



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Newsletter

September 2021

Welcome New Members!

With great joy, the Session accepted five new members at their meeting on August 16!

Mr. Charles Coley joins us by Transfer of Letter from Central Presbyterian Church. Mr. Rogers Fokumlah joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Mr. and Mrs. Andy and Laurie Fuller join by Transfer from First Presbyterian Guthrie, and Ms. Bobbie Heimbach by Transfer of Letter from Central Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Let's celebrate — September is PW month!

Each Sunday in September, during the Words of Welcome in worship, we will hear from a Presbyterian Woman about some of the amazing things that the Presbyterian Women do!

Priscilla and Phoebe Circles' Joint Meeting

Tuesday, September 14 | 10:00 a.m. in the Reception Center

PW Luncheon/Woman of the Year Celebration

Sunday, September 26 | After 11:00 a.m. Service

PW's annual luncheon will be held in Watchorn Hall. During the luncheon, the Woman of the Year will be recognized in front of her peers. Junebug Catering will provide salads and there will be a pie bar for dessert.

You can also enter a table-decorating contest for the chance to win a prize for best table! If interested, contact Cyndi (cyndi@fpcokc.org) to sign up.

NOTE: In accordance with church policy—and in order to protect our most vulnerable—because lunch will be served, everyone in attendance must be vaccinated.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Worship

Here is a look at the various music that will make up services in September!

September 5

The Prelude, Offertory and Postlude will all be by female composers/arrangers.

September 12

Hymns and other music will focus on the two windows being rededicated—the “Godly Men of the Bible” (west window) and “The Witness Window” (south window).

September 26

“Celebration of the Psalms” with a variety of different music, featuring the Blackwelder Brass, Linda Bosteels (flute), and Dorothy Hays (cello), with the Sanctuary Singers and soloists.

KirkNight To-go

If you haven't already, try a KirkNight To-go meal this September! 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:

September 1: Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad and Apple Pie

September 8: Greek Grilled Chicken Pasta Salad, 7-Layer Hummus with Pita and Loukomades

September 15: Creamy Garlic Chicken, Roasted Carrots, Asparagus and Brownies

September 22: Chicken Piccata, Rice Pilaf, Lemon Roasted Green Beans and Panna Cotta

September 29: Orange Chicken, Stir-Fried Rice, Eggrolls and Matcha Tea Cheesecake

Also on Wednesdays in September...



Rally Day & Window Rededication

Sunday, September 12

Window Rededication

Please plan to join us for a very special worship service as we rededicate the south and west stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary. Thanks be to God for their beauty and how it inspires our worship!

Rally Day

Rally Day will be a SPLASH as the children resume their Sunday School classes with the celebration of the water stories that they have been learning this summer. In addition to the Children's class, there are two additional classes that will begin that day—the Pastor's Class and the Builders. All classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

- **Pastor's Class | Room B-10 (in-person)**
- **Builders Class | Room B-8 (in-person)**
- **Evergreen Class | Room B-14 (in-person & Zoom)**
- **New Beginnings Class | Fireside Room (in-person & Zoom)**
- **Children's Sunday School | Room 213 (in-person)**

Pastor's Class

On September 12 there will be an additional offering during the Sunday School hour. The class will be taught by myself in partnership with others. I am very grateful to co-teach with Blaine Moore as we get started.

We will begin with a Bible study called *Disciple Fast Track*. The class will introduce the grand sweep of the Bible over 24 weeks. Participants will receive a brief but thorough introduction to the Bible. On Rally Day, we will start a twelve-week overview of the Old Testament and then spend the next twelve weeks in the New Testament, beginning in January.

The class is not only designed for conveying information, but also to help participants explore the spiritual disciplines of individual daily Bible study, reflection and prayer. It's going to be an adventure as we explore 24 great themes of the Bible.

Sound interesting? Please join us in Room B-10 on September 12 to find out more! -Pastor John

Builders Class

The Builders class is looking forward to meeting after such a long break and regrouping to decide what they'd like their class to look like this year.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Evergreen Class

Through mid-September, the Evergreen class continues in hybrid mode with both in-person and Zoom participation, using *Welcome All*. This series of lessons focuses on the practice of Christian hospitality and being intentional about affirming the worth of all of God's people.

New Beginnings Class

New Beginnings Class is a Bible-based, Christ-centered study, with food, fellowship and application to daily living.

Children & Youth

Splash Down on Rally Day

Sunday, September 12 | 9:30 a.m.

September 12 is the official Rally Day for the start of Sunday School, and it promises to be quite the splash! We are celebrating what we learned during Summer Sunday School with anticipation for Sunday School 2021-2022.

This summer we completed a 7-week creation unit, making a page each week for our individual creation books. Day 5 is pictured to the right. Then we dove into a 5-week curriculum called *Splash*. It covers stories from the Bible related to water. We got on the boat with Noah, went through the water with Moses, dipped in the water with Naaman, got tossed in the water with Jonah and weathered a storm with Jesus. Rally Day will reflect this *Splash* unit, so be prepared to get WET (but not drenched—bathing suits not required). We will meet in Wachorn Hall at 9:30 a.m. and proceed to the Splashdown area.

