

The Church & You

First Presbyterian Church

Oklahoma City

September 2017

From the Pastor



Kirk Night Resumes Wednesday, September 6th

Being a newbie to the church, one of the things I enjoyed most last year was our Wednesday night fellowship. It was a wonderful gift to be able to gather with new friends and old, have a meal together, and enjoy programs and activities. I am delighted that Kirk Night kicks off again on September 6th.

We will have a new face in the kitchen. Jennifer Snow will be preparing our meals and her menus sound delicious! Dinner will begin being served at 6:00 p.m. and programs will begin at 7:00 p.m.

We have an exciting line-up of programs for the year. We will begin by offering a Children's Class: *Expressing Yourself God's Way (using Emojis!)* led by Christie Peacher and a 3-week Youth Class on Media: *How to Interpret It* led by Mickie Smith. Adult options include Yoga led once again by Brandi Gibson and I will begin a Bible study series based on the *Andy Griffith Show*. Come see what Andy has to say about Judging Others as we watch and discuss the episode *Rafe Hollister Sings* (Andy tries to spruce up a poor farmer who is chosen to sing for a snobbish group.). Welcome to Jennifer and thank you to Christie and Mickie. We are off to a great start! Please help us in food preparation by emailing Stephanie at stephanie@fpcokc.org or calling the church office by September 5th. You may also write Kirk Night, your name, and the number attending on a yellow "Joys and Concerns" card and dropping it in the offering plate. Please join us, you'll be glad you did!

BBQ Lunch & Talent Show Sunday, September 10th

Come welcome our new members at the New Member Luncheon on Sunday, September 10th after church in Watchorn Hall! Deacons will provide BBQ meats and dessert - **please bring your favorite BBQ-themed side**. The luncheon will also feature the annual FPC Talent Show! Contact Krista Myers (405) 627-7209 if you have an act for the show.

Get Ready for the October 8th Mission Fair

The only thing missing from Mission is U and the Mission Council wants to make sure YOU know where your gifts and talents can be used in the life and ministry of our church. Please make plans to join us October 8th following the 11:00 a.m. worship. The Mission Fair, held in Watchorn Hall, will help you rediscover all the ways to plug-in to the mission and ministry of the church. Maybe you are the perfect fit for RAT Pack, Mobile Meals, SPARK tutoring or ushering. All God's people got a place in the choir! These are just a taste of the many opportunities for you to serve.

Speaking of taste, Grill Master Barry Whittington's grilling team will be preparing something special to go with the side dish or dessert you bring for the table. Break out your best dish for our special guest Carol Winkler! (Learn about Carol on page 2 of this newsletter.) This is going to be a great time of food and fellowship. Make sure YOU don't miss it!

Pastor John

Kemp Concert Series Upcoming Concerts

Brahms: *Requiem*

Kemp Concert Choir and full professional orchestra
Sunday, September 24th

Pre-concert talk at 6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Concert at 7:00 p.m.
(free admission)

Vienna Boys Choir

Tuesday, November 7th, 7:30 p.m.
(free admission)

For details about the full season of performances on the Kemp Concert Series, visit www.kempconcerts.org

Volunteer While You Visit

The church saves a large amount of money by using volunteers instead of a mail service each month. We can only do this because of the dedication of our wonderful church members who volunteer their time (and sometimes their friends' time, as well)! We have a fun group that socializes while we prepare newsletters for mailing. If you would like to see if it's something you enjoy, please give it a try. We meet once a month for two hours on a weekday. Call Nita Cadenhead (524-7277) or Kathy Rangel (525-6584 or kathy@fpcokc.org) to express your interest. Serving together is a great way to build new friendships while we serve the church.

Please Update Your Contact Information

New directories are being made by the Presbyterian Women (PW) and in the office. Please email all address, phone numbers, and email addresses with the church. Information should be emailed to dotcello5@gmail.com and becki@fpcokc.org. Thank you!



