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CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

Food Pantry

In May, our Food Pantry served 27 adults and 16 children. We partner with the Flint Hills Breadbasket to help those in our community who are food insecure. The First Presbyterian Food Pantry serves our community on *Fridays from 9:30 a.m. - noon.*

Community Meals

During the month of May, we served 256 dinners, 121 breakfasts, and 64 sack lunches.

BACKPACK SEASON IS EARLY THIS YEAR!

Beginning **July 8**, the congregation will have the opportunity again to fill backpacks with supplies for children in our community in need of school supplies for the upcoming school year. The backpacks are available for pick-up in the narthex. In addition to purchasing supplies, please place ten dollars in the envelope provided--this will cover the cost of the backpack. Members and friends of the congregation are asked to return the backpacks no later than **Sunday, July 22** when they will be dedicated in the worship services. Thank you!



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FIRST Headline News



Rev. McConnell

CELEBRATING FREEDOM

In the last sermon of the series on the Book of Nehemiah, I mentioned that we hear a lot about division in America—this group, that group, this issue, that issue, this opinion, that opinion, this position, that position---but one of the beauties of this country, as we celebrate our nation's 242nd birthday, is that we are a country of competing ideas and competing philosophies and we enjoy and cherish the freedom of expressing these same ideas. And one of the values that binds us together is that nobody is to be excluded from the opportunity to pursue happiness, no matter the race, the religion, or socio-economic class. Our nation's strength, among other things, comes from diversity of thought, and diversity of background. These are just some of the reasons that make America great.

I have always appreciated and admired the Apostle Paul's perspective on Christian freedom: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28) This is what makes the Christian faith so great. As Paul tells us in Romans: "...there is no partiality with God." (Romans 2:11)

Let us celebrate the freedoms we share, both as Christians and as Americans!

Faithfully,

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GENEROSITY UPDATE

by Sarah Diamond, Director of Operations and Development

Are you familiar with legacy giving? Through the **Legacy Giving** program, we are reminded that stewardship is on-going and does not have to solely be through your annual pledge. Giving to First Presbyterian Church through your estate planning continues your legacy as a living memorial. There are many options for leaving a legacy and helping the future of First Presbyterian Church.

If you are considering a bequest to First Presbyterian, we would love to discuss how your giving can make the greatest impact in our mission work and service to others. Watch for additional information on this new initiative coming soon in an upcoming church-wide mailing. We welcome any feedback you have on this program and/or ideas for workshops to be held.

Your generosity enables us to continue to extend and expand our ministries and missions!

November 18:

Stewardship Sunday:

Making a pledge to FPC allows us to plan accordingly for our ministry and mission work in the upcoming year.

COMING UP SOON

See inside for events and schedules

July 9-13:
Heartland Day Camp

July 22
Red Cross Blood Drive

June 23-27:
Music Camp

June 29:
Music Camp showcase performance at 10:30 a.m. worship service

DATES TO REMEMBER!

August 19:
Kick off Sunday!

October 20-21:
Spiritual Renewal Weekend

December 2:
Jingle Bell Run, 4:00 p.m.





Join us for the next **Light House Church** at Mike and Haley Wilson's home on **July 12th**. We begin with a gathering time at 6:30pm and then we have a time of music, scripture and study at 7pm.

Contact Pastor Kati or go to thelightmhk.org for more details.

**"FACES OF OUR FAITH"
SERMON SERIES**

There are many heroes of the faith, people we admire and wish to be. However, there are even more ordinary people of faith—those doing what they can with what they have to make a difference. This July, Rev. Kati will lead us in a three week series to dig deep into the bold and untold stories of those often overlooked in our biblical narratives, hoping these characters remind us that we all play a role in shaping God's story of redemption and grace.

July 8th, Genesis 2:15-25
"Flesh of My Own Flesh"

July 15th, Philemon,
"Radical Discipleship"

July 22, Exodus 2:11-21,
"Ladies in Waiting"



FALL DISCIPLE COURSES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9!

