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Headline News



2016 Church Family Picnic

The First Presbyterian Fall Family Picnic was great fun for everyone thanks to our volunteers including Jim Morrison and his crew of master chefs, Shiloh Vick and the nursery staff, Don and Earl Lenhert for providing the carriage rides, and the Membership Committee!

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Boot Camp Big Success

On September 15th, over 15 Kansas and Missouri communities participated in First Presbyterian's first-ever "Presbyterian Boot Camp," a one-day seminar emphasizing the basics of growth in the Presbyterian church. Ministers and laypeople came from cities as El Dorado, Hutchinson, Kansas City, Lawrence, Salina, Wichita, Topeka, Belleville, Ellsworth, Manhattan (of course), and many others. John Currie kicked the morning off with an inspirational and invigorating talk on creating the "mind-set for growth," setting the tone for the entire day, which included three great seminars: "Rockin' Youth Meetings led by Crystal Kirgiss from West Lafayette, Indiana, "Creating a Culture of Invitation," led by Liz Tash from Atlanta, Georgia, and "How to Preach in a New Day," led by Rev. Tom Are from Kansas City, Missouri. Accolades came from many as to the substance of the classes and the inspiration of the opening address. Our church hostess, Julie Haynes, prepared a terrific lunch, served by volunteers in Presby Place. The day wrapped up with a "Speakers' Panel," with a wide variety of questions coming from interested and engaged congregational members and ministers.

A special thank you to the Planning Committee who initiated the idea of taking the lead to help Presbyterian churches grow and to the Mission Committee for appropriating a part of its outreach budget to serve the needs of the PCUSA church. Also, a special thanks to the staff for all their work behind the scenes. We look forward to making the "Boot Camp" an annual fall event and are excited that participants left here feeling refreshed and renewed.

Faithfully,

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Pictured above left: Speakers' Panel with Crystal Kirgiss, Liz Tash, and Rev. Tom Are.

Above right: John Currie kicks off the Boot Camp with a great talk: "A Mind-Set For Growth."

Coming Up Next... Happy October Birthdays!



Total Body Workout

Zumba is back. Come Zumba with us on Monday's from 5:30-6:30 in Presby Place.

Crunching the Numbers

During the month of August, we served 174 dinners and 85 breakfasts. We also distributed 44 brownbag lunches.

Our Community Dinners take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-6:45 p.m. and the Community Breakfasts on Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8:15 a.m. Average attendance at dinner is 35-40 and for breakfasts is 20-25.

Food Pantry News

In August, our Food Pantry served 70 adults and 46 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 10:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Note: The password for the online church directory is Proverbs2 .

First Sunday Choir

If you aren't available for choir rehearsals on Sunday mornings or prefer to sit with your family during the church service, then the **First Sunday Choir is designed especially for YOU!** Sing with the Chancel Choir on the First Sunday of each month an arrangement of a hymn tune you already know. One rehearsal on the last Wednesday evening of each month from 6:45pm - 7:15 in the sanctuary.

Chancel Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:45am for the 9:15 service, and 9:00 for the 10:30 service in the choir room.



Men's Breakfast

October Men's Breakfast

The October 20th Men's Breakfast speaker will be Bruce Weber, head coach of K-State Men's Basketball team. The breakfast meets at 7:00 a.m. in Fisher Hall.



November Men's Breakfast

The **November 17th** Men's speaker will be Jerry Kill, new Associate Athletic Director at Kansas State University. Coach Kill was recently the head football coach at the University of Minnesota.



The Men's Breakfast is held monthly on the third Thursday of each month from 7-8 AM in Fisher Hall.

Head Start Clothing Drive

The Deacons are sponsoring the **Adopt Manhattan/Ogden Head Start Program** for the holidays again this year to provide children with winter coats, shoes and warm clothing. Deacons will be available in the narthex before and after church on October 30, November 6, 13, and 20. Please stop by to select an ornament. Coats, shoes, and clothing should be returned to the church, unwrapped by November 20. If you have questions please contact Rae Anderson at 776-7764 or Sheila Fortney at 341-0079.

Purple Power Play in the Park

The First Presbyterian booth at Purple Power Play 2016 was a big hit! We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who helped with games, our raffle, and sharing information with visitors. A special thank you to Jill Myers and members and friends of the Membership Committee for organizing this successful event.

Pictured below left: Nursery coordinator Dani Rhinehart plays a booth game, cheered on by fellow nursery workers.

Below right: Amy Matthews and Sierra Watkin show off one of the raffle



Invite A Friend Sunday

October 30 is not only Reformation Sunday with the beautiful bagpipes, but it's also **Invite-A-Friend Sunday**. Perhaps you have been wanting to invite a neighbor, a good friend, or a co-worker to church. This is the perfect Sunday to do that!! Call your friend and tell him or her or them to meet you at church on October 30. A special day will be in store and this could turn out to be the time that you make that special effort to invite someone to church. Our mission statement starts out with the words: "To create disciples for Jesus Christ....." This is one of our many opportunities!

