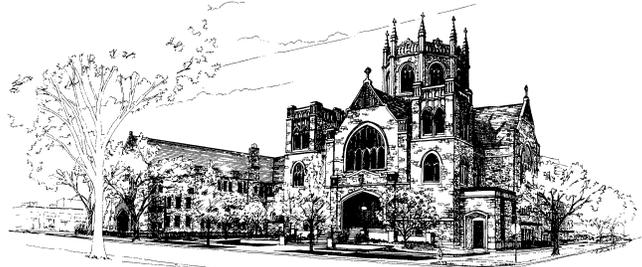


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Mission Statement

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— Summer Schedule

Coffee Fellowship 9:00 a.m.
(The Well)

Worship 9:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

**Regular Schedule begins
on September 10**
8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

**First Presbyterian Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation**

Back To School Giveaway 2017



Involvement Fair

Sunday, September 10, 2017
9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

In *The Well*

Information about small group studies,
Kid's & youth Activities,
Adult Education

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Let Us Focus Our Prayers on These Members:

Hilary and John Norris & family, Caroline and David Reitz, Cynthia Berner, Janice Savute, Tracy Dranselka, Penna and Bob Moler, Eleanor Parsons, Dot and Bob Schneider, Kim Farmer, Beth and John Garrison, Kayeli Rekoske & family, E. Rogene Glenn, Ken Gabrielson, Richard Forwalder, Jolynn and Gerald Blood, Darryl Ott, Louise and Gale Farmer, Stacey Rucker, and Nancy Moore.

Sympathy:

Sympathy to the Jane Crouch family, who died on July 29 in Colorado. Please keep Jane's family and friends in your prayers as they grieve her recent death. Sympathy also to the Betty Callaway family. Betty is Kim Duncan's stepmother, and died on August 3. Please keep Betty's family and friends in your prayers as they grieve her recent death. Sympathy is extended to Liz Garner and family on the death of her father, Brent Norris. Brent died August 14. Please keep Brent's family and friends in your prayers as they grieve this recent loss.



1 Brian Howard	16 Kayeli Rekoske
Silvia Landers	17 Carol Darnell
Eric Schulte	Hilary Norris
2 Jaynean Wood	18 Doug Aldrich
5 Laci Haas	William Bond
7 Bill Copeland	Dolores Johnson
Ralph Fiebach	Amber Mattke
Carmine Gascon-Black	Mark Robertson
Lindsey Hellwig	Steve Specht
Zachary Howard	19 Sailor Sulier
Tom Winters	20 Vivian Leupp
8 Gail York	23 Todd Jones
9 Bob Schneider	24 Velta Clough
10 Bill DeVore	Geri Doll
Marilyn Grisham	23 Carolyn Plavcan
11 Warren Lewis	27 Adriana Mau
Tom Warner	Walter Mau
12 Sandra Carriker	29 Abigail Geering
Cleo Richards	Charles Hoke
14 Cynthia Rekoske	Ray Wheeler, Jr.
Ann Watson	30 Christopher Gales
15 Tammi Schulte	Samantha Gales
Esther Warner	

☞ From the Pastor's Desk ☜

August 10, 2017

Update on my Continuing Education:

This summer I have committed myself to two continuing education experiences that have required more out of class work than usual. Usually, when on continuing education I can do all the work in and out of class that week. But not this time.

My first continuing education experience has to do with my trip with Columbia Seminary to Germany to trace the life of Martin Luther, his place of birth, where he lived as a University Professor and posted the 95 theses, where he holed up in a castle pretending to be a knight, and where he died. We will also take a side trip to Buchenwald to see where Bonhoeffer would spend his last day before his death. What I didn't know in auditing this travel seminar was all the reading and writing required in preparation for our trip and after our trip. I feel like a student back in Seminary... except this time I already have a full-time job!

