Cowtown Services will be held Sunday, June 3, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. at Cowtown. We will worship in the white frame church which was the second place of worship for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church. Completed in November of 1870 at a cost of $1500, it was originally located on the southeast corner of Wichita and Second. It was sold to the Catholics in 1872. It then served as a rooming house until it was vacated. Because of a heightened awareness created by the Wichita Eagle, it was saved from destruction. In the early ’50s, the building was disassembled and moved to its current location.

The newly-formed Kell Class held the first Annual Cowtown Service in June, 1975. You are invited to commemorate the early years of First Presbyterian Church at services of worship at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Hospitality Fellowship will be held between the two services in Turnverein Hall. A hymn sing prelude will begin 10 minutes before each service.

Our speaker for this special service will be Tom Church, former pastor of the Dodge City congregation, 1980-1990, in one of the best-known cowtowns in Kansas. He will be talking about the life and ministry of Ralph J. Hall, our denomination’s best known cowboy preacher. His sermon title is “The Main Trail” from Hall’s book by the same title. The now famous Cowtown Quartet extraordinaire will add their special vocal touch to the services.

The 10:45 a.m. church service will be held in the sanctuary with communion being served. There will be no chapel service. No communion will be served at Cowtown.
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Congregational Care

Let Us Focus Our Prayers on These Members:
Aimee & Dean Wallace, Michelle Sears, Mark Robertson, David Blumenshine, Tom & Peggy Church, Beth & Jerry Devins, Marjorie Tillery, Todd & Angelia Jones & family, Donna Coldwater, Bill & Franckie Copeland, Jim & Karen Graves, Bob Brown, Tim Cooper, John Doll, Taylor Gill, Eleanor Hall, Don & Sara Hutchison, Phil Michel, Joel & Sheli Blessant, Ruth Collingwood, Carissa Crittenden, Jack & Jan Harrison, Melinda & Sheldon Sears

Sympathy:
Sympathy to the family of Richard Coldwater on his recent death. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers as they grieve his recent death.

June Birthdays

3 Helen Vest
15 Michelle Cronkleton
23 Alex Maddux

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23 Lorraine Maxwell

5 Kristine Blough
Marilyn Kuhns
Garrett Norris
25 Joyce Booher
Shatlyn Malsky
Karla Schumacher

6 Phyllis Randle
16 Seth Kite
26 Susan Jones
Jared Kite

9 Dennis McCormack
17 John Casey
Beth Garrison
27 Jeffrey Crittenden

10 Herb Bevan
16 Michelle Sears
27 Jeffrey Crittenden

11 Steve Wilkes
18 Jackson Garner
Richard Graves

13 Brett Aldrich
19 Kathy Green
Dick Wieland

14 Annabelle Ivy
21 Lynne Melton
Charles Scrivener

14 Annabelle Ivy
21 Lynne Melton
30 Jill Coldwater

20 Nancy Moore

35 Jack Mahan
Robert Workman

30 Jill Coldwater

Emma Wolfe
My Adult Education Classes on Wednesday Nights: My *Faith in Film* Class on the movie, *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2* met for three Wednesday nights in succession as we watched and then noted the themes that dealt with faith and what implications does this has for our faith. Without giving too much a way, EGO must die in order for others to live. Sounds a lot like Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I (of the ego) who lives, but I (of my true self) live by faith in the Son of God who loves me and gave himself up for me.” This class was the second year I have done a film series in the month of May for the Youth and Young Adults. It was well attended and many thanks to Geri Doll for providing the refreshments.

As I look back on the classes I have taught in the 2017-2018 school year, I have taught a class on “Why the Reformation Matters,” as a way to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Luther tacking his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. And then I was asked to continue my class, particularly Calvin’s Contribution to the Reformation as a 2nd generation Reformer. We met during the weeks of Lent. And after Easter, I taught a class on Reinhold Niebuhr. We watched a film *Reinhold Niebuhr, An American Conscience* by Martin Doblmeier which is in the Library. And looked at a book by the same title to understand Niebuhr’s response to the challenges of the 20th Century. We particularly took note of Niebuhr’s “Christian Realism” in response to “Christian Nationalism” that was prevalent in Germany in WWII and today in the Unites States, in Russia, and in Europe.

