

THE CHURCH & YOU

August 2019



Choirs and Handbells Resume Rehearsals **Aug. 14, 18, 22 and 25**

All FPC-OKC choirs resume rehearsals in August. All skill levels are welcome to share in the fellowship of music! No auditions necessary. See rehearsals below.

Sanctuary Singers (Adult Choir)

Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 14

Youth Chorale (5th–12th grade)

Sundays from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. beginning Aug. 18

Sanctuary Ringers (Handbells)

Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. beginning Aug. 22

Treble Choir (Kindergarten–4th grade)

Sundays from 10:20 to 10:45 a.m. beginning Aug. 25

All children in pre-K through 4th grade are invited to participate in Treble Choir! The choir meets in Corey Chapel for music, movement and prayer as part of Sunday School time, and singing in front of the congregation is not required to participate. In Treble Choir, children learn music fundamentals, traditional worship songs and songs related to the church year.

Contact Kelly Holst for questions about Treble Choir (kellymargaretholst@gmail.com).

Contact Dr. Warren Puffer Jones with all other choir questions (puffer@fpcokc.org | 405.605.4458).

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This Month:

Friday, Aug. 9 | 8:00 p.m.

Movie Night Under the Stars

Saturday, Aug. 10 | 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Deacons Out 'n' About

Saturday, Aug. 17 | 9:00 a.m.–Noon

Reserve the 3rd

Sunday, Aug. 18 | 9:30 a.m.

Rally Day: Grow Your Faith

Wednesday, Aug. 21

First KirkNight of Fall

Saturday, Aug. 24 | 6:00 p.m.

Builders' Group Adult Night Out

Sunday, Aug. 25 | Noon

Second Annual PW Kick-Off Luncheon

Regular Schedule for Sunday Services Begins This Month

We will resume two Sunday worship services beginning Aug 4. See schedule below.

- Chapel Worship: 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.
- Sanctuary Worship: 11:00 a.m.

The Pastor's Perspective

Rally Day & Growing Your Faith by Pastor John McKinnon

We will celebrate the beginning of the 2019-2020 Sunday School program year with Rally Day. This is a great time to hear about the different educational opportunities currently being offered through the church.

Life-long opportunities for faith formation are vital to every healthy church, and we need opportunities for service and study that inspire fresh ways of thinking about the forming of our faith as it grows over a lifetime.

Did you know one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition is education? From Calvin's Geneva, to John Knox's motto for all of Scotland, "a school in every parish," to America and all parts of the world, education has been and continues to be a central feature of the Presbyterian ministry.

Presbyterians value informational education, learning about the world and how it functions. We value vocational education, developing God-given talents in order to fulfill the vocation to which we have been called. And fundamentally, we value transformational education.

The church at its best embodies and teaches truth that is liberating—setting people free to achieve their full potential and enabling them to discover and pursue their God-given vocation. Education is for the transformation of individuals, and the church's educational mission is to care about individuals and assist them in becoming all that God intended. These are just a few of the many reasons I'm excited as we transition back into our fall schedule with all that is available to us. I hope you will find places to plug in among the many opportunities and make the most of this program year. God bless you!

Looking for somewhere to plug in? Start here:

Sunday Morning Classes (All Ages | 9:40 a.m.)

Young Disciples: Nursery (Rm. 110), Preschool (Rm. 214), K-4th Grade (Rm. 213)

Youth: 5th-8th Grade (Rm. 216), High Schoolers (Youth Lounge)

Adult Classes: Evergreen Class (Rm. B-11), New Beginnings Class (Rm. 212 | Fireside Room),
Builders' Group Class (Rm. B-8)

Presbyterian Women (PW) Circles

Circles are small groups that gather regularly to provide an inclusive, caring community of women. Each circle is an integral part of PW and is encouraged to use PW resources to strengthen this connection. There are currently three circles. See meeting times below.

Abigail Circle: Third Tuesday every month, 6:00 p.m., Location: Circle Members' Homes

Phoebe Circle: Second Tuesday every month, 1:30 p.m., Location: Circle Members' Homes

Priscilla Circle: Second Tuesday every month, 10:00 a.m., Location: Circle Members' Homes

Weekday Studies

Monday Morning Bible Study | 8:00 a.m.

