



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Newsletter

June 2021

COVID-19 Update

Current Health and Safety Guidelines

At the May 17, 2021 Stated Meeting of Session the following policy was adopted:

During worship services, fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask. Unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear a mask.

From the Pastor's Desk

Doctor of Ministry Studies Begin

In January, the Session endorsed my application to the Doctor of Ministry Program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. The congregation further endorsed my participation at a congregational meeting on February 28, 2021. I am happy to report that I will begin the program on June 7.

The program will require me to be on campus the first week of June and the first week of January for four required semesters, after which I will create an Integrative Portfolio to complete the degree.

The program seeks to help pastors reimagine ministry, considering contemporary realities. Four areas of the Christian life are studied: living thoughtfully, living justly, living with others, and living before God.

This is done through the lenses of doctrine, Christian ethics, ecclesiology, vocation, Christian contemplation, and practices.

I will complete two major projects within the context of this congregation as part of the program. I am excited for the program to help me grow in ways beneficial to my ministry at First Presbyterian Church.

I am so blessed to have the opportunity to pursue further formal education at this point in my career. I am equally blessed and so very grateful to have your support.

Thank you for helping me grow as your pastor.

-Rev. John C. McKinnon

KirkNight

KirkNight Kick-Off – Wednesday, June 2 | 5:00-7:30 p.m.

We are having a picnic in the playground area next to the Community Garden to kick-off summer. Kids will have an inflatable to play on and there will be lawn games for the adults.

Pick up a KirkNight To-go meal from Jenn and bring chairs or blankets!

Order by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the latest. To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or jenn@junebugcatering.com. Meals will be available for pick-up from 4:30-5:30 p.m. by the ramp behind the kitchen.

Family Meal for 4-6: \$20 | Dessert \$5.00 | Meal for 2: \$10 | Dessert \$2.50

UPCOMING MEALS:

June 2: Grilled Chicken and Asparagus Pesto Pasta Salad with Summer Salad (Spring Greens, Strawberries, Oranges, Candied Walnuts, and Blue Cheese), and Chocolate Chip Cookies

June 9: Chicken Penne Greek Salad, Hummus Layer Dip, and Pitas Loukomades

June 16: Pineapple Chicken, Hawaiian Macaroni Salad, Roasted Sweet Potato Salad, and Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

June 23: Southwest Steak Pasta Salad with Bacon and Chipotle Ranch and Strawberry Shortcake

June 30: Roasted Pork Butt with Red Onion Cilantro Relish, Tostones (Fried Plantains) with Shredded Cheese, Cilantro, Green Onions, and Tomatoes, and Smores Bars

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, June 8 | 10:00 a.m.

At Susan Perry-LeGrand's house.

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, June 15 | 6:30 p.m.

At Pizzeria Gusto.

Sip and Stroll at the Zoo — Thursday, June 17 | 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Everyone is on their own for admission and transportation but we may arrange carpools if needed.

General Admission: \$25/person. Includes entry between 6:15-7:45 p.m. and access to Dino Safari.

VIP admission: \$40/person. Includes early entry to the event with check-in times from 5:45-6:15 p.m., special sea lion presentation at 7:00 p.m., and access to Dino Safari, Stingray Bay, and lorikeets. VIP is limited to 300 guests per night. You can also purchase a drink passport for \$30/person.

Click [here](#) or visit tinyurl.com/sipandstrollokc for more info and to purchase tickets! Only adults 21+ admitted.

Welcome Dr. Ray Dykes

Sunday, June 13 | 11:00 a.m. Service

It is our pleasure to welcome Dr. Ray Dykes to the pulpit while Rev. McKinnon is on study leave. A graduate of Vanderbilt Divinity School, Dr. Dykes served churches in Sparta and Lebanon, Tennessee before moving to Central Presbyterian Church in OKC in January of 1983.

He served there for eleven years before beginning a program to provide pastoral services to unchurched households. Welcome, Ray!

Reserve the Third

Saturday, June 19 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This month's Reserve the Third will consist of various small projects inside the church!

