CAMP WHISPERS
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., on the south lawn. 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 Festival will conclude with a “fire dancing” performance at dusk to celebrate the light of Freedom illuminating the surrounding darkness.
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July Birthdays

2 Michelle Murray-Cline
3 Wade Broddin
4 Griffin Barker
5 Kelly Hibarger
6 Sierra Coldwater
7 Phil Michel
8 Megan Gabrales
9 Carissa Crittenden

16 Greg Brown
17 Steven Harper
18 Roger Klocke
19 Elizabeth Lang
20 Doris Little
21 Eli Fox
22 Al Staab
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A Rod in the Wheels of Injustice
July 2018 Newsletter

I normally do not weigh in on public policy, being a strong believer in separation of Church and State, but when the State misquotes Scripture to justify a zero-tolerance policy at the border that is separating families in the name of law and order, I feel compelled to set the biblical record straight. The Attorney General cited Romans 13 as the biblical justification for the morality of his actions. The logic goes like this, if those in authority are ordained by God to administer law and order, then how the State carries out this function is of no concern to the Church. After all, didn’t Paul say, “be subject to the governing authorities” (Romans 13:1)? Unfortunately, as my theology professor reminded his students, you can take any bible verse and ride it into the ground. Clearly, the Christians in Rome did not take this verse as absolute for they refused to sacrifice to Caesar and were killed for it. And if slaves are always to be obedient to their Master, then the Exodus would have never happened. Moses would have never said to Pharaoh “The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob says, ‘Let my people go’ (Exodus 9:1).”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his treatise “The Church and the Jewish Question” argues that the State has been ordained by God to administer law and order. When the State errs on the side of too much law and order, tyranny, or not enough law and order, anarchy, then the Church must remind the State to do its divinely ordered work. But there comes a time when the Church must not only bind up the wounds of those ground under by State action, but, put a rod in the spokes to stop it all together. For Bonhoeffer the pogrom against the Jews after KristallNacht was such a time. On that night Jewish shops and synagogues were burned to the ground. It was not long after that Hitler began implementing his Final Solution because the German people did not rally to protect the rights of the Jews in German society. They were called vermin and then treated like vermin.

Words do matter. Using the word “infestation” to describe an influx of immigrants seeking asylum, can lead us to justify the unjustifiable: separating families, treating adults like criminals and their children as wards of the State, lost in a system that fails to reunite families when the adults are sent back to their country of origin without their children. It is estimated that some 2,300 children are lost in the system. Just imagine if Egypt had done this to Joseph and Mary when they fled Herod’s evil intent to kill the baby Jesus. What if Joseph and Mary were sent back to Israel but Jesus was left behind? We can and must do better! This is our Bonhoeffer moment to demand of our elected leaders that they stop separating families until their asylum cases can be heard.

Freedoms mean nothing unless we are willing to stand up for freedom. On this fourth of July, may we celebrate the freedoms given to us by Almighty God and our Constitution that we might pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans and for those coming to America. See you at the Freedom Festival on July 1st from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor
It’s 9:00 a.m., Monday morning – the first day of Vacation Bible School. I’m in the church library, setting up for the first wave of youngsters who will be galloping in soon for “Bible Story Time.” I can hear everyone singing in the Sanctuary. There are a few announcements and then… here they come!

The week before I had innocently asked if there was anything I could do to help out with VBS volunteers are always needed. I had worked with children and youth in the church for years. “Piece of cake!” I thought.

That first day was more like a pancake. I had honed my teaching skills on a different generation of youngsters, and I was not prepared for this new crop. I too was in a different generation – older, and not necessarily wiser. I was sure someone else could do this job better than I but…who would do it if not me? I knew that, if my young charges were going to have a fun learning experience this week, I needed to change my attitude – the assumption that I could do the same things the same way and expect the same results. The world we inhabit, thrive, and make our mark in…is changing rapidly! Even parents of school-age children have difficulty keeping track of what their children are seeing, hearing and experiencing on a daily basis. A much younger generation seems to “march to a different drummer” and we can’t figure out the beat!

- We begin to feel “out-of-touch” with some of the changes we see happening and…we don’t like those changes much either.
- Our children outgrow the programs the church offers.
- We aren’t able to do all that we once enjoyed. So, we lose interest and leave our children and youth ministries to younger adults. After all, “I did my part. It’s someone else’s turn now.”

