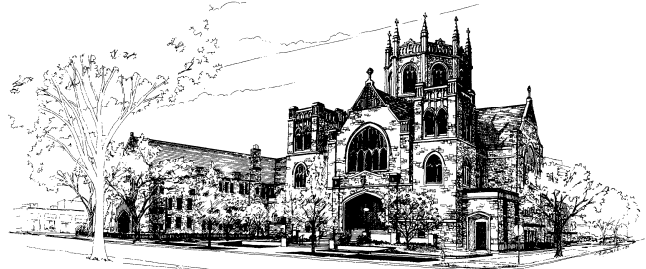


First Presby News



"In the Heart of the City, In the Heart of God"

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Mission Statement

In response to the love and grace of God, First Presbyterian Church of Wichita, Kansas, is a fellowship of believers bound together to glorify God and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, spiritual nurturing, education and mission to all people.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship (Chapel)
Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
(The Well)

Worship 10:45 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

First Presbyterian Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation



Ash Wednesday

Pancake Supper begins at
5:30 p.m. in
the West Dining Room
Ash Wednesday Service at
7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

FPC Lenten Group Study

Lent is traditionally a time of reflection and introspection.

This year we invite you to participate in an adult small group Lenten study. In addition to a Wednesday evening session facilitated by Pastor Brent in *The Well*, other venues will be posted on the bulletin board at *The Well* entrance.

"Deep within you lies the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the wind-swept Sea of Galilee toward Jesus. John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone. Out on the risky water of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you in ways that will change you forever, deepening your character and your trust in God. The experience is terrifying. It's thrilling beyond belief. It's everything you'd expect of someone worthy to be called Lord.

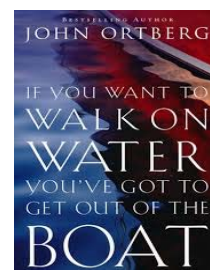
The choice is yours to know him as only a water walker can, aligning yourself with God's purpose for your life in the process. There's just one requirement: *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out*

of the Boat." (Zondervan publishing promo of the book.)

Sign-up is in *The Well*.

Groups are:

Monday Night Group-Begins Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m., Leaders: Tom & Peggy Church; **Thursday Morning Group** begins March 2, at 9:30 a.m.-Leader: Pat Welker; **Thursday Night Group**-Begins March 2 at 7:00 p.m., Leaders: Joanna Ediger & Stephanie Bird-Hutchison; **Friday Night Group**-Begins March 3 at 6:30 p.m., Leaders Candi & Kenny Lewis; **Sunday Morning Group**-Begins March 5 at at 9:45 a.m., and **Wed. Night Group**- March 8, at 5:30 p.m., Leader is Brent.



The cost of the participant's study guide is \$7.00, with copies available in the church office. If you desire the book by the same

name, upon which the study is based, the text is \$10.00. We hope you will consider joining one of the groups and stretch you faith a bit during this Lenten season.

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Sympathy:
 Our sympathy is extended to Liz Workman on the death of her brother, Robert Meeker; to Dorothy Helsel, on the death of her brother, Richard Gillies; and to Stan and Evelyn Koehn and family, on the death of their son, Thomas Koehn; and to Alice Robertson and Rosalie Klocke and their families on the death of their sister, Myrtle Lyon. Please keep these family and friends in your prayers as they grieve this recent losses.



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| 2 Evelyn Hibarger | 16 Mary Beth Wegerle |
| Sheldon Sears | 17 Howard Waller |
| Katie Waddell-Ritz | 18 Kevin Cronkleton |
| Lynne Ziegler | Jackson Mace |
| 3 David Mace | Janet Setser |
| 4 Donna Hellums | 19 Julie Hansen |
| Kathy McVey | Cliff Wathne |
| Steve Perry | 23 Mary Hollowell |
| 5 Brad Cline | 25 Richard Coldwater |
| Barbara Works | 26 Marilyn Lewis |
| 6 Katherine Barcus | Teresita Saghi |
| Donna Brodin | 27 Melody Stanberry |
| 7 Mary Johnson | 28 Allen Hillen |
| Trey Warner | 30 Carol Blumenshine |
| 10 Mary Crouch | 31 Nancy Perry |
| 11 Felix Briggs | |
| Ron Lyon | |

