

The Church & You

First Presbyterian Church

Oklahoma City

June 2017

Summer Worship

This summer we will have a combined worship service in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. beginning June 18th. We will return to our regular worship schedule August 6th with a Chapel service at 8:30 a.m. and Sanctuary worship at 11:00 a.m. I hope that combining the services for a few weeks at a new time will offer us an opportunity for regular attenders of the first or second services to get to know each other better and strengthen the bonds of our church family.

We also will have a special combined outdoor worship service at 9:30 a.m. on June 11th for Trinity Sunday. Weather permitting, that service will be held in the Courtyard. This will be an exciting opportunity to carry our worship outside the walls of the church and worship in the glory of God's creation. Please be sure to join us for this special worship opportunity. -Pastor John

Summer Sunday School

This summer the children and youth Sunday school classes will be on summer recess. They will begin again on Rally Day, August 20th. The New Beginnings, Evergreen, and Builders adult classes will continue to meet. Beginning June 11th and continuing through July, Sunday school classes will begin at 10:40 a.m. following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Are you not attending a class? Talk to Pastor John to find the right class for you!

Thursday Noon Bible Study and Thursday 11:45 Lunches

You are cordially invited to join us Thursdays in June and July for a summer book study led by Pastor John as well as lunch outings. June 1, 15, 29, July 13, and 27 we will meet at the church with a bag lunch at noon to discuss *Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner. Each week is a standalone discussion, so please feel free to drop in as your schedule allows. On alternate Thursdays, we will meet at local restaurants for food and fellowship at 11:45 a.m.

After her conversion from Orthodox Judaism to Christianity, Lauren Winner found that her life was indelibly marked by the rich traditions and spiritual practices of Judaism. She set out to discover how she could incorporate some of these practices into her new faith. Winner presents eleven Jewish spiritual practices that can transform the way Christians view the world and God. The book is available from the church office for \$10 each.

June 1	12:00	Shabbat/Sabbath
June 8	11:45	lunch at Picasso Café, 3009 Paseo Drive
June 15	12:00	kashrut/fitting food
June 22	11:45	lunch at VII Asian Bistro, 2900 N Classen Blvd
June 29	12:00	avelut/mourning

Bearing the Light through the Summer

We are happy to have our wonderful team of young acolytes to carry the light into the worship services throughout the summer months. All youngsters grades 2nd through 6th are welcome to be involved in this extraordinary opportunity to work and serve in worship, and any who wish to be included in the summer schedule, or who would like to learn the duties of acolyte, are encouraged to do so: simply contact Lisa J Lusby, acolyte coordinator 2017-18, at crosstimmerfarm@hotmail.com.

Our fall acolyte training will be August 13th with special recognition of the acolyte group and presentation of crosses to those moving up on August 20th at 10:55 worship. All returning acolytes will be receiving communication soon to establish the regular August through May yearly schedule.

A heart-felt thanks to all of you for your dedication and enthusiasm in this work. And a big thank you to the parents, grandparents and guardians who get everyone here on time, dressed and pressed and ready to go.

-Lisa Lusby

Synopsis of Storm Damage and Repairs

April 28th we sustained significant damage to the West Stained Glass Window and structure as well as damage to the slate roof in several locations. This was discovered Saturday morning the 29th.

WACO of Oklahoma was contacted and came in with a crew to erect scaffolding and supports to stabilize the window. Monday the 1st of May Willet Hauser Architectural glass was contacted as well as Lippert Brothers Construction. Both companies had representatives here on Tuesday May 2nd to assess the situation. Willet Hauser has put together a proposal to remove, store, repair and re-install the window. They are also putting a proposal together for the South Window which sustained minor damage.

Lippert Brothers contacted a structural engineer, Ron White Engineering, and scheduled them to come out. Both were on site on Wednesday the 3rd. The structural engineer was to work on a plan and needed materials for Lippert Brothers in order for them to shore up and cover the window from the inside so that removal and repairs could be completed from the outside. That information was to be to Lippert Brothers by the 19th so that a proposal and plan could be to us for approval by the 23rd.

The insurance adjuster was on site Wednesday the 3rd as well and is staying in touch with both contractors. We are providing him with the proposals and plans as they arrive. The roofing company Renaissance was also contacted. They are delayed in getting someone here for a site visit to assess damages and give us a proposal for the repairs. They have someone scheduled to be here on May 31st.

At this point the plan is to have the window shored up and covered on the inside by the 10th of June so that we can get back in there for normal activity. And for work to begin in removing the window glass and re-build of the window structure to begin shortly after that.

WACO of Oklahoma was a great blessing in getting here on an emergency basis to build the scaffold and help stabilize the window on short notice. Both Willet Hauser and Lippert Brothers have bent over backwards to get someone here to assess and plan for repairs. Both companies are making arrangements to have emergency crews ready to begin at the earliest possible date. We appreciate these companies and their dedication in making these repairs. *-Jack Lancaster*

Bridge Players Welcome

Want a friendly game of bridge twice a month? Join us on the first and third Thursday evenings for a couple of hours. Our group has experienced and not-so-experienced players. We have a good time! Contact Gayle Cox at 943-3734 or gaylecox1@cox.net.

