

THE CHURCH & YOU

October 2019



Peace & Global Witness Offering

Peace at all times in all ways. 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Sunday, Oct. 6, we will collect donations for the Peace and Global Witness offering to support ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation. This is one of the four annual special offerings of the PC(USA).

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community and across boundaries.

25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% of this Offering will go to our mid-council, joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians around the globe.

Please give generously. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

~ Pastor John



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OKC

This Month:

Saturday, Oct. 5

Fall Festival | 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Blessing of Animals | 11:00 a.m.

Reserve the 3rd: Volunteer any time during the Fall Festival.

Sunday, Oct. 6

Peace & Global Witness Offering

All Youth - Ronald McDonald House

Thursday, Oct. 10 | 6:00 p.m.

Cheese and chocolate at The Melting Pot restaurant (PW All-Women Event)

Sunday, Oct. 13

Middle School Youth - Corn Maze

Wed., Oct 16–Fri., Oct. 18

High School Youth - Camping Trip

Friday, Oct. 25 | 7:00 p.m.

Deacons Out 'n' About

Saturday, Oct. 26 | 6:00–9:00 p.m.

The Builders' Halloween Party

Sunday, Oct. 27

Reformation Sunday

Oct. 29 | 7:00 p.m.

Book Club (PW All-Women Event)

The Pastor's Perspective

Stewardship by Pastor John McKinnon

We will kick off our annual stewardship campaign on Sunday, Oct. 27 with a minute for mission during worship services. The campaign will culminate on Nov. 10 when we will dedicate our pledges, tithes and offerings as an act of worship. We will then celebrate Stewardship Sunday and honor our Veterans at a special luncheon in Watchorn Hall.

Pledging is very helpful to the Session in planning the mission and ministry of the church for the coming year. Pledging is completely confidential. No one at First Presbyterian Church will know anything about your pledge or giving except the Finance Administrator. Pledging is not a financial contract. A pledge is simply what you plan on giving.

You will receive a mailing following our kickoff with specific information concerning this year's campaign. Before we get there, I want us to all take some time to prayerfully consider and think about what Christian stewardship is. Too often, our society fails to make the distinction between charitable giving and Christian stewardship. There is a great deal of difference between the two.

Charitable giving is an honorable thing, upon which many worthy causes depend. We should do what we can to promote charitable giving and to encourage generosity directed toward good causes that need our support. Charitable giving is based on the premise that we give something that is ours to someone else who needs it.

Christian stewardship, on the other hand, is a completely different thing. A steward is a person who oversees something that belongs to someone else. Stewardship is concerned with all that we do, with all that we have, all of the time.

Because Christian stewardship is based on the notion that what we have belongs to God, not to us, and that what we have is under our control for only a short time, we are put in the position of being stewards; managers, trustees of God's treasure for God's purposes.

The 24th Psalm speaks of this relationship ... "The earth is the Lord's, and all that is therein" ... a totally different concept than that which seems to drive our society and our usual approaches to appeals for Christian giving. The approach I hope we carry with us through discerning our pledge is one based on gratitude. Gratitude-based giving out of thankfulness to God for what God has done for us. If we give out of gratitude, I am confident two things will happen. First, we will experience joy in our giving, and Second, the church will have the resources needed to fulfill the mission and ministry God has in store for First Presbyterian.

God bless you. ~ Pastor John

Fall Liturgist Signup

Christian worship gives all glory, honor, praise and thanksgiving to the holy, triune God. We gather in worship to glorify the God who is present and active among us—particularly through the gifts of Word and Sacrament.

Each Sunday, in addition to the pastor, we have a liturgist who assists with worship. We believe in the priesthood of all believers and that it is important to have clergy and church members share in worship leadership. While there are certain tasks that are limited to Ministers of Word and Sacrament, leading worship is a joy and privilege that should be shared.

What is a liturgist? Literally, it means one who leads liturgy in worship. At FPC, a liturgist is an active participant in the worship service who reads scripted calls to confession and offering, prayers and readings printed in the bulletin.