☞ From the Pastor's Desk ☜

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat

Continuing Education:

I have come back from a week in sunny Savannah, Georgia, feeling refreshed and energized for the tasks that lie ahead. Thankfully, I could plan my sermons from Lent to Pentecost which will help Steve to plan music that goes along with the theme of that Sunday. Additionally, I read the upcoming book for the Lenten Small Group by John Ortberg entitled, **"If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat."** This book will be an excellent follow up to our Annual Meeting in which we discussed two important subjects in the Town Hall Meeting: "The Path to Sustainability" and "The Need to Promote Growth." No doubt to do both well will require stepping out of our comfort zone to walk on water, in order to embrace the future God has prepared for us.

Follow Up to Town Hall Meeting:

Now that the foundation for growth and sustainability has been laid, it is important that we begin building upon it in creating consensus within ever larger concentric circles to engage our membership about the path ahead. So, I am suggesting that we engage first the Session with a retreat to discuss the next steps in promoting growth and sustainability. And then from this retreat there will be action steps in engaging our members to build excitement and trust to step out of the boat to walk on water with our eyes fixed on Jesus. I believe the weekend of April 28th and 29th to be the dates to accomplish this retreat at the Camp.

Worship that is EPIC:

As I think about our 10:45 worship service with the majority members attending who have grey hair, I wonder where are the younger families of our church who participate in the Wednesday night program? It seems to me we need to take the best elements of Youth Sunday and the 12:15 Encounter Service into the 10:45 Traditional service to be intergenerational and EPIC. EPIC is an acronym coined by

Leonard Sweet in *Post Modern Pilgrims* that describes worship as Experiential, Participatory, Inspirational, and Christ Centered. So, I am thinking what if we dedicated the 2nd Sunday of the month to have an EPIC intergenerational worship experience? We could have the Youth lead us in an Energizer or Perform the Scripture for one of the Readings or Lead the Pastoral Prayer or Sing or Play an instrument. The Worship and Music Committee will be meeting with the Youth Committee to explore this possibility of setting aside the 2nd Sunday of the month for an EPIC worship experience. Already we set aside the 4th Sunday as 4th at 1st in which extra music will be played at the 10:45 service, as well as Passport to Mission and the 12:15 Encounter, so why not market the 2nd Sunday as EPIC Sunday? The first Sunday is Communion Sunday. The Third Sunday is Minute for Mission and Prayers of the People Sunday. And the Fifth Sunday is Joint Worship with our Congolese Congregation. So why make the changes now? **All I know is that unless we try to find ways to engage our membership in worship to increase worship attendance in the Sanctuary, all those empty pews work against us.** This is the year to focus on growth and growing the average attendance in worship so that visitors will want to join in the excitement of all that God is doing at First Church. But, again, this will require us to step out of the boat to fix our eyes on Jesus if we want to walk on water.

Grace and Peace,



The Case elevator is out of service. It will be repaired as soon as possible. The parts are a few weeks out, but we will do what we can to expedite the repairs.

Here's What's Happening @ FPC



- ◆ Celtic Music in *The Well* the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ If you are home bound, or out of town or otherwise unable to attend in person, consider watching the Sunday morning worship service on our livestream option on the internet. Just go to www.firstchurchwichita.org and choose the Media Tab. From the pull down menu, select the Live Streaming option. You can "catch up" by viewing archived services as well.
- ◆ Publications & Session submissions due the 15th of each month. Committee Minutes may be sent in a separate file at your convenience.

