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 10:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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**Congregational Care**

Let Us Focus Our Prayers on These Members:
As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this month the following: Phyllis Randle, Susan Brown, Brenda & Tom Warner, Jr., Donna Hellums, Alice & Richard Dixon, Richard Graves, Deanna Waggaman, Trey Warner, Gail & Jim York, Tyler Duncan, Candi Lewis, John & Judy Weber, Dick & Margaret Wieland, Kristine Blough, Brad & Wendy Bowles and family, Gary & Loyce Booher, Doug & Stephanie Hutchison, Mark Johnson, Mary & Mitch Crouch, Jr, and Virginia Garver.

**Sympathy:** Please pray for the family and friends of Karen Bove, as they grieve their recent loss.

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1. Teresa Lang  
   Heidi Iwig  
   Kenneth Long
2. Wendy Bowles  
   Janet Shurtz
3. Brad Bowles  
   Lydia Iwig
4. Dolores Granger
5. Pat Welker  
   Gerry Winters  
   Penna Moler  
   Randy Cunningham
6. Aubrey Swenson  
   Greyson Leidig-Carillo
7. Meryt Ediger
8. Betty Brodersen
9. Candi Lewis
10. Zach Blessant
11. Kenneth Gabrielson  
   Charles Iwig  
   Dale Spaeth
12. Tharika Munaweera
13. Betty Brodersen
14. Pat Welker  
   Gerry Winters  
   Penna Moler  
   Randy Cunningham
15. Aubrey Swenson  
   Greyson Leidig-Carillo
16. Meryt Ediger
17. Marsha Veesart  
   Darryl Ott
18. John Weber  
   Jennifer Lewis
19. Ann Eastwood  
   Merl Hollis  
   Marilyn Heffner  
   Alice Robertson
20. Verla Hansen  
   Michael Inman
21. Robert Bell III
22. Harvey Hibarger  
   Cassandra Leidig-Carillo
23. Tracy Dranselka
24. Patricia Schulte
25. Sharon Gates  
   Karen Graves
Update on KLC Transformation Grant

Cynthia Berner and I received this email from Ashley Longstaff on September 27, 2019 regarding our KLC Transformation Grant. Unfortunately, we did not receive the grant for 2020 as you can see from the notification below.

“Dear First Presbyterian Church,

The quality of this year’s applications was the best we’ve seen, making the selection process very difficult for us. It came down to making tough choices between great applications. Unfortunately, your application was not selected.

We do, however, want to continue to find ways to support your work and develop a relationship with your organization that would turn into a great partnership in the future. We invite you to contact us so we can imagine together how the Kansas Leadership Center could be helpful to your organization.

In the meantime, we are committed to providing your organization 5 slots into a 2020 Your Leadership Edge program to help you engage key stakeholders. Use this link https://kansasleadershipcenter.org/yourleadershipedge/ to register and enter in the promo code MiniGrant2020 on the payment page when registering for one of these 2020 Your Leadership Edge programs, which will be available starting October 7th.

KLC remains committed to equipping individuals with leadership skills that can help them make progress in their organizations and communities. Our hope is that these 5 spots will build some momentum that can lead to a bigger partnership going forward.”

On behalf of the Grant Selection Team,

Ed O’Malley, President & CEO
Ashley Longstaff, Program Manager
DJ Whetter, Director of Kansas City Area Initiatives
Jamie Moeder, Chief of Staff
Racquel Thiesen, Community Leadership Programs Chair
Shaun Rojas, Director of Civic Engagement
Thomas Stanley, Director of Business Initiatives.

The KLC Core Team of Cynthia Berner, Patrice Cumming, Stephanie Bird Hutchison, Jeff Van Sickle, Cynthia Rekoske, Darryl Ott, Melinda Sears, and myself will meet with our KLC Coach, Dr. Joyce McEwen Crane to discuss next steps regarding our commitment to facilitate the change we envision for First Presbyterian Church. We will keep you posted.

