



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Newsletter

November 2021

Project Regeneration

Saturday, November 13 | 12:00-2:30 p.m.

Rev. Joseph Moore is our Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation. He will host a debriefing of insights that he gained about our congregation while working with FPC-OKC, Pastor John, and a number of other churches in Indian Nations Presbytery, during a three-session program hosted by the presbytery.

What does the next chapter in the life of the church look like? The Presbyterian Foundation has worked with hundreds of congregations just like ours with that question prior to the pandemic, and have continued to do so during and after. Joseph is here to offer information and insights that will help us discern where God may be calling us next.

Our future is bright and full of opportunities! Let us make the most of it by equipping ourselves with as much knowledge and feedback as possible. *Spoiler alert, there is much good news to share!*



Stewardship Seminar

Seminar: Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart
Sunday, November 14 | 9:30 a.m.

On November 14, you are invited to a special Stewardship Seminar during the Sunday school hour in Watchorn Hall! Rev. Joseph Moore, our guest preacher, will offer his insight on historic and current stewardship practices, both within and outside of the PC(USA).

He will also explore stewardship as a spiritual discipline and how it might help us all recognize the blessings of our lives and how to *Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*.

Dedication Sunday

Sunday, November 21 | 11:00 a.m. Service

FPC-OKC takes our mission to minister to our members and to the greater community seriously. We offer wonderful programs here at the church and we have a visible presence in missions outside the church walls. These programs require time, talent and financial support to operate effectively.

We will dedicate our pledges during worship on November 21. This year's theme is *Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*. Even in the midst of difficult times, there is so much good news to share of blessing in the presence of the pandemic. We will recount some of those wonderful things and, as we do, the gratitude in our hearts will swell at God's goodness. For more information, please look for a mailing from the Stewardship Committee that will be arriving at your home.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, November 7

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation (for the election of officers) will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2021, immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary.

Nominating Committee 2023

Gaylan Adams, Nita Cadenhead, Emily Johnson, Greg Robertson and Lisa Turner

Meet the Nominees



Gary Bryant

I am honored to be nominated to serve as an Elder. There are so many opportunities for service at FPC-OKC, and both DiAnne and I have thoroughly enjoyed our 15+ years as members. I have been an attorney for more than 44 years in Oklahoma City, but was raised in Lindsay, Oklahoma. It was there where I learned to change and install tires and batteries on cars and trucks, install seat covers, and deliver and install televisions and appliances from our family store.

Both DiAnne and I greatly appreciate and love participation in the music program of our church. Having served as an officer or director of numerous professional associations and as a long time counsel to financial institutions, I hope that my experiences in dealing with people from all walks of life and in problem-solving will benefit the important work of this church as we praise and honor of our Lord.



Becky Osmond

I am delighted to be nominated as an Elder. I have been married to Wayne Osmond for 54 years. We have three daughters, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. I have been a member of FPC-OKC since I was a baby. My grandparents joined in 1914 after moving to Oklahoma City from Pennsylvania.

I'm retired from teaching chemistry and math after 32 years at OSU-OKC. I have served as Child Care Coordinator, Senior High Coordinator, Shepherd Manor Board Member, Deacon and this will be my third time to serve as an Elder.

I enjoy spending time with family and friends at the lake and in the mountains. I like to read, hike, bike and swim. I take my commitments seriously and I want to serve my church as best I can.



Angie Sholar

I am honored to be nominated as an Elder at FPC-OKC. This has been my church home nearly all my life: I was baptized and raised here, married Bret here over 30 years ago, and this is where we raised our family.

I am an educator, currently working as a special education teacher in Cashion, Oklahoma. My hobbies include reading and cheering for the OSU Cowboys.

I am excited to see the ways God will lead us to respond to needs in our community and world. I am glad to help in any area where I can be of service.



Erica Taylor

I am flattered to be nominated again as an Elder for the coming three years. My husband, John, and I live here in OKC with our son Griffin, our daughter Elliott, and our menagerie of creatures, which include 4 dogs, a cockatiel, a black swan and a Sulcata tortoise.

I am a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in radiation therapy. I enjoy spending time with both my family and friends, our animals, and decorating for all holidays, especially Halloween and Christmas.

The fellowship at FPC-OKC is very special, and I am grateful that we are raising our children in faith with such wonderful people. Worship Council, especially, has allowed me to humbly give back to a loving community and a sweet Lord that have both done so much for me.



Jana Winfree

I am ready to be nominated as an Elder of First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City. My three adult children no longer live in Oklahoma, but they continue to benefit from the friendships and values from their FPC-OKC upbringing. I work for the Oklahoma State Department of Health as the State Dental Director.

My office implements dental public health programs. Fluoride questions, anyone? Theater, art and travel are my favorite pastimes. I also enjoy reading and trivia.

What excites me about FPC-OKC is how music and art is used as a pathway to seek God. I will bring my perspective and experience with me to Session.