My second continuing education experience has to do with my participation in the Kansas Leadership Center's Seminar entitled "Lead for Change." Not only has this involved four days of experiential learning from August 1-4, but will entail an additional three days on October 18-20. *The Kansas Leadership Center believes that leadership is not a position but an activity.* And that anyone can acquire the skills to be an effective leader by excelling at the four competencies of leadership that involve: *Diagnose the Situation, Manage Self, Energize Others, and Intervene Skillfully.* Acquiring these skills is important in making progress on adaptive challenges. An *Adaptive Challenge* in contrast to a *Technical Solution* are not easily solved because they involve changes in human behavior. For instance, the *Adaptive Solution* that I am working on has to do with changing the culture of First Presbyterian Church to become a *welcoming, inviting, hospitable* congregation that seeks to *know Jesus Christ and make him known* in the world. What is challenging about this adaptive challenge is the "inviting" part.

Historically, it has not been part of our DNA as Presbyterians, God's Frozen Chosen, to invite friends, family, co-workers, and even strangers to Church. And, yet, if we want to grow the ministry, the mission, and the membership of the Church we must become comfortable in being an "Evangelist for Jesus Christ and First Church." Some of the technical solutions that the Promote the Growth Task Force have tried in lowering the barriers for growth have been installing a playground inside the fence to change the narrative of "Who are we keeping out?" to "Who are we keeping in?" The Sport Court between the two parking lots announces to those who drive by that we get "Youth." We have a place for them to blow off energy in a safe environment. *The Well* brings the Coffee Fellowship into the 21st Century because of its Coffeehouse feel and specialty drinks, which makes it easier for members and visitors to know one another. It slows the drive-in and drive-out experience of our members so they can deepen their relationship to one another.

And now the Promote Growth believes it is time to address the negative energy of such a large sanctuary when over half the pews are empty on most Sundays. What would our sanctuary look like if we would make little changes so that it works for us 52 Sundays out of the year instead of 3? What would it look like if the use of technology could be a seamless experience for EPIC Sundays or hosting Presbytery or hosting the Durfee Lecture Series? According to the Kansas Leadership Center, it is important to raise the heat to be fully engaged and productive but not too much that we get angry and check out of the process. No doubt this requires intervening skillfully. And this the Promote the Growth must do if we are to make progress on our adaptive challenge at First Church.

Getting Ready for the Fall:

The Fall will be here before you know it. This Fall holds great promise for engaging our congregation in ministry and mission as we seek to know Christ and make him known. First, we kick off the Fall Schedule with the *Involvement Fair on September 10* from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in *The Well* and 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Find out all the ways you can get involved and make a difference in somebody's life for Jesus Christ. Then on *September 17* Leonard Sweet Small Groups begin and will continue for the next four to 6 weeks studying one of the books by Leonard Sweet, our keynote Speaker at the Durfee Lectures. Sign-ups are in *The Well*. Literally, we have something special going on every Sunday until after Christmas to invite friends, family, co-workers, and strangers to. For example:

September 10: Fall Worship Schedule Begins, Involvement Fair in Well

September 17: EPIC Sunday—Get Back into the Swing of Things, Growing Potatoes Luncheon, Sweet Small Groups

(From Pastor Brent's Desk-continued on page 6.)

☞ A Few Words from Pastor Judy ☜

One cool, sunny morning a few weeks ago, I drove to Lindsborg, KS to have lunch with a dear friend of many years. She and her husband live in Colorado, but were in Manhattan, KS, visiting her mother. Together, we had hatched a plan to meet for lunch in this charming Swedish community. During our visit, Betty Burton, mother of my friend Royce, reminded me that she had been an active member of FPC for 50 years. Royce had grown up in our church. Betty spoke of a special program at FPC, "back in the day," that had a lasting impact on her family. Elderly members of the church, who no longer drove, could call the church and request a ride to worship. The church would match them with other members who would provide transportation.

Betty and her family adopted FPC member Helene Webb, who wanted to come to church, but could not drive herself. Helene soon became a part of the Burton family. Royce remembers how much Helene enriched their family life. And, Betty is currently able to attend First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan regularly, thanks to her son and his wife, who are active members.