Grace and Peace,
Winter will be here soon - we've already felt the chill of the bitter north wind. Please help us warm the hearts and hands (and feet) of our neighbors by donating hats, gloves and socks for us to distribute at the Community Breakfast on December 7th. Our biggest need will be warm hats (men’s and women’s), extra large men’s gloves and white, heavy cotton socks. We can use a lesser number of women’s gloves and socks and a few child-sized hats, gloves and warm socks.

**Items may be dropped off in the collection box across from the office by December 1st.**

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**Share the Flowers!**

Several folks have spoken to me about the possibility of sharing the cost of the Sunday flowers for the Sanctuary, and we have already done this on a couple of occasions. However, if more people are interested, I am very much in favor. The flower ministry is such an important part of our church service each week. It will mean more actual donors, but that can be a good thing.

If you are interested in participating with the shared flower donations, please let me know. I do ask that you contact me by email, msheff1@cox.net, leaving your name and phone number. As always, we will try to accommodate color and/or specific flower requests and dates, but we can discuss that when we talk. I hope to hear from you, and this will begin in the new year.

Marilyn Heffner
WHAT is DEMENTIA?

Dementia is a term that is used to describe an assortment of diseases that adversely affect brain function, such as the ability to remember, think, or make decisions. Collectively, it refers to the effects of Alzheimer’s disease (the most common type of dementia), brain damage from a stroke or brain injury, Huntington’s disease, Parkinson’s and other neurological conditions. Dementia is related to the more severe aspects of mental impairment, rather than the occasional lapse of memory that occurs in the aging population. Dementia is not a part of normal aging.

Some signs and symptoms of dementia include:

Problems with short term memory. Persons with dementia have difficulty remembering yesterday or recently learned information. They may forget doctor appointments, paying bills, or a lunch date with a friend. They may ask for the same information over and over.

Difficulty in solving problems or following a plan. They may have trouble following a recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They may not be able to concentrate or come up with a solution to a problem.

Communication difficulties. Dementia persons are unable to adequately express themselves because of an inability to remember the proper words to use. They may have trouble following or joining in on a conversation.

Loss of function. Persons with dementia often find it hard to complete their daily tasks. For instance, an accountant may slowly lose the ability to balance a checkbook. Or for completing simpler tasks, like selecting an outfit for the day or deciding on what to eat for meals, this becomes increasingly difficult. Sometimes they may have trouble driving to a familiar location.

Misplacing things. Dementia persons may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and are unable to go back and over their steps to find them again. They may even accuse others of stealing their things.

Decreased judgment or poor judgment. They may experience changes in decision-making, such as using poor judgment when dealing with money (e.g. giving large amounts to telemarketers). They may pay less attention to keeping themselves clean or groomed.

Loss of interest. Dementia persons have problems keeping up with a hobby or other social activities because of the changes they are experiencing. They lose interest in activities they previously enjoyed and become withdrawn.

Changes in personality. They can become confused, depressed, suspicious, fearful, anxious and can get upset at home, with friends, or in places where they are out of their comfort zone.

If you think you or a loved one is experiencing some of these signs of dementia, it is imperative to visit your doctor to help find the cause. Early diagnosis gives you a chance to seek treatment. While there is no cure for dementia, various treatments including medicines, therapies, and alternative medicines can slow down the progression of symptoms. You can learn more about brain health, dementia/Alzheimer’s warning signs, educational workshops, caregiving support and referrals through the Alzheimer’s Association at: 1 800.272.3900 and alz.org

There will be an upcoming “8th Annual Kansas Education Conference on Dementia” sponsored through the Alzheimer’s Association on November 14th, 2019, at the Kansas Star Event Center in Mulvane, KS. Family/Caregivers, as well as medical professionals are invited to attend and can call the Alzheimer’s Association/Central and Western Kansas Chapter at 316.267.7333 for more information and/or to register. Please let me know if you might join me for this valuable educational opportunity.

Joan
Wednesday nights are going great. If you are interested in being a part of our Wednesday night community, please contact Liz Norris at 214-4318 for more information. Our evenings start at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for worship.

The meal sign up for Wednesday nights is in *The Well* at the coffee counter. Thank you to the generosity of our church family with each meal.

