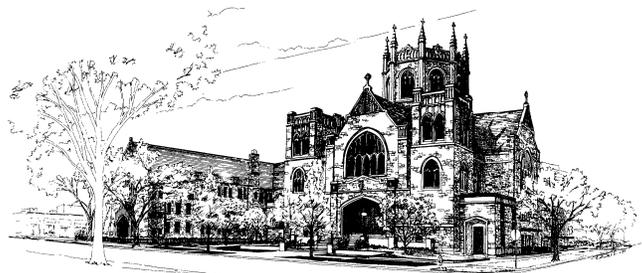


First Presby News



"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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Worship 8:30 (Chapel)

Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
(The Well)

Worship 10:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church is a
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SPECIAL EVENTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

HERITAGE SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29



Our Heritage Sunday celebration of our Scottish and Protestant Heritage will be on October 29. This year

we not only remember our Scottish roots, but also our Protestant roots, since this is the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing his 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg Scholsskirche (Castle Church).

This service draws its inspiration from the order of worship at St. Giles, Edinburgh, Scotland, and from the Rev. Dr. David Walker's experience as an exchange pastor to Scotland. There will be special music from the choir, the organ, and the bagpipers.

Remember there is only one service at 10:45 a.m. on Oct. 29. The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston will be preaching. 50 Year or More members will be honored.

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. by the Youth. Special displays are on view in the display cases of the East Dining Room and in The Gallery outside *The Well*. Also the Archives will be open from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Several special items will be on display.

The morning celebration will end on the front lawn with music by the Pipes and Drums.

ANGULO CONCERT SERIES

NOVEMBER 5



First Presbyterian Church is very proud to announce the Angulo Concert for 2017.

The concert will be held on November 5th, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church, at 3:00 p.m., and will feature the Wichita Chamber Chorale singing J.S. Bach's Cantata, *Ein feste Burg*. The text for the familiar hymn was written by Martin Luther, who, on October 31, 1517, penned a document called "95 Theses." The Reuter pipe organ and Rodgers Console will be featured.

This event is being underwritten by First Presbyterian's Angulo Organ Concert Series and the Wichita Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Admission is free to the public. Organ Postlude by Mark Sweeney.

It begins at 3:00 p.m. and a Reception will follow in the East Dining Room.

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☞ Congregational Care ☜

Let Us Focus Our Prayers on These Members:

Phyllis Randle, Sailor Sulier, Katie Waddell & family, Brenda and Tom Warner, Jr., Donna Hellums, Richard Graves, Deanna Waggaman, Trey Warner, Gail and Jim York, Linda and George Bair, Judy and John Weber, Margaret and Dick Wieland, Kristine Blough, Patrick Martin, Wendy and Brad Bowles & family, Loyce and Gary Booher, Matthew Brown, Mark Johnson, Mary and Mitch Jr. Crouch, and Virginia Garver.

From a Church Sign:

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What's missing from church?

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| 1 Heidi Iwig | 17 Daryll Ott |
| Teresa Lang | 17 Marsha Veestart |
| Kenneth Long | 18 Jennifer Lewis |
| 2 Wendy Bowles | John Weber |
| Janet Shurtz | 21 Ann Eastwood |
| 3 Brad Bowles | Marilyn Heffner |
| Lydia Iwig | Merl Hollis |
| 4 Dolores Granger | Alice Robertson |
| 6 Randy | Verla Hansen |
| Cunningham | 22 Michael Inman |
| Penna Moler | 24 Robert Bell III |
| Pat Welker | Albert Graham |
| Gerry Winters | 25 Harvey Hibarger |
| 7 Aubrey | Cassandra |
| Swenson | Leidig-Carrillo |
| 8 Bob Brown | 26 Tracy |
| Meryt Ediger | Dranselka |
| 9 Betty Broderson | 27 Patricia Schulte |
| 10 Karen Bove | 29 Sharon Gates |
| 11 Candi Lewis | Karen Graves |
| 13 Zach Blessant | 30 Roberta |
| 15 Kenneth | Fiebach |
| Gabrielson | |
| Charles Iwig | |
| Dale Spaeth | |

∞ From the Pastor's Desk ∞

Reformation: Where it all Began!



