Armistice Day Special Service & Music
for 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month

Armistice Day is commemorated every year on November 11 to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o’clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. For years afterwards, the United States celebrated Armistice Day on November 11 to mark the end of the war. Then in 1954, the holiday was renamed Veterans Day to commemorate veterans from all wars. This year at 11:00 (on the 11th day of the 11th month) is the 100th anniversary of Veterans Day and the Chancel Choir is performing three movements from Ralph Vaughan Williams’ *Dona Nobis Pacem*.

Please join us for this special recognition of Veterans Day and our beloved Veterans; Sunday, November 11 at the 10:45 service.

*(See more information on page 10)*

The First Annual Intergenerational Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 2, from noon to 2 p.m. in the East Dining Room. CE will cook up the turkeys; you provide the side dishes. Assistance will be available for those who need an extra hand. Activities include: crafts, cookie decorating, holiday music, and fresh greenery wreaths.
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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 week the following: Chris Fox & family, Esther Harrington, Terri Hawkins, Liz Lang, Carol Seek, Dylan Warner, Laci Haas & family, Alexandra & Steve Washburn, Tom & Gerry Winters, Georgia Boone, Warren & Harriet Lewis, Charles Hoke, J.D. Page, Silvia Landers, Mike & Kristin Caradine, Nancy & Steve Perry, Brian & Stephanie Howard & family, Margarethe Van Zandt, Janean Wood, Brad & Michelle Cline and family, Judy Davis, Tom & Helen Veatch, Mary Johnson, Catherine, Emma & Andrew Johnston, and Karla Schumacher.

Sympathy: Please pray for the family and friends of Robert Bell III, as they grieve the recent death of his father, Charles Robert Bell, Jr.

NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

1 Teresa Lang
Heidi Iwig
Kenneth Long

2 Wendy Bowles
Janet Shurtz

3 Brad Bowles
Lydia Iwig

4 Dolo res Granger

6 Pat Welker
Gerry Winters
Penna Moler
Randy Cunningham

7 Aubrey Swenson

8 Bob Brown
Meryt Ediger

9 Betty Brodersen

10 Karen Bove
Candi Lewis

13 Zach Blessant

15 Kenneth Gabrielson
Charles Iwig

17 Marsha Veesart
Daryl Ott

18 John Weber
Jennifer Lewis

21 Ann Eastwood
Meryl Hol lis
Marilyn Heffner
Alice Robertson

2 2 Verla Hansen
Michael Inman

24 Albert Graham
Robert Bel I III

25 Harvey Hibarger
Cassandra Leidig- Caril Io

2 6Tracy Dranselka

27 Patricia Schulte

29 Sharon Gates
Karen Graves
Wednesday Night Classes for November and December

The Theology of Paul Tillich Through His Sermons Returns for 2 weeks in November:
On November 14 and 28 we will be continuing the class I was not able to finish before our Small Group study of An Altar in the World. On November 14th at 6:00 p.m. we will be looking at the Tillich’s Sermon entitled “Accept You Are Accepted.” And then on November 28th we will be looking at his sermon, “The Eternal Now.” Tillich’s sermons have been thought provoking and challenged our traditional way of thinking. Once we begin to understand his theological method called “Correlation” and the way he uses language, it begins to make sense. We have a deeper appreciation how God is related to the world we live and the possibility for transformation that exists as we participate in the power of New Being revealed in Jesus Christ. As you can see I already sound little like Tillich. Come and discover why God is not a Supreme Being among other beings.

Prophetic Hope: Study of the Prophets for Advent:
For the three Wednesday nights in December, I will be teaching a class on “Prophetic Hope” for God to do what only God can do... bring deliverance to Israel, bring deliverance to creation through the sending of the Messiah and ushering in the Messianic Age. We will look at those verses used in the Lectionary Texts from the Prophets during Advent and see them in their larger context. So, make plans to get reacquainted with Isaiah, Hosea, and Malachi.