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**Children’s Ministry Fun**

Share in the delights of the season with the FPC Playgroup. For the next three months, the children will do activities that bring a little magic to their world through preparing care packages, making crafts, or seeing the wonders of the Christmas season. Join us for a marvelous journey of fellowship and fun. Siblings are welcomed! Contact Michelle Murray-Cline for questions call (316) 794-1195.

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<td>November 9&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; DATE CHANGE!</td>
<td>Care &amp; Connect with Others at First Presbyterian Church</td>
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<td>December 6&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Epiphany Celebration at First Presbyterian Church</td>
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Youth Activities for November 2019

November 2 (Saturday) - Community Breakfast; arrive at 7:30 a.m.
November 3 (Sunday) - 2 worship svcs. 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and African Safari presentation by the Michels.
November 5 (Tuesday) - CE meeting 5:30-7 p.m.
November 6 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
November 10 (Sunday) - 2 worship svcs. 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Phil & Judy’s African Safari & Baked potato lunch (by the youth group)
November 13 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
November 15-17 (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 17 (Sunday) – 2 worship svcs. at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
November 20 (Wednesday) – Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
November 24 (Sunday) – 2 worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Youth making College/Career Care Packages noon-2 p.m.
November 27 (Wednesday) – NO Youth Club
November 28 (Thursday) - Thanksgiving

Need to contact me?
Geri Doll-Youth Director-cell phone # 316-737-8855/doll@firstchurchwichita.org/Facebook

Acolyte Recognition
The following young people who served God and our church during the 2018-2019 school year received Certificates of Recognition at the 10:45 Worship Service on September 29: Griffin Barker, Bailey Bowles, Brandon Bowles, Carter Bowles, Bronwen Burch, Iain Cline, Isaac Cline, Sierra Coldwater, Meryt Ediger, Keaton Pedrino, Torre Rekoske, Aidan Schulte, Khyah Van Es, and Katelyn Young.
Thank you, Acolytes!

(PHoto by Don Setser)

CHILDREN & YOUTH WEDNESDAY CLUBS ARE BACK!
Join us each Wednesday for an enriching evening filled with worship, faith, food, friends, fellowship and fun. The kindergarten through 8th grade students will be using the LOGOs curriculum. The 9-12 grade youth will be diving into Genesis and learning how to read the Bible through this year. We are very excited to launch each study and hope you consider joining us each week.
**Economy Corner News**

September 2019 sales again topped last September 2018! sales. September’s total sales were $11,153.67. This is an increase of $1,119.27 over our September 2018 sales. FPC’s share was $10,089.73 and Grace’s was $1,063.94. We filled 109 vouchers in September for basic clothing necessities which were equivalent to $1,628.75. FPC’s portion of the vouchers equaled $1,173.25 and Grace’s was $455.50.

It feels like winter is arriving soon. In just a few weeks we will begin our sixth year of providing new coats and winter wear to those in need. This is such rewarding event for all of us. As always, we need men’s wear. We truly appreciate your faithful donations of goods and time which help assist so many in need. We are blessed to be able to fulfill our Mission of meeting the daily needs of our urban community.

**Quarterly Financial Report**

**January-September 2019**

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The Church ended the third quarter with a deficit of $61,108.83. Our total income for the nine-month period amounted to 74.1% of our projected income for the year. Our expenses have totaled 70.9% of our budgeted expenses. Even though our budget has a projected shortfall of $127,891.65, the reduced expenses experienced so far this year and your continued faithfulness in the support of the Church should result in a less than expected deficit. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

**Grace and Gratitude Delectibles**

As part of our dedication of pledges for 2020, the Stewardship Committee is hosting "Grace and Gratitude Delectibles." Please plan on joining us in The Well during our regular fellowship hour on Sunday, November 17, between 9:30 and 10:30.

We will be serving special homemade breakfast pastries along with other treats to celebrate the official completion of our 2020 Pledge Campaign.

Questions: Roger Lyon
h: 684-3331
c: 519-3182
Presbyterian Women review the Fourth Commandment

The PW study circle is using the Horizon’s guide again this year with the theme “Love Carved in Stone—a fresh look at the Ten Commandments.”