But...times have changed. Many shut-ins are hesitant to call and ask for a ride because they "don't want to be a burden," yet they miss the experience of corporate worship. Some don't have family members willing or able to bring them to church. Some don't use cell phones or have access to "live streaming" of FPC worship on the internet. Nowadays, the rest of us live more active lives, we sometimes travel on weekends, and are farther removed from one another. It's easy to forget those who would like to worship with us but need our assistance in getting here.

Connecting with and caring for others is the essence of Christ's call to us, and there are double rewards when we do – by enriching the lives of others, we enrich our own lives in unexpected ways that can have a lasting impact.

"Come to the Table" is a new outreach ministry to our shut-ins - an opportunity to bring them to the Communion Table on the first Sunday of the month, beginning **October 1**.

I hope that each of you reading this will prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer driver on Communion Sunday for a person in your area eager to attend church, but cannot drive. Few of us will be able to make a once-a-month commitment – but alternate drivers are vital to the work of this ministry! We live in a highly mobile society where transporting ourselves is the key to independence. Consequently, not one of us wants to think about the likelihood that, at some point in our future, we may no longer be able to drive. In Matthew 7:12 Jesus tells us this: **"In everything, then, do to others as you would have them do to you."**

(For more information, please read the "Come to the Table" announcement in insert.)

Blessings,

Judy



Sunday, October 29

Heritage Sunday

10:45 a.m. Worship

(No Chapel Service or Sunday School)

9:00-10:00 a.m. Free Pancake Breakfast

Archives Open 9:00-10:15 a.m.



A reminder that beginning on September 10, we return to two services: 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel, and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

☞ From the Parish Nurse ☜

ADULT VACCINATIONS

By Taylor Gill, PharmD

A couple of weeks ago my mom injured her leg and needed a tetanus vaccine booster. She was recalling her saga of getting the vaccine, which included troubles in figuring out where to get the vaccine and also what type of tetanus vaccine to get. The whole process was such an ordeal because she was told she needed the Td vaccine and not the Tdap vaccine (both types of tetanus vaccines but one includes pertussis and one doesn't).



"WHAT? Mom, you should have gotten the other vaccine!" I reply. So, I thought that this might be a great opportunity to share information on what types of vaccines we need as adults.

As parents we have been vigilant in ensuring that our children are properly vaccinated but I bet as adults many of us have not given it much thought outside of the annual flu vaccine. However, there are many vaccines adults need to help to ensure that we are protected against a whole host of diseases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publish annual recommendations for healthy adults and those with specific medical conditions. Regardless of which medical conditions you have, all adults should consider the following vaccines:

Influenza – All adults should receive this vaccine EVERY YEAR in the fall. There are different types of influenza vaccines and the most popular for adults is the trivalent attenuated vaccine. This means that the vaccine is made from a killed virus and it contains 3 strains of influenza (two strains of influenza A and one strain of influenza B). The vaccine is different each year as scientists predict which strains will cause the most issues and use those to create the vaccine.

Pneumococcal – There are two types of vaccines against *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, a bacteria that is the most common cause for pneumonia. There is Prevnar (13-valent conjugate vaccine) and Pneumovax (23-valent polysaccharide vaccine). If you are over the age of 65 then you should receive a Prevnar vaccine and then 1 year later receive the Pneumovax vaccine. This will help prevent against pneumonia.

Varicella zoster – We all remember getting chicken pox as a child. I proceeded to give my big brother chicken pox when he also had mono (sorry, Hugh). After we get over chicken pox the virus actually stays in our bodies but doesn't hurt us. However, as we get older it can become active again and cause a condition known as shingles. The Zostavax vaccine is recommended in all adults over 60 years of age to prevent the reactivation of the varicella virus and help to decrease the risk of shingles. The good news is that you only have to get this one once.

Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis – A tetanus vaccine is needed every 10 years, regardless if you have had an injury. As I mentioned, there are two types of tetanus vaccines, the Td and the Tdap. Both of these vaccines target tetanus and diphtheria and the difference is that Tdap also has the activated pertussis (T = tetanus, d=diphtheria, ap = activated pertussis). The Tdap is recommended at least once as an adult in place of the Td to get that pertussis booster. So, get a tetanus shot every 10 years and one of those times it should also contain the pertussis booster.