Child Advocate Carol Winkler

We are honored to welcome Carol Winkler to our church and our presbytery October 7th and 8th. Carol currently serves as moderator of Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. She also serves on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and the Synod of the Covenant Board of Trustees. Over the years she has served PW as well as PC(USA) in various leadership

positions at all levels of the church. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Thomas, KY. Carol and her husband, Paul, have 3 grown children and spouses and 6 grandchildren. Carol has owned her own business, and served on staff at the Presbytery of Cincinnati, but her real love has been as a volunteer for the church, PW, schools and local organizations. As a volunteer reading coach in the local elementary school, she balances her commitment to the church/PW and lives out her lifelong commitment to child advocacy while serving her community.

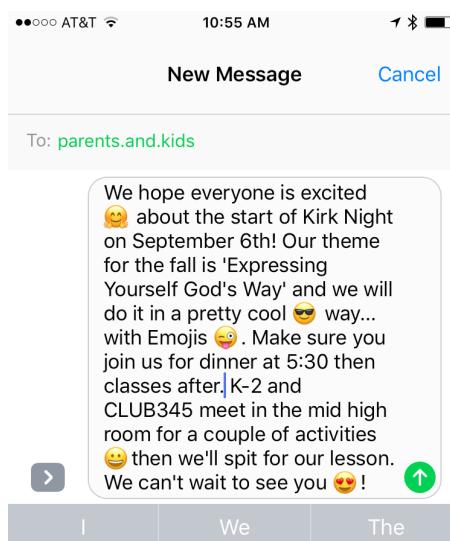
Carol will speak at a presbytery-wide gathering hosted by our church on October 7th. That event will begin at 9:30AM. On Sunday, she will join Pastor John in leading worship and present a program to the congregation during the Sunday School hour on the PC(USA)'s *Educate a Child, Transform the World* initiative.



Sean Smith: Our New Youth & Children's Intern

The Youth and Children's Committee is excited to announce our new Youth and Children's Intern, Sean Smith. Sean, a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, was baptized and confirmed here at FPC, grew up as a member of the youth group and choir programs, and was ordained as a Deacon.

A long time Dwight camper, Sean served as a Dwight counselor last summer and we look forward to adding his talents to our staff. He will be teaching Kirk Night (in September he will be with CLUB345), working with the YIM team on Sunday afternoons, and helping with other events like overnighters, fundraisers, and Youth Quake.



Expressing Yourself—God's Way

Emojis are a fun way to quickly express our emotions with others.

The Bible teaches us that our emotions are a gift from God, that He has a purpose for all of them, and that we can express them in a good way! Wednesday dinners are from 6:00—7:00, and classes start at 7:00 p.m. K-2nd grades and 3rd-5th grades meet separately, though drop-off for both is in the mid-high room (bottom of stairs near elevator, lower level).

Sincere Appreciation

You may recall a lovely thank you note from Jody Kerr we published in July. Prior to her death last week, Jody asked that another note be printed, stating her appreciation for the many visits from Pastor John, the meals delivered by various Deacons, and the love and support shown by the congregation.

Zio's & Mini-Golf

Sunday, Oct. 1, the Deacons will host another Out-and-About Trip here in OKC. After 2nd service we will meet at Zio's in Bricktown for lunch and then go play mini-golf. The plan is for those attending to drive themselves or carpool to downtown, pay for their own lunch, and then the Deacons will pay for the price of mini-golf. Please sign-up in the office by Sept. 27. -Blaine Moore

Choir for K-5th Grades

Kelly Holst will be the new director of the Treble Choir. The choir, made up of Kindergarten-5th graders, rehearses as part of the Sunday School time (9:40-10:45 each Sunday morning).

Youth September Schedule

September 3 No Youth Group
September 10 Talent Show
September 17 Parent & Youth Kick Off/Game Day
September 24 4th Sunday



We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Jody Kerr and to the family of Mead Lessert (Saraellen Woodard's brother, John Woodard's uncle).

Creation Care Team Corner

Please recycle your worship bulletin in the blue bins located at the exits of the sanctuary and chapel if you do not wish to take them with you.

Each ton (2000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy, and 7000 gallons of water. The 17 trees saved (above) can absorb a total of 250 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air each year. Burning that same ton of paper would create 1500 pounds of carbon dioxide. Thank you for your support!

