of the conferences over the years. It is one of the best experiences our young people can have as they join in with well over a thousand other Presbyterian young people for keynotes, worship, small groups, and recreation at one of our National Camp and Conference centers in the mountains of NC. I will be leaving following worship on July 16<sup>th</sup> to join our group there. Following that week, I will be taking two weeks vacation to see my parents and spend some time on the Crystal Coast, returning to Oklahoma August 4<sup>th</sup>.

While I am away, Rev. Dan Junkin, Pastor of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, will be on call in case of death or any other pastoral emergency. Please call the church office and they will contact Dan if a need arises. I am very excited that our own Jim Borgstadt and Danny Olvera will be preaching in my absence. Jim and Danny are both Stephen Ministers of our congregation and have both served as Deacons and Elders for our church. In addition, Jim has led the Monday Morning Bible Study for the last two years and will have recently returned from his 7<sup>th</sup> mission trip to Uganda. Danny is about to complete a Certificate in Ministry program from Austin Seminary and has decided to begin a Master of Divinity degree there so that he might continue exploring his sense of call to ordained ministry.

Thank you to all three for enabling me to leave you in good hands as I spend time with our youth and family. God bless!  
-John McKinnon



**Storm Damage Repairs Update**

As you are aware, we sustained significant damage during the straight wind storms April 28. Lippert Brothers, the contractor that originally built the sanctuary, is again our contractor. Friday, June 16 they completed phase one— stabilizing and covering the damaged window on the inside of the Sanctuary. This now allows us to occupy this space again and continue with scheduled events.

Phase two involves Willett Hauser Co. coming to remove all of the stained glass and taking it to Dallas for repairs and storage until time to reinstall. Phase three will be Lippert Brothers re-building the window structure, the limestone mullions and the steel supports to prepare for the window to be re-installed. The South facing window also sustained minor damage which will be repaired at the same time— it does not require removal. Renaissance Roofing has made a detailed inspection of our severely damaged roof and has prepared a proposal. We don't yet have a time line for completion of these repairs but we will keep you informed. -Jack Lancaster

## 100 Year Anniversary Trip

Troop 15 has taken an epic journey to honor our 100 year anniversary as a troop chartered to First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City. 32 scouts and sponsors spent 10 days and 9 nights exploring the Colorado Plateau. Starting by van in Oklahoma City we drove through the Texas Panhandle first seeing the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest. Camping all along the way, we stopped and hiked the Grand Canyon, explored Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, and Arches National park. We then took a raft ride down the Colorado River, starting above and floating down to Moab, UT. In Colorado we went to the Great Sand Dunes National Park. On our final night, we camped in the Kiowa National Grasslands in New Mexico.



This was a trip of a lifetime for many of these fine scouts. Everywhere we went and whatever other troops we encountered, the entire troop did themselves, the Boy Scouts, and our church proud. It was my honor to join them and to get to know the boys and some of their parents better, and to enjoy the knowledge and experience of the troop members. From the youngest to the oldest, we can be proud of this group. We have just awarded our 151st Eagle.

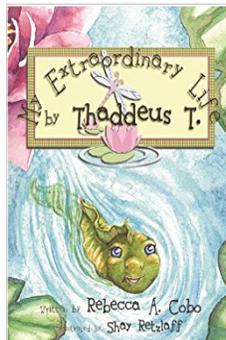
On behalf of myself, Scoutmaster Spencer Matheny, Senior Patrol Leader Cole Jamison, and Committee Chair Lance Lefel, thank you for your continuing support of our troop. In the last 5 years we have been to a World Jamboree, National Jamboree, tour of the historic east, and the beautiful west. Such an activity level can only be achieved with your tremendous backing. Here's to another 100. -John Harris, ASM, Member FPC

## Our Senior Highs (high school students) travel to Montreat, NC July 15-23.

The Mission Council recently received these thank you notes:

"Thank you for your contribution of Boxtops and Campbell Soup labels! We are thankful for your participation. God bless you, *Goodland Academy*"