We want to thank our members who participate in lay reading and let both past readers and possible new readers know we have openings for services from October through December!

If you have never been a liturgist before, give Pastor John a call if you have any questions. We would love to have your voice in worship.

To sign up, please call the church office or use the online sign-up sheet at <https://bit.ly/2kVaogV>.

Remember, you can't mess this up! Our worship is to be genuine and heartfelt, not perfect.

World Communion Sunday

On Oct. 6 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday by sharing music from around the world. Worship will include music from Austria, England, France, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, South Africa, Uganda and the United States.

New Section Leaders

The music department welcomes three new singers who will help lead the Sanctuary Singers and will sing solos in worship: Jennifer Coffman, mezzo-soprano; Anderson McKiernan, tenor; and Mitchell Gage, baritone. And we're delighted that Cady Lewis continues to lead the soprano section!

Reformation Sunday – Oct. 27

The Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums will join us for both worship services!

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A New Way to Pay

The church now has a Venmo account. Venmo is a mobile app used for payments, and it comes with several benefits. It saves checks, you can do it right from your phone and there aren't any fees attached.

You can use Venmo for anything you would pay to the church. That includes items such as contributions and specific funds, student loans, Kemp concerts, flowers and KirkNight. Just make sure you designate what the money is for in the memo area when sending.



>>> Venmo Username: @fpcokc

Deacons Out 'n' About

Oct. 25 | 7:00 p.m. [OKC Thunder Home Opener]

Calling all Thunder fans! Come watch the Thunder take on the Washington Wizards. The cost for a ticket is \$15. The Deacons have covered the rest. If you've never attended a game or are a huge fan, please come join in the fun—all ages welcome.



Tickets are limited to the first 21 who RSVP. Families are limited to 4 tickets.

Stephanie, in the church office, has a sign-up sheet, and reservations will be accepted through Sunday, Oct. 13. A Deacon will pass out tickets and accept payment from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. (between worship services) on Oct. 13 and possibly on Oct. 20 if it's necessary. If you have questions, please contact the church office or Suzanne Baxter (suzannecfp@aol.com).

Nov. 2 | 8:15 a.m. [A Trip to the Chickasaw Cultural Center]

Join the Deacons as they head to Sulphur for an afternoon to learn about Chickasaw tribal history. To register, use the sign-up sheet in the church office. Transportation is provided.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Upcoming Events - Open to PW Members & Nonmembers

Oct. 10 | 6:00 p.m.: The Melting Pot restaurant | You're invited to a time of fellowship over cheese and chocolate at The Melting Pot restaurant! The cost is \$20 and must be prepaid. This cost includes food and tip. Drinks and extras will be on your tab. Please RSVP by Sunday, Oct. 6. To do so, place a check to Presbyterian Women in Cyndi Stumpf's mailbox in the church office or pay by using the Venmo app. PW's username on Venmo is [@pwfpckc](#).

Oct. 29 | 7:00 p.m.: Book Club at the home of PW member Ginnie Tack* | PW hosts a special summer and fall book club every year, and for this fall's they are reading "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. If this is something you're interested in, contact Cyndi Stumpf (cyndi0507@gmail.com) to RSVP. You can also find the event listed on the Presbyterian Women FPC Facebook page.

Nov. 10 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Bunco at Tapestry Senior Living—the retirement home of PW member Judy Glaspey* | The Cost is \$5. Half of that fee goes to cash prizes and the other half goes to PW missions. Feel free to bring your own beverages, and please bring an appetizer to share. In addition to the Bunco winner prizes, there will also be several drawings where you'll be able to win wine!

*(For addresses, please contact the church office or speak with a PW member.)

Upcoming PW Meetings

Priscilla Circle: Oct. 8 at 10:00 a.m. –
(Home of Susan Perry-LeGrand)*

Phoebe Circle: Oct. 8 at 1:30 p.m. –
(Home of Dorothy Hays)*
The "Thank Offering" is the special offering. Bring change for Least Coin.