At the Wednesday, November 13 meeting, 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor, the subject is the fourth commandment: “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.” The purpose of this lesson is to understand the gift of Sabbath and to recover a sense of the sacred urgency of Sabbath-keeping for human life and the created order. Alice Price will lead the lesson. If this study sounds interesting to you, please join PW group on the second Wednesday morning of each month.

BOOK CHAT IS MOVING LOCATIONS!

We are delighted to announce that the Book Chat book club gathering (held at the church on the 3rd Thursday of each month during the school year at 1:30 p.m.) has outgrown our space in the reception room, thanks to the addition of several new members! Starting on November 21st we will be meeting in Room 109, just down the hall from the reception room.

Please feel free to join us on November 17th for discussions on two books: Lab Girl by Hope Jahren (this year’s Wichita Big Read book), and The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway.
On Sunday, September 29, First Presbyterian Church had a tent location at the Open Streets ICT event from 1-5 p.m. We had several adult, youth and children volunteers helping us. Throughout the afternoon we handed out 400 rainbow colored bracelets with ‘Love your neighbor-First Presbyterian Church’ printed on them.

We also gave out 500 water bottles, candies, fliers about youth and children programs and events. The volunteers and I felt this event was a huge success getting our name out there and talking to several people who may be looking for a church to attend or looking for activities for children and youth. I am so grateful for our youth, children and adults that were able to stay and help make this event successful! I am looking forward to future events.

Thank you,

Cynthia Rekoske
Hospitality and Evangelism

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!
### Calendar

**Friday, November 1**
- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (C109)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)

**Saturday, November 2**
- 8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR, WDR, KIT)
- 8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)
- 8:00 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg (McComb)
- 12:00 Phil & Judy’s African Safari Presentation & Baked Potato Lunch (EDR)

**Sunday, November 3**
- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Mini Alternative Gift Market (The Well)

**Monday, November 11**
- 4:30 Personnel Mtg (Hobbs)

**Tuesday, November 12**
- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)

**Wednesday, November 13**
- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)
- 10:00 PW Study Circle (Parlor)
- 5:30 Wednesday Clubs
- 6:15 James Ringers (Bell Choir Rm)
- 6:30 Adult Ed (The Well)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

**Thursday, November 14**
- 9:00 Economy Corner Bd Mtg (EC)
- 5:00 Mission Comm. Mtg (Hobbs)

**Friday, November 15**
- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (C109)
- 5:00 Youth to Westminster Woods

**Saturday, November 16**
- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)

**Sunday, November 17**
- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Mini Alternative Gift Market (The Well)
- 10:00 Blood Pressure Check (The Well)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)

**Monday, November 18**
- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Mtg (Hobbs)

**Tuesday, November 19**
- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)
- 5:30 Wednesday Clubs
- 6:15 James Ringers (Bell Choir Rm)
- 6:30 Adult Ed (The Well)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

**Wednesday, November 20**
- 1:30 Book Chat (C109)

**Thursday, November 21**
- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (C109)

**Friday, November 22**
- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)

**Saturday, November 23**
- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 5:30 Session (Parlor)

**Wednesday, November 27**
- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)
- 6:15 James Ringers (Bell Choir Rm)
- 6:30 Adult Ed (The Well)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

**Thursday, November 28**
- Thanksgiving (CLOSED)

**Friday, November 29**
- Thanksgiving (CLOSED)
DRIVERS NEEDED!!

As you know, one of FPC’s missions is our Transportation Service. We provide transportation for those who are no longer able to drive. Members of our service are so grateful as there is no other service like ours.

At this time, we are in desperate need of regular drivers as well as substitute drivers. You will not be sorry and you will meet many interesting people in our community!

Please consider joining this mission. Contact Bruce Cole for more information. Call or text at 316-250-4577 or e-mail at bpycole@gmail.com.

Poinsettia Orders

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 12.

The December Presby News Deadline is November 15, at NOON.

The editor reserves the right to edit submitted information for content and space availability.

Questions? Contact is 263-0248 or email publications@firstchurchwichita.org.