*Luther Bible in
Augustinian Monastery in*

What an amazing trip to Germany with Columbia Seminary to walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther. We visited Eisleben-- the place where Luther was born and died. It was his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Luther would go on to study at University at Erfurt where he learned Latin and then on to the Augustinian Monastery where he would learn Hebrew and Greek. This proficiency in the languages would serve him well when translating the Old Testament from Hebrew to German and the New Testament from

Greek into German and when the manuscripts were poor using Jerome's Latin Bible as well. Thanks to the invention of the printing press and to artist Lucas Cranach who illustrated Luther's Bible and tracts... the message of justification

by grace through faith rang out loud and clear in the Holy Roman Empire (modern Germany) in which Charles V was crowned Emperor by the German Prince Electors like Frederick the Wise.

Frederick the Wise was Prince Elector of half of Saxony whose castle and church were in Wittenberg. Frederick the Wise, called wise for wanting to educate his subjects, asked Jon Staupitz, an Augustinian monk in Erfurt, to set up the University in Wittenberg. Jon Staupitz asked his prized pupil to come with him. And the rest is history when Luther tacked the 95 Theses against the practice of selling indulgences to the Castle Church of Wittenberg.



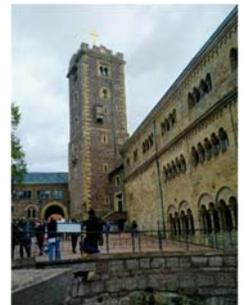
*Frederick the
Wise*



*Phillip
Melancthon*

In Wittenberg we visited Lutherhaus, which was the former Augustinian Monastery. We also visited Melancthonhaus, the home of Phillip Melancthon another Reformer in Wittenberg who was brilliant in Greek and theology and herbology—a real renaissance Man. Melancthon would later write the Augsburg Confession and catechism. Melancthon would marry the Lord Mayor's daughter and get a special dispensation to own three goats instead of one per household. This did not go over well with Luther's wife—Katherine Von Bora.

We also visited Wartburg Castle, where Luther was whisked away after the Diet of Worms, in which Charles V put a price on his head for being a heretic. Prince Frederick the Wise was Luther's protector and disguised Luther as Squire Jorge for eleven months in Wartburg Castle till things cooled down. But as it turned out it only heated up in Luther's absence as a colleague at Wittenberg (Thomas Munster) used the Reformation to rebel in the political realm the power Princes' exerted over the peasants. Thomas Munster lead the Peasant's Revolt and Luther needed to come out of hiding to squash it before everything got out of hand. And Luther lost his Protector in Prince Frederick the Wise.



Wartburg Castle

We also visited the city of Leipzig as it was a place where Luther disputed a Catholic Theologian named Johann Eck. Leipzig was also the place where Bach got his start as a Choir Master. And Leipzig is the place where the velvet revolution from communism in Eastern Germany (EDR) began. We even got to talk to some pastors who were part of this movement of the Spirit to set God's people free. It is interesting that Martin Luther's given name was Luder but he changed it to Luther as it was the root of a Greek word to set free. Martin Luther after discovering that the *just shall live by faith* was set free from trying to live a life to please God or to assuage God lest his holiness break out against him as it did poor Uzzah. So, Martin Luther would sign his name with the epithet Martin "The Freed One."

We also visited Buchenwald, just outside the town of Weimar—the culture capital of Germany, where prisoners were taken who rebelled against the Nazis or didn't fit their understanding of the Aryan race. Bonhoeffer would become one of its most famous prisoners for about three months before being sent on to Flossenburg to be hanged on April 9, 1945. On May 5, 1945, Buchenwald would be freed of the Nazis by the Resistance and the Allies who liberated the camp.

☞ Quarterly Report ☜

JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income		Expenses	
Contributions	\$ 315,463.76	Communications	\$ 3,690.18
Investments	\$ 6,168.47	Deacons/Evangelism	\$ 492.18
Foundation	\$ 158,186.00	Worship/Music	\$ 3,535.16
Economy Corner	\$ 63,811.36	Camp	\$ 5,715.68
Other	<u>\$ 76,755.40</u>	Education/Fellowship	\$ 20,388.61
		Mission/EC	\$ 60,222.07
		Finance	\$ 57,351.42
Total	\$ 620,384.99	Facilities	\$ 100,185.58
		Stewardship	\$ 497.50
		Evangelism	\$ 388.36
		Personnel	<u>\$ 434,428.62</u>
		Total	\$ 686,895.36