Children are the future of the church

Nearly 80% of people in our churches today decided to follow Jesus before age 18; 50% of them before age 12. It becomes harder for a person to become a Christian after age 18. Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus wasn’t just commenting on what adults need to do to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus was telling us something fundamental about childhood.

Childhood is the season in a person’s life when they are most open to learning what it means to trust God. We are shaping the future of the church in the children’s and youth ministries of today. Even if we are not actively involved, it is still our responsibility to encourage and assist the next generation of leaders however we can. That includes showing our support by being present on EPIC Sundays when our younger generations lead worship.

Christ calls us to bring our children to Him. Besides, who else will do it if not me?

Grace and peace,

Judy
FOOD POISONING

Food poisoning, or foodborne illness, is caused by eating contaminated food. Toxins from bacteria, viruses and parasites can develop on the foods we consume and cause mild to severe gastrointestinal upsets. Food poisoning symptoms, which can start within hours of eating contaminated food, include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps or fever. According to the CDC, the most common pathogens that caused foodborne illnesses in 2018 are Escherichia coli (E Coli), Listeria, and Salmonella. Some of the contaminated foods that were investigated and recalled this year alone include: breakfast cereal, pre-cut melon, eggs, romaine lettuce, spinach, chicken salad, raw sprouts, beef products, cheese, dried coconut, and Mexican style restaurant food chains. It’s hard to know if the foods we buy at grocery stores or consume at restaurants are safe to eat, until nasty symptoms develop. The most severe outcome of food poisoning is dehydration (due to vomiting, diarrhea, and fever) which may become life threatening if symptoms don’t subside within a few days. If left untreated, certain persistent bacteria, like E coli or Salmonella, can even cause kidney damage. Prevention is key to preventing unpleasant bouts with food poisoning. It is important to maintain safe handling, cleaning, and preparation of food in the home when you store and prepare meals. Also keeping foods at the proper temperature and discarding leftovers in a timely manner is helpful. Proper washing of hands before handling food will help in preventing food bacteria cross-contamination, too.

Other advice in preventing food poisoning, according to William Marler, an American personal injury lawyer and food safety advocate, is to not consume these foods:

- **Unpasteurized (“raw”) milk and packaged juices.** “There’s no benefit big enough to take away the risk of drinking products that can be made safe by pasteurization”, he says.

- **Raw sprouts.** All types of sprouts-including alfalfa, mung bean, clover and radish sprouts, have caused many bacterial outbreaks throughout the years. He believes they are safe to eat if they’re cooked.

- **Meat that isn’t well-done.** Marler orders his burger well-done. “The reason ground products are more problematic and need to be cooked more thoroughly is that any bacteria that’s on the surface of the meat can be ground inside of it.”

- **Prewashed or precut fruits and vegetables.** Marler says that the more a food is handled and processed, the more likely it is to be tainted. He suggests buying uncut and unwashed produce (wash before consumption) in small amounts and eat it within three days to prevent the risk for Listeria, a deadly bug that grows at refrigerator temps.

- **Raw or undercooked eggs.** Salmonella is the culprit with undercooked or raw eggs.

- **Raw oysters and other raw shellfish.** Marlers links an increase in foodborne illness, especially from oysters, to warming waters which produce more microbial growth. “Oysters are filter feeders, so they pick up everything in the water.”

Joan Aldrich
Children’s Ministry News

This year’s camps did not come without some challenges. But we ended on a high note and the 2018 camp season was a success.

The children’s ministry team could not do these camps without the support, love, and generosity of the church family. Thank you to all those who gave their time, helped prep, and donated to these programs. I would also like to say a big thank you to all those who came and supported Epic VBS. Your support and ability to let the children be children and be a part of worship will impact them into becoming future members of FPC.
Youth Activities for July 2018

As we transition into good ole’ summertime, you will notice that we don’t have youth Sunday school classes in July. 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 each of you to come together in a cohesive effort to keep their youth group strong in friendship, faith, and fellowship.

July 1 (YOUTH Commissioning) – All mission trip participants should be present. Commissioning helps to build a bridge connecting the congregation to youth and adults who go out to serve on mission trips. Together we are the body of Christ! (1) worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Later the same day, come out to the Freedom Festival! Pool opens at 3 p.m., Vespers at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 (bring a side dish or dessert) and stay until after dark for Phlox and fireworks!