- If you'd like to eat breakfast before the study, come at 7:30 a.m.
- Location: Ingrid's Kitchen (3701 N. Youngs Blvd., OKC)
- Led by Jim Borgstadt
 - August Study (beginning Aug. 19): "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis

Thursday Noon Lunch Study [Beginning Sept. 5]

- Location: Room 122
- Led by Pastor John McKinnon
 - Bring a bag lunch and join Pastor John for a time of spiritual growth. The study will launch with a six-week dive into Contemplative Prayer using Thomas Keating's book "Open Mind, Open Heart" as a guide. This study is designed to initiate the participants into a deep, living relationship with God. It will begin with an overview of the history of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition followed by step-by-step guidance in the method of centering prayer. Contemplative prayer pays special attention to the role of the Sacred Word, Christian growth and transformation and active prayer. Copies of the book are available on Amazon.

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For more information on these and other educational and fellowship opportunities available, please visit our website or pick up a Fall 2019 Education and Fellowship Opportunities Guide.

Thank You, From the Hawkins Family

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, the past few months have been difficult for our family. Complications with my pregnancy had me on bedrest. Meals, visits and prayers made life much better. The love and care we received from our church family was heartwarming.

The passing of our newborn daughter, Emma Claire, brought forth even more love and prayers from you. We truly do appreciate the cards, meals and donations in her name. As we continue to grieve, we take solace in God's love and this loyal, steadfast community of faith. Thank you for traveling this rocky road with us.

Love,
Madelaine, Mike and Ellie Hawkins

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Kemp Concert Series 2019–2020 Season

The coming season of performances on the Kemp Concert Series features diverse, exciting performances: a concert of music featuring brass, organ and percussion, a Tactus Christmas concert, the Nordic Choir from Luther College and the Kemp Concert Choir singing Beethoven's Mass in C to celebrate the composer's 250th birthday!

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



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Deacons Out 'n' About **Saturday, Aug. 10 | 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Join fellow churchgoers for an afternoon of bowling and fellowship at Dust Bowl Lanes (421 NW 10th St, OKC). This event is free and open to children and adults--so bring your family and



come have a good time!

To reserve your spot and make sure enough lanes are prepared, contact Edward Burden by Sunday, Aug. 4. (ejburd@gmail.com).

Reserve the 3rd **Saturday, Aug. 17 | 9:00 a.m.–Noon**

Our August mission opportunity will take us to The Jesus House, 1335 W. Sheridan Ave., where we will paint needed areas and items as assigned!

If you have questions, contact Roane Pittman at johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com. You can also email Roane to let him know if you would like to be on the email list for future activities.

Second Annual Presbyterian Women Kick-Off Luncheon **Sunday, Aug. 25 | Noon**

Women of all ages, both members and nonmembers, are invited to a catered luncheon to learn more about Presbyterian Women (PW). The luncheon will be held in Watchorn Hall, and childcare will be provided.

Representatives from each of the three PW Circles (small groups within PW) will extend an invitation to join their Circle and share why and how you can do that. This is also an amazing opportunity to hear about PW's plans for the year.

PW at First Presbyterian Church is an amazing and diverse group of women coming together in a spirit of service and fellowship. If you're looking for a place to get plugged in with spiritually like-minded women who will help you grow your faith and form friendships along the way, this is the luncheon for you!

Movie Night Under the Stars **Friday, Aug. 9 | 8:00 p.m.**

Join us for a free movie night under the stars as we watch "Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse" (PG). All you need to bring are blankets or chairs to sit on, and we'll provide the perfect outdoor theater experience on the courtyard lawn. We'll also have free popcorn and drinks all night!



Rally Day: Grow Your Faith **Sunday, Aug. 18 | 9:30 a.m.**

Please join us for a catered breakfast in Watchorn Hall to celebrate Rally Day—an event that takes place every August to kick off the Sunday School programming. Speakers will share about each adult Sunday School class to help you find the right fit for you, and children will have the opportunity to watch a puppet show, sing songs and participate in a fun science experiment.

