



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

June 2024



Thank you, Becki Walden

With sadness, the Session has accepted a notice of retirement from Becki Walden. Her last day of employment will be July 12. Becki has been a constant source of support in my ministry.

I am personally very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with her. She has served the church faithfully and well since November 23, 2005, as Church Business Administrator.

Please join us in celebrating Becki's retirement during worship and at the July 7th First Sunday Fellowship Lunch.

-Pastor John



Monday, June 10 | 8:00 a.m.

It's not too late to sign up! Register your foursome together or let the Urban Mission put you on a winning team. Prizes include a RedView rangefinder, a Caribbean cruise, and even a 25k prize!

Registration is \$100 per person. All proceeds from this event go to benefit The Urban Mission's programs which support Oklahomans in need. **Register at tinyurl.com/urbanmissiongolf24.**

The Church in Action

Church Under the Bridge

On Sunday, May 26, over thirty members of our congregation gathered to provide a hot meal and lead worship service for Church Under the Bridge. CUTB's vision is to restore hope to those hurting and experiencing homelessness.

We served 150 meals and handed out clothing and blankets, as well as provided food and treats for dogs.

Our music team was led by Puffer Jones and John Edwards. They also played guitar and flute before the service. Many commented on how peaceful and calming the music was during that time. Pastor John gave an inspiring message after the music portion of the service.

Several members of our team were able to spend time talking with our guests and learning about their lives.

It is a privilege not only to serve these amazing individuals, but also to be a part of a church with a mission mindset! Thank you to everyone involved, but especially Holly Guadiana and Paula Denner who helped organize the event.



Flashback to Ferncliff

A total of ten members of FPC-OKC ventured to Ferncliff Camp, near Little Rock, Arkansas, from April 14-19 for mission work. There were many different tasks to do, so we divided into groups each day. Tasks included weeding the vegetable gardens and planting new plants, building a temporary fence, inspecting donated disaster supplies, assembling disaster boxes, and painting the outside of a chapel, a storage container, and two different signs.

We enjoyed hiking up one of the four hills surrounding the camp, visiting the Presidential Museum in Little Rock, and playing cards and games in the evenings.

We also had two very touching and meaningful devotions. The Ferncliff staff were great and praised us for our quality and quantity of work. I believe we achieved our goals of establishing a new group of members willing to do mission work and bonding while doing God's work.

Members of the team included new members Mary Su Forsman and Peggy White, as well as Sue Henning, Bret Sholar, Paula Denner, Dan and Carren MacLemore, Debbie Pittman, and me. We're all looking forward to returning next year! -Roane Pittman



Mobile Meals

Check out one of the delicious meals that our volunteers recently cooked up: chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, and chocolate cake!

Mobile Meals meets at the church on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you have any interest in cooking or delivering meals, please contact the church office (office@fpcokc.org).

From the Pastor's Desk: Back to Austin

I am excited to be returning to Austin Seminary June 3-9 for the final course prior to beginning the final project in the Doctor of Ministry program. It will focus on living thoughtfully with God.

This course encourages reflection on the aesthetic dimension of the Christian life. We will explore the nature of theological language, its limits, and its implications for a deeper appreciation of the beauty of Christian faith and tradition. We will study the practices of writing, music, and the arts and the ways they enrich Christian life. In addition, we will reflect on the beauty of the natural world and how deeper attention to God's creation cultivates spiritual life.

I thank you again for your support and the opportunity to continue my education. -Pastor John

Memorial Day Bike Parade



Mini Patriotic Concert

Sunday, June 30 | 12:00 p.m.

On Sunday, June 30, join us for a captivating Mini Patriotic Concert featuring the talents of Linda Millier Bosteels, John L. Edwards, and Dr. Warren Puffer Jones.

Following our morning worship service, immerse yourself in a musical experience that will stir your patriotic spirit. Mark your calendar and join us for this inspiring celebration!

Sunday School Break

The Middle School and Children's Sunday School classes are taking a short break from June through July 28. Church school, during worship, right after the Children's Sermon, will still take place. We will return on Sunday, July 28, and dive into our amazing undersea adventure for this year's *Scuba Vacation Bible School*. VBS will run for five weeks during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:55 a.m.) each Sunday, beginning July 28.