Abigail Circle: Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. –
(Home of Madelaine Hawkins)*



Reserve the 3rd

Oct. 5 | Working the Fall Festival

Instead of participating in a mission opportunity during the third Saturday of the month, we're asking members to volunteer at the Fall Festival the first weekend in October. Areas of need include grilling hot dogs, cleaning tables, running the popcorn machine and watching the children's bubble station and the inflatable obstacle course. As this is a large event for our church, as many hands as we can get are also asked to be a part of the setup and breakdown crew in addition to volunteering at a station during the festival.

To sign up, please use the online form at <https://bit.ly/2kORW9P>.



KirkNights in October

Wednesdays | 5:00 p.m. (Children), 6:00 p.m. (Dinner), 6:45-7:30 p.m. (Children & Adults)

During the last KirkNight in September, our Director of Christian Education Leigh Miller, conducted a spiritual gifts inventory. She also passed out a KirkNight interests survey to gauge participant's thoughts and feelings about the format of KirkNights, how each person saw the program currently and where they would like it to go in the future.

Leigh plans to take that information and use it to develop and evolve KirkNight. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. will stay the same, but adult study and children's activities may begin to see changes in programming throughout the rest of fall.

If you would like to know what the programming will be each week, call the church office, check the Sunday bulletin Upcoming Events section or view the church email blast and social media.

Upcoming Meals, Themes & Speakers

Oct. 2: Theme – Crazy Sock Night ... Wear your craziest pair of socks. There will be a sock beauty contest! | Meal – smoked sausage skillet with bell peppers, potatoes and zucchini, jalapeno poppers and funfetti cake-batter cookie bars.

Oct. 9: Theme – Stranger Things 80s Night ... Do you remember the 80s? If so, you have an advantage! Come dressed in your best 80s attire. | Meal – waffle bar with toppings to create your plate just the way you like.

Oct. 16: Fall Break, No KirkNight

Oct. 23: Theme – Book Night ... Bring your favorite book to share or come dressed as your favorite book character. | Meal – cheddar biscuit chicken pot pie and chocolate silk pie. | Speaker – County Commissioner Carrie Blumert.

Oct. 30: Theme – Halloween ... Wear your costume. | Meal – Halloween-themed menu.

Children & Youth

Oct. 6 – Ronald McDonald House | 3:45–7:30 p.m.

For youth mission this month, middle and high school youth are going to the Ronald McDonald House to prepare and serve dinner for their residents. The day of, participants should meet at the church by 3:45 p.m. near the vans on the east side of the building. Parents and church members are welcome to join. Parking at Ronald McDonald House is limited.

Oct. 13 – Fellowship at the Corn Maze | 1:00–6:00 p.m.

The middle school youth fellowship outing is a trip to Hydro, OK to the P Bar Farms Corn Maze! The group will leave following Youth Chorale rehearsal. Some of the activities include hay rides, corn hole and of course, the corn maze. Bag lunches will be made and ready to eat on the road. Remember to bring your walking shoes.

Oct. 16-18 – High School Fall Break Camping Trip

High school youth are invited on a trek to the Wichita Mountains for some beautiful fall hiking and tent camping. This is a great chance to unplug and get out into God's creation. Parents and church members are welcome to attend as helpers/volunteers.

To RSVP for any of the events above, please email Leigh Miller (leigh@fpcokc.org) or let her know in the youth GroupMe (search for "First Pres OKC Youth" in the GroupMe app).



For more children and youth activities planned for later in October, keep an eye on the church's social media and Sunday bulletins!

Confirmation Class

Beginning in November

Leigh Miller will lead a confirmation class for youth of the church who are ready to join as full voting members of our congregation. This class is being offered to youth, 8th grade and higher, who have not been confirmed. Classes will be held on Wednesday nights beginning Nov. 6 through Feb. 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We confirm youth to assure that they have working knowledge of what it means to be a Christian, and specifically to be a Presbyterian, so that they can decide for themselves if they want to confirm the vows made by their parents and the church at baptism. All interested youth are invited to participate—even those not raised as a baptized member of FPC-OKC.

