



First Presbyterian Times

June 2023

Letter from the Pastor

Sunday, June 4 is an important Sunday here at FPC, Manhattan!

Not only is it the first Sunday in June, marking the start of our beloved Parkside Worship Service – outdoors in Friendship Park at 8:30am – but it is also the start of our First Sunday Summer Potlucks (June 4, July 2, August 6)! And, between you and me, I think the heavenly banquet we hear so much about in Scripture will look an awful lot like a church potluck. I love them! People bringing, from their own homes, dishes they love to make and share with others; the luck of the draw by way of what will be available, but no one complaining because such a feast has something for everyone; fellowship around tables with people with whom we might not ordinarily gather; stories told; laughter shared; life as a community of faith nurtured and the Spirit of God blowing where it will as bonds of fellowship are strengthened and something resembling the Kingdom of Heaven is reflected in the family of faith. Truly, I've never met a potluck I didn't love. And I hope you'll make it a priority in your day to join in the party, and bring a dish to pass.

June 4 also marks Trinity Sunday. Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a doctrine of the church, rather than an event. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the One, Eternal, Incomprehensible God. In a sense, Trinity Sunday, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany; Lent-Easter; Pentecost. It is a fitting transition to that part of the year when Sunday by Sunday the work of God among us is unfolded in a more general way.¹ And so, as we mark each passing Sunday, and our own growing into the fullness of Christ, we see a change in the liturgical colors in the sanctuary from the *white* of Easter celebration, to the *red* of the Spirit's work, witness, and power at Pentecost, to the *green* of Ordinary Time. This is the color we see most often in the year: the color of leaves, fields, grass...of growing.

And that's all just on the first Sunday of the month! Check out this newsletter for other important, worthwhile, meaningful, and fun events and activities that are taking place this month. And as June unfolds (and with it the seasons change from spring to summer) may your hearts, minds, and lives continue to grow, bloom, and be changed from one degree of glory to another. May you know what is the hope to which you have been called, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. (Ephesians 1:18-19)

Peace,
Pastor Jason

¹The companion to the *Book of Common Worship*. Edited by Peter C. Bower. Geneva Press, Louisville. 2003. pp.149-150.

A Note from Faith Formation...

HAPPY JUNE TO ALL!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the fun events we have here at First Pres for the summer, and there is so much more to come!

For the month of June, we will have two one-day camps for the kids to enjoy.

- **On Saturday, June 17th from 9am-Noon will be Nature Camp at the Lazy T Ranch.** The kids will get to learn all about the amazing self-sustaining ecosystems in nature that God put into place for all creation, specifically the ecosystem right here in Kansas. This will include educational stations such as "All About Bees", "Native Prairie Grasses of Kansas" and "Farm to Table...and Beyond!". Additionally, they will create their own Nature Journals to learn about observing and recording the natural wonders around them and go on a nature walk together to do so. This camp will also include a fun activity where kiddos get to make their own self-sustaining ecosystem in a jar! We hope to see lots of kids, the camp is open to Pre-School-8th grade. Parents are welcome to stay and observe! The camp is free for all kids.
- **On Saturday, June 24th from 9am-4pm will be Music Camp at the Church.** Kindergarten through 5th grade is invited to join. Any older kids would be welcomed as volunteers that day! Campers will take part in vocal, instrument, and movement activities. Campers will sing, play instruments, do crafts, move to music, create music, and even learn the basics of reading and writing music. Campers will also have the opportunity to experience music and instruments from around the world. Come and join us for a day of learning about music and praising God together! The kids will need to bring a snack and a sack lunch for this camp. The camp is free for all kids.

For the month of July, we have VBS and another Parents' Night Out ahead!

- **July 10th-14th from 9am-Noon will be Vacation Bible School at the church.** The theme this year is "On The Case" and the kids will have an opportunity each day to learn about a different one of Jesus' parables. As always, VBS will include lots of fun learning about our amazing savior through games, crafts, music and other interactive activities. VBS is for Pre-School-5th grade. Older kids are encouraged to join as volunteers! We hope to see all the kiddos and their friends here this July for a week of fun! VBS is free for all children.
- **July 28th is Parents' Night Out from 6pm-8pm in Fisher Hall.** More to come soon about this event for walking-11 years old! Free to attend for all children.

We also have many fun youth plans in the works for summer. If you are a youth or have a child that is youth age (going into 6th-12th grade), keep an eye out in the group-me as well as our bulletins for more info for those upcoming events! If you have any questions or would like to get involved (as a kid or as an adult volunteer), please don't hesitate to reach out! My email is susana@firstpresmanhattan.com

I hope you all have an amazing summer full of love, laughter and eye-opening God-sightings.