The Church ended the third quarter with a deficit of \$66,511.64. Our total income for the nine-month period amounted to 72.4% of our projected income for the year. Our expenses totaled 66.2% of our budgeted expenses. Our budget has a projected shortfall of \$181,018.0. We have several larger expenses that will be recognized during the last quarter of the year. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

From the Pastor's Desk-continued

From 1942 to 1945 six ovens were used to cremate the remains of those killed by this barbaric regime. Our group visited the memorial to the holocaust, the Topography of Terror, and the Museum of Resistance in Berlin. What was stunning was to see how the Nazi's co-opted Luther as Reformer to cast Hitler in a similar light. There were posters with them juxtaposed to each other and in effect saying Hitler is only carrying out Luther's vision of exterminating the Jews.



All the sites we visited were in the former East Democratic Republic of Germany. So, the sites we visited had three layers of history as we remembered the Reformation that set Germany on a course of freedom from the Catholic Church and its monopoly on religious and political power to unleash the forces of the Reformation and Rebellion that still reverberate today. The Peasant Revolt that the Princes crushed killed over 100 thousand peasants. Luther castigated their rebellion as the work of the devil and reminded them their loyalty to those whom God has put in power. He then cited Romans 13 for his reasons for not joining them. But these very words would be used by the Nazis to keep the Church from rebelling against Hitler and the atrocities from his regime.

Down through the centuries Luther has been seen as a Reformer, a Father of the Nation, and as Promulgator of Anti-Semitism. All are true. No one portrait captures the complexity of this man. But how shall we remember Luther, a giant of a man who had clay feet, who did not set out to start a new church over against the Catholic Church. But the winds of protest were used by God and the devil to sow genuine reform and illegitimate expressions of power and greed to deprive people the very freedom the Reformation sought to bring.

How shall we remember the past? Can the past inform the present and point towards the future? Or will an imaginary past of the good old days be used to resist the winds of change that blew Luther's way but bypass us for we fail to follow the one who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life? It is my prayer that it is not the latter but the former as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.



3:15 is the time of liberation

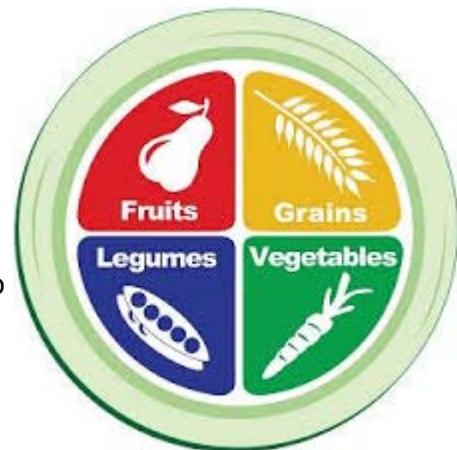
Grace and Peace,

Brent

☞ From the Parish Nurse ☜

WHAT IS PREDIABETES?

Prediabetes is a serious health condition where blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough to diagnose diabetes. According to public data obtained through the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), it affects 86 million Americans—more than 1 out of 3—and more than 90% don't even know they have it. It is a wake-up call that you are on the path to Type 2 diabetes. Often time, prediabetes goes undetected because you do not experience clear symptoms until serious health problems show up. Let's talk about risk factors that may alert you to talk to your doctor about getting regular blood sugar testing done. Risk factors include:



Age 45 or older

Obesity or being overweight

Family history (parent, brother or sister) of prediabetes or Type 2 diabetes

Sedentary lifestyle (participate in physical activity less than 3 times/week)

Are African Americans, American Indians, Hispanic/Latino Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Asian Americans

Have had diabetes while pregnant or have given birth to a baby weighing more than 9 pounds

History of PCOS-Polycystic ovary syndrome

History of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or cardiovascular disease

If you are at risk for prediabetes, it would be very important to talk to your health care provider and ask about these simple blood tests for screening purposes. Your doctor will order one or more of these tests:

1. **A1c test or hemoglobin A1c.** This test reflects an average of blood glucose levels from the past 3 months. Doctors use this test to diagnose prediabetes and diabetes control. **Normal levels: 5.6% or lower, Prediabetes: 5.7% to 6.4%, and Type 2 Diabetes: 6.5% or above.**
2. **Fasting plasma glucose test (FPG).** This blood test measures the blood glucose level when you have not eaten for at least 8 hours. **Normal levels: less than 100, Prediabetes: 100-125, and Type 2 Diabetes: 126 or higher.**
3. **Oral glucose tolerance (OGTT) test.** First, a fasting glucose is drawn. Then a sugary solution, administered by a health care provider, is consumed and 2 hours later, another blood glucose is drawn. **Normal: less than 140, Prediabetes: 140-199, Diabetes: 200 or higher.**

If you have been diagnosed with prediabetes, please take this seriously because it has been shown to lead to not only type 2 diabetes, but also other health conditions such as heart disease and stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and nerve damage. The good news is there is evidence that many people with prediabetes can delay or prevent full blown diabetes and other health complications, with lifestyle changes. Incorporate these 3 key lifestyle changes now for a healthier outlook:

1. **Lose weight.** Losing as little as 5% to 10% of body weight, just 10 to 20 pounds for a 200- pound person can decrease your risk for Type 2 diabetes.
2. **Exercise.** Regular physical activity means getting at least 150 minutes a week (that's just 30 minutes a day, 5 times/week) of brisk walking, cycling, or swimming or similar activities. Check with your doctor before starting an exercise program, especially if you haven't been active.
3. **Nutrition.** Follow a healthy eating plan that includes meals that mix low fat proteins, vegetables, and whole grains. Limit calories, especially in sugary foods and drinks, and starchy carbs, and incorporate fiber-rich foods that help you feel full and satisfied.

Cut your odds of getting diabetes and Be Well!

Joan Aldrich

☞ Children's Ministry News ☜

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED CANDY, THEIR TIME, AND HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S FALL FESTIVAL.



Awanas

We have had a great turn out each week since we started last month. We have also welcomed some new faces into our Wednesday night activities. The children's team would like to thank the parents, volunteers, and leaders who have all helped us make this new adventure such a great success. Children are learning scripture and how to apply it into their own lives. We are hoping to that this will help the build a strong foundation in the Lord and keep them on a path following the Lord.



FALL FESTIVAL (OCT 8)



Fall Festival at the Camp was a blast! Everyone enjoyed the beautiful fall weather that highlighted hayrack rides, pumpkin-chuckin', pumpkin bowling, pumpkin checkers, pumpkin painting, bean bag toss, and other fun stuff. Many people commented that the Camp had never looked so good, sporting new reddish brown stain-paint, and a landscape manicure by the Camp Committee (special thanks to J.D. Page!)

Judy Connors presented the Vespers Service on the lawn, including a history of the Chime Tower and a tribute to David Reitz for his help in building it (thanks, David!) Thanks also to Alyssa Watkins and her daughter Bronwen for ringing those chimes for two songs during the Vespers. Steve & Gretchen Bixler also led songs

as part of the service. Dinner was held in the Lodge and included chili, pot luck, and ghoulish desserts. Steve Bixler won the Chili Cook-off, receiving a trophy for his efforts, and Cynthia Brinley was the runner-up. Gerry Winters won the Ghoulish Dessert contest for her cute Spiders! Yum!

☞ Youth Activities ☜

Youth Activities for November 2017

November 1 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.

November 4 (Saturday) - Community Breakfast

November 5 (Sunday) - 2 worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m.

November 7 (Tuesday) - CE meeting 5:30-7 p.m.

November 8 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.

November 12 (EPIC Sunday) - 2 worship svcs. at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m.

November 15 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.

November 17-19 (Friday-Sunday) – Westminster Woods Work Weekend-Early van 5 p.m., Late van, 6 p.m. Return on Sunday around 1:30-2 p.m.

November 19 (Sunday) – No Youth Sunday school, 2 worship svcs. at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

November 22 (Wednesday) – No Youth Club

November 26 (Sunday) - 2 worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. **Hanging of the Greens**

Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Youth making College/Career Care Packages noon-2 p.m.**

November 29 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.

Need to contact me?

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We are happy to give you a ride if needed.

Steve Bixler won the Chili Cook-off for the 2nd year in a row!