Builders' Group Adult Night Out **Saturday, Aug. 24 | 6:00 p.m.**

The next Builders' Group adult outing is at Bleu Garten. Parents are welcome to drop their kids off at the church beginning at 5:30 p.m. Cyndi Stumpf will watch them for the evening. RSVP to Lacey (ldhoward22@gmail.com) to let her know you're attending and how many kids need child care.



The KirkNight Season Begins

Wednesday, Aug. 21 | 5:00 p.m. (Children), 6:00 p.m. (Children & Adults)

Our first KirkNight of the season will include fun games and a catered dinner—much like the rest of our KirkNights to come! But, because this is our special KirkNight kick off, we'll play a fun family trivia game after dinner to get everyone loosened up and familiar with one another. The game is intergenerational and NOT limited to families. So, whether your family has ten members or just yourself, you'll still have a great time! We'll pair singles and couples with others, so each "family" team has a range of ages. While one team member may know where the medulla oblongata is located, another may know what pet Vampirina has on the hit Disney Junior TV show. Oh, and of course—there will be prizes!

We've Made a Few Changes

NEW FOR FALL: Our children's program now begins at 5:00 p.m. with Worship Arts followed by Bible Crafts & Games.

Worship Arts (B22): A time spent helping our children learn about worship and preparing to become active participants in the congregational worship experience. Worship Arts will also function as a time where we can prepare children for participation in our Christmas Eve service.

Bible Crafts & Games

(214): A time to provide our children with a midweek Bible-story experience. We will help them creatively engage with the story through a craft or other artistic expression beyond what we might have time for during class on Sunday morning.

KirkNight Schedule of Events for Fall				
Grade/Age	5:00-5:30 p.m.	5:30-6:00 p.m.	6:00-6:45p.m.	6:45-7:30 p.m.
Pre-K & Elem.	Worship Arts	Bible Crafts ...	Family Dinner Time	Recreation
Youth			Family Dinner Time	Confirmation
Adults			Family Dinner Time	Bible Study

Family Dinner Time

As usual, both children and adults will meet in Watchorn Hall at 6:00 p.m. to eat as one church family. The price for dinner is \$7/adult, \$4/child (under 12), with a maximum of \$20 per family.

Every week, we'll have a different themed menu, and children, youth and adults will be encouraged to participate in that theme in some way. This may mean a chance to wear your clothes inside out or mismatched. There will be a fun table game, then children will be excused to go burn off some energy at Game time with Sean. Adults will have their own class time and special monthly speakers.

To let us know you're interested in dinner or the fellowship and study, call the church office at 405.525.6584. We can't wait to hear you're coming, and we most definitely can't wait to see you!

~ Leigh Miller, Christian Education Director

First Presbyterian School (FPS) in Full Swing Beginning Aug. 12

FPS is excited to kick off the 2019-2020 school year with 100+ students and their families in the building each day, a staff of more than 20 early-education minded teachers and assistants and full student enrollment!



This year holds many new and exciting opportunities for our students including changes to our outside space and the addition of a new pre-K classroom on the second floor.

We look forward to our FPS staple events such as the Grandparents' luncheon hosted by PW in September, the Thanksgiving Day Feast catered by Junebug catering in November and the sock-hop-book-swap in February!

Many projects are scheduled to take place over the school year, and we are always interested in using the time and talents of FPC-OKC members and volunteers. If you have interest in learning more about how to get involved at FPS, contact me—FPS Director Lanie Denner (405.525.7521 | Lanie@fpcokc.org).

As always, we appreciate the support FPC-OKC and its members continue to show us. We are so thankful to work in close partnership with such a loving and caring community of people.

~ Sincerely, Lanie Denner

No Changes in FPC-OKC's Mobile Meals Program

You may have seen in the paper recently that Mobile Meals of Oklahoma County has closed its doors. Another program, Ending Hunger operated from St. Luke's Methodist Church, has taken the reins for a seamless continuation. The new phone number for those wishing to apply to receive meals is 405.609.0102.

FPC-OKC has served in this mission since the 1970's. Meals are prepared on Mondays and Fridays in the Tuscan Café, located in the church basement, and delivered to the recipients. Currently, volunteers at our church provide nearly three thousand meals annually for those who cannot provide for themselves.