An Opportunity to Serve Your Church

The nominating committee is in the process of contacting potential new session members and deacons. What a wonderful time to serve your church! If you are interested in serving, please tell Pastor Brent Johnston or Peggy Church (cell 316-648-9705) or visit with any other nominating committee member, Ann Eastwood, Alice Price, Zach Blessant, Lorena Kite, Cynthia Rekoske, Bill Sloan, Alexandra Washburn, and Gerry Winters. You may want to even suggest some names that the committee might contact. Thank you for helping us!



Daylight Savings Time Begins

A reminder to set clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 11, before bedtime. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12.



Easter Lily Donations

Envelopes for donations to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one are now available on the table outside the church office and in the church office. The suggested donation is \$12. Donations and names are needed by **Friday, April 7**, in order to be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Theological Themes in Literature

Theological Themes in Literature will meet on Thursday, March 20, at 11:45 a.m. in the Reception Room. The book for this month is *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger.

☞ From the Parish Nurse ☜

Tips on Coping with Change

We all know that change is inevitable...it happens all the time in life. People change, our circumstances change, and surprises arise that put us in unfamiliar situations. And unfamiliar situations make us feel uncomfortable, even if it is perceived as something positive. When change is viewed positively, we challenge ourselves to work through it, in hopes of a growth and maturing process, and ultimately satisfaction and contentment. But many times, life changes such as starting a family, moving, getting a new job or losing a job, dealing with loss and grief, health issues, and divorce, that throws us into a tailspin. We fret and agonize over our new challenging situation and all the possible consequences. Coping with change is seldom easy and few of us deal with change without feeling unruffled.



Here are some tips to transition through change as smoothly as possible:

Recognize the change. Even though we have a natural aversion to change, it is not helpful to pretend or deny that we are in change. Denial does not make our problems disappear; it makes things worse by giving us less time to problem solve a reasoned response.

Prepare for change if possible. Anticipating a change helps us to think what we can do to make it easier, or deciding what to do if it gets hard. Expect change to feel hard and anticipate stress. This is the time to think about our support system; family, friends, colleagues, and mental health professionals, who can be available in our time of need.

Be kind to yourself with change. Again, change is hard. Make allowances in your life by being gentle with yourself and not obsess about all the whys, what ifs, and should haves. Focus on the positive things in your life and be grateful for this.

Keep the familiar in your life. Sticking to our daily routines and chores, getting to our job, seeing familiar people and going to familiar places, helps us stay centered and focused. The familiar feels comforting.

Work at finding the new normal. Because of change, what was familiar before may no longer be. If we keep trying to find the old normal in our changed situation, we will struggle. We must establish new patterns for ourselves that will become familiar, routine and normal. These new normals will eventually feel good, too.

Trust in God's presence and provision for your life. By lifting up prayers for ourselves and others, especially in times of change and transitions, we can be assured that He listens and acts on our behalf.

Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6-7 (The Living Bible)

Joan Aldrich

☞ Children's Ministry News ☜

A Few Updates from the Children's Director, Liz Garner

Wednesday night we still meet at 5:30 for dinner, children's choir practice and then we will have an interactive activity for the children to do. Our time does end at 7:30 p.m. I am happy to stay with your kids until 7:45 p.m. if you have teens in the youth program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (316)214-4318 or email me @ childrendirector@firstchurchwichita.org



Children's Church

Children's church is off to a great start. We encourage you to bring your kids. We will be starting a study called "The Holy Spirit," which will help the children to understand what the Holy Spirit is, and how it adds an extra layer of protection to their lives.

We are still trying to troubleshoot a few issues for Sunday's program. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

REMINDER

Children will come to service with their parents like normal. After the Call to Worship, parents will need to bring their children to the front of the church to sign them out to a staff member. We will then take the children to their worship room (Room C217.) Parents may sign their children out after the service ends. We are making these changes in effort to ensure the safety of our FPC children.

On Communion Sunday the Children's Director and Staff will bring the children in at the end of service to participate in the service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Kid's Club still needs volunteers and people willing to help. Please contact me if you are able or interested.