Peace & Global Witness Offering

One of the joys of being a part of the PCUSA is our Special Offerings. September 3rd will kick off the Season of Peace and our Peace & Global Witness Offering. Congregations around the country will join together in a time of contemplating peace, working toward reconciliation, and supporting work that furthers Christ's peace in this world.

Garage Sale Benefits FPS September 22-23

FPS Annual Garage Sale will be Friday, September 22nd and Saturday, September 23rd. Please help support the school by donating any gently used items and then come shop for treasures! You may begin dropping off items beginning September 5th, please contact the school for more information. This is our main Fall Fundraiser and all proceeds will go to purchase an additional Bye-Bye Buggy for our littlest ones and for new manipulative and science/math supplies for our Preschool program.

Volunteering Helps Our Neighbors

The September Reserve the Third mission opportunity takes us back to the Palo Duro Apartments. The two apartment buildings are operated by Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) and house adults with diagnosis of mental illness. Our volunteers have enjoyed our previous work-mornings there, cleaning the hallways and common areas, planting flowers and serving lunch. If you would like to be a part of God's hand in the community, please join us at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16. Meet at the Palo Duro Apartments, 401 NW 11th. Parking is available in the lot south of 11th. We will engage in "beautification" of the facilities, inside and outside, then serve and join the residents and staff in a sandwich lunch. *Adult volunteers will need to register and complete an NSO background check. To do so, go to the website, <http://nsookc.org/volunteer/> and enter the password NSOadmin2015. Please indicate on the application that you are with the First Presbyterian Group. (If you completed the application previously, you do not have to complete another one.)* For more information, contact Elizabeth Hatcher at elizhatcher@gmail.com.

Welcome to the World!

Chilly McIntosh Akers (*pictured at right and on the front cover*) was born August 4, 2017 to Trasen and Aeriel Akers. Chilly is the namesake of his 5th great-grandfather, Chilly McIntosh of the Indian Territory.



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Organist-John L. Edwards
Director of Children & Youth-Christie Peacher
Communications Director-Kathy P. Rangel
Business Administrator-Becki Walden
Facilities Coordinator-Jack Lancaster

Sunday Worship Hours
8:30 a.m. Chapel
11:00 Sanctuary

SPARK Now Enrolling for Before-School and After-School Care!

We still have space available for children in grades Pre-K-8th! SPARK can pick up or drop off at 15 different schools in our area. Here at SPARK children will have the opportunity to experience the Arts, be engaged through Science experiments, get help with homework, gain knowledge by working with a tutor, make great friends while having fun and playing games, and get time to just be a kid!

If you or someone you know is looking for a great program to get their child plugged into after school we would love to talk to you!

To get more information, to schedule a tour, or to enroll your child, please send us an email at tish@fpcokc.org give us a call at (405) 525-0018.

Schools SPARK can drop off or pick up from:

- Bishop John Carroll School
- Classen SAS *Middle School only
- Cleveland Elementary
- Dove Science Academy *Middle School only
- Edgemere Elementary
- Eugene Field Elementary
- Gatewood Elementary
- Horace Mann Elementary *morning care only
- John Rex Charter School
- Putnam Heights Elementary
- Sequoyah Elementary
- Taft Middle School
- Trinity School
- Wilson Elementary

Builder's Group Meet & Greet Sunday, Sept. 10th

Young adult class invites everyone to stop by and introduce yourself. Enjoy coffee and donuts Sunday, September 10th in room 215 from 9:40-10:50 a.m. (Children welcome.)

September Mission: Breakfast for the Break

We have all heard it before, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Many children in the OKC school system take advantage of the breakfast program in their school, but what happens when the children are on a two week break? That's where Breakfast for the Break comes in.

The youth will be collecting breakfast foods (boxes/bags of cereal, cereal bars, granola bars, protein bars, oatmeal, fruit cups, apple sauce, peanut butter, pop tarts, etc.) and delivering them to a local school to hand out to families who could use a little help getting through the 2 week break. If you would like to bring breakfast foods, please bring them to Christie's office or leave them in the main office.