Special Worship Service
One Service on November 11, 2018 to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WWI
At 11 a.m. we will stop the service to ring the bells as we remember those who served in WWI and those who lost their lives. Over 20 million people died in WWI and many more were injured. The Choir will be singing three pieces appropriate for the occasion. I will be reading scripture and other writings as well. At times like this we remember John Donne’s stanza, “Do not ask for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.” As well as Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address about the impossibility of hallowing this occasion more than the lives that were lost, and blood shed on the soil at Gettysburg. But what we can do is witness to the need to reconcile and to remember so that such a conflagration happens not again pitting brother against brother and humanity against humanity.

Church Growth

What Have You Done to Grow the Membership of the Church?
I was asked this question by two members of the Church concerned about the future of the church. It is an excellent question that needs to be answered by the leadership of the church and the membership of the Church. The Promote Growth Task Force has done many initiatives to reduce the barriers to church growth. Initiatives like the playground in the front and the sport court on the south side of our building, as well as the art gallery on the Sanctuary level and the conversion of the DeVore room to the DeVore Welcome Center aka “The Well.” We have tried promoting 4th at First by paying for extra musicians on the fourth Sunday and by having a blended service called EPIC on the second Sunday. Despite these efforts worship attendance did not increase. We have added a fourth of July festival at the Camp called Freedom Festival, beefed up the Fall Festival. Our Wednesday night program is growing in attendance and enthusiasm. Wednesday Worship has been embraced by our families of the Church but not Sunday morning traditional worship.
So, we are becoming two congregations. One that meets on Sunday mornings and one that meets on Wednesday nights. We come together on special occasions like Heritage Sunday, Christmas Eve and Easter. This is the new reality that is our present. We are still committed to growth, but the congregation must become the growth they seek. We must change our culture to become more intentional about inviting and welcoming newcomers to our church. The most effective evangelistic program ever invented is word of mouth... one beggar telling another beggar where he/she found bread. May we become that place that presents the “Bread of Life” to any and all who are hungry and thirsty for something more. And may you become more by feeding others what others have so graciously fed you.
Truly, the change we seek is to become more because Jesus has more of us in our journey to love God and love neighbor.

Grace and Peace,

From the Pastor’s Desk
Since early childhood, Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays. It was the only time we had turkey, with all the fixins’ – I especially looked forward to the dressing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. We always had someone special at our Thanksgiving table – friends and neighbors who had no place else to go. Occasionally family members would join us but finding their way to the small Kansas towns where my father served as pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, was usually just too much to ask!

It was also a time to think about all the blessings that we had and to give thanks for them. It was a time-honored tradition in our family to invite everyone seated at the Thanksgiving table to share a short list of things they were especially grateful for. I say short because when it was my turn, I would always get carried away with my list and my father would have to interrupt and say quietly, “Thank you, Judy, but let’s give someone else a turn now.” (No surprise there, right?)

I also loved the hymns we sang at church once a year on Thanksgiving Sunday. I wish we sang them more often as reminders of how richly blessed we Americans truly are. I know I sound like the old person I am when I say, “Times have changed,” but so be it. We live in a culture of consumerism, and we are at our very best at spending during the Christmas season, which now begins on Thanksgiving Day. In many places, eager bargain hunters are lined up for some serious shopping long before the stores even open.

In the midst of such excesses, let us each take time to “count our many blessings, count them one by one” on Thanksgiving Day.” May it also be a time when we realize that we have most, if not more, of what we need. May we discover, once again, the greater joy of sharing what we have with those in our communities who have so little.

And as we approach this Advent Season, when “God did tear open the heavens and come down, but not in the way anyone predicted: in vulnerable flesh to love, heal, and suffer with us as one of us..... may the following list help us prepare for the humble power of God breaking into our world. It may not be the gift we expected, but it is the one we need.