Save the Date & Reminders



- March 1st Ash Wednesday
- March 22nd NO KID'S CLUB
- April 9th Children's choir will be singing for the Palm Sunday service
- April 19th Last Kid's Club for the school year
- June 12th-16th Vacation Bible School at FPC
- June 19th-23rd Games Camp at Whispering Winds camp

☞ Youth Activities ☜

Youth Activities for March 2017

- March 1 (Ash Wednesday) – Youth Club-5:30-6 p.m., Church-wide Pancake Dinner-6-7 p.m., Worship (Ash Wednesday) 7 p.m.**
- March 4 (Saturday) – The youth are volunteering at the Community Breakfast in March. Please plan to be there from **7:30-9:30 a.m.****
- March 5 (Sunday) – (2) worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday school is in the Youth Lounge from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Melodrama rehearsal from 12-2 p.m. (*notice time change!*) All youth 6th-12th grade are welcome.**
- March 7 (Tuesday) – Youth Ministry Team meeting, 6-7 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.**
- March 8 (Wednesday) – Youth Club-Free time-5 to 5:30 p.m., Dinner-5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Music Enrichment-6:15 to 6:45 p.m., Bible study-6:45 to 7:30 p.m. and Closing 7:30 to 7:45 p.m.**
- March 10-12 (Friday-Sunday) – SleepLESS in Sterling! Early Youth Council van leaves at 4:00 p.m. and the later van leaves at 5:30 p.m. We will return on Sunday around 2:00 p.m. Daylight Savings Time will begin in the United States at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, 2017. At that time clocks will “spring forward” one hour.**
- March 11 (Saturday) – Garden & Grounds-9:30-11:30 a.m.**
- March 12 (Sunday) - No Youth Sunday school. (2) worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Melodrama rehearsal from 6-8 p.m. (*notice time change!*) All youth 6th-12th grade are welcome.**
- March 15 (Wednesday) - Youth Club-Free time-5 to 5:30 p.m., Dinner-5:30 to 6:15 p.m., Music Enrichment-6:15 to 6:45 p.m., Bible study-6:45 to 7:30 p.m. and Closing 7:30 to 7:45 p.m.**
- March 19 (Sunday) – (2) worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday school is in the Youth Lounge from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Melodrama rehearsal from 12-2 p.m. All youth 6th-12th grade are welcome.**
- March 20-24 (Monday-Friday) – No school-Spring Break!**
- March 22 (Wednesday) – No Youth Club- Kansas Food Bank-1:00 - 3:00 p.m., arrive by 12:45 to check in so we can get started right at 1:00 p.m.**
- March 26 (Sunday) – Fourth at First Music, mission and 12:15 Encounter service (2) worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday school is in the Youth Lounge from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Melodrama rehearsal from 12-2 p.m. All youth 6th-12th grade are welcome.**

As you can see, in March there are lots of ways each and every youth can participate and come together to show our love and Christian faith. Questions? E-mail Geri Doll doll@firstchurchwichita.org, call or text 316-737-8855. *We are happy to give you a ride if needed.*

Friday, April 7 @ 6:00 p.m., Saturday, April 8 @ 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, April 9 @ 12:00 p.m.

Adults: \$12 in advance/\$14 at the door

Kids 5-12: \$5 in advance/\$6 at the door-Under 5-Free

***New Group rate: (for groups of 5 or more)**

\$10 in advance/\$12 at the door

—Write name, tear off and place in offering plate—

Reservations: Name_____ #in Group___Adults___Kids___

Purchase ad:\$25 ¼page___ \$35 ½page___ or \$50 full pg.---

Make donation: Name_____ \$ Amount_____



☞ Kansas Food Bank ☜

Helpers Needed to Fill Backpacks of Food for Kids



Wednesday, March 22 some of our Presbyterian Women, members of the Youth Group and any member of FPC that is interested, will meet at the Kansas Food Bank, 1919 E. Douglas, to fill backpacks of food that school children take home on weekends. Over 7,000 children in the 58 counties served by the KFB receive the backpacks.