Hay Rack Ride



Prizes



Pumpkin Checkers



Pumpkin Chuckin'



Fall Festival 2017

Alternative Gift Market

FPC's PW sponsors booth at Alternative Gift Market

The 23rd annual Wichita Alternative Gift Market is scheduled for Saturday, November 11 at University Congregation Church, 9209 E. 29th Street N. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The market will feature over 30 different national and international projects that assist some of the poorest of the poor around the world. Shoppers can also purchase fair-trade crafts from international artisans presented by Ten Thousand Villages and fair-trade chocolates, coffees and teas from Equal Exchange. Visit

AlternativeGiftMarketWichita.wordpress.com to preview the projects featured in this year's market.

Alternative gifts do exactly what traditional gifts do: express love, celebrate occasions and show you care. But alternative gifts are different: they are things like food pantries for shelters, scholarships for students in Haiti, or milk producing yaks for orphans in China. Tax-deductible "gifts" (hand crafted tree ornaments) can be purchased to give to your family and friends along with beautiful greeting cards and inserts describing the projects you supported in their honor.

First Presbyterian Church was a founding partner of Wichita's AGM. Harriet Prichard, a former member of FPC, was the founder of AGM when she was the Director of Christian Education several years ago at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Women will be hosting the project "Learning is the pipeline to success." Poverty should never determine whether a child will succeed or fail in life. The Mississippi Delta area is one of the most economically poor regions in the US. Their schools are some of the worst performing nationwide, leaving students ill prepared for future advancement or for joining the workforce. The funds raised from this project will provide tutoring for students not only in reading, writing and arithmetic, but also in healthy eating, cooking and social skills.

Dozens of local congregations and service groups will participate in the Wichita market, one of dozens of such markets held by volunteers across the USA to raise funds for our global neighbors in need. "Act locally; impact globally!" Two mini markets will be held in *The Well* on Sundays November 12 and 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Comic's Corner



"Thank you for this turkey and dressing which you have provided, and the broccoli which the devil has slipped in."

WORK DAY AT WHISPERING WINDS CAMP

Please join us for the Fall Work Day at the Camp on November 18, from 8 to 4 (come when you can, leave when you need). We'll have coffee and donuts to get us fired up in the morning. Lunch will also be provided by the Camp Committee, including smoked meats, sides, dessert, and drinks. Please bring chainsaws, loppers, and trimmers, if you have them, and related safety gear (gloves, boots, ear/eye protection, etc.). Thank you for helping us maintain the legacy and missions of the Camp.



The December *Presby News* will be published November 29. All submissions are due for that publication by November 15. On the occasions when the 15th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, please have all information submitted by the Friday before.

☞ The Ministry of Small Things ☜

Several decades ago Phillips Petroleum Executive Vice President Bob Roberts showed me something as we were standing on the wings of a stage in preparing to present Eagle rank awards to five Boy Scouts. He pulled a “do a good turn daily” coin out of his left pants pocket and said, “I’ve carried this coin for a long time. It reminds me that I need to do something for someone else every day and when I have, I place it in my right pocket. A good day is when this coin is in the right pocket at the end of the day.” Well, I’ve been thinking ever since about small things, small actions that accumulate to make big differences.

Just as coral reefs are built by jillions of small coral and said reefs having an incredible impact on health and sustainability of oceans, so small positive actions make the world a disproportionately better place to live in. One of the small things our church does to promote social justice is to advocate the purchase of Don Justo coffee, multiple selections which are available in *The Well* for about \$11 a bag. If one would go to “oursisterparish.org” and read the information there one finds the impact it makes. For example, buying the coffee at a “just” price, enables over one thousand families to purchase the fertilizer needed for these subsistence farmers to grow corn and beans to feed their families. We are a partner with the Presbytery of Des Moines in support of this mission.

So as you consider your upcoming Thanksgiving meal, consider serving Don Justo coffee. It is a small thing in the scheme of Thanksgiving dinner spreads, yet it makes a big difference for some of the “least of these my brethren. Regular and decaf are available on the coffee stand at the north end of *The Well*. Bare shelves created by many purchases would be nice to see.

(submitted by Tom Church)



Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5

☞ Economy Corner ☜

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Metastatic Breast cancer (cancer that has spread to other organs) is responsible for about 40,000 deaths every year of BOTH women and men. One American dies every thirteen minutes from breast cancer. Please keep these people and the scientific research community who are battling this disease in your prayers.