Rally Day will also mark the unveiling of a special Sunday School room. We are turning Room 216 into an interactive space for Bible stories with clay, paint, Legos, dramatic play, stem activities and more! This room will be used after Discovery Time. Children will come upstairs and hear the story from Discovery Time again in a different form. They may see a puppet show, watch a Youtube video or listen to a book. Afterward they'll interact with the story by using the materials in the room.



We had a blast at our Super Summer Pool Party last month!



Supper Shuffle

Supper Shuffle is a great tradition at First Presbyterian Church! Meeting once a month, it is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow parishioners, as well as a way to have fun and perhaps eat at restaurants you haven't visited before. Oklahoma City has many eateries, serving a whole host of different foods. There are two groups:

1. The groups that wish to go out for dinner (where each person takes care of their own check).
2. The groups that want to host and be hosted in the homes of others.

New Supper Shuffle groups start in September and meet for approximately six months. Susan Perry-LeGrand (sperry@kosmont.com) will be signing people up after service near the Reception Center. You can also call or email the church office (405-525-6584 or office@fpcokc.org) to sign up.

The deadline to sign up is September 9.

Deacons

Deacons' Out 'N' About — Friday, September 17 | 7:05 p.m.

It's summer so that means it's baseball season! Don't miss out on the first Deacons' Out 'N' About at the Bricktown Ballpark. We have 30 group seats reserved at home plate to see the OKC Dodgers vs. Round Rock Express.

All attendees will get a free Dodgers baseball hat and food coupon, and the evening will conclude with a fireworks display. The evening promises to be a lot of fun, so be sure you don't miss out and sign up early! Sign up at tinyurl.com/deaconsdodgers or by calling the church office (405-525-6584).

The deadline to RSVP is Sunday, September 12.

PLEASE NOTE: Dodgers tickets are now all electronic, so you must provide your email address and download the tickets to your mobile phone to enter the stadium. For questions or more information, please contact Suzanne Baxter by phone (405-650-2474) or email (suzannecfp@aol.com).

Reserve the Third

Saturday, September 18 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

In the month of September, Reserve the Third is headed back to The Urban Mission!

Please RSVP to Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com) if interested.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY

World Communion Saturday

Saturday, October 2 | 5:00 p.m.

That's right—World Communion *Saturday*! This year the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, which is World Communion Sunday. Due to lack of access to the church during the marathon, there will be no church activities that day. We'll celebrate World Communion the day before instead.

The information below is from the Presbyterian Mission Agency concerning the intent and history of a very special Sunday brought to the world by Presbyterians! It is fitting that this year we celebrate The Lord's Day on Saturday to accommodate visitors from around the globe who will run in memory of a sacred event in the life of our city. Fitting because World Communion Sunday celebrates our solidarity with our brother and sisters in Christ around the globe as we share in a sacred meal. The elements will be distributed in disposable containers as you enter the Sanctuary on Saturday, or they are available to pick up from the church office, if you will be worshipping remotely.

“The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to ‘discern the body’ when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21).

This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus, it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

John A. Dalles, a PCUSA pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday notes this in his blog entry, reprinted from the October 7, 2002, issue of Presbyterian Outlook:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside Presbyterian Church) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

The Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.”

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Saturday, October 2

The Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace.

- 25% stays with local congregations
- 25% goes to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking in our region
- 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings present opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love.

Please give generously to support ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation.

September Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

01: Robin Lancaster,

Ethan Lusby,

Will Pitts

04: John Ellis

05: Gladys London

07: David Denner

08: Chris Carter

09: Ruby Johnson

11: Tom Myer,

Raymond Poe,

Brooklyn Robles

13: Seth Keeton

18: Griffin Bunch,

Bret Sholar,

Ryland Streuli,

Brian Upp

19: Jan Robinson

21: Lee Keese,

Pierce Keith

22: Emily Holson,

Christine Woods

23: Linda Herider

24: Jeffrey Coan,

Tom Hays,

Jim Tack

25: Lanie Denner,

Nancy Myer,

Marie Niemeyer

26: Brad Davenport,

Clyde Schoolfield,

Becki Teague

28: Ashton Keith,

Jim Rogers,

John Taylor

29: Elaine Buzan,

Alicia Kamp,

Claire Kennedy,

Amanda Ogden,

Peggy Whittington

30: Jack Sergeant

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY

First Presbyterian Church
1001 NW 25th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106
405-525-6584
fpcokc.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
OKLAHOMA
CITY, OK
PERMIT NO. 931



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

For more information, please contact the church office at 405-525-6584 or email office@fpcokc.org

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 10 | 2:00 p.m.

Calling precious pooches, cute cats and any and all of God's creatures to a Blessing of the Animals!

Save the date for a doggone good time.