Those wanting to help should arrive at the Food Bank by 12:45 pm. Our shift is for two hours, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Since the project requires standing, be sure and wear comfortable shoes. It is cool in the warehouse so wear warm, layered clothing. The KFB needs to know how many are coming so they can be properly prepared. If you can help, leave your name in the church office by noon on Sunday, March 12, or contact Mary Knecht, PW moderator, at knechtmary@hotmail.com or 942-8068.

The Food4Kids program started on a small scale in 2004 after teachers and social workers determined that some children were showing up at school on Monday morning having eaten little or nothing since their school lunch on Friday. More and more children in Wichita and in Kansas are food insecure. Our assistance with time and treasure is needed. Brian Walker, director of the KFB, reports that every \$1 donated will provide four meals. The PW Bake Sale in December raised \$300 for this project.

☞ Comic's Corner ☜



☞ Camp Whispers ☜

Camp Work Day

Camp Work Day will be on April 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have painting, cleaning, chainsaw work, and raking, plus plenty of other things. The pool will be worked on by Doug Aldrich and crew. We want to open the pool on Memorial Day weekend. Open house/ work day 4-22 ! **Help Wanted:** Life Guards for the summer.



Youth Mission Project

The youth do a mission project the first Wednesday of every month at Youth Club. This month they made Valentine cards for the Community Breakfast.

DILLON'S COMMUNITY REWARDS



To verify that you are enrolled in the Dillon's Community Rewards program, check near the bottom of your grocery receipt for "First Presbyterian Church." If FPC is not identified there, please go to www.dillons.com, create an account, and identify Organization Number 10149. If you need assistance to enroll, stop by *The Well* between services on the 3rd Sunday of each month (same as blood pressure checks). Funds donated by Dillon's are used to support the Camp, its programs, and its missions. Thank you for your support.

☞ A Few Words from Judy ☜

A few months ago, I was sitting at a table at the Bel Ami Café on North Broadway - a kind of old world quiet restaurant - waiting for a friend. She lives way west and I live way east, so we meet there occasionally for dinner because it's halfway in between.

As I sat there waiting for her, a young man walked in and right away he seemed familiar. (I'm always seeing people I think I know.) He sat down at a table on the opposite end of the room with a group of friends, but he was sitting directly opposite from me so I could see him clearly. His actions, his gestures, and his smile all reminded me of someone that I hadn't seen for years, since I left New York forty years ago. He and his wife had been good friends of mine. Of course, I had never met this young man, but the way he walked and stood were so much like his dad's, I just knew this young man was my old friend's son.

The Scripture passage (printed in part below) was the subject of a devotional reading I picked up one morning last week. This Scripture reminded me of the incident in the restaurant and how alike these two men were. And here, right in front of me, was another father/son relationship that reveals many similarities.

When you read about Jesus and how he related to others, we know a lot about God. Jesus always taught love; he was quick to forgive and he healed others. He was kind, compassionate, and assured us there was nothing to fear. Since he is God's son, we know that God has these same characteristics: loving, forgiving, kind, and compassionate. We know God because we know Jesus.

Taken from John 14: 1-14: Jesus said, (ver.7) "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you know him and have seen him."

Judy

"Hidden Figures" Mathematician is Longtime Presbyterian



"Hidden Figures" the current popular movie is about a group of brilliant female African-American mathematicians who aided NASA during the space race. The movie features the story of Katherine G. Johnson, a longtime Presbyterian and a 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom awardee. Based on the non-fiction book of the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly, the film tells the true story of Johnson and her two colleagues who worked as "human computers" with the burgeoning space program in the late 1950's and early 1960's. They were charged with collecting flight data and verifying that NASA's newly introduced electronic computers had correctly calculated the details of space missions.

