

Our mission is to create disciples for Jesus Christ and to practice His teachings by loving and serving God and one another.



SEPTEMBER 2022

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN TIMES

Letter from the Pastor

Friends,

There are so many things coming down the pipeline this month that I think are worthwhile, meaningful, and fun! I hope you'll feast on this edition of our newsletter and set your calendars. Just a few dates and activities I want to highlight are:



Sunday, September 4 | Be sure to join us at either our 8:30 or 10:30 service of worship where we will welcome Rev. Jarrett Meek (son of members Palmer and Marti Meek) to preach and introduce (or re-introduce) us to the beautifully-faithful and wonderfully-interesting ministry of Mission Adelante in Kansas City. Jarrett is the founder of this ministry and has had a life transformed by his encounters with the people whose lives have intersected with his own in and through this ministry. And we hope you'll come to share in the vision and joy of what God is doing through Mission Adelante, a mission our own congregation has supported prayerfully and financially for many years.



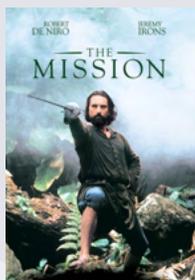
Friday and Saturday, September 23 & 24 | This is the Flint Hills Praisefest and Global Impact Food Packing Event. What is Praisefest? In short, it's a free, family-friendly Christian music festival that is filled with 10,000+ guests and performers from all over our country. First Pres. will have a booth for outreach at this event and we hope to see you there to worship God with other brothers and sisters in Christ. What is the Global Impact Food Packing Event? Well, it's just what it sounds like! First Presbyterian Church is one of the main sponsors of this ministry where we're hoping to see 400-500 volunteers from the body of Christ in our community working what might be described as an assembly line as we pack over 100,000 meals for people in need around the world. Think MREs (Meals Ready to Eat), only really tasty! This event will not be successful without you! All ages and stages and abilities can participate. And

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sign ups have begun. You can find more information at <https://www.praisefest.org/global-impact-event>. We hope to see you there as together we worship God and provide food for neighbors in need around the world!



Sunday, September 25 | This is the final date for this season's outdoor worship in the park. What a joy and blessing it is to worship God in the grand cathedral of creation! But seasons change...as does the weather. As October gets underway, we will continue our two-service schedule, but the early service will be moved indoors.



Friday, September 30 | Faith Formation has been doing lots of planning and dreaming, dreaming, and planning. And this year, beginning on September 30 at 6:30p.m., we are kicking off what we're calling a "Faith and Film" series. Once per quarter we will show a film – some are well-known, some might be more obscure – and we will have a brief discussion as to how themes from the film intersect with our faith. To kick off this series we will watch the 1986 film "The Mission" (rated PG, runtime of 125 minutes) starring Robert DeNiro and Jeremy Irons, Aidan Quinn, Liam Neeson, and more. This is an epic about a man of the sword (De Niro) and a man of the cloth (Irons) who unite to shield a South American tribe from brutal subjugation by 18th century colonial empires. Featuring breathtaking cinematography and one of the greatest soundtracks of the 20th century, by acclaimed

Italian composer Ennio Morricone, it's the movie that perhaps you didn't know you needed to see. Childcare will be provided in our nursery so that all stages may enjoy a night together. You bring your friends. We'll bring the popcorn. And, together, let's explore our faith in film. Hope to see you here.

There's so much to celebrate as we seek God's face together in worship, mission, service, and fellowship. Thanks be to God for the gift of community through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Peace,
Pastor Jason

STEWARDSHIP SIGHTING

BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The 10-member Business Affairs Committee at our church is a very active group of volunteers that not only meet monthly but various members often come regularly to inspect church buildings or to review a maintenance or repair need with the Director of Church Facilities. In accordance with the BAC Charter, they are responsible for developing an annual budget, which is approved by the Session, and monitored each month through various financial and budget reports. In addition, the committee monitors all the church buildings and grounds for needed repairs and maintenance as well as making recommendations, when necessary, of larger capital improvements. For more information or to volunteer contact Chair, James Neill.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events, Classes, & Save the Date's

YA Call Hall & Corn Hole | September 9th

Young Adults (Ages 18-25) | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday School Kick-Off | September 11th

All ages | Sunday morning's at 9:00 a.m.

Kids will be continuing a lectionary curriculum that incorporates aspects of both Sparkhouse Digital and Feasting on the word.

Adults will be starting a lectionary curriculum led by Pastor Jason that walks through discussion questions to prepare them for the upcoming scripture readings in the lectionary.

Annual Church Picnic | September 18th

Presby Place | 5:00 p.m.

YA Tacos & Trivia | September 27th

Young Adults (Ages 18-25) | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PNK Fall Youth Retreat | October 1st-2nd

Grades 7-12th | Rock Springs Ranch

During our time together, we will have Fun (Ziplining! Hiking! Gaga Ball!), Fellowship (lunch, dinner, smores and breakfast together!), and grow in our Faith. Youth cost is \$85 which includes all meals, lodging and activities. All you need to bring is yourself, your bedding and towels and clothes for the weekend...and prepare to have a good time! Register online by September 12, 2022 at www.pnks.org/upcoming-events

Kentucky Mission Team Trip | October 2nd-8th

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Hopkins County Emergency Management Agency in partnership with Madisonville's First Presbyterian Church will host a Mission Team from the Presbytery of Northern Kansas. For questions, contact Pam Beardsley at pambear34@gmail.com

Parents' Night Out : Unearthing the Bible | October 28th

Walking age to 11 years | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Kids will do a "dinosaur excavation" and learn about dinosaurs including interactive activities, a bible lesson, fun snacks and an archeology themed bible scavenger hunt.