Sam Borquaye

I am pleased to be nominated as a Deacon again. I joined the church in May of 1973 with a letter of transfer from Presbyterian Church of Accra, Ghana. My education focused on electronic research and development. I am currently retired from AT&T. My wife, Veronica, and I have two girls. Claudia is in the Air Force and Naomi is certified NetSuite, a cloud-based business management software. My stepchildren, Nana and Kobby, are both RNs in Ghana.

I am retired, but my main hobby keeps me busy. I have coached track and field for the past forty years and officiate around the country. I am member of AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) and USATF (USA Track & Field). I develop athletics around the country, mainly with youth. I look forward to serving FPC-OKC as a Deacon.



Elizabeth Hatcher

I am honored to be nominated to be a Deacon. I came to First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City as a child and grew up in Sunday School and the choir program. As many of you know, I met and fell in love with the cutest boy on the Mission West bus and have been married to him for 46 years! After I retired from education, I was able to continue hanging out with kids as a volunteer with SPARK, a joy I experience each week.

As I grow, I recognize the need we have to feel connected to others. As a Deacon, I hope to encourage connections, care for each other and enrich our relationships within the congregation and into the community. I look forward to the opportunity to serve.



Barbara Namminga

I am honored to be nominated as a Deacon. My husband, Harold, and I have one daughter who lives in Oklahoma City with her family. We enjoy spending time with them and very much enjoy our grandson (14) and granddaughter (9). I retired as a librarian from the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, having worked prior to that at the Belle Isle Library here in Oklahoma City. I also worked a few years at the University of Tulsa and Oklahoma State University libraries.

I volunteer weekly at The Urban Mission along with Harold. I have served as an Elder on the Mission Committee and am currently serving as Financial Secretary for Presbyterian Women. I enjoy singing in the choir and participating in the Evergreen Sunday School class. I look forward to serving the community of FPC-OKC as a Deacon.



Bert Orza

I am the mom of wonderful twins, Emily and Christine, and the grandma of four darling little girls. I've spent most of my career in sales, including media, two fortune 500 industrial companies and 13 years as a family and consumer sciences teacher at Putnam City Schools.

At FPC-OKC, I've served multiple terms on Trustees, Session and have been on the SPARK Board for several years.

I've been in choir for at least 20 years and I've been a part of the Evergreen Class since I joined in about 1979 by transfer from Dundee Presbyterian in Omaha, Nebraska. My hobbies include repairing and restoring stained glass windows. I look forward to serving as a Deacon!



Wayne Osmond

I am happy to be nominated again for the Board of Trustees. I have been a member of FPC-OKC since 1971. My wife, Becky, and I have been married 54 years and have three daughters, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

I'm a retired insurance executive. I've served as a Deacon, an Elder and as a Trustee on and off for 20 years. Becky and I enjoy spending time at our lake cabin in Oklahoma and at our cabin in New Mexico.

I look forward to serving on the Board of Trustees.



Susan Perry-LeGrand

I am honored to be considered for service on the FPC-OKC Board of Trustees. I have the pleasure of knowing many of you, having served as a Deacon and from being the Priscilla Circle Moderator. Prior to moving to Oklahoma City in 2018 and joining FPC-OKC, I lived and worked in Southern California as the Chief Operating Officer and in-house legal counsel for a real estate and economic development consulting firm (for whom I still work part-time, remotely).

As a long-time member of FPC-Newhall, I served on Session and as a Deacon. However, my roots are mostly in Oklahoma, having grown up in Tulsa, attending OCU my freshman year, and then transferring to KU. My husband, Hudson, is a filmmaker and documentarian, and we are proud to call Oklahoma City our home.



Jan Robinson

I am honored to be nominated to the Board of Trustees. My husband, Bill, and I live in Oklahoma City and have three children and seven grandchildren. We love spending time at Grand Lake. In 2003, I retired as Executive Director of Camp Fire Boys and Girls. In 2013, I retired from Oklahoma City Community College where I was an adjunct professor of English Composition.

Besides FPC-OKC, my volunteer activities include the Wednesday Review Club and First Presbyterian School. Gardening, walking, painting (thanks to Carren MacLemore), knitting and grandchildren occupy the rest of my time. In recent years, I have come to realize how important our beautiful building is to the ministry of FPC-OKC and will devote any skills God has blessed me with to preserving it.

**Speaking of
our beautiful
building, one
of our section
leaders was
able to capture
this picture
right before
choir rehearsal!
Let us always
remember God's
promises.**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Presbyterian Women (PW)

BUNCO — Sunday, November 7 | 3:00 p.m.

We will be enjoying a rousing game of BUNCO once again at the Quail Creek Assisted Living apartment complex. The address is 12928 N. May Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73120.

Cost is \$10 per person. The money will be used for cash prizes and towards a fundraiser for PW. There will also be a wine pull. Wrapped wine bottles will be available for purchase at \$10 per bottle. Your wine purchase will remain a mystery until you unwrap it.