To sign up, use the online form available at <https://fpcokc.org/confirmation-fall-2019/>.

ADVENTure is Coming ...

Dec. 1 | 4:00–6:30 p.m.

Join us as we begin Advent season with our annual ADVENTure celebration.

Advent Wreath Making
· Nativity Crafts · Carol
Singing · Holiday Games ·
And More!

Dinner will be provided,
bring cookies to share.

About the FPC-OKC Library

Did you know the church has a library that's completely free to use? It's located just around the corner from Watchorn Hall and contains more than 10,000 books as well as many periodicals! All are available to check out for two weeks at a time. To do so, find the item(s) you want to check out, write your name and phone number on the checkout card located inside the book and then drop it in the card drop on the desk.

Members as well as nonmembers are welcome to use the library any time the church is open. We also have a very large reference collection that can be used inside the library. If you have questions or would like to donate books to the library, contact George Gibson (gtgibson@aol.com). Happy reading!



- 01:** Butch Barnett, Julianne Rhodes, Jim Boughman, Elizabeth Montgomery
- 03:** Raymond Boughman, Hart Greenwood, Mike Lusby
- 04:** Britton Langdon
- 05:** Alexander Cate, Gilda Garrett-Etherton, Linda Stevens
- 06:** Sophia Gabrielson
- 07:** Melissa Altdoerffer, Matthew Gray, Evan Reynolds

The Builders' Halloween Party

Oct. 26 | 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Hey Builders! You're invited to the Taylors' house for a family-friendly Halloween party. Their heated pool will be open (weather permitting) for those that want to swim, and costumes are encouraged, but not required. They will provide a taco bar as the main course and ask that everyone bring a side dish, dessert or drink to share. RSVP by email to receive the address. Hope to see you there! ~ Lacey Howard (ldhoward22@gmail.com)

Facebook Event Link: <https://bit.ly/2kt6yeW>



Flowers for Purchase

As a reminder, the church offers flowers to purchase for \$90 that are provided by Trochta's Flowers and Garden Center. They are beautiful bouquets that can be used to honor a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion or holiday. Flowers are presented during the Sunday service of your choice, and an accompanied message of your choice is put in the bulletin to signify the reason for the flowers. After service, you are welcome to take your bouquet home.

If you have any questions or would like to make a purchase, please call the church office (405.525.6584).

October Birthdays Happy birthday to all!

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| 08: Glenda Beeson | 21: Wendell Vandever |
| 09: Tammy Hall | 22: Jack Weibel |
| 12: Linda Bosteels | 23: Alyssa Johnson |
| 13: Kathryn Williford | 24: Brooke Kivett |
| 14: Betty Bruce | 25: Diana Kelley |
| 16: Hannah Lusby | 26: Gary Bryant, |
| 17: Erin Henning, Lolieta Miller, Regina Phillips | Thomas Roach |
| 18: MarySue Green, | 27: Connie Eggleston |
| Keith Lindell | 28: Fitzgerald Gray |
| 19: Kova McLean | 29: Brandon Tyler, |
| | Scott Wilson |

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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

office at (405) 525-6584

or email office@fpcokc.org.

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FALL FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 2019
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

PUMPKIN CARVING,
FACE PAINTING,
CHILI COOK-OFF, ARTS
& CRAFTS, HOT DOGS,
POPCORN, EXOTIC
ANIMALS, INFLATABLES,
CARNIVAL GAMES AND
MUCH MORE!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

OCT. 5, 2019 | 11:00 A.M. | FPC-OKC COURTYARD

Every year we ask the community to join us as we bless and pray for animals. Everyone in the community is welcome, as well as all types of pets and animals!

We ask that pets be in carriers or on leashes and current on their vaccinations. Treats are provided for pets and their people, and every pet receives a signed certificate suitable for framing.

Following the Blessing Service, we have a Service of Remembrance for pets who have died.