Details on specific jobs will be given closer to the event. Contact Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com) to RSVP or ask questions.

Endowment Fund

Spotlight on Endowment Funds

Start an endowment fund to ensure your name or your family name will be remembered in perpetuity while at the same time benefitting others! Your endowment fund can also be created under whatever name you desire.

Where do you start? It's easy—simply speak with any Endowment Trustee: Barbara Charlet, Fran Smith, Eric Turner, Sam Dykeman, Janet Eselin, Ken Brown, or Bud McLean.

-Sam Dykeman

Board of Trustees

In order to perform our responsibilities more efficiently the board has divided itself into three standing committees: Building Use, Physical Plant, and Administrative.

The Building Use Committee is currently updating procedures as COVID-19 restrictions ease and outside interest in using our building begins to increase as well as reviewing operations with our current programs such as SPARK, Scouts, First Presbyterian School, El Sistema and others.

-Kathy McCraw, Chair

The Physical Plant Committee is identifying and prioritizing both short-term and long-term projects that need to be accomplished. As a result of broken pipes during the freeze this year, the Bridal Preparation Room sustained water damage. The carpet was ruined. Working with the Design Committee (ad hoc committee of Trustees), the room has been refurbished and the carpet replaced.

-Harold Namminga, Chair

The Administrative Committee is reviewing annual contracts with our tenants and insurance policies as appropriate.

-Brad Davenport, Chair

The entire board is working hard to maintain our beautiful building and support the ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City.

-Jan Robinson, Chair

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p.s. Barring unforeseen circumstances, installation of the south stained-glass window is scheduled to begin in July.

Children & Youth

Super Special Summer Sunday School Events

June 13

Tiny Garden and Enchanted Woods | 1:00 p.m.

Join us for the Children's Garden Festival: Tiny Gardens and Enchanted Woods at Myriad Gardens! This festival is an annual event featuring children's literature.



Local artists will create enchanting vignettes based on "Thumbelina," "The Borrowers," "Unicorns Are the Worst," and more.

After 11:00 a.m. service, grab something to eat and then meet us at the main entrance of the Children's Garden (near the SW corner of Myriad Gardens).

RSVP to Miss Cyndi (cyndi@fpcokc.org) if you are able to come.

You don't miss this event! Olivia and I go every year and it is always fabulous.

-Miss Cyndi

July 10

House of Clay | 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Event at House of Clay on 30th & Western. Kids will get to paint their own clay creation!

August 22

Pool Party | 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Dive into fun with a pool party! Kim and Camac Carisoza have graciously agreed to host. (Thank you, Kim and Camac!) More details to follow.

Your entrance fee to all these events is being able to say Super Special Summer Sunday School Events three times fast!

Deacons' Back-to-School Lunch

Sunday, July 11 | After 11:00 a.m. Service

Everyone attending is asked to bring school supplies or a cash donation to help The Urban Mission. A lunch menu and "wish list" will be provided closer to the event.

Call or email Stephanie (405-525-6584 or stephanie@fpcokc.org) to make reservations.

June Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

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| 01: Ted Streuli | 12: Cyndi Adams | 22: Bette Kinghorn |
| 02: Kay Brown,
Judy Riggs | 15: Trasen Akers | 23: George Gibson,
Nicole Keesee |
| 03: Bruce Barton,
Don Carter,
Travis Ellis
Danny Olvera, | 16: Sean Johnson,
Justine Rogers,
Caroline Rogers,
Sean Smith | 25: Kathy Etherton |
| 04: Keith Vermilyea | 17: Aidan McKinnon | 26: Jamie Keith |
| 05: Sheri Boughman | 18: Bud McLean | 27: Zachary Black,
Craig Wright |
| 06: Virginia Aguilar,
Rene Vassar | 19: Judy Glaspey,
Lisa Rudolph | 28: Jonathan Sergent |
| 07: Albert Aguilar | 21: Cecilia Collins,
Sarah Gray, | 29: Jim Kunkel |
| 11: Amelia Davenport | Lisa Turner | 30: George Kamp,
Chloe
Whittington |

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