Please bring a snack to share with the group. Beverages will be provided. **RSVP to Cyndi** (cyndi0507@gmail.com) **ASAP.**

Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, November 9 | 10:00 a.m.

In the Reception Center.

Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, November 9 | 1:30 p.m.

At Dorothy Hays' house.

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, November 16 | 6:30 p.m.

At Lolietta Miller's house.



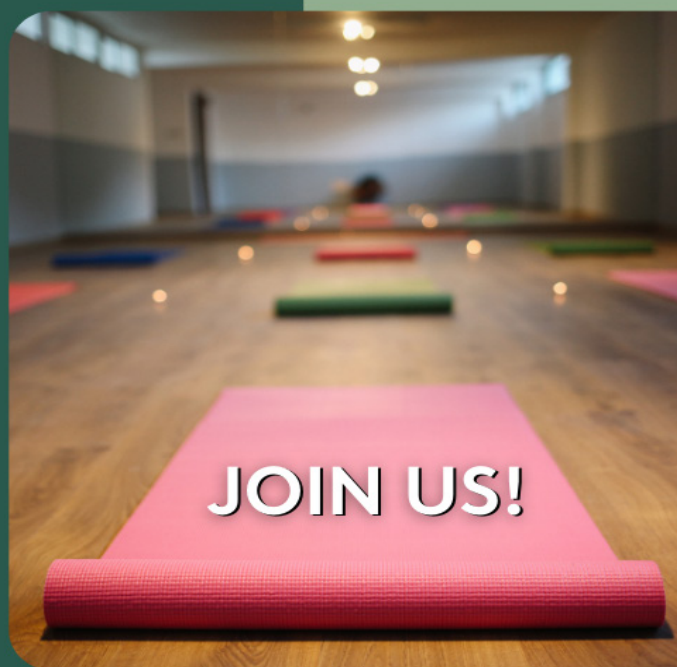
PW enjoying some food and fellowship at the Melting Pot last month!

As the weather cools down, Yoga will move from outside into the Rec Room.

FREE YOGA CLASS

WEDNESDAYS
@ 6:30 P.M.

Instructor: Brandi Gibson



JOIN US!

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KirkNight To-go

This month's KirkNight To-go meals will get you in the fall mood! **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.

UPCOMING MEALS

November 3: Apple Cider Pork Chops, Roasted Potatoes, Roasted Carrots and Pumpkin Cheesecake

November 10: Lemon Garlic Butter Chicken, Rice, Roasted Vegetables and Butterfinger Lush Cake

November 17: Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots, Rolls and Apple Butter Cookies

November 24: Thanksgiving Meal (Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Stuffing, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls and Choice of Pumpkin or Pecan Pie)

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

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Halloween Parade

Our Halloween Parade was spook-tacular this year!

Check out all the great costumes. I spy a ninja, Princess Peach, a t-rex cowboy and more.

Thanks to everyone who participated!



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Reserve the Third

Saturday, November 20 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

In the month of November, Reserve the Third is headed back to The Urban Mission! **Please RSVP to Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com) if interested.**



You are invited to step back in time to a *Night in Bethlehem*! Families can visit the carpenter's hut, baker's kitchen, painter's area and more. Advent wreath materials will be available for adults to create advent wreaths for their homes. A soup dinner will be served after the activities are finished. Please bring a plate of cookies to share with the group.

RSVP to the church office (405-525-6584 or office@fpcokc.org) no later than November 21. Be sure to indicate if you want to make a wreath and how many children will be attending with you. Celebrate the first Sunday in Advent with your church family and get the Christmas season off to a great start!

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Save the Date!

Christmas Food Boxes

Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4

Save the date to help out with Christmas Food Boxes at The Urban Mission!



On Friday, December 3, volunteers are needed to help set up the assembly line and put together boxes.

On Saturday, December 4, volunteers are needed to pack 260 food boxes and hygiene bags.

Times will be announced closer to the event.

Contact Jim Tack (jtack@robertsonwilliams.com) to RSVP or for more information!



November Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

01: Marcia McMillin

03: Sarah Hausner,
Andrea Jordan,
Jordan Keith

04: Randy Welch

08: Michelle Evans,
Emily Vogt

09: Edgar Siewert

11: Katherine Crawford,
Kari Maxwell,
Wayne Richards,
Saraellen Woodard

13: Quentin Lusby,
Lee Allan Smith

15: Mary Ann Doolen,
Olive Fokumlah,
Will Johnson

16: Caroline Kivett,
Sara Maxwell,
Katie Streuli

17: Grant Brittan

18: Bobbie Adams,
Brian Hall

20: Riley Fitzhugh,
Blaine Moore,
Harold Myers

22: Julie Alvarez,
Naun Alvarez,
Matthew Johnson

24: Lili Alvarez,
Lexi Hurley

25: Rachel Boggess,
Scott Buxton,

John Buzan,
Karen Floyd,

Kristi Rogers

26: Sam Dykeman

28: Beverly Brown

29: Nita Cadenhead

30: Jackie Rippetoe

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