"Thank you so much for all that you do for the Mission. Your time, gifts and talent are what make our services so efficient and sought after by the families we serve. God bless each of you! *Peggy, Urban Mission*"



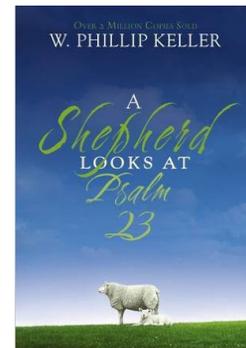
A new children's book was given to our library: *My Extraordinary Life* by Thaddeus T. It was donated by Elizabeth Hatcher. Written by a friend of hers (Rebecca Cobo), of Luther. -George Gibson



Congratulations to Nancy Myer, who was recently named PW's Woman of the Year. A lifelong member of the church, Nancy currently serves as an Elder and sings in the choir.

## Theology on Tap Thursday, July 27 6:30 p.m.

Young Adults: Lisa M. Wolfe, Ph. D. will be speaking on "Beer Making in Biblical Times." Meeting at The Barrel on Western Avenue, contact Lacey [ldhoward22@gmail.com](mailto:ldhoward22@gmail.com) or Wesley Howard [westhebest.89@gmail.com](mailto:westhebest.89@gmail.com).



**The Monday Morning Bible Study meets at Ingrid's Kitchen (3701 N Youngs Blvd.) this summer.**

Join us for coffee, breakfast, and fellowship at 7:30. The study starts at 8:00. The group is using *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by W. Phillip Keller. The Uganda Mission Team will also be reading this book while on their trip.

## To the congregation, Deacons, and Pastor John:

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and love extended to Larry and me. Your tangible care lends support and strength—for which we are very grateful. In particular, I want to express my sincere appreciation and love for the pastoral care from Pastor John. -Jody Kerr



We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Allison Ransford. (sister of Cyndi Adams, aunt to Michelle Evans)

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## Joining First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church invites you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ through discipleship to him and membership in his body, the Church. You can be received into membership of this church by one of three ways: Profession of Faith and Baptism, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Letter of Transfer. If you are interested in membership or would like to learn more about our church, please see Pastor John following a worship service, or call him at 525-6584.

## Fundraiser for FPC at Clinton's Water Zoo Sunday, July 9

Entire congregation invited! We'll travel in the church bus and vans to Clinton, OK immediately after the worship service July 9. Enjoy a lazy river, water slides, wave pool, and more! (*See more online at [water-zoo.com](http://water-zoo.com)*) Children entering 5th grade and younger must have a parent attend. Tickets available for \$21.99 each. A portion of each ticket is donated back to the church. We want to make sure everyone can go, so scholarships are available — please contact Christie Peacher for more information.  
[christie@fpcokc.org](mailto:christie@fpcokc.org)

## School Supply Sunday Features Potluck Brunch July 16 10:45

Bring your best breakfast dish to share. We'll be celebrating brunch as we bring in items/donations for Urban Mission's school supply drive. Enjoy a leisurely brunch in Watchorn Hall, or feel free to take it with you to your Sunday School class. Suggested school supplies include: colored pencils, crayons, pencils, paper, Kleenex, backpacks, and binders.

## Volunteering at Regional Food Bank

Reserve the 3rd community mission activity in July takes us to the Regional Food Bank, 3355 S. Purdue, Oklahoma City 73137. This is a favorite volunteer site for many, because of the high energy level, the opportunity to work along side people from other churches and businesses and the great organization of assigned tasks. Our FPC volunteer shift is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Volunteers can be as young as 8 and those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Wear closed-toe shoes. Register on their website <https://www.regional-foodbank.org/fight-hunger/volunteer>, using the code firstpresokc, then click on the specific shift. If you have volunteered there recently, you will have established a sign-in email and password. For more information, contact Elizabeth Hatcher [elizabethhatcher@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethhatcher@gmail.com).