Now that we know which vaccines we should have the next step is figuring out where to get them. You can always get vaccines at your physician's office but you can also get them at the Sedgwick County Health Department, immediate care clinics (i.e. Little Clinics) and your local pharmacy. Pharmacists are certified to immunize adults and so the next time you are at Dillon's, Walmart, Walgreens, or CVS, add a vaccine to your shopping list!

Lastly, it is important that if you do receive a vaccine outside of your doctor's office that you inform your doctor which vaccine you received and when it was given to you. This way your doctor will have the most up to date information.

Happy vaccinating!

☺ Children's Ministry News ☺



*Family Fun Night is September 6

5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in *The Well*

**Bring Your Own Dinner*

September 9: Work room clean out 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

September 13: Kids and Youth Club Kick-off 5:30 p.m.
- 8 p.m. (*Dinner in the west dining room*)

Wednesday Night Club

Wednesday nights will be different this year. Instead of meeting for dinner on the third floor of the Case Building, we will now be meeting in the West Dining Room for dinner. We are hoping for a family type dining experience. We will be splitting the grades in two groups: K-2nd, and 3rd-5th. We also are planning a recreation time and the children will be split up for choir time. We are hoping this will help the older children work on some more complex material and we are very excited for this change.

(From Pastor Brent's Desk-continued from page 3)

September 24: Acolyte Recognition

October 1: World Communion Sunday—Joint Worship with WRCC, Come to the Table

October 8: Fall Festival @ Camp from 3 to 7 p.m., Vespers at 5:00, Chili Cook Off at 5:30 p.m.

October 15: EPIC Sunday, Leonard Sweet Preaching

October 22: Stewardship Campaign Kick Off

October 29: Heritage Sunday

November 5: Come to the Table, Angulo Concert 3 p.m.

November 12: EPIC Sunday

November 19: Stewardship Dedication

November 26: Christ the King Sunday, Hanging of the Greens

December 3: First Sunday in Advent, Come to the Table

December 10: Second Sunday in Advent, EPIC Sunday—Children's Christmas program

December 17: Third Sunday in Advent—Christmas Cantata

December 24: Christmas Eve Services—10:45 a.m. (Family); 7 p.m. Christmas Pageant and Candlelight

So, let's become an Evangelist for Jesus Christ and invite friends, family, co-workers, and strangers to First Presbyterian Church this Fall.

Grace and Peace,

Brent

Pastor Brent

☞ Youth Activities ☜

Youth Activities for September and October 2017

- September 2 (Saturday) - Community Breakfast with the Youth Group Volunteering – 7:45 a.m.
- September 3 (Sunday) - (1) worship service at 9:30 a.m.
- September 5 (Tuesday) – CE meeting 5:30-7 p.m.
- September 6 (Wednesday) – Family Night-5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.-*The Well* *Bring Your Own Dinner
- September 9 (Saturday) – Resource Room Clean-up-9 a.m. (Youth work nursery!)
- September 10 (Sunday) – **Involvement Fair in *The Well***- 9 a.m. to noon (Back to 2 worship services @ 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.)
- September 13 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
- September 16 (Saturday) - Youth Council Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church
9:30 a.m. Exec. /10:00 a.m. everybody.
- September 17 (EPIC Sunday) - 2 worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
No Youth Sunday school (setting up for luncheon) After the 2nd service,
GROW POTATOES 2017-youth hosting churchwide luncheon.
- September 20 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
- September 24 (Sunday) - 2 worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Acolyte Recognition Sunday
Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- September 27 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
- October 1 (Sunday) - Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m./2 worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Joint service with Refugee Congregation, followed by a potluck lunch, plan to leave by 1:30 to go to the **Crop Walk** 1-1:45 p.m. register, 2 p.m. walk begins.
- October 3 (Tuesday) -CE meeting 5:30-7 p.m.
- October 4 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
- October 1 (Saturday) – Community Breakfast
- October 8 (Sunday) - 2 worship svcs. at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Fall Festival at Whispering Woods Camp 3-7 p.m., 3-5 p.m.-games, 5 p.m.-Vespers, 5:30 p.m. dinner & chili cook-off!
- October 11 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
- October 14 (Saturday) – **Leonard Sweet** seminar 9 a.m.-noon, Durfee lecture at 7 p.m.
- October 15 (EPIC Sunday) - 1 worship service at 10:45 a.m. with **Leonard Sweet**
Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- October 18 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
- October 21 (Saturday) – Corn Maze/Pumpkin Patch trip
- October 22 (Sunday) - 2 worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- October 25 (Wednesday)-No Wednesday Clubs
- October 29 (Sunday)-**Heritage Sunday**-No youth Sunday school.
Youth cooking/serving arrive at 8:30 a.m., the breakfast is from 9:30-10:30a.m.