FPC FOOD PANTRY

Gratitude for Meat Donation to Food Pantry



Thank you, River Creek Farms, for donating the high-quality steaks, roasts, and hamburger to the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry again this year to help meet the increasing number of families with food insecurities in our community. Mary Mertz delivered the meat to the church on July 19 on behalf of the RCF, and food pantry co-coordinator Emily Mark helped stock the meat in the pantry freezer. The high cost of beef has had a significant impact on its affordability for families and availability at the Flint Hills Breadbasket. The Mertz family farm has been in the Kaw River Valley in Zeandale since first settled in 1890. Their generosity is greatly appreciated!

If you would like to donate food/nonfood items to our food pantry or serve as a Friday volunteer (9 – 11:30 a.m.), contact Barbara Gatewood or the church office.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for all of the library donations we have received so far! This will be an ongoing project so we are still accepting donations and keep your eyes open for more information.



THANK YOU VBS VOLUNTEERS!

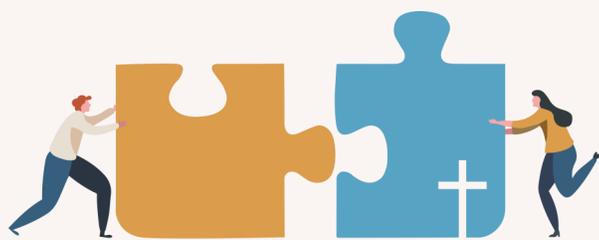
Thanks again to all of our generous volunteers for VBS...we couldn't have done it without you.

2022 Stewardship Campaign

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: FAITH IN ACTION

When you think of stewardship, what comes to mind?

Maybe fundraising or a capital campaign. Possibly taking care of the environment. Or maybe you think it is just a stale old word you have seen in a book. Maybe, if you are honest, you are not sure what it means.



PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER
FAITH IN ACTION

Our congregation at First Presbyterian Church has defined Stewardship by being a faith community who has had a history of being generous financially but also giving of ourselves through our time and talents. This is reflected in our theme this year, Putting It All Together: Faith in Action.

As we approach our Stewardship campaign, we need you to prayerfully consider your commitment financially as well as how you can give of your time and talent. We must all continue to ensure our church campus is taken care of for future generations, our staff is well supported, our children and youth ministries are strengthened, and our missions and outreach programs increase. Financial, time and talent pledges help us to move forward and plan God's future together.

This year we have included two separate pledge cards...one for your financial gift and one for your time and talent commitment. We ask that you prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use your gifts in 2023. Please return both pledge cards by September 29th so we can celebrate and dedicate our gifts to God on Sunday, October 2nd.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Peace and blessings,

The Stewardship Committee

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, October 28th from 6PM to 8PM

**Unearth the bible at our next P.N.O. event!
Activities include a dinosaur excavation, scavenger
hunt, and a bible lesson!**

Snacks and drinks provided. Ages walking to 11 years.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Life's Journey with Grief 12pm	Food Pantry 9am	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Parkside Worship 8:30am Nursery 9am-noon Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am 13th Sunday after Pentecost Season of Peace begins	Worship Committee Meeting 5:15pm Boy Scouts Troop 74 6:30pm Labor Day Office Closed	Community Showers 5pm Community Meals 6pm	Community Breakfast 7am	Life's Journey with Grief 12pm Business Affairs Committee 5pm	Food Pantry 9am Call Hall & Corn Hole 6pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Parkside Worship 8:30am Nursery 9am-noon Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Communion Sunday 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Membership Committee 5:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 74 6:30pm	Stewardship Committee 1:30pm Community Showers 5pm Community Meals 6pm	Community Breakfast 7am Staff Meeting 9am Women's Bible Study 10am Newsletter Deadline	Life's Journey with Grief 12pm	Food Pantry 9am	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Parkside Worship 8:30am Nursery 9am-noon Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Annual Church Picnic 5pm 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Memorial Committee 3pm Boy Scouts Troop 74 6:30pm	Community Showers 5pm Community Meals 6pm	Community Breakfast 7am Women's Bible Study 10am Personnel Committee 1pm	Life's Journey with Grief 12pm	Food Pantry 9am Praisefest Food Packing Event	Praisefest Noon—10pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Parkside Worship 8:30am Nursery 9am-noon Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Deacon's Meeting 5:30pm	Community Showers 5pm Community Meals 6pm Tacos & Trivia 6pm Session Meeting 6:30pm	Community Breakfast 7am Staff Meeting 9am Women's Bible Study 10am	Life's Journey with Grief 12pm	Food Pantry 9am Faith & Film "The Mission" 6:30pm	

SEPTEMBER

Lectionary

Sunday, September 4th

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1;
Phlm. 1:1-21; Luke 14:45-53

Sunday, September 11th

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10;
Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 18th

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113;
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 25th

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146;
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

HAPPY
Labor Day!
September 5, 2022

From all of us at FPC!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Carolyn Alexander

09/02 Shelley Manges

09/05 Bob Cox

09/06 Dana Hauck

09/06 Ethan Levin

09/09 Mary Alice Schlesener

09/10 Fani Wefald

09/11 Scott Voos

09/12 Lawrence Vogel

09/12 Cleo Richards

09/13 Rob Wagner

09/18 Val Converse

09/20 Jan Gibbs

09/20 Fred Borck

09/21 Barbara Gatewood

09/22 Samantha Tiroch

09/23 Marti Meek

09/24 Lynne Haines

09/26 Sharon Snyder

09/29 Kathryn Taylor



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KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Remember kick-off Sunday is September 11th for adults
and children's Sunday School!