Unplugged

Single Moms' Event

Sat. June 24 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Register online by June 16 at

AriseMinistries.Net or call

405-812-5137

14600 N. Portland, OKC

KFOR-TV and The Daily Oklahoman both had news reporters and photographers visit us for stories about the recent storm damage at FPC.

One of the reporters shared that FPC is one of the pillars of OKC, and that damage affecting the church affects the entire community— because we are a church that is relevant and necessary to the city. We look forward to having the sanctuary back in use soon,

and hosting more weddings, graduations, concerts, and city-wide celebrations in there.

Until then, join us for worship in the chapel— where our voices sound as full as our hearts!



Middle School Mission: Santa Fe

June 17-24, 2017

The mid highs are headed back to Santa Fe NM for a week of mission, history, fellowship, and food! We will be working on the Santa Fe Community farm (santafecommunityfarm.org.) The farm provides fresh organic produce to those in need; practices sustainability; preserves agricultural land; and promotes community awareness of hunger issues and sustainable food-producing practices that keep our environment safe and healthy. After working on the farm each day, we will visit the Taos Pueblo, Bandelier National Monument, El Santuario de Chimayo, and Ghost Ranch. If you would like to follow our adventures, we will be posting on our facebook page: [facebook.com/fpcokcyouth](https://www.facebook.com/fpcokcyouth). Please keep the youth and adults on this trip in your prayers.



Water Zoo

Make plans to join us for an FPC fun day at the Water zoo (water-zoo.com). We will leave after the worship service and head to Clinton, OK for an afternoon of water fun. There's a lazy river, water slides, wave pool, and a cub cove for the youngest kiddos. Tickets available for \$21.99 each. We want to make sure everyone can go so talk to Christie if you need a scholarship.



Helping Our Community...and Giving a Break

A couple of our Mobile Meals volunteers are taking a summer break. We could put you to work NOW. Drive/deliver on the first two Mondays of the month (or one of those days) or help prepare the meal - flexible schedule.

We provide meals on Mondays and Fridays. Cooks needed from 9:00 to about 11:30. Drivers/ deliverers from about 10:45 to noon.

Maybe that's something you'd like to do. Give me a call or come down any Monday (not holidays) or Friday, have a cup of coffee with us and we'll talk about it. This is a heart-warming, generous way to serve the Lord. You'll love doing it. -Gayle Cox (943-3734)



FPC In Russell Westbrook's Commercial

Have you seen the latest Westbrook commercial shot in OKC? You're sure to notice the Devon Tower— and 3 seconds of some teens on their lunch break shooting hoops in front of FPC. The producer's timing meant that the older SPARK kids wouldn't be available...so Kathy Rangel's son and his friends filled in at the last minute. Find the clip on our Facebook or Twitter pages, or Google "Westbrook perfect journey."



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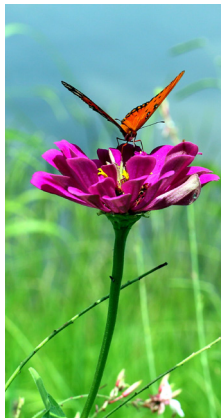
Rick Clover (brother of Judy Riggs),

Damon Johnson (father of Matthew Johnson),

Danny Varner (brother of Ona Foster),

and

Conrad Benedix (father of Debbie Pittman).



Presbyterian Women - WOW!

Gathering on the Green

Sat. June 3rd

10:00 o' clock in the morning in the courtyard

FOOD - FUN - FELLOWSHIP

Please wear your comfortable clothes, get out those flip flops and come prepared to have some fun. Daughters are welcome and a babysitter will be provided. Reservations are not necessary.

EVERYONE WILL RECEIVE A FREE GIFT!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Ashton McKenna Keith

Ashton is the daughter of Jamie Keith and Chad Keith and the sister to Jordan, Pierce, Lillian, & Max. She graduated from Classen SAS as a drama major on May 24. Ashton was involved with tennis, theater, swimming, a member of the National Honor Society, Rotary Interact, & Earth Club. She went on many mission trips including recent trips to New Orleans and Alaska.

Ashton will attend Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK and will major in Environmental Science.



Jack Wallace Sergent

Jack is the son of Amy and Dean Sergent. He has two older brothers, Jonathan and David. Jack is a Vocal Music major at Classen School of Advanced Studies. He is a Valedictorian for his class and a member of the National Honor Society. Jack received the 2017 State Superintendent Award for Arts Excellence in Vocal Music. Jack has played on the varsity basketball, baseball, tennis, golf and soccer teams. Jack was named the OKCPS District Male Athlete of the Year and he was voted "Most Likely to Be An Olympian" by his Senior class.

Jack has sung in the FPC cherub and youth choirs since age 3. He has served as a volunteer tutor with SPARK and has participated in the Youth in Mission trips in Alaska, New Orleans and OKC. Jack has attended Dwight Mission every summer since age 4 and he was a Presbyterian Youth Triennium participant in 2013 & 2016. Jack will attend the University of Oklahoma.