Religion and the American Presidency

Every four years and every presidential campaign season Rev. McConnell has taught a series on "Religion and the American Presidency." This year it will serve as the September and October First Academies on **October 3rd and 10th** at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

In this unpredictable and topsy-turvy election season, let us take a look at the religious influence on the American presidency and how biblical and theological understanding shape American politics.

Child care reservations due by 3:00 p.m. on the Friday before each program .

In Our Church

The Role of Elders and Deacons in the Presbyterian Church

In this Nominating season, the Nominating Committee of First Presbyterian will consider candidates for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Currently, twenty-one elders constitute the Session, which is the policy-making board of the church. The Session oversees membership matters, stewardship campaigns, budgets, personnel matters, the worship of the church, education, mission, and other areas of the church's ministry. Elected elders are normally asked to serve on at least one committee of the Session, in addition to attending the monthly Session meeting, which is the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m.

Twenty-seven Deacons comprise the Board of Deacons, which meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Deacons are historically the service oriented board of the church, with service opportunities including: visiting the sick, overseeing the community meals ministry of the congregation, administering the fall backpack program and the Christmas winter warmth ministry, delivery of cookies to retirement centers ministries, organizing the Fourth of July ice cream social and the Christmas dinner, and reaching out to families with newborns and members recuperating at home from surgery, conducting retirement home services, and many other ministries.

The Nominating Committee will begin its meetings in October. If you have suggestions for Deacon or Elder, please contact the Nominating chair, Shirley Moherman.

Presby Players

Our Presby Players Wind and Strings Ensemble are preparing for a concert on Nov. 7th entitled "Hope for Our Nation: A Night of Music, Readings and Prayer." Our ensemble would love to have more string players, and we will incorporate several readings into the concert as a way to put our hope in Christ on the eve of the presidential election. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Kati.

Presby Players seeks to bring together young musicians and experienced musicians, acting as an outlet for experienced players and a training environment for young players. All instruments and voices welcome. Register with your instrument and experience on our website (<http://www.firstpresmanhattan.com/music/presbyplayers/>). Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in Fisher Hall.

Fall Fun and Football!

Fall is coming, the leaves are starting to change, and the football season has begun. All of this was celebrated at the September Parents Night Out with fall themed crafts, games, and snacks! Pictured left are three PNO attendees enjoying free play time!

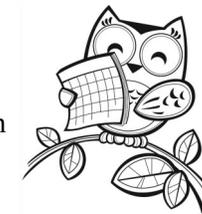
Our future Parents Night Out dates are:

Oct 7, Nov 11, and Dec 2

Themes to be announced.

New Calendar

We are now including a monthly calendar in the Headline News. Calendars include dates for activities for youth, children and families. There is also a calendar on our website at www.firstpresmanhattan.com to help you stay up to date on all of the fun and exciting activities we have going on at First Presbyterian!



"It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" Parents Night Out 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Feeling nostalgic yet? You will want Parent's Night Out to be Parents Night "In" when you hear of the fun we have in store for our all-Great Pumpkin, all-Peanuts Gang night of fun! We will have themed crafts, props, photo ops, snacks and activities all leading up to our very own private showing of the original Peanuts classic, "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"!

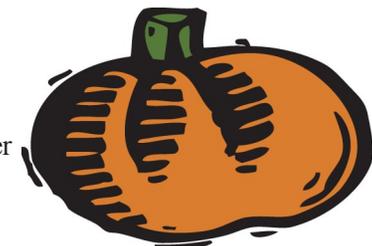
When: Friday, Oct. 7th 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Linus' Pumpkin Patch (Presby Place)

RSVP: By registering on SignUp Genius (available on our website) no later than Oct. 5th

Cost: \$8/child \$14/two children \$18/three children \$24/four or more children*

*Price increase for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine PNOs reflect cost of extra crafts, prizes, take-homes, holiday preparation materials, etc. Normal PNO rates apply for other calendar months.



Presby KIDS!

Kids' Choir Fall 2016 Performance Schedule

October: Begin rehearsals for Christmas pageant, no performance

November: Singing in the 10:30 service on November 13

December: Dress rehearsal for Pageant on Dec. 9th, Worship "teaser" on Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m., Pageant performance on Dec. 11 at 5:00 p.m. (4:30 p.m. call)

P2 Fall 2016 October Schedule (4th-6th graders)

2nd: Lesson & Life App

9th: Movie Night (5:30 p.m.) Prince of Egypt

16th: Lesson & Life App

23rd: "50th Anniversary of It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown Presby Pumpkin Treats Bake-off"

30th: TBD

Children's Ministries Volunteer Team

We want to thank every volunteer that helps us in the Children's Education programs! From Vacation Bible School to providing directions, no job is too small. Please consider signing up for at least one area of Children's Ministries that you will enjoy. Not only will kids benefit greatly but we feel that you as a church family member will as well. Our Presby Kids need members of all generation to interact with them in their house of worship. Check out the opportunities for service listed on the welcome table or in your bulletins!

Save the Date...