1. Mend a quarrel.
2. Be kind, be gentle.
3. Seek out a forgotten friend.
4. Share some treasure.
5. Give a soft answer.
6. Keep a promise.
7. Find the time.
8. Forgive an enemy.
9. Listen.
10. Apologize if you were wrong.
11. Try to understand.
12. Think first of someone else.
13. Laugh a little.
14. Laugh a little more.
15. Express your gratitude.
16. Go to church.
17. Welcome a stranger.
18. Speak your love.
19. Speak it again.
20. Speak it still once again.

Grace and peace to you all this blessed season!

Judy

**Lodge Restrooms Extreme Makeover**

The two Restrooms (Men’s and Women’s) on the south side of the Whispering Winds Camp Lodge have had a complete “Makeover.” Many thanks to Dale Spaeth, his friends Duane and John, and other members of the Camp Committee for their efforts over several days. Thanks to their efforts, both restrooms were equipped with new exhaust fans, toilets, sinks, soap dispensers, mirrors, light fixtures, and grab bars. The makeover also included sheetrock repairs, paint, new wall base, and new plumbing for the sinks and toilets. The efforts expended on the sheetrock repairs were significant, but resulted in high quality walls (Thanks, Duane!).

The Makeover included several features designed specifically to help our guests with disabilities, including toilet handle location, toilet height, sink height, paper towel dispenser height and location, and new grab bars (strategically located). The new exhaust fans and lights were fitted with motion sensors, so that they will turn on and off automatically.
NOVEMBER is NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

Did you know that more than 65 million Americans care for their aging or disabled loved ones on a yearly basis? And those family volunteer caregivers provide a staggering 90% of long term care in America, estimated to be worth 375 billion dollars? (National Alliance for Caregiving and Evercare, 2009) The importance of family caregiving has gained recognition over the years and every president of our country, starting in 1997, has issued an annual proclamation to recognize and honor family caregivers each November. This special observance enables many organizations to raise awareness of family caregiver issues, celebrate the efforts of family caregivers, educate family caregivers, and increase support for family caregivers. One of the leading organizations, Caregiver Action Network (CAN) offers tips for caregivers to help in the demanding and challenging work of caring for a loved one:

Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone!
Take care of your own health. Stay strong so that you can physically and emotionally take care of your loved one.
Accept offers of help and suggest specific things others can do.
Learn about your loved one’s health conditions and challenges, so you can effectively communicate with health professionals.
Take respite breaks often because caregiving is hard work.
Watch for signs of depression and don’t delay getting professional help when you need it.
Be open to new technologies that can help you care for your loved one. If needed, ask a tech person for help with resources through websites and medical apps.
Organize medical information so it’s up to date and easy to find.
Make sure legal documents are in order.
Be sure to recognize and give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!

You can access lots of local caregiving information through Central Plains Area Agency on Aging (cpaaa.org), AARP (www.aarp.org), Alzheimer’s Association (www.alz.org), and Senior Services (seniorservicesofwichita.org)

In my work as a Parish Nurse, I recognize and appreciate the beautiful caregiving within our congregational family. Church members reach out to each other in need through telephone calls, cards, meals, flower deliveries, transportation, and prayers. Thank you to all the caregivers who selflessly give of themselves to bring comfort, joy, compassionate care, and love to family and others. You are admired and honored for all your hard work involved in caregiving and your unlimited acts of kindness!

Joan Aldrich
We are entering the Holiday season and what a busy time of year it will be for the children’s program.

Please take note and mark down the dates below:

November 9 - Children’s choir to sing in worship
November 25 - Hanging of the Greens (Following the 10:45 service).
November 26 - No Wednesday Fun
November 30 - First Sunday in Advent - special Sunday School class begins
December 2 - Nativity processional (10:45 service)
December 2 - Intergenerational Advent Workshop in EDR 12 p.m.-2 p.m.
December 5 - 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. (Last Awana until January)
December 8 - 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Rehearsal Pre-k to 5th grade.
December 9 - 10:45 Children & Youth Christmas service. CE will be presenting Bibles to 3rd-5th who participate in Wednesday activities.
December 12 - 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Parents Night - We will hang out, watch Holiday movies, play games and make small gifts for our families.
December 16 - Special Sermon & Cantata
December 24th - 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

We will have Advent activities beginning in December.