To kick off our underwater adventure, we're going to the Blue Zoo Aquarium at the Quail Springs Mall on Sunday, July 21, at 1:00 p.m. This hands-on aquarium is appropriate for even our toddler disciples. Don't miss this **FREE** event. It's sure to be a **BLAST!** **If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Miss Cyndi (cyndi0507@gmail.com).**

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

5:30-7:00 P.M.

We would like to give the parents of our young disciples the chance to enjoy some fellowship time with each other! We will entertain and watch the kids while the parents enjoy dinner out as a group. The children will enjoy pizza and a movie in Watchorn Hall and the nursery will be open for the younger ones. We hope you take advantage of this night out and get to know some of the other parents better!



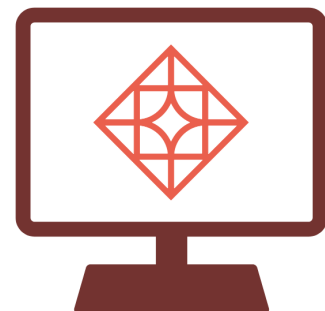
Where can I help serve at FPC-OKC?



CALLING ALL TECHIES

Searching for a way to serve at church? We need occasional volunteer help with running sound and livestreaming for worship services and events. No prior knowledge or experience is required. Training will be provided.

Contact the Church Office (office@fpcokc.org) to sign up!



New Members

The Session will receive new members at its August 19 meeting. If you are interested in joining FPC or would like to learn more about membership in the Presbyterian Church, please call or email Pastor John (pastorjohn@fpcokc.org). He'll be happy to speak with you!

A graphic for 'Back to School Lunch' featuring various school supplies like pencils, erasers, notebooks, and pencil sharpeners scattered around the central text. The background is a light yellow color.

BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCH

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, July 7

Menu: Burger Bar — Beef, Turkey and Black Bean Burgers, Roasted Veggie Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, and Cupcakes

Save the date for our Back to School Lunch! We will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations in support of the Urban Mission. Needed items include markers, index cards, crayons, folders with brads, washable glue, #2 pencils, colored pencils, glue sticks, composition notebooks, erasers, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, rulers, wide-ruled notebook paper, and highlighters.

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all!

01: Ted Streuli

02: Kay Brown

Judy Riggs

03: Bruce Barton

Don Carter

Danny Olvera

04: Keith Vermilyea

05: Sheri Boughman

06: Rene Vassar

Virginia Aguilar

07: Teresa Bourn

Albert Aguilar

11: Amelia Davenport

12: Cyndi Adams

15: Trasen Akers

Jeffrey Austin

16: Sean Smith

Sean Johnson

Justine Rogers

Caroline Rogers

17: Aidan McKinnon

19: Lisa Rudolph

Judy Glaspey

Hans Fokum

21: Lisa Turner

Cecilia Collins

Sarah Gray

23: George Gibson

Nicole Keese

24: David Rodgers

25: Kathy Etherton

26: Jamie Keith

27: Zachary Black

28: Jonathan Sergent

30: David Bourn

Chloe Whittington

George Kamp

★ Deacons Present ★

OUT & ABOUT *Night*

FREE
TICKETS

JULY
13
7:05 PM

DODGERS

VS

EL PASO

BRICKTOWN BALLPARK

2 S. MICKEY MANTLE DR, OKC, OK 74104

SHUTTLE FROM THE CHURCH AT 5:30 PM

FREE DINNER



FREE HAT



FREE SHUTTLE

Join us for Deacons' Out & About Night! We're heading to watch the Dodgers play El Paso on Saturday, July 13, at 7:05 p.m. **Tickets are FREE** and come with a baseball hat and dinner (burgers and hot dogs) at the stadium.

Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/DeaconsDodgers24! There are a limited number of tickets, so register ASAP. You can meet us at Bricktown Ballpark (2 S. Mickey Mantle Dr., OKC, OK 71404) or ride the shuttle from the church.



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We are a Christ-centered congregation, glorifying God in the heart of the City. We are built on tradition, embracing transformation, and serving diverse local and global communities.

Mini Events Calendar

Urban Mission Golf Scramble — Monday, June 10 | 8:00 a.m.

Priscilla Circle Meeting — Tuesday, June 11 | 10:00 a.m.

INP Night at the Ballpark — Sunday, June 18 | 6:05 p.m.

Parents' Night Out — Friday, June 28 | 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Mini Patriotic Concert — Sunday, June 30 | 12:00 p.m.

First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, July 7 | 12:00 p.m.

Deacons' Out & About Night — Saturday, July 13 | 7:05 p.m.