For a special event: Family Advent Night! Mark your calendars for the first Sunday of Advent, **November 27th** (time and place to be announced) for... "A Night in Bethlehem." It is sure to be a fun and memorable experience for your family and our community.



Thank you!

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for letting our club, the Cico Shamrocks, use your building to assist in creating our float for the fair. We appreciate the kindness, and we received a purple ribbon for our float!
Sincerely,
Cico Shamrocks 4-H Club

Preparing for the Presidential Election

Monday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 8th visit our chapel for a special prayer station and **pray for our nation**. If you are undecided about how you will vote, this station will invite you to consider your hope for our country and trust God with the outcome. It may also serve as a place to stop and say a prayer on your way back to work after you visit your voting location. Your church encourages you to go to the polls and vote your conscience.

Don't know where to vote? Visit this website for your polling location: <https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/VoterView/PollingPlaceSearch.do>

IT'S COMING – a new, PHOTO CHURCH DIRECTORY! SIGN UP NOW & mark your calendars!

We have been working hard getting photos taken over the past few weeks, but still have many more to go! We encourage you to sign up to have your photo taken at one of the two dates we have added!

Photo sessions:

Additional photo dates added:

2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. November 15

2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. November 16

(Allow 45-60 minutes for your photo session.)

Photos will be taken in the music room.

Sign up in the Narthex on Sundays through October 9:45 am – 12:00 noon, OR online through the church website (www.firstpresmanhattan.com – then click on link).

Work Already Begun on Capital Repairs

Of the three Capital Campaign projects, work has already begun on one of them and will begin on another in October. Due to the rapid and generous response of many in the congregation, painting of the window casings of all the windows began the week of September 26. Next in line is a new roof for the sanctuary, which will start in the month of October, which leaves us with just one more campaign project to start and complete: a new HVAC system for the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider your 2016 pledge to this vitally important campaign as we seek to shore-up our infrastructure and continue to preserve our beautiful facilities.

Youth

Youth Weekly and Events Schedule

Our weekly youth schedule is back in full swing with a few NEW additions! Sunday nights we start with Youth Choir at 5pm. Cornerstone (7-12th) and P-Squared (4-6th) start together in Presby Place with a light meal, games and hangout time, and they split 6:30-7:30pm with our youth leaders Nick Wiggins and Natalie Bender.

Wednesday nights we have Small Groups and Presby Players! Mid-High Meal meets at 5:30pm in Fisher Hall and the Senior Highs meet at 7:30pm in the LOFT. Presby Players will be rehearsing 6:45-7:30pm for a concert on November 7th, featuring poetry and music.

Upcoming Fun

October 15th we will be going Zip-Lining here in Manhattan! Meet at the Wildwood Outdoor Adventure Park (375 Johnson Road) at 12:30pm and we will get harnessed up for 4 Zip-lines. The church will subsidize the cost for the youth and they will pay only \$20 for 4 lines! College students, young adults, and parents are welcome to join us at the group rate of \$40.50 for 4 lines.

Get Ready for Ski Trip 2017!

The Ski Trip is RACING towards us! **February 9th-13th, 2017** our Cornerstone Youth Group Ski Trip will be traveling to Winter Park, CO. Sign up will begin **October 1st** with final registrations due **December 12th!** This year we will have a special website for payment and registration for skiing. College students are welcome to register and enjoy this event with us! If you are an adult volunteer and interested in cooking or skiing with us, please contact Pastor Kati. Everyone can help with our fundraiser to cover our food and transportation: Gift Wrapping and Presby Paraphernalia

Exciting Achievements

Our own Susana Vick won Grand Champion at the Riley County Fair and a blue ribbon at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson for her beautiful photography!

Pictured right is Susana with her award winning picture of a pelican from Sunset Zoo.



Events for College and Adults



Would you like to be more fulfilled and live life at a higher level?

Join us Saturday morning, **October 15th** from **9:00 a.m.-noon**, for Performance Mindset training with Jon McGraw, former K-State and NFL Player. Learn some of the mental skills used by the Pros. \$10 registration includes lunch.

Young Adult Fellowship Opportunities

Are you in your 20's, 30's, or 40's and looking to connect with other couples and singles in this age bracket? Pastor Kati has been getting us connected for dinner, sometimes lunch and other opportunities. Email her or the office to get your name on our contact list.

Advent Devotional

This advent, we will be publishing another advent devotional written by congregation members and friends of First Presbyterian. Interested **writers, artists and photographers of all ages** may contact Pastor Kati to reserve your spot! Sign-up NOW to be a contributor and choose a day and scripture. Contributions will be due October 31st.

College Ministry

This fall we will be planning several service opportunities for fellowship and giving back to our community! **October 16th**, all students, faculty and staff are welcome to join us following the second service for a home cooked meal and fellowship.



New College Bible Study

A new college study is starting called **Testimonies of Faith: Experiencing the Bible for Real**. We will meet Mondays in October (except for Halloween) **at 8pm** at **Bluestem Bistro**. We'll take a look at some characters from the Bible and relate them to our lives, seeing them as real people (whether or not they are used as a metaphor).