So, you might ask what is next? The answer is Paul Tillich. Paul Tillich is another German Theologian who fled Nazi Germany and found asylum in the United States, teaching at Union Theological Seminary for over 30 years, thanks to the efforts of Reinhold Niebuhr. Why so much theology? The answer is we need it more than ever in a world where truth about the world we live in and our place in the world for a person of faith takes on greater relevance. Theologians like Tillich and Niebuhr reinterpret the orthodox faith for the modern world to avoid reading the Bible like a science book, and, yet, understanding that religion is better equipped to answer those questions that deal with the Ultimate than science. So, I plan to teach a class on Tillich in the Fall. For now, I am re-reading his writings to prepare for the upcoming class.

Graduation for Seniors in May
We honored Seniors who graduated from High School and College and beyond on Mother’s Day. My very own daughter graduated from Collegiate. In the Fall, Emma will be attending Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. When she does, Catherine and I will be crossing a threshold without pomp and ceremony. We will become Empty Nesters. And, yet, what is empty is only right as our children move out to make their mark in the world. But, in another sense our lives will not be empty but filled with many fond memories: like the first day at school or the first time they learned to drive a car or the first time they flew all by themselves to visit relatives and welcoming them at the airport on their return home. I guess this will be a pattern that will repeat itself in the coming years, welcoming them at the airport and sending them off with our love and well wishes. Catherine and I will find new things to get involved in. What they are we do not know. But this we do know, we are not alone but are surrounded by love: love of family, love of church family, love of friends, and, most importantly the love of God. Thank you for your love and support as we celebrate another milestone with our daughter’s graduation.

Grace and Peace,

[Signature]
Summer officially starts for me when I shed my clergy robe on Sunday mornings until cooler weather comes in the fall. For some, it starts much sooner. The farmers in the small community churches I served in rural southeast Kansas are spending a lot more time in the fields, and in a few weeks it will be dawn ‘till dark for them. Gardeners have been itching to dig in the dirt, teachers and students think summer as soon as school is out, and some of us are planning vacations away from home – farm families, it seems, don’t ever get a vacation in the summer!

But whether we are at home or away, summer is different from any other season, in that we take a “break” from many of the commitments we shoulder the rest of the year. We spend more time out-of-doors, with family, reading, or, Heaven forbid! just goofing off.

This is all good! God wants us to “rest” occasionally. Scripture is chock full of this small word and its variants. From the Old Testament:: “Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure…” (Psalm 16:9) “This is what the Lord says...ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Jeremiah 6:16)

In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says words that you hear each time we celebrate the Last Supper: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Through the prophets of the Old Testament and then through his only son our Lord Jesus Christ, God says over and again to us, “Ease up! Get some rest! You cannot function as members of my human family without it!”

Americans are terrible at resting. Did you know that, as a society we take fewer vacations and less time off than any other country on earth? If we’re not working, we find something else to do that is work.

In the Genesis story of creation, it says, By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work."

God may have rested, but he did not take “a break” from caring for all he had created. He does not take a break from us, and no matter what we do this summer, no matter how tired we may be after a long day in the fields, don’t take a break from God. Find time throughout the day to have a conversation with God. He desperately wants us to stay in touch with Him!

Have a happy and blessed summer!!

Judy
MEN’S HEALTH

Update on Prostate Screening Guidelines

Prostate cancer affects the prostate gland, a gland in the male reproductive system that produces some of the fluid in semen and plays a role in urine control. In the US, it is the most common cancer in men, and the most treatable if found in the early stages. Screening for prostate cancer is typically done by testing the blood for prostate-specific antigen, or PSA. (A digital rectal exam, performed by the doctor, is also used to detect abnormalities of the prostate). The problem with the PSA screening is that when this protein is elevated it can mean prostate cancer, or other benign conditions, such as enlarged prostate and/or inflammation of the prostate. There also can be false positive readings that result in repeated blood tests and biopsies. As you can see, this test is not ideal for diagnosing cancer. In 2012, a panel of medical experts said that yearly testing of PSA levels led to overdiagnosis and possibly overtreatment of prostate cancer, resulting in problems such as impotence and incontinence. This panel recommended against men getting routinely tested. Recently, according to new research, PSA screenings for men in the 55-69 age group could prevent 1.3 deaths and 3 cases of cancer metastases for every 1000 men screened. Therefore, the panel concluded that screening does make sense in this age group, but men need to be aware of the potential risks associated with additional testing and biopsies. New guidelines in prostate screening recommend that men aged 55 to 69 have a discussion with their doctor about the pros and cons of PSA screening, then make a personal decision. For men aged 70 and older, the recommendation of no PSA screening remains in place.