July 3 (Tuesday) – CE Commission meeting 5:30-7 p.m. in The Well.

July 4 (Wednesday) – NO Splash-Have a safe and fun Fourth of July!

July 7 (Saturday) – Community breakfast

July 8 (Sunday) – Senior High youth leave for mission trip in Leadville, Colorado. 6:30 a.m.
(1) Worship service at 9:30 a.m.

July 11 (Wednesday) – NO Summer Splash (youth are on mission trip)

July 15 (Sunday) – (1) Worship service at 9:30 a.m. Youth return from mission trip later that day.

July 18 (Wednesday) – Summer Splash! 1-5 p.m.

July 20 (Friday) – Let’s go meet and greet a church youth group who is traveling and staying at Whispering Winds! Waco FPC

July 22 (Sunday) – (1) Worship service at 9:30 a.m.

July 25 (Wednesday) – Summer Splash! 1-5 p.m.

July 29 (Sunday) - (1) Worship service at 9:30 a.m. followed by working on EPIC Youth Sunday from 11-1 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.

YOUTH PREPARING TO LEAVE ON SUMMER TRIP

The senior high mission trip consists of sixteen youth and four sponsors: Geri Doll, Robin Gales, Steve Harper, and Khurram Anthani. This group is headed for Leadville, Colorado. The dates of the senior high trip are July 8-15. Our group has worked in Leadville on two previous trips and we’ve formed a good and lasting friendship with the Leadville FPC, Altitude 10,152’. We’ll stay in their large youth building and buy our own food, taking turns on kitchen duty. The church leaders go out in the community and find folks who need help; then we are given the opportunity to serve them. The youth will have the option to climb Mt Elbert, a local 14,440’ mountain which is the second highest mountain in the United States.

We also had one middle school youth and one high school youth who attended summer camp at Westminster Woods in June.

As a church family, please pray for our youth and sponsors while traveling and thank you for your generous support. Without you, these trips would not be possible!
**Economy Corner News**

May’s total sales were $9,874.90. This is an increase of $529.70 over May 2017 sales. FPC’s share was $8,866.01 and Grace’s was $908.89. We filled 115 vouchers in May for basic clothing necessities which were equivalent to $1,630.11. FPC’s portion of the vouchers equaled $1,401.65 and Grace’s was $495.50. We filled 19 more vouchers than in May 2017.

Also in May, we donated 15 bags of clothing to the Orphan Grain Train, a Charity that targets “Relief for Human Need Worldwide”. In 2017 The Orphan Grain Train donated Disaster Aid/Supplies to 32 states, Humanitarian Aid to 66 international countries and locally they assist Food Pantries, Homeless Missions, Domestic Shelters, Soup Kitchens, Christian Camps and Mission Churches. They have a Wichita Branch Warehouse located at 911 W. Maple.

As Summer begins, the Economy Corner is in need of NEW volunteers who are willing to fill in for our vacationing volunteers. Please contact Mary or Phyllis at 267-1432 for information. Remember, we cannot open unless we have three workers in the store. With your continuing support of donations and time we continue to strive to meet our Mission of assisting our urban community.

**Needed: good used lawn mower**

Three of the refugee families living close to each other on South Hydraulic Street need a good used lawn mower to cut their grass and weeds. They can share the mower. Do you have a can for gasoline too? Any extra rakes or shovels that you no longer need would be helpful tools for them too. Even if your mower has not been used for awhile, we’d like to take a look at it and see if it can be fixed. If you can help, contact Mary Knecht, 942-8068, knechtmary@hotmail.com.

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**Comic’s Corner**

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**Back to School Bash for Refugee Families in our Community**

This year’s Back-to-School Bash for refugee families in our community will be:

**Saturday, August 11, 2018**

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

FPC - Dining Rooms

Last year, your generosity provided school supplies—not only for the refugee kids who had already arrived, but for all of the new refugee students who arrived during the school year! We hope to repeat that success with enough supplies for at least 500 refugee students.

On August 11th, we will provide a school supply ‘store’ for refugee families who need help getting ready for this school year, along with a casual lunch and special activities.