Volunteer opportunities include helping prepare or deliver meals. Those who prepare meals typically spend two to three hours doing so, and those who deliver meals typically do so in about an hour. We invite you to check us out. Come down and have a cup of coffee and a donut with us at about 10:00 a.m. on either day. ~ Gayle Cox (gaylecox1@cox.net), Coordinator



As we begin a new school year, we invite you to take notice of our students' fresh artworks and see how their skill progresses over time!

SPARK Updates

Changes

For 35 years, our SPARK program has nurtured children in their growth and development by providing excellent before-school and after-school programming. This year, we have seen record attendance as the ministry continues to grow and flourish. To further develop and enhance the ministry, SPARK will no longer offer before-school care beginning this fall.

Now Enrolling for After-School Care!

We still have space available for children in grades pre-K through 6th grade, and SPARK can pick up at 11 different schools in our area. At SPARK, children have the opportunity to experience the arts, be engaged through science experiments, get help with homework, gain knowledge by working with a tutor and make great friends while having fun and playing games!

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 with you!

To get more information, to schedule a tour or enroll, please send me an email at tish@fpcokc.org or give me a call at 405.525.0018.

Schools SPARK can pick up from:

Bishop John Carroll School · Classen SAS · Cleveland Elementary · Eugene Field Elementary · Horace Mann Elementary · John Rex Charter Schools · Trinity School · Wilson Elementary · Rosary School · Hawthorne Elementary

August Birthdays Happy birthday to all!

02: Patricia McClure

03: Lynne Bosse

04: Chilly Akers

05: Betty Streuli, Elizabeth Wright

06: JoAnn Holden

07: K. Alexandra Crawford

09: DiAnne Bryant, Susan
Henning, Angela Sholar

10: Jacqueline Johnson

11: Camac Carisoza, Stephen
Joosten

12: Jason Riggs

14: Bill and Melissa Hancock,

Randi Lancaster

15: Chester Cromwell

16: Paula Grace, Raymond
Streuli, Barry Whittington

17: Jack Nelson

18: Nancy Cromwell

20: David Vincent

21: David Cochrane,
Jordyn Hirschler,

Callie Podsezertsev

22: Darci McKinnon, Lane
Weaver

24: Alexander Altdoerffer,

Deacons' Notes

Thanks to all who donated at the Back-to-School Brunch this past July. The congregation provided more than \$500 as well as numerous school supplies, which will benefit Urban Mission's Backpack Program!

Donald Glaspey,
Hunter Hamilton

25: Dee Dee Burkhart, Mark
Nelson, Mickie Smith

26: Robert Keeton

27: Mary Oppegard

28: Linda Parsons

29: Michael Aguilar,
James Herider

30: Sam Dykeman,
Wendy Gabrielson,
Gregory Robertson

31: Robert Pitts

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All are welcome! First Presbyterian Church is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages: 9:40 a.m.

For more information, please contact the church

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or email office@fpcokc.org.

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Bridge Players Group Wants More Players

The Bridge Players Group meets twice a month—typically the first and third Thursday from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Games are held in the basement of the church between the Tuscan Kitchen and the Evergreen Classroom. In the past year or two, the group has become smaller and currently averages 10 players. This makes it difficult to come up with enough players for a two-table event.

The group is a congenial mix of players with varying bridge experience and is always open to new players of all skill levels.

If you've been looking for something new and fun to add to your calendar, the Bridge Players Group would love to have you attend!

For more details, contact Gayle Cox (gaylecox1@cox.net) or call the church office (405.525.6584).

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Becki's Back!

Starting Aug. 6 with Limited Hours

Due to a fall that resulted in a broken tibia and fibula in her left leg, our Business Administrator Becki Walden has been homebound for several weeks. Fortunately, her recovery has significantly progressed, and she has been working remotely from home, as needed, for the past several weeks. Beginning Aug. 6, she will return to work with limited office hours. If you would like to meet with her, she will be available in her office every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the month of August with more days and hours to be added as her recovery continues. We are delighted to have Becki back and will continue to pray for her health and healing.