With blessings,

Susana Vick
Director of Faith Formation

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Potluck | June 4th

Fellowship Hall | 11:30AM

Join us for a church-wide potluck! Bring your favorite dish to share and come socialize with your fellow church members!

Nature Camp | June 17th

Lazy T Ranch | 9AM to Noon

Learn all about the amazing self-sustaining ecosystems in nature that God put into place for all creation, specifically the ecosystem right here in Kansas. FREE! For kids aged Pre-K to Grade 8

Clothing Drive | June 17th

Presby Place | 9AM to 1PM

Clean out your clothes closets and help our Food Pantry Patrons! Contact Mary Vander Pol for more information or to volunteer: margaretvanderpol@yahoo.com

Music Camp | June 24th

FPC | 9AM - 4PM

Amazing Fun For Beginning Musicians! Our music camp is designed to help children develop a life-long love of music! Instruments, music, and all other activity materials are provided. Just pack lunch and snack and we'll do the rest! RSVP with Susana Vick or through the church office!

Walking Through Grief | Thursdays, June 8th-29th

Anneberg Park | 8:30AM to 9:15AM

Join us on this 4-week walking support group for anyone healing from grief and loss. Walking Through Grief is hosted by Good Shepherd Homecare & Hospice. Your loved one did not need to receive hospice services in order for you to participate. Each Thursday, June 8th - 29th from 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. in Anneberg Park. For more information call 785-537-0688 or email kpittman@gshandh.org

VBS: On the Case! | July 10-14

FPC | 9AM to Noon

Growing spiritually doesn't have to be an unsolved mystery! Take a four-day journey with kid detectives as they dig into a few of Jesus' parables to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith, how to care for, serve, and love others. Free to all kids (donations are accepted)!



JUNE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Food Pantry 9am	3
4 Parkside Service 8:30am Nursery 9am-noon Sunday School 9:30am Traditional Service 10:30am Churchwide Potluck 11:30am Trinity Sunday	5 Boy Scouts Troop 74 6:30pm In-Reach & Outreach Meeting 5:30pm	6 World Friendship 9am Community Showers 5pm Community Meals 6pm	7 Community Breakfast 7am Staff Meeting 9am Women's Bible Study 10am Hospitality & Fellowship 5:30pm Newsletter Deadline	8 Worship & Discipleship 4:30pm	9 Food Pantry 9am	10
11 Parkside Service 8:30am Nursery 9am-noon Sunday School 9:30am Traditional Service 10:30am 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	12 Boy Scouts Troop 74 6:30pm	13 Stewardship Committee 1:30pm Community Showers 5pm Community Meals 6pm	14 Community Breakfast 7am Women's Bible Study 10am	15	16 Food Pantry 9am	17 Nature Camp 9am
18 Parkside Service 8:30am Nursery 9am-noon Sunday School 9:30am Traditional Service 10:30am 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day	19 Boy Scouts Troop 74 6:30pm OFFICE CLOSED Juneteenth	20 Community Showers 5pm Community Meals 6pm Session 6:30pm	21 Community Breakfast 7am Staff Meeting 9am Women's Bible Study 10am Nuts & Bolts 6:30pm	22	23 Food Pantry 9am	24 Music Camp 9am
25 Parkside Service 8:30am Nursery 9am-noon Sunday School 9:30am Traditional Service & Communion 10:30am 4th Sunday after Pentecost	26 Boy Scouts Troop 74 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting 5:30pm	27 Community Showers 5pm Community Meals 6pm Session 6:30pm	28 Community Breakfast 7am Women's Bible Study 10am	29	30 Food Pantry 9am	



BIRTHDAYS

- 6/01 Rae Jean Hunt
- 6/03 Mary Beth Anderson
- 6/03 Larry Bowers
- 6/07 Clark Cathleen Bowen
- 6/08 Marilyn Feldkamp
- 6/08 Mylo Wattenford
- 6/08 Kay Weigel
- 6/09 Aidan Hilton
- 6/11 Peter Tomlinson
- 6/13 Makeena Jensen
- 6/17 Kristine Tiroch
- 6/17 Shirley Stone
- 6/17 June Myers
- 6/19 Steve Levin
- 6/19 Becky Wagner
- 6/20 Joel Anderson
- 6/21 Linda Toy
- 6/21 Kyrie Johnson
- 6/22 Marion Kyle
- 6/28 Matthew Thompson

THANK YOU FROM THE RIPPLES

Dear Pastor Jason & all First Presbyterian Members,

Thank you for your generous open arms welcome to First Presbyterian. We're most happy to be settled in our church, our town, and our new home. We love the people and the vibe, and we hope we can contribute to the life of the church.

Paula & David Ripple

SNAPSHOTS FPC IN ACTION

Enjoy some snaps taken on and around FPC this spring!



NEW DEACON'S OUTREACH



The Deacons are welcoming new babies to our church family as part of member care!