**Your help is needed—we can’t do this without you! We need supplies and volunteers!**

**SUPPLIES:** Please see the list below and leave your donations in the box by the office in July or August. We can accept monetary donations for school supplies as well—be sure to note the designation for the school supply drive. (Continued on the next page)
Come for a “dip”
Wednesday, July 18

“I scream. You scream. We all scream for ice cream!” Remember that summertime chant? 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 July the 18th. Bring a friend or your neighbor; come and go or come and stay between 2:00 – 4:00 pm. We’re looking forward to seeing you for some really cool refreshments and fellowship!

Tick Alert
The ticks are out and they are thick. Please take precautions when out at the camp. Due to this, Dave does not recommend walking the trails.

BIG, BANG, BINGO!.....and the not so Silent Auction will be Sunday, September 9, after the Epic Sunday church service in the East Dining Room. Don your Super Hero Cape and join your church family for a fabulous afternoon of fellowship with a church dinner, playing Bingo for prizes, and, making bids on Silent Auction baskets. BRING FRIENDS!!

All proceeds of the event will go to support spiritual growth and renewal of our congregation as we approach FPC’s 150th Anniversary!! Contact Michelle Murray-Cline at 794-1195 if you have any concerns or would love to assist!

School supplies needed:
Elmer’s Glue Sticks- 1000
Erasers- 300
Water Color Sets- 120
2-Pocket Folders (plain covers)- 750
Colored Pencils- 350

VOLUNTEERS: We definitely need volunteers to help on August 10th and 11th.

Volunteers needed:
A ‘shopping buddy’ for each family during the Bash
Help with set-up on Friday afternoon, August 10th
Help with clean-up on Saturday, August 11th
Help serving lunch
If you would like to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Hutchison at stevie.bird2@gmail.com or 409-4529.

Let’s create a truly wonderful back-to-school experience for these special community members!

Youth Mission Trip Send Off
Sunday, July 8th, the youth will set off on the their mission trip to Leadville Colorado. We will commission these youth in service on Sunday, July 1st.
New Church Member
Patrice Cummings

Patrice Cummings’ favorite quote is "The best way to predict the future is to create it." Upon meeting Patrice, you will find a warm, friendly, and energetic woman, with a serving heart, who is eager to share her expertise and help with church and school events. Notes from her internet LinkedIn page state "I can't predict the future…but I can be a part of creating it. One learner at a time, I can improve performance, increase job satisfaction and help you enjoy an incredible return on your training and development dollars." Patrice is an "accomplished designer, passionate about creating and delivering dynamic learning that ensures knowledge transfer and sparks learner success." First Presbyterian Church is blessed to have such a talented woman join us. Patrice recently retired as an online instructional designer for Providence Health Services in Seattle, Washington. She also worked as Training Manager for Tiger Financial LLC in Wichita and JM Family Enterprises, Inc. in Deerfield, Florida, and a Literacy Coach in Edmonds School District in Oklahoma. She attended Wichita State University. Patrice Cummings is the sister of First Presbyterian Church member Nancy Jones and has one son Greg and two grandchildren, Alexis and Connor. Her love of reading and her joy of learning are evident by her volunteer activities, serving as an English Language Learner Intervention Volunteer and as a Forensics Judge for USD 259. One of her passions is working with Irving Angels focusing on poverty alleviation. Welcome to Wichita First Presbyterian Church, Patrice!
(by Peggy Church)

From the Archives
Flags in the Memorial Garden
by Gary M. Huffman, Archivist

Perhaps you noticed during the Memorial Day weekend, flags were flying at the graves of the veterans buried in the Tilford Memorial Garden at First Presbyterian Church.

During this past year, bronze medallions were placed at the graves of each veteran who had served in the armed forces. The medallions are made so they can hold a flag on special occasions. Several times each year, the flags will be placed in the garden to commemorate those who have served our country.

The next opportunity to view the flags will be during the Fourth of July holiday. Take time to stop by the garden and meditate a few minutes. You may also view the flags in the garden by looking out the windows of the Reception Room.

If you would like to volunteer to help put out the flags or pick them up, please contact Gary Huffman, Archivist. It only takes a few minutes to place the flags. The next opportunity will be June 29.
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BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Help us reach our goal... ...to make sure every refugee child has what they need for success.

Items needed:  
Elmer's Glue Sticks 1000  
Erasers 500  
Water Color Sets 120  
2-Pocket Folders—Plain 750  
Colored Pencils 350

Donate by: July 29th  
Contributions accepted. Make checks payable to:  
FPC Mission Commission (memo: school supplies)

The August Presby News Deadline is July 15, at NOON.

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