*We are in need of cookie donations for the Advent Workshop and Parent’s Night Out events. We would like to have a cookie decorating station during the Advent workshop. We appreciate all donations from those who enjoy baking.

If you have any questions about the above dates, or have a conflict, please contact Liz Norris at 316-214-4318.

Dillons/Camp Fundraising Program

Helping the camp raise funds is easy!
All you need to do is sign up online or by phone, and every time you swipe your Dillons Plus card, Dillons will donate to the camp!
Learn more or sign up at www.dillons.com/communityrewards or by calling 1-800-576-4377 (option #3).
You can also contact Doug Aldrich with questions. Brochures are on the information table. The church’s Rewards number is BF935.

Needed for the December 1st Community Breakfast:
Stocking Caps
Thick Socks
Warm Gloves
(plenty of extra large gloves)
We average 185 guests at each breakfast: 80% men, 15% women, 5% children. Place items in the container outside the church office or leave a gift of money for a bulk purchase. Guests are so thankful for these warm tokens of love!
Youth Activities for November

November 3 (Saturday) - Community Breakfast
November 4 (Sunday) - 2 worship services. 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m.
November 6 (Tuesday) - CE meeting 5:30-7 p.m.
November 7 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
November 10 (Saturday) – Youth Council Meeting @ FPC Youth Lounge Wichita 1-4 p.m.
November 11 (Sunday) – 1 worship service @ 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m.
November 14 (Wednesday) - Youth Club – 5:30-8 p.m.
November 16-18 (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 18 (Sunday) – No Youth Sunday school, 2 worship svcs. at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
November 21 (Wednesday) – No Youth Club
November 25 (Sunday) - 2 worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
November 25 (Sunday) - Hanging of the Greens- Youth Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m. Youth making College/Career Care Packages noon-2 p.m.
November 28 (Wednesday) - Youth Club—5:30-8 p.m.

THANK YOU to all who helped make this year’s Fall Festival a success!

CROP Walk

Our youth group collected donations and walked in the Wichita CROP Walk the first Sunday in October. Our group collected over $600. Many thanks to those who donated and to the youth group for participating in this worthwhile fundraiser!

Acolyte Recognition Sunday

The following young people received Certificates of Recognition: Griffin Barker, Zach Blessant, Bailey Bowles, Brandon Bowles, Carter Bowles, Bronwen Burch, Iain Cline, Isaac Cline, Sierra Coldwater, Meryt Ediger, Samantha Gales, Keaton Pedrino, Torre Rekoske, Aidan Schulte, Chase Skinner, Sailor Sulier, Khyah Van Es, and Katelyn Young.
Thank you, acolytes, for the fine way in which you serve God and our church. May God bless each one of you and guide you in all that you do.

Lilly-Ann Huffman
Acolyte Ministry Coordinator
**News from the Economy Corner**

September’s total sales were $10,034.40. This is an increase of $630.50 over August 2017 sales. FPC’s share was $9,107.22 and Grace’s was $927.18. We filled 105 vouchers in September for basic clothing necessities which were equivalent to $1,007.25. FPC’s portion of the vouchers equaled $1,467.25 and Grace’s was $460.00. We filled 40 fewer vouchers than in September 2017.

Due to lack of storage space, The EC’s Executive Board made the decision not to accept artificial Christmas trees over 4 feet in height for resale. Trees 4 feet or less will still be accepted for sale. As winter weather begins earlier this year, we are in serious need of men’s clothing and shoes. Please keep us in mind as you clean out closets in preparation for winter weather. Our 5th Annual Winter Coat Project will start in early November. We appreciate and rely on your generous donations and support which help us to work toward fulfilling our Mission of assisting our urban community with low cost clothing and daily necessities.