Sean James Smith

Sean is the son of Michael & Mickie Smith, brother to Sophia, and grandson to Leon Smith. He graduated from Harding Fine Arts. Sean will be attending the University of Oklahoma where he plans to major in political science/minor in acting.

Sean Smith has been attending FPC since he was three years old. He was baptized in this church at the age of seven and was confirmed as a member in the seventh grade. He has been on many different mission trips including: San Antonio, Heifer Ranch, New Orleans, Alaska, and Oklahoma City. This summer Sean plans to work as a counselor at Dwight and attend Montreat Youth Conference.

Sean was captain of the speech and debate team, played varsity basketball, was in every school production, and received the HFAA Best Actor Award. Sean was the inaugural president of the International Thespians Society at Harding.



Matthew Kent Whittington

Matthew is the son of Barry and Peggy Whittington and brother to Robbie, Taylor, and Chloe. He is graduating from Epic Charter School on June 3, 2017. During his high school years, he spent most of his time in the gym where he worked on his gymnastics routines and competed in various areas of the region. He was a member of National Honor Society and tutored and trained boys at his gym.

Matthew also participated in many of the mission trips at FPC over the years. Matthew will be attending the University of Illinois at Chicago in the fall where he will major in business and be on the men's gymnastics team.



Robert Sawyer Whittington

Robbie is the son of Barry and Peggy Whittington and brother to Matthew, Taylor, and Chloe. He graduated from Edmond Memorial High School on May 13, 2017. He was a loyal member of the student section cheering on the Bulldogs. He had a full schedule of AP classes and, oui, was president of the French Club. He was also active in the youth group at FPC and participated in all of the mission trips. He plans to volunteer at Dwight Mission this summer and to attend OU in the fall, major undecided.



Taylor McCay Whittington

Taylor is the son of Barry and Peggy Whittington and brother to Robbie, Matthew, and Chloe. He graduated from Edmond Memorial High School on May 13, 2017. He played the trumpet in the marching band all four years and also participated in men's choir and many AP classes. Taylor was active in the youth group at FPC, sang in the choir, and went on many mission trips. This summer, he will be a counselor at Dwight Mission. He is planning to attend the University of Tulsa in the fall where he will be in the marching band and is undecided about his major at this time.

COLLEGE GRADUATES



David Anderson Sergent

David received his Bachelor of Music Education with Special Academic Distinction from the University of Oklahoma on May 13, 2017. While at OU, he was a member of the OU Chorale, the Singing Sooners, and the OU Men's Glee Club. He traveled to Eisenstadt, Austria with The OU School of Music and OU Dance in 2012 and 2014 to perform at the Classical Music Festival and the International Haydnstage Festival.

David will begin his teaching career at Alcott Middle School in Norman in the fall of 2017.

David has participated in the choirs and children's and youth ministry of FPC since age 8 and currently serves as a Ruling Elder.



Abby Sholar

Abby Sholar graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater on May 13. She earned degrees in Strategic Communications and Spanish.

She will begin working for the Oklahoma Dental Association as the Special Projects Manager.

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OKC Dodgers Baseball

One of FPC's favorite summer traditions! Friday, June 23. Meet at church by 5:45 for a 6:00 p.m. departure. Game starts 7:05. Tickets are \$5 (the Deacons cover the rest of the cost). Reserve your spot! Email stephanie@fpcokc.org or call the church.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Starting June 5th, the Men's Monday Morning Group will move to Ingrid's Kitchen (3701 N Youngs Blvd.) for Bible Study. The study starts at 8:00 a.m. (though many start gathering at 7:30 for fellowship and coffee/breakfast. The group will be using *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by W. Phillip Keller.

Vendors Sought for Art Show

Our last art show was a huge success. Several hundred people enjoyed the art that dozens of you created. The Art Guild of FPC is having its next art show June 16 & 17 here at the church. There is a \$25 fee to show art, but artists are allowed to stay with their displays and sell their fine arts and/or crafts. Application forms are available in the church office or from Jan Robinson jjrobinson1@cox.net, Jack Lancaster jack@fpcokc.org, or Carren MacLemore.

Mid-High Commissioning

Sunday, June 11th we will commission those taking part in the mission trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico. (Trip dates are June 17–24.)

FPC Endowment Fund By the Numbers

Most of us believe there is a dream— that is where establishing an endowment begins.

10+ amount in millions held by the Endowment Fund in total assets.

200+ amount in thousands income earned annually by the investments made by the Endowment Fund.

10+ amount in millions distributed by the Endowment Fund to or on behalf of the church since 1971 (46 years).

Vacation Bible School

Join us the evenings of Sunday, June 4 through Thursday, June 8 as we turn Watchorn Hall into Jerusalem. We'll start with dinner at 5:30 and the children's program (crafts, songs, and learning) will run from 6:00–7:30 p.m. To sign up, go to www.vbsmate.com/fpcokc. There is no charge for the dinner and program. Invite friends and neighbors.