Need to contact me?

Geri Doll-Youth Director-cell phone # 316-737-8855/doll@firstchurchwichita.org/Facebook.
We are happy to give you a ride if needed.

Small Groups

Small Group Study Opportunity in Preparation for Dr. Leonard Sweet Visit

Given our hosting of Dr. Leonard Sweet this fall for the Durfee Lecture Series October 14th, we have selected one of his books as our small group study focus prior this fall. The book we have selected is *The Well-Played Life*, written by Dr. Sweet in 2014. This book has a lot to say to our congregation and its members, so we hope many persons will sign up for one of the small groups. Having read several of Dr. Sweet's books in the past few months I can say he is engaging and provocative in a positive sense. He closes the book by saying, "We've had five hundred years of "making things work." Maybe it's time to start making things fun." As you know, October 31, 2017, is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Surely it is a turning point in the history of Christianity. At one point Sweet quotes G.K. Chesterton who wrote, "The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it had established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild." So we invite you to join our lively discussion of this book.

Groups will form between September 10th and 24th for this four week study. Sign-up sheets will be posted in *The Well*.

If you do not join one of the small groups, then I want to suggest a second book by Sweet, his 2017 book titled, *Mother Tongue*. This book is the remarkable story of the impact his mother had on Sweet, his two brothers and father. People reading this book will be present for the Durfee lecture series as they will say, "I've got to meet this guy." (Article submitted by Tom Church) Copies of the books mentioned above are available in the church office for \$10.00 each.

FALL FESTIVAL AT WHISPERING WINDS CAMP



Our annual Fall Festival will be held this year on Sunday, October 8. Festivities will begin at 3:00. Vespers will be held at 5:00 and a Chili Cookoff at 5:30.

Economy Corner

August News from the Economy Corner

How do you give back? Sometimes it's as simple as writing a check or cleaning out a closet. Other times, a different kind of giving is essential. One must consider what the cause is most in need of. Often VOLUNTEER TIME is what an organization is most in need of and truthfully, that can be the most personally rewarding donation you can make. This is the situation with the Economy Corner. Yes, we need donations of goods and at times we have cash expenses which come up but the majority of the time what we really need is people. Age, health and family responsibilities are catching up with our volunteers making recruitment of new volunteers essential to the Economy Corner's survival. The Corner's executive board is discussing "out of the box" ideas to make volunteering as user friendly as possible. Perhaps you could start as a substitute. Our rules require that there be three workers in order to open the store. At this time we have NO names on our sub list, so the first week in August we had to wait to open while hunting for someone to fill in. The majority of our work occurs in the back, i.e., sorting, preparing items for sale and pricing (we have pricing charts to help). We also have need of help out front if you prefer interacting with the public or operating the cash register. We can be flexible with scheduling; once a week or once a month, substituting, or "on call". We will work with you, if you will just volunteer. The rewards of donating your time to help others are immeasurable. So how do you give back???

Our total sales for July 2017 were \$7,187.14. FPC's share was \$5971.04 and Grace's was \$1216.10. There was a decrease of \$867.72 in our total sales over July 2016. We filled 92 vouchers for clothing necessities which were equivalent to \$1,358.00. FPC's portion of the vouchers equaled \$1041.85 and Grace's was \$316.15. We appreciate your continuing donations and support in serving our community.

HERITAGE SUNDAY

Heritage Sunday will be held on October 29. There will be a pancake breakfast at 9:30 a.m., and worship will be at 10:45 a.m. Postcards will be available in September for you to take to invite special guests for this exciting day.