Tips for keeping a healthy prostate:

1. **Maintain a Balanced Diet**- Eat whole grains and more fruits and vegetables that are loaded with vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. Be more selective in your consumption of protein; incorporate healthy Omega 3 oils found in fish.

2. **Keep a healthy weight and exercise regularly.**

3. **Get Some Sun**- Don’t ditch the sunscreen or hide from the sun. Too little sun exposure can increase your risk for prostate cancer. Get your vitamin D level checked to see if you need supplementation of this important vitamin for overall health and cancer prevention.

4. **Don’t smoke or drink alcohol excessively.**

5. **Let your doctor know if you have a family history of prostate cancer**- having a father or a brother increases your risk of developing this disease.

6. **Get screened according to you and your doctor’s recommendation as outlined above.**

Happy Father’s Day

Joan Aldrich
Summer camp information.
We need volunteers, counselors, and supplies for summer camps. Please watch the children’s board next to the nursery for more information. Camp forms are now available. Please keep the top page and return the registration form to the main office. This year we will not have latchkey. We will have an option for church members’ children. Please contact Liz Norris for more details.

Vacation Bible School- Rolling River Rampage
@First Presbyterian Church
June 4th-8th 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Snacks will be provided. Please have children wear comfortable shoes and bring sunblock as some of our day is outside. ALL registration is due by May 20, 2018. If you have any questions, please call Liz Norris at 316-214-4318 or email at childrendirector@firstchurchwichita.org.

Games Camp
June 18th-22nd 9:30-4:00 p.m. @ Whispering Winds camp. Parents are responsible for transportation to church camp unless they make other arrangements with the Director of Children’s Ministry.
Cost of camp $40 for the week. (scholarships are available upon review)
This camp is centered around team building and sharing God’s love for one and other. This year’s theme will be, “Together everyone achieves more.” The camp offers energizers, a variety of games we will play each day indoors and outdoors, a scripture lesson each day, provided snack, and swimming each afternoon. Please bring a plastic sack, bug spray, sunscreen, hats, sun glasses, and pool toys to share. Each day children will need to bring a sack lunch, swimsuit & towel. Questions or concerns please contact Liz Norris (316)214-4318 or Cynthia Rekoske (316)992-9595. We will be having a lock-in for 4th & 5th graders on June 21st. Kids need to bring clothes to change into, and bedding. On Friday the 22nd we will have a camp cook out provided by the children’s ministry team. Snack and food donations are welcome.

June 21st
We will be having a lock in for 4th and 5th graders. The lock in will be held at Whispering Winds Camp. We will have dinner, snacks, fellowship, and fun. For more information contact Liz Norris at 316-214-4318 or email at childrendirector@firstchurchwichita.org.
As we transition into good ole’ summer time, you will notice that we don’t have youth Sunday school classes in June. We still hope to see our youth at Sunday worship, Summer Splash and other youth activities whenever possible. Remember that our youth group is very important, and we rely on our youth to come together in a cohesive effort to keep their youth group strong in friendship, faith, and fellowship.

June 2 (YOUTH Saturday) – Community breakfast, please plan to arrive at 7:30 a.m.
June 3 (Sunday) – Cowtown services at 8 and 9 a.m. Regular service at FPC at 10:45 a.m.
June 4-8 (Monday-Friday) – VBS week!
June 6 (Wednesday) – Summer Splash! 1-5 p.m.
June 10 (EPIC Sunday) – We move to (1) worship service at 9:30 a.m. for the summer.

June 13 (Wednesday) – Summer Splash! 1-5 p.m.
June 17 (Sunday) – (1) worship service at 9:30 a.m. Father’s Day!
June 18-22 (Monday-Friday) – Games Camp!
June 20 (Wednesday) – Summer Splash! 4-8 p.m. *Notice time change!
June 24 (Sunday) - (1) worship service at 9:30 a.m.
June 27 (Wednesday) – Summer Splash! 1-5 p.m.
Questions? E-mail Geri Doll doll@firstchurchwichita.org, call or text 316-737-8855. We are happy to give you a ride if needed.