The church places a rose on the communion table to note this important event. A member of the Deacon's delivers the flower, a card and a casserole to the family to help celebrate the birth. Since the beginning of 2023, the Deacon's helped welcome two new babies to our church family!

BACKPACK PROGRAM



Save the Date! July 17th - 21st

Every summer the church supplies backpacks filled with school supplies for the upcoming school year for local children in need. Members can pick up an empty backpack, fill it with a variety of school supplies (a list is supplied), and return them to the church so that they can be distributed to children across the county!

More information to come in the following weeks!

FAITH & FILM

Our Faith & Film series has concluded for the summer, but be sure to join us when we return in the fall! Take a look at our fall/winter movie line-up below. All movies will be shown in Fisher Hall with refreshments and popcorn provided!

September 15, 2023 | "Life is Beautiful"

A gentle Jewish-Italian waiter, Guido Orefice (Roberto Benigni), meets Dora (Nicoletta Braschi), a pretty schoolteacher, and wins her over with his charm and humor. Eventually they marry and have a son, Giosue (Giorgio Cantarini). Their happiness is abruptly halted, however, when Guido and Giosue are separated from Dora and taken to a concentration camp. Determined to shelter his son from the horrors of his surroundings, Guido convinces Giosue that their time in the camp is merely a game. (PG-13)

December 8, 2023 | "It's A Wonderful Life"

George Bailey has so many problems he is thinking about ending it all - and it's Christmas! As the angels discuss George, we see his life in flashback. As George is about to jump from a bridge, he ends up rescuing his guardian angel, Clarence - who then shows George what his town would have looked like if it hadn't been for all his good deeds over the years. (PG)

March 8, 2024 | "The Shawshank Redemption"

Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins) is sentenced to two consecutive life terms in prison for the murders of his wife and her lover and is sentenced to a tough prison. However, only Andy knows he didn't commit the crimes. While there, he forms a friendship with Red (Morgan Freeman), experiences brutality of prison life, adapts, helps the warden, etc., all in 19 years. (R)

May 10, 2024 | "The Iron Giant" (1999)

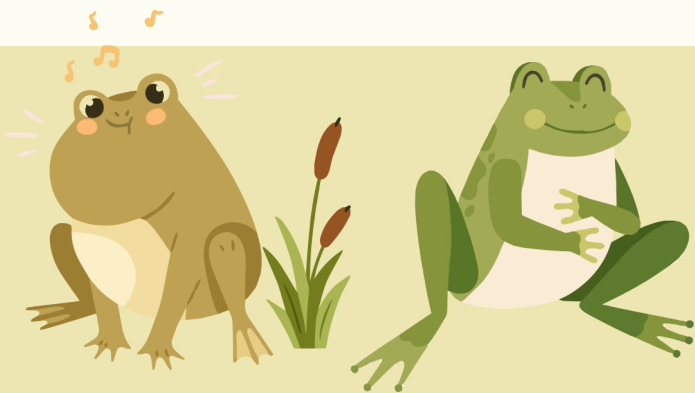
In this animated adaptation of Ted Hughes' Cold War fable, a giant alien robot (Vin Diesel) crash-lands near the small town of Rockwell, Maine, in 1957. Exploring the area, a local 9-year-old boy, Hogarth, discovers the robot, and soon forms an unlikely friendship with him. When a paranoid government agent, Kent Mansley, becomes determined to destroy the robot, Hogarth and beatnik Dean McCoppin (Harry Connick Jr.) must do what they can to save the misunderstood machine. (PG)

Remember, you bring your friends. We'll bring the popcorn. Let's explore our faith in film!

GRIEF GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

After one year, it is time to disband our grief group held here at FPC. We have greatly appreciated the weekly, noon to 1 pm, meeting in the Chapel.

Thank you sincerely for your generosity in the use of this wonderful space!



WE NEED YOUR VOICE IN OUR CHOIR!

Feel the call to use your voice for praise in worship? We're looking for singers in our choir! If interested, please see Reg Pittman!

DEACONS ARE ON THE MOVE!

Clean out your clothes closets and help our community!

The Deacons have been made aware that there is a need for clothing for our Food Pantry patrons. Please bring your clean GENTLY used clothing in a small box or bag (no underwear, socks, or shoes) to the church office during regular business hours.

**Saturday, June 17
9AM to 1PM in Presby Place**

For more information, please contact
Mary VanderPol at
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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Best of luck on your new beginnings!





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June Lectionary

Sunday, June 4 | Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a & Psalm 8:1-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 & Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 11 | 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Hosea 5:15-6:6 & Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 & Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 18 | 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a & Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8 & Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Sunday, June 25 | 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13 & Psalm 69:7-10, 11-15, 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11 & Matthew 10:24-39