∞ Fall Opportunities ∞



JOURNEYS ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 2017 SEPT 24 – DEC. 24
SUNDAYS 9:30 – 10:30 A.M.
WEST DINING ROOM



THE HUMAN STORY IS A TALE OF PEOPLE IN MOTION. JOIN US IN THE JOURNEYS CLASS AS HOPEFUL PILGRIMS MOVING FORWARD IN OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH.

SEPT. 24-OCT. 15
THE WELL-PLANNED LIFE
BY LEONARD SWEET LED BY JEFF VAN SICKLE

OCT. 22
NOV. 5 & 12
ALL THINGS MADE NEW: THE REFORMATION AND ITS LEGACY
BY DIARMAID MacCULLOCH
LED BY BRIAN HOWARD

NOV. 19 – DEC. 24
THE GREAT SPIRITUAL MIGRATION BY BRIAN MCLAREN
LED BY PAT WELKER

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STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop A Half-Day Workshop Featuring:

- Session 1: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- Session 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry
- Session 3: How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

When: Saturday, September 23-9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
(Check-in and on-site registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)

Where: First Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$15 per person

To Register: Visit www.stephenministry.org or call Stephen Ministries at (314)428-2600

(No cost to our members)

Save the Date



YOU ARE INVITED to be present on **Sunday, September 24, 2017**, at the **10:45 A.M. Worship Service** to honor the young people of our congregation who have served God and our church during the past year through participation in the Acolyte Ministry.

Our ministry is based on a passage from chapter 8 of John in which Jesus says, *I am the Light of the world. So if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path.*

Entering with the light on Sunday mornings symbolizes bringing the presence of Jesus into our Sanctuary. Lighting the two candles on the Communion Table reminds us that Jesus is both God and human, and carrying out the light at the end of the service reminds us to share the love of Christ with others.

This fall we begin our twelfth year of the current ministry. Our acolytes are outstanding young people that Sheli Blessant and I have the privilege of working with. On Sept. 24 we will present the acolytes with Certificates of Recognition to show appreciation for their service.

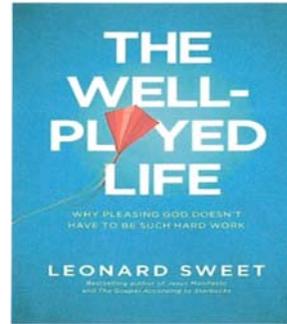
Thank you to the acolytes' parents and to the members of the congregation for supporting this important part of worship at the First Presbyterian Church.

The following acolytes will receive certificates: Griffin Barker, Owen Barker, Zach Blessant, Bailey Bowles, Brandon Bowles, Carter Bowles, Bronwen Burch, Iain Cline, Sierra Coldwater, Jacob Ediger, Meryt Ediger, Chris Gales, Samantha Gales, Jared Keller, Torre Rekoske, Aidan Schulte, Sailor Sulier, Khyah Van Es, and Katelyn Young.

We welcome other young people to participate in this ministry. In order to participate, a young person needs to have the self-discipline to follow procedures and to participate in the Worship Service. In addition, sufficient small muscle dexterity is needed in order to control the flame in the lighter. All acolytes receive one-on-one training prior to the first Sunday to serve, and an experienced acolyte serves with a new one for the first few times to serve. If you are interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact me or stop by the acolyte room on a Sunday morning.

Lilly-Ann Huffman
Acolyte Ministry Coordinator

4-Session Study Groups



Sunday Morning Group-Begins Sunday, Sept. 24
Leader: Jeff Van Sickle-Journeys Sunday School Class—9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. in the **West Dining Room**

Sunday Morning Group (Under 45)-Begins Sunday, Sept. 17 Leaders: Tom & Peggy Church—9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. in the **McComb Room**

Monday Night Group-Begins Monday, Sept. 11
Leader: Tom Church—7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.-
814 N Woodridge Drive, 67206