Again, the Economy Corner's September 2017 sales exceeded September 2016 sales by \$1,277.78. First Church's sales were \$8,537.08 and Grace's were \$866.82 for a total sales of \$9,403.90. We filled 145 vouchers this month which are equivalent to \$1,984.00 worth of basic clothing. First Church's portion was \$1,539.75 and Grace's was \$444.25. Looking ahead, we will be having a Veteran's Day Sale on Nov. 14th.

The Economy Corner Volunteers appreciate your generous donations as we endeavor to fulfill our Mission of providing low cost clothing and daily necessities to our Urban Community.



Sunday, November 26, will be our Hanging of the Greens at 12:00 p.m. We will be decorating the church for the Advent season.



Poinsettia trees will once again adorn the Sanctuary for the Advent season. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, the suggested donation is \$12. Please place your order by December 13.

☞ A Few Words from Pastor Judy ☜

For most of September, I have been hobbling around with a large, but definitely “high fashion” pneumatic walker boot on my left foot. In late August, I flew to Chicago, to visit my daughter and her family – to spend time with my three grandchildren, and to revel in the end-of-summer weather at the North Shore. One late morning, as I was heading out for a lunch date with my daughter, I missed a couple of steps leading to the garage, and landed hard on a stone floor. Before long, my left foot transformed into the size and color of a fully-ripened eggplant. We decided that it was a sprained ankle and, with plenty of icepacks and ibuprofen, I managed to enjoy the remainder of my visit and fly home without further incident. The next week, an x-ray revealed two broken foot bones, but I was told they were healing and I was grateful that no surgery was required. I was thankful, too, that wearing the “cute boot” for a few weeks should make my foot good as new.

Because of my now altered gait, I developed back and muscle pain, and open sores on my right ankle because I kept hitting it with the metal boot encasing my left foot. The boot slowed me down and I was exhausted by afternoon from dragging it around. It ruled every minute of my day, and I was becoming depressed and anxious.

I quickly learned that accepting change in life, whether good or bad, temporary or permanent, intentional or accidental, is just the beginning! It’s the adjustments to change, that we often under-estimate or are simply not aware of, that can challenge our sense of well-being, confidence, and hope.

The concern for me expressed by my family, friends, and church family over the past month has been greatly appreciated! However, this experience with pain and inconvenience is “small potatoes” compared to what others have suffered and continue to live with permanently.

It is easy to recognize and reach out to someone with a cast, a cane, a walker, or a wheelchair, but let us be ever mindful that the heaviest burdens many people carry are often hidden - never spoken aloud..

A wise person once said, ***Be kind to everyone you meet, because everyone carries a silent suffering within.*** Our Lord Jesus had a “sixth sense” when it came to ferreting people, often hidden in a crowd, who were in need of his attention. We, as Christ’s followers cannot BE him, but we can strive to be LIKE him, by giving our compassion and encouragement to those who suffer in silence, as well as to those whose wounds speak for themselves.

Grace and peace,

Judy

☞ From the Archives ☜



SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF VETERANS IN THE TILFORD MEMORIAL GARDEN NOV. 12

by Gary M. Huffman,
Archivist

A few months ago, a church member approached me with an idea that we should honor the veterans buried in the Memorial Garden. It seemed like an excellent idea and I presented it to Session who approved the project.

After an intensive search was made, bronze medallions were selected to be placed at the markers of all of the in-ground burials in the Garden. Small plaques indicating military service will be placed below each nameplate of veterans buried in the Columbarium.

With generous support from Jeannetta Miner, the medallions are ready to be placed in the Garden.

On November 12, 2017, there will be a dedication service in the Memorial Garden immediately after church. All are invited to join us in this special recognition ceremony. Family members are particularly urged to be present.

During this Veterans’ Day weekend, what better way to say thank you than by extending our gratitude to those who have served our country from our church.

PW LESSON #3 “CLOUD OF WITNESSES, IN COMMUNITY WITH THE LIVING WORD”

Presbyterian Women continue their study of the book of Hebrews. The major theme is that the ever-present “great cloud of witnesses” (Heb. 12:1) strengthens and encourages us as we “run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Heb. 12:1-2).

