January 2023

Legacy Celebration

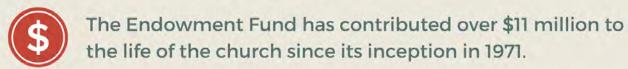
Sunday, January 15 | After 11:00 a.m. Service | Watchorn Hall

You're invited to an all-church luncheon in Watchorn Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 15!

Come and learn about the amazing legacy of FPC-OKC. Enjoy a catered lunch sponsored by the Endowment Fund, followed by a short program. Nursery will be provided.

RSVP by calling the church office (405.525.6584) or online at tinyurl.com/FPCOKClegacy.

Did you know?



- 77 funds make up the Endowment Fund. Individual funds were created from a variety of assets (cash, real estate, stocks, etc.). No minimum is required to establish a fund.
- The Endowment Fund contributed \$450,000 to the church budget in 2022.
- The Endowment Fund supports mission trips, camps, seminars, workshops, and provides other assistance to FPC Youth of all ages.
- The Cara Langer Fund was established to provide Bibles to youth upon completion of their confirmation class.
- The Charles L. Fuson Memorial Fund supports Boy Scout Troup 15, which meets at First Presbyterian Church.

Tree Planting

On a chilly and wet morning in December, 14 volunteers came out to plant three trees in the FPC-OKC playground! The Mission Council supported the purchase of two Chinese Pistache and a Shumard Red Oak.







The playground is well used by church, neighborhood, SPARK and El Sistema children. These trees will provide shade for years to come!



Thank you to Dan MacLemore who spear-headed the project, provided tree expertise, and guided the volunteers! We had a great group. Not pictured: Lisa Turner and Elizabeth Hatcher (photographer). And a special thanks to our track-hoe operator, Jack Lancaster.

Christmas Food Boxes

We had a big group volunteer to help with Christmas Boxes at The Urban Mission!







On the first day, we had about 12 people assembling boxes. On the second day, we had about 40 people who helped fill 330 boxes with food items and 330 hygiene bags.



Thank you to everyone who came out to serve!

Christmas Eve Services

We had a wonderful turnout for both of our Christmas Eve services! How special it was to spend time celebrating the birth of Christ with our FPC-OKC family and visitors alike.















SPARK

5-Stars!!!!!

We are excited to annouce that SPARK has been certified a 5-star child care facility! Shout out to the SPARK team, led by Tish Harrison, and the SPARK Board for all their hard work to make this program the very best it can be.

Christmas Party

SPARK students, staff, and tutors got together for a Christmas party in December. There were fruit and veggie platters along with the kids' favorites: cheese puffs and pepperoni!

The tutors followed up with Christmas craft activities and fun conversation. Our awesome SPARK tutors include Jim Borgstadt, Betty Bruce, Elizabeth Hatcher, Sue Henning, Kathy McCraw, Blaine Moore, and Pastor John! SPARK is going strong with an enrollment of 60 students from ages four to 12. Come by any afternoon, Monday through Friday, to catch the joy and excitement.











Yoga

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

Yoga is back after a short holiday break. Join us on Wednesdays in the Rec Room downstairs!

Reserve the Third

Saturday, January 21 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

For the month of January, Reserve the Third will be back at Urban Mission from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. In February, we'll be working in the Community Garden. Stay tuned for more details.

Presbyterian Women

Priscilla Circle - Tuesday, January 10 | 10:00 a.m.

Room 122 on the first floor of the church.

Zoom Meeting ID: 881 7807 7431 | **Password:** 114955

Phoebe Circle - Tuesday, January 10 | 1:30 p.m. Lolieta Miller will host in the Reception Room.

Abigail Circle - Tuesday, January 17 | 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.



Priscilla Circle assembled approximately 100 Blossom Bundles

to donate to a local organization addressing "period poverty" amongst housing-challenged women and young women in public schools who struggle to afford these products.

The Presbyterian Women are proud to sponsor a ministry that restores dignity to women and allows school-aged women access to muchneeded feminine hygiene products.





Lanie and Wyatt Denner were the winners of the Cookies & Cocoa competition!

They won a \$50
Target gift card for their "Mama's Secret Recipe" cookies, which were delicious dark chocolate cookies with pecans and sea salt.

Congratulations!



PUT A LID ON IT! (WEAR YOUR FAVORITE OR FANCIEST HAT)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

cordially invite you to

Galentine's Tea

Come enjoy tea with the other women of the church!

All ages welcome.

Sunday, February 5 12:15 p.m. Reception Center

The Presbyterian Women invite all the women of the church to attend a Galentine's Tea! Wear your favorite or fanciest hat (we will have extras available, if needed).

RSVP by calling the church office (405.525.6584) or online at tinyurl.com/PWtea2023

Music for the Nativity

We had a great turn out for our Music for the Nativity concert. Forty-eight attendees enjoyed the lovely performance by John Edwards and Matthew Denman. We feel very fortunate to have such talented musicians who help us celebrate and bring glory to God's name.

January Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

01: Cecilia Fokum

03: Sam Borquaye

Gayle Cox

Ron Miller

05: Bert Orza

08: Wayne Osmond

10: Libby Denner

12: Dan Conrad

14: Jamie Slade

15: Oliver Riggs

18: Frances Ely

22: Cornell Gallagher

23: Eva Huizinga

24: Meredith Tack O'Neil

26: Gaylan Adams

Eric Turner

29: Nicholas Johnson

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