A member of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia, for more than 50 years, Johnson served her church in several leadership roles. At NASA she is known for her calculations of the trajectory for fellow Presbyterian John Glenn's flight and for Allan Shepard's flight. She is also known for her work on the 1969 Apollo Mission, the first human voyage to the moon, the on-the-fly computations that enabled the Apollo 13 astronauts to return home safely from space and the Space Shuttle program. On May 5, 2016, the 55th anniversary of Alan Shepard's historic rocket launch and splashdown, the new Katherine G. Johnson Computational Research Facility was formally dedicated at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia.

There is more information and a photo of Katherine Johnson at this site.
<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/February-26>



Economy Corner

January's 2017 total sales were \$7460.91. FPC's share was \$7035.53 and Grace's was \$425.38. There was a decrease of \$80.39 in our total sales over January 2016 due to being closed one day because of icy weather. We filled 92 vouchers for basic clothing necessities which were equivalent to \$1305.95. FPC's portion of the vouchers equaled \$1114.00 and Grace's was \$191.95. We are in need of men's jeans in smaller (for example 28 inch waist) sizes.

At our January Board meeting, we unanimously voted on a request made by Pastor Judy Conners to donate five \$10 EC gift certificates to Alcoholics Anonymous for their Spring Roundup Event for AA families in March. We are grateful to be able to reach out in many ways to our community. This is made possible by your generous donations of goods and volunteer time which allow us to assist our urban community in meeting their daily needs.

From the Archives

147th Anniversary of FPC: a time to celebrate
by Gary M. Huffman, Archivist

What were you doing on March 13, 1870? If you lived in the new town called Wichita, you might have been a part of the small group that was planning to organize a new church.

Home Missionary Timothy Hill had visited Wichita and decided that it might be a good place to plant a new Presbyterian church. He directed the Rev. Wilberforce K. Boggs to come down to Wichita from Emporia and see what could be done. Boggs arrived in Wichita in the late fall of 1869 and began preaching and conducting a Sunday school.



During the winter of 1869-1870, the group met in an abandoned military dugout near the corner of 12th and Jackson (1 block west of Waco).

Archives

William Finn had been asked to start a school and so he located the only property that was available and ready to use. He taught a subscription school during the week and met with the Presbyterians on Sunday. Finn described the dugout as "commodious" with dormer windows letting in light. He joined the group as part of the 13 charter members, who on Sunday, March 13, 1870, established what was to become First Presbyterian Church of Wichita.

Only one of the charter members lived within a few blocks of the dugout. Most lived several miles away on new land claims where they intended to build permanent places to live.

As soon as winter was over, the congregation longed to find a better place to worship. After meeting in upstairs rooms of newly finished store buildings, including a livery, the congregation made plans to construct a church building in which to worship. Because finances were tight, the congregation sought assistance from the Board of Church Erection. Finally a small grant was made but the local congregation had to bear the major load of responsibility.

Land was acquired, but by the time construction could begin, the location was no longer suitable because the center of the town had shifted from North Waco to Main and Douglas. Eli Waterman made land available at 2nd and Wichita and that is where the church was built.

After only two years, the small church building was no longer large enough and plans were made to build a new church in a new location. The old church was sold to the Catholics for about \$500.00 and moved east to 2nd and St. Francis.

As is often said, the rest is history. If you are interested in further details, you may want to secure a church history (*This is Who We Are*) from the Archives. See Gary Huffman if you are interested. This hardback volume is a well-written account of the first 125 years of First Presbyterian Church and was produced as part of the 125th Anniversary celebration. Every church family should have a copy.

On Monday, March 13, take time to reflect on our great heritage. Give thanks to God for our past and ask for God's continued blessing on our present and future. Wichita's oldest congregation continues to share God's message in the heart of the city.