Joan Aldrich will be the leader for lesson #3 “In Community with the Living Word” that will be held Wednesday, November 8, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. In lesson #1 the theme was how Jesus, the Son, is the exact imprint of God’s very being. In lesson #2 we looked at the images of God in both traditional and modern ways. In lesson #3 we’ll rediscover how the sturdiness of the word of God is seen as a supportive element in the life of a faithful community.

Any woman in the church is welcome to attend this fellowship. The circle meets the second Wednesday of the month September through May. For additional information: knechtmary@hotmail.com or 942-8068.




NOVEMBER 2017

Wednesday, November 1

- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)
- 5:30 Awana & Youth Club
- 6:00 Wednesday Night Bible Study
(*The Well*)
- 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, November 2

- 8:30 Sr. Men's Breakfast (WDR)

Friday, November 3

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)
- 7:00 Kell First Friday (Coles)

Saturday, November 4

- 8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR, WDR, KT)
- 8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)

Sunday, November 5

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204/C201)
- 3:00 Angulo Concert (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 Angulo Reception (EDR)

Tuesday, November 7

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
- 2:00 Blood Pressure Check (EC)
- 5:30 All Committee Meetings
- 6:00 Deacons (C103)

Wednesday, November 8

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 10:00 PW Study Circle (Parlor)
- 5:30 Awana & Youth Club
- 6:00 Wednesday Night Bible Study
(*The Well*)
- 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)

- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, November 9

- 9:00 Economy Corner Bd. Mtg. (EC)
- 4:30 Promote the Growth (*The Well*)

Friday, November 10

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)

Saturday, November 11

- 9:00 Gardens & Grounds
- 9:30 Transportation (C109)

Sunday, November 12

EPIC Worship

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)
- 9:30 Stephen Ministry Supervision (C103)
- 9:30 Min Alternative Gift Market (*The Well*)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 EPIC Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204/C201)
- 11:45 Min Alternative Gift Market (*The Well*)
- 12:00 Veteran's Memorial Dedication (Tillford Memorial Garden)
- 12:00 Worship & Music Com. Mtg. (McComb)

Monday, November 13

- 4:30 Personnel Com. Mtg. (Parlor)

Tuesday, November 14

- 9:00 Presbytery Meeting (Sanctuary, EDR, *The Well*)

Wednesday, November 15

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 5:30 Awana & Youth Club
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Bible Study

(*The Well*)

- 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, November 16

- 8:30 Sr. Men's Breakfast (WDR)
- 11:45 Theological Themes in Literature (RR)

Friday, November 17

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)

Sunday, November 19

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)
- 9:30 Min Alternative Gift Market (*The Well*)
- 9:30 The Great Spiritual Migration (WDR)
- 10:00 Blood Pressure Check (*The Well*)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship-Stewardship Dedication (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204/C201)
- 11:45 Min Alternative Gift Market (*The Well*)
- 12:00 Kickoff Luncheon (EDR)

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)

Thursday, November 23

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Economy Corner Closed

Friday, November 24

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Sunday, November 26

Yellow Bag Sunday

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204/C201)
- 12:00 Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, November 28

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)

Wednesday, November 29

- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)
- 5:30 Awana & Youth Club

- 6:00 Wednesday Night Study (*The Well*)
- 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Session Notes
from 10/17/17 Meeting

- * Worship & Music reported on the plans for Christmas Eve Services. The 10:45 a.m. service will have an expanded children's time. There will be a 7 p.m. service.
- * Worship & Music reported that an Angulo Concert will take place on 11/5 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary and The Carol Banquet is 12/13.
- * Camp reported that due to the number of activities already in the works for December, the Winter Wonderland will not occur.

Session Notes-cont.

- * Finance reported that expenses have exceed income, thus as of the end of September the budget was once again in deficit.
- * Promote Growth reported that the Growing Potatoes luncheon was a successful endeavor and they plan to present the outcomes and findings from that luncheon after the 1st of the year.
- * Mission assisted the Wichita Refugee Congregation Church in opening a checking account.
- * Mission reported that the Korean Presbyterian Church donated \$1000 to assist in covering the costs of our monthly community breakfast.
- * Membership as of 10/17/2017 is 417

Melinda Sears,
Clerk of Session