Summer Splash

Summer Splash is for any youth who has just finished 5th grade through 12th grade. Beginning May 30th, we meet at the church at 1 p.m. every Wednesday and return at 5 p.m. We swim and relax at our camp, Whispering Winds, located at 9601 W. 73rd St. N., Valley Center. If you wish to meet us at Whispering Winds, you should arrive at 1:30 p.m. Please plan to always let the youth director know if you’re riding in the van so we can be sure to have enough room! Call or text 316-737-8855.

We celebrated our graduates on Mother’s Day. Pictured are the following high school grads; Jessy, Zach, Chris, Sam, Khyah, Sailor and Geri Doll, youth director.
Economy Corner News

April’s total sales of $11,100.65 were second to March’s record sales for single month’s sales. FPC’s share was $10,094.78 and Grace’s was $1,006.07. This is an increase of $1,243.65 in sales over April 2017 sales. We filled 128 vouchers in April for basic clothing necessities which were equivalent to $1,897.15. FPC’s portion of the vouchers equaled $1,401.65 and Grace’s was $495.50. We filled 39 more vouchers than in April 2017. The Corner is still in need of men’s jeans, pots, pans and other kitchen equipment.

The Board voted to donate $750.00 to help the Mission Commission purchase backpacks for the August Back to School Event which helps Immigrant Refugees to get ready for the beginning of school. Grace Church also contributes money to this project. The Corner will be closed on Monday May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

As always, we appreciate your generosity and support of the Economy Corner’s Mission to serve and meet the needs of our urban community.

Comic’s Corner

THE RIGHT SIDE, ROW 37, EVERY SUNDAY, TWICE A SUNDAY.
LEFT SIDE, ROW 1, TWICE A SUNDAY.

SCHOOL BOY CHUMS BOB AND EARL CATCH UP ON WHERE EACH OF THEM HAS BEEN THE LAST 50 YEARS.

Whispering Winds

Check out the Display Case on the north wall of the East Dining Room! It is a display for our Family Camp, now called Whispering Winds. It combines historical information, and snapshots of the Main Lodge, cabins, swimming pools, playground, labyrinth and cross. There are also wildlife pictures taken there, along with some natural artifacts found on the grounds. For more information, go to our website. It is 20 minutes from everywhere and is your camp!

Camp Needs

- 10 packs of 32 count water bottles
- 15 cans of OFF! bug spray
- 20 cans of SPF 50 sunscreen
Come for a “dip”  
Wednesday, June 20

Our youth like to have fun with summer “Splash” at the camp. The rest of us are invited to come for a “Dip” (or two of ice cream) at the church in The Well. The fun will be on the third Wednesday of June, the 20th. Bring a friend or your neighbor; come and go or come and stay between 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. for conversation and fellowship. You’ll find out the true meaning of that old saying, “Make new friends but keep the old, some are silver and the other gold!”

Shhhhh!
Silent Auction—Fall 2018

First Church is looking for folks who would like to submit a themed basket or items for a Silent Auction this September 9th. Along with a dinner, BINGO, and baked goods, proceeds of the auction will go to spiritual growth programming for all age groups, like adult retreats, renowned guest speakers, camp tuition, and facility needs for children. Fill your “spiritual cup” and another’s by donating a basket of goodies to be auctioned off!  
Contact Michelle Murray-Cline for details or questions! 794-1195

FPC Mission Commission to co-sponsor Forum June 30

Individuals and congregations who are seeking ways to assist immigrants and refugees and those who are providing services to immigrants and refugees are invited to a June 30 forum arranged by the Immigrant Family Support Network. Information about services in the Wichita Public Schools, a program of accompaniment of immigrants based on a model from St. Louis, congregational experiences in providing care for refugees, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes and sanctuary will be provided. Stephanie Bird-Hutchison and Mary Knecht will be presenters.

The program will be held in our East Dining Room on Saturday, June 30 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Social work professionals will receive 3 hours of CEU’s through Newman University. This program is made possible by the support of First Presbyterian Church, grants from the Sisters of the Adorers of Christ and the Immigrant Law and Advocacy Office. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information: 942-8068 or knechtmary@hotmail.com.