Tuesday Night Group-Begins Tuesday, Sept. 12
Leader: Joanna Ediger & Taylor Gill—7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.-**528 Rainbow Lake Road, 67235**

Wednesday Night Group-Begins Wednesday, September 13
Leader: Brent Johnston & Tom Church-6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.-**Parlor**

Thursday Morning Group-Begins Thursday, September 14-
Leaders: Judy Weber
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.-**14221 W Burton, 67235**

Thursday Night Group-Begins Thursday, September 14-
Leader: Chris Kubik-7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.-**8315 Tamarac, 67206**



Plan Ahead for Sunday October 1: A Very Special Day

- World Communion Sunday
- Members of the Wichita Refugee Congregation Church will join us for 10:45 worship
- Peacemaking Offering will be received and dedicated
- Potluck lunch after worship with our refugee neighbors
- CROP Walk at Sedgwick County Park starting at 2:00 pm

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SEPTEMBER 2017

Saturday, September 2

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

Sunday, September 3

Communion

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (Parlor)
- 10:45 Refugee Children (C103)

Monday, September 4

Church Closed

Economy Corner Closed

Tuesday, September 5

- 1:00 Staff Meeting
- 5:15 Mission Com./Camp Com. Mtg. (C109/Parlor)
- 5:30 Finance /Facilities/Stewardship Com. Mtg. (WDR/Hobbs)
- 5:30 CE&F/Evangelism Com. Mtg. (*The Well*)

Wednesday, September 6

- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)
- 5:30 Wednesday Club
- 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 9

- 9:00 Resource Room Clean-Up
- 9:00 Gardens & Grounds
- 9:30 Transportation Mtg. (C109)

Sunday, September 10

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Involvement Fair (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Stephen Ministry (C103)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (Parlor)
- 10:45 Refugee Children (C103)
- 11:45 Worship & Music Com. Mtg. (McComb)

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
- 2:00 Blood Pressure Check (EC)
- 6:00 Deacons (C109)

Wednesday, September 13

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 10:00 PW Study Circle (*The Well*)
- 5:30 Wednesday Club
- 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 14

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

Sunday, September 17

Prayers of the People

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 The Well-Played Life-for those 45 and under (McComb)
- 10:00 Blood Pressure Check (*The Well*)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204/C201)
- 12:00 Grow Potatoes Meeting & Luncheon (EDR)

Monday, September 18

- 5:30 Stewardship Com. Mtg. (Parlor)

Tuesday, September 19

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)

Wednesday, September 20

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 5:30 Wednesday Club
- 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 21

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

Saturday, September 23

- 8:00 Stewardship Workshop (*The Well*)

Sunday, September 24

Yellow Bag Sunday/ Acolyte Recognition

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Luccock Class (WDR)
- 9:30 The Well-Played Life-for those 45 and under (McComb)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship/Acolyte Recognition (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204/C201)

Tuesday, September 26

- 8:30 PW Fall Gathering (Chapel, C103, C109, WDR, Parlor)

Wednesday, September 27

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 5:30 Wednesday Club
- 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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☞ Session Notes ☜

Session Notes from August 15, 2017

- The Session learned about Adaptive Solutions versus Technical Solutions from Brent's report on his current continuing education
- The Session approved the Promote Growth Team's proposal for an all church luncheon to encourage conversation regarding the direction and growth of our congregation
- The Session's actions of last month to change committees of Session into Commissions and the move to an All Committee Night were clarified to prepare all for the initial All Committee Night on September 5
- Mary Knecht, David Miller and Peggy Church reported on the Presbytery of Southern Kansas meeting on August 8.
- Evangelism shared the times, leaders and locations for the small groups set to begin in September
- The Session approved Personnel's request to increase Judy Conners hours to 22.5 per week (up from 20 per week).
- The membership of FPC is currently 422

**Melinda Sears
Clerk of Session**



**October 1-World
Communion Sunday &
Joint Worship and Potluck
Meal with Refugees**

CROP Walk (2:00)

**October 8-Fall Festival at
Camp (3:00)**

**October 14 & 15- Durfee
Lecture Series with Dr.
Leonard Sweet**

**October 29-Heritage
Sunday**