**COMING TO JOURNEYS CLASS IN NOV. AND DEC.**

A FRESH LOOK AT THE PARABLES OF JESUS

**NOVEMBER 4**

READ PARABLE OF TAX COLLECTOR AND PHARISEE; LUKE 18:9-13

**SHORT STORIES BY JESUS: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi** by Amy-Jill Levine. Pat Welker will facilitate the Journeys class with a study of Jesus’ parables based on this book plus videos of Amy Jill Levine.

Sunday mornings 9:30 a.m. in the West Dining Room Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23.

This renowned biblical scholar offers a fresh, timely reinterpretation of Jesus’ narratives. In *Short Stories by Jesus*, she analyzes these ‘problems with parables,’ taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to convey effectively his message and meaning. Life in first-century Palestine was very different from our world today, and many traditional interpretations of Jesus’ stories ignore this disparity.

Amy Jill Levine is Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies and University Professor of New Testament Studies, at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science.

**Whispering Winds Camp “Water Event”**

On Friday, October 12, the Whispering Wind Camp experienced a “Water Event.” As a result, of the heavy rains (over 9 inches in 6 days!), and upstream releases, the Arkansas River overtopped the levee and flooded lower areas of the Camp. Fortunately, impact was minor, with water reaching only the Shower House and Chime Tower structures, not the Lodge, cabins, or pump houses. The timing was fortunate also, occurring the week before Camp Work Day (October 21)! Questions? Please contact Dave Duncan at 371-1050.
More Events Coming Soon

PW Study Circle
Wednesday, November 14
Presbyterian Women will be reviewing lesson #3 in the Horizon’s study guide in November. The topic is “God with Us in Our Discouragement.” God’s promise of presence gives us courage, strength, boldness, and hope when on our own we would lose heart. The root of the word courage is “cor”, the Latin word for heart. To be dis-couraged is to be dis-heartened, to lose heart. Sometimes, our loss of heart is rooted in fear or uncertainty. We falter because we’re afraid of what’s to come or out of weariness and frustration. The stories of this lesson speak to the discouragement of Joshua and Haggai. To each comes the heartening words from God: “I am with you.” Cheryl Runyan will be the leader on Wednesday, November 14, 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. Any woman of the church is welcome.

PW sponsors project at
Alternative Gift Market

The 24th annual Wichita Alternative Gift Market is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, at University Congregation Church, 9209 E. 29th Street N. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The market will feature more than 20 different national and international projects that assist some of the poorest of the poor around the world. Shoppers can also purchase fair-trade crafts from international artisans presented by Ten Thousand Villages and items from Legacy Pottery Works. Visit AlternativeGiftMarketWichita.wordpress.com to preview the projects featured in this year’s market. Our Presbyterian Women will sponsor the project “Teach for Life,” (better teachers, better students, better world), a program of Wichita based Trees for Life.

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

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

Dozens of local congregations participate in the Wichita market, one of dozens of such markets held by volunteers across the USA to raise funds for our global neighbors in need. “Act locally; impact globally!” Two mini markets will be held in The Well on Sundays November 11 and 18 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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.
World War I and the Armistice

From the Archives

While the United States didn’t declare war on Germany until April 6, 1917, the war had been waged since 1914, following the June assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary.

Dubbed as the “war to end all wars,” it took a terrific toll on the world, particularly Europe with 20 million casualties (12 million for the Entente Powers and 8 million for the Central Powers).

When war was declared by the U. S., there was great celebration in Wichita. Spontaneous celebrations broke out all over town. Enlistment was encouraged by the local papers by publishing eligible young men’s names. Quotas were announced and the draft debated hotly, both locally and nationally.

Far too complex to describe today, the war lasted until an armistice was declared for Nov. 11, 1918 (the 11th hour (Paris time) of the 11th day of the 11th month.) The city once again broke out in spontaneous celebration with factory steam whistles, sirens, and auto horns announcing the Armistice. Thousands poured into the streets in indescribable joy.

The following spring a memorial victory arch was erected across Douglas Avenue at Lawrence (Broadway). The purpose was to honor the “boys” who had fought in the war and were returning home. The Armistice itself did not automatically return all of the soldiers to their home countries. A week of celebration beginning with a Victory Parade down Douglas beginning at Union Station and continuing on to the Forum began the week’s activities.