Wednesday, March 1	5:30 Pastor Brent's Small Group Study	6:00 Deacons Mtg. (C109)
9:00 Dorcas (C105)	6:00 Camp Com. Mtg. (Hobbs)	Wednesday, March 15
5:30 Kid's & Youth Club	5:30 Kid's & Youth Club	9:00 Dorcas (C105)
5:30 Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper (EDR)	5:30 Wednesday Night Bible Study (Parlor)	5:30 Kid's & Youth Club
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)	6:00 James Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	5:30 Wednesday Night Bible Study (Parlor)
Thursday, March 2	7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	6:00 James Ringers
8:30 Sr. Men's Breakfast (WDR)	Thursday, March 9	7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 Pat Welker's Small Group	9:00 Economy Corner Board Meeting (EC)	Thursday, March 16
7:00 Ediger/Hutchison Small Group	Friday, March 10	8:30 Sr. Men's Breakfast (WDR)
Friday, March 3	12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)	11:45 Theological Themes in Literature (RR)
6:30 Kenny & Candi Lewis Small Group Study	Saturday, March 11	Sunday, March 19
7:00 Kell First Friday (Bruce & Patty Cole's)	9:00 Gardens & Grounds	Prayers of the People
Saturday, March 4	9:30 Transportation Meeting (C109)	8:30 Worship (Chapel)
8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR, WDR, KIT)	Sunday, March 12	9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)
9:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)	8:30 Worship (Chapel)	9:30 Sunday School & Luccock (Parlor)
Sunday, March 5	9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)	9:45 Dillon's Rewards Enrollment (<i>The Well</i>)
Communion	9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)	10:00 Blood Pressure Check (<i>The Well</i>)
8:30 Worship (Chapel)	10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)	10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)	10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)	10:45 Children's Church (C217)	10:45 Children's Church (C217)
9:30 Brian Howard's Small Group Study	10:45 Congolese Worship (C204 & C201)	10:45 Congolese Worship (C204 & C201)
10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	11:45 Worship & Music Com. Mtg. (McComb)	12:00 Evangelism Com. Mtg. (McComb)
10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)	1:00 Melodrama Practice (EDR)	Monday, March 20
10:45 Children's Church (C217)	Monday, March 13	5:00 Stewardship Com. Mtg. (Parlor)
10:45 Congolese Worship (C204/C201)	4:30 Personnel Com. Mtg. (Hobbs)	Tuesday, March 21
1:00 Melodrama Practice (EDR)	7:00 Celtic Music (<i>The Well</i>)	1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
Tuesday, March 7	Tuesday, March 14	5:30 Session (Parlor)
1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)	1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)	Wednesday, March 22
5:15 Mission Com. Mtg. (Hobbs)	2:00 Blood Pressure Check (EC)	9:00 Dorcas (C105)
6:00 Stephen Ministry Supervision (C103)	4:00 Foundation (Hobbs)	5:30 Wednesday Night Bible Study (Parlor)
6:00 Youth Ministry Team (YL)	5:15 Children's Ministry Team (RR)	Friday, March 24
Wednesday, March 8	5:30 Finance & Administration Com. Mtg. (Hobbs)	12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)
9:00 Dorcas (C105)		
10:00 PW Study Circle (Parlor)		
5:00 Facilities Com. Mtg. (McComb)		

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Session Notes

Items from the February 21, 2017, Session Meeting:

- The current membership of FPC is 443

Melinda Sears

The Session and Deacons met on 02/21/2017 for their annual combined meeting and pot luck supper Session actions after the meeting with the Deacons:

- Approved Personnel's request to hire an off duty police officer for added security on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings
- Approved the job description of the off duty police officer, as presented by Personnel
- Began the planning process for a retreat on 04/28 and 04/29 to address the concerns shared with the congregation during the Town Hall Meeting this past January

Calendar—contd.

Sunday, March 26 **Yellow Bag Sunday**

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Children's Church (C217)
- 10:45 Congolese Worship (C204/ C201)
- 11:45 Passport to Mission (*The Well*)
- 12:15 Encounter (*The Well*)

Tuesday, March 28

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
- 2:00 Blood Pressure Check (EC)

Wednesday, March 29

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 5:30 Kid's & Youth Club
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Study (Parlor)
- 6:00 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