We will be offering 2 levels of the Disciple *Fast Track* Course this fall!

Course A—*Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*—provides an overview of the whole Bible, including discussions on theology, marks of discipleship and "our human condition." Groups will meet for a total of 24 weeks, devoting 12 weeks to the Old Testament and the New Testament. As part of the weekly group meetings, you will watch a brief, illustrated review video designed to help you recall important facts and ideas from the previous week, followed by lively and engaging insights into the current week's session. You will read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly 75-minute meetings.

Course B—*Into the Word, Into the World*—will help readers deepen their understanding of Scripture and make connections between what they already know and what they are reading. Each week you will encounter three spiritual disciplines, learn what they are, and how you can engage those disciplines. The first discipline varies from week to week, then moves into Sabbath and prayer. In every session, you commit to how you will respond to Scripture in terms of ministry in the world.

Interested disciples can find times and register on firstpresmanhattan.com under Adults.

BIANNUAL ART SHOW



Get ready for another First Presby Art Show before and after services on Sunday, August 12th! Artists may complete the registration form online or contact the office to share your name and contact information, name of art works, type (watercolor, drawing, furniture, quilt, photography,

PRESBY FRIENDS AND FAMILY



Jane Westfall celebrated her 90th birthday at Meadowlark!

NOTES TO THE CHURCH

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for the nice gift. I will keep those words of wisdom in mind as well as the others I have heard over my years as a member of the staff and congregation.
Love, Susana Vick

Dear Friends,
I am grateful for your generous donation of \$1,000 and your steadfast support of our mission. As always, your gift will help sustain essential services— crisis intervention, advocacy, and safe shelter— for victims of sexual and domestic violence and their children. Thank you for keeping the Center in your hearts and prayers.
Sincerely, Judy Davis, Executive Director, The Crisis Center

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for your donation to Katie's Way (\$200). Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. Your donation will go directly to help support the community work done at Katie's Way in Manhattan, KS.
Matthew Wassom, Director

Dear Friends,
In this fast paced world we too often don't take the time to say thank you. THANK YOU! Your generous gift to the Breadbasket (Fisher Hall for annual lunch) makes it possible for us to continue to carry out our mission of eliminating poverty and hunger in our community.
Again, thank you, we appreciate your support.
Sincerely, Maribeth Kieffer, Executive Director, The Flint Hills Breadbasket
P.S. Thank you very much for the use of your space!

Dear First Presbyterian Church members,
Thank you for contributing \$500 to help support our museum's summer camp scholarship fund! Please know that without you and others like you the Wonder Workshop Children's Museum would not be possible. We truly appreciate that you care and also appreciate your willingness to share to support our mission.
Thanks ever so much, Richard Pits, Director of Wonder Workshop

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

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| 1 James Gillum | 7 Kate Gillum | 14 Carol Bruckerhoff | 24 Rachel Anderson |
| 1 Bob Mertz | 7 Mike Newcomer | 14 Debbie Leonard | 24 Connie Hayden |
| 1 Jeff Smith | 7 Henley Taylor | 14 Gracie Olivo | 25 Linda Eustace |
| 2 John Leslie | 8 Dave Woolfolk | 16 Patsy Brandt | 25 John Regehr |
| 2 Darrell Phillips | 9 Carol Ross | 17 Kaeli Wefald | 27 Kimberly Jo Rothwell |
| 3 Izzy Maxwell | 9 Indie Voos | 19 Ronald Feldkamp | 27 Bill Varney |
| 3 Gracie Maxwell | 9 Sierra Watkins | 19 Sue Mountford | 28 Aaron Wall |
| 4 Steve Maxwell | 11 Doug Chapman | 20 Mike McGhee | 30 Erwin Chege |
| 6 Jennifer Tindall | 11 Rich Jensen | 20 Mike Vick | 30 Stan Myers |
| 6 Cassie Wefald | 11 Jessica Theel | 22 Nelson Galle | |
| 7 Lyle Butler | 12 Patricia McCrary | 23 Heidi Hilton | |