Volunteer/Counselor Meeting

June 3, in The Well at 12:15 p.m. lunch will be provided for all who attend.
WHISPERING WINDS CAMP-Freedom Festival

Our third annual Freedom Festival will be held on Sunday July 1 at the Whispering Winds Camp (about 2 miles west of 73rd Street North and Ridge Road). The Pools will open at 3 p.m. with free admission and will remain open through the evening, with life guards on duty. The pool water will be warmed by solar-heat, the concrete pool decks and benches will be cooled by special paint, and the Lodge will be cooled by ceiling fans and air-conditioning. Games and activities will be provided for the kids. A golf cart will be available for transportation needs or to tour the Camp grounds and trails. We will have a Freedom-themed Vesper service at 5 p.m. in the Lodge. The service will include patriotic songs and ringing of our bell tower (Let Freedom Ring). Following Vespers, we will have dinner in the Lodge. The Camp will barbecue bratwurst, hamburgers, and hot dogs for dinner. Guests are requested to bring pot-luck side dishes and desserts. After dinner, activities will continue and families may set off BYO fireworks near the basketball court, provided a fireworks ban has not been issued by the County.

The East Dining room was the site of a "feast" following the joint Pentecost Worship Celebration with the members of the Wichita Refugee Congregation. The refugees shared traditional African dishes and FPC members brought typical church potluck dishes. Everyone enjoyed American ice cream.
**Calendar**

**Saturday, June 2**
- 8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR, WDR, KIT)
- 8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)
- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study (Hobbs)

**Sunday, June 3**
**Communion**
- 8:00 Cowtown Worship
- 9:00 Cowtown Worship
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship *(The Well)*
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 Volunteer/ Counselor Mtg *(The Well)*

**Monday, June 4**
- 9:00 VBS

**Tuesday, June 5**
- 9:00 VBS
- 5:30 Facilities/Stewardship Mtg (WDR)
- 6:00 Deacons (C109)

**Wednesday, June 6**
- 9:00 VBS
- 1:00 Summer Splash (Camp)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, June 7**
- 9:00 VBS
- 5:00 Mission Commission meeting (Hobbs)

**Friday, June 8**
- 9:00 VBS

**Saturday, June 9**
- 9:00 Garden & Grounds
- 9:30 Transportation Mtg (C109)
- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study (Hobbs)

**Sunday, June 10**
**EPIC**
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship *(The Well)*
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 Congregation Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (Parlor)

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

**Tuesday, June 12**
- 1:00 Staff Meeting *(The Well)*
- 5:30 Finance Meeting (Hobbs)

**Wednesday, June 13**
- 1:00 Summer Splash (Camp)

**Thursday, June 14**
- 9:00 Economy Comer Bd Mtg (EC)
- 4:30 Promote the Growth *(The Well)*

**Saturday, June 16**
- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study (Hobbs)

**Sunday, June 17**
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship *(The Well)*
- 9:00 Blood Pressure Check *(The Well)*
- 9:00 Dillon’s Reward & Camp Meeting *(The Well)*
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (Parlor)

**Monday, June 18**
- 9:30 Games Camp

**Tuesday, June 19**
- 9:30 Games Camp (Camp)
- 1:00 Staff Meeting *(The Well)*

**Wednesday, June 20**
- 9:30 Games Camp (Camp)
- 2:00 The Dip *(The Well)*
- 4:00 Summer Splash (Camp)

**Thursday, June 21**
- 9:30 Games Camp (Camp)
- 11:45 Theological Themes in Literature (RR)
- 6:00 Dinner Club (WDR)

**Friday, June 22**
- 9:30 Games Camp (Camp)

**Saturday, June 23**
- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study (Hobbs)

**Sunday, June 24**
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship *(The Well)*
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (Parlor)

**Tuesday, June 26**
- 1:00 Staff Meeting *(The Well)*

**Wednesday, June 27**
- 1:00 Summer Splash (Camp)

**Saturday, June 30**
- 9:00 Immigrant Family Support Network Community Forum (EDR)
- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study (Hobbs)
Worship Schedule for Next Few Sundays!

**June 3, 2018:**
8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at Cowtown, 10:45 a.m. at Church in Sanctuary

**June 10, 2018:**
Summer Schedule Begins, worship at 9:30 a.m. in Sanctuary

**Congregation Meeting**
We will be having a congregation meeting to elect class of 2021 after the 9:30 a.m. Service June 10, 2018. We will hear a report and recommendation from the Nomination Committee.