Officially the Treaty of Versailles, signed June 28, 1919, ended the war.

Peace, such an illusive concept, seemed possible on the horizon with the possibility of a League of Nations being formed to help stabilize the world.

Veterans Day was established to honor the World War I soldiers. It originally was known as Armistice Day but was later named Veterans’ Day in 1954 when Ike signed a bill of Congress declaring the day as Veterans’ Day, a national holiday.

As we worship on November 11, we direct our attention to the “Great War” and honor those who served so bravely.

Gary Huffman, Archivist

Armistice Day Special Service & Music

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The cantata was written at a time when the country was slowly awakening to the possibility of a second European conflict. In 1935 he began work on the cantata. The opening movement uses text from the Ordinary of the Mass, Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, Dona Nobis Pacem (Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace). The 3rd and 4th movements’ text comes from Walt Whitman’s 1865 Drum Taps inspired by the American Civil War which had just ended, Reconciliation and Dirge for Two Veterans. The piece was performed many times during that anxious period leading up to the Second World War and given its connections to World War I and the Civil War, it is appropriate that we commemorate all Veterans of War with such a work. The Dona Nobis Pacem reminds us that wars inevitability bring misery and loss. Our rendition features the Choir with Soprano soloist Gretchen Bixler and Baritone soloist Terry McManis Organist Mark Sweeney, and several instrumentalists.
Mission Matters - Sustaining lives in El Salvador

Sunday worship on November 25 will be an eye opener for us. For seventeen years we have had a partnership with the village of Rio de los Bueyes, El Salvador. But, do we really know the impact that our mission visits and dollars have had on the people in this very poor village? According to DJ Spaeth who traveled there this summer, “Going to Rio de los Bueyes was like going back in time to what life was like in the 1800’s: no indoor plumbing, meals cooked outdoors over wood fires, no stores, fields being plowed by oxen, dirt roads and laws that consider women who have miscarriages subject to arrest and jail time. I had no idea how much this village counts on and needs our support and how truly appreciative they are of our efforts.”

Rio de los Bueyes is a small village with 50 houses and a school (K-9th grade) that enrolls 100 very eager students. Over the years we have paid the salaries of their two teachers. The current male teacher is a graduate of the school, left the village to receive his teaching certificate and returned to teach.

How else have we helped? We have repaired the water system for the village and school, fixed the school kitchen and roof. Individuals in our congregation have generously contributed scholarship money so select students could continue their education after the 9th grade outside the village.

In the summer of 2016 our youth group’s mission trip went to Rio de los Bueyes. They have many memorable experiences shared with community leaders Maria Carmela Argueta and Vladimir Comayagua Mendez and the children of the village.

On November 25 DJ and Dale Spaeth, David Grisham, and Chris Fox who have all visited the village will share how our mission dollars are sustaining lives. It’s a story of adventure, appreciation, faith and friendship. You won’t want to miss hearing it.

Financial Report
January-September

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Total $710,403.13
Net Income $(41,834.89)

The Church ended the third quarter with a deficit of $41,834.89. Our total income for the nine month period amounted to 71.6% of our projected income for the year. Our expenses have totaled 70.3% of our budgeted expenses. Even though our budget has a projected shortfall of $76,697.66, 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.
Wichitans Knew How to Celebrate (1917-1919)
Presentation in The Well, 12:00 p.m., Nov. 11, 2018

There were three great celebrations in Wichita relating to W. W. I: the U. S. entry into the war, the Armistice, and the return of the troops home.

Learn more about all of these in a presentation in The Well on November 11, 2018, following the 10:45 service. There will be light lunch served and then Gary Huffman, Archivist, will offer a PowerPoint presentation giving details about these celebrations. Emphasis will be given to the role played by members of First Presbyterian Church. Over 70 persons from this church played various roles in the war including the Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A. and the military.