JOIN US AS WE CANOE THE MOUNTAINS!

As we pass through our 150th year, First Presbyterian Church can be proud of its rich history. And our church continues to provide its ministry through strong worship and numerous mission projects such as the Economy Corner, the backpack project, and the community breakfast. But our church, like so many mainline churches, faces challenges. Christians are becoming a minority. Many people do not claim, and do not want, church membership. Our downtown neighborhood is changing. Our congregation is getting smaller. To thrive and survive, what will our church do?

An excellent book, Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory by Presbyterian pastor Tod Bolsinger, outlines a strategy for addressing these issues. Bolsinger compares the current situation in our churches to the expedition of Lewis and Clark. These explorers, expecting to find a waterway to the Pacific Ocean, instead encountered the Rocky Mountains. That was a real game changer! Canoes wouldn’t work. They had to find other ways to complete their journey. But they persevered, continued their mission of discovery, and completed the treacherous journey over the mountains to the ocean. We, too, need to embrace that spirit of discovery!

Several small study groups are being organized this fall to read and discuss this book. Please consider joining us! Out of courtesy to the leaders, please call or email the leader of the group that you would like to attend. You may also call the church office at 263-0248 and leave a message. Many of these will be virtual meetings via Zoom. The groups are as follows:

- Mondays-Oct 5-26th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Led by Jeff Van Sickle via Zoom. Contact info-jtvansickle@hotmail.com or ph. 680-0344.
- Tuesdays-Sept. 29-Nov. 3rd from 2-3:00 p.m. Led by Alice Price at 807 N. Nims. Contact info-amariep7819@att.net or ph. 841-7942.
- Wednesdays-Oct.7-28th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Led by Cynthia Berner via Zoom. Contact info-ictbooks@gmail.com or ph. 641-7587.
- Wednesdays-Oct. 7-Nov. 4th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Led by Brent Johnston in The Well & Zoom. Contact info-pastor@firstchurchwichita.org or ph. 263-0248.
- Thursdays-Oct. 1-29th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Led by Melinda Sears via Zoom. Contact info-sj.ml.sears@att.net or ph. 993-2763.
- Thursdays-Oct. 8-29th from 7-8:00 p.m. Led by Stephanie Hutchison via Zoom. Contact info-stevie.bird2@gmail.com or ph. 409-4529.
Let Us Focus Our Prayers on These Members:

Summer almost Over, Fall almost Here:

It is hard to believe that we are still having to social distance but not spiritual distance as we head into the Fall. Like most of you, I long to get back to worshiping in person but the number of COVID cases continues to rise. It looks like when we do get back together to worship in person, we will need to do so with restrictions like staying 6 feet apart and wearing masks. Knowing that some of our members will still feel the need to shelter at home, we will continue to live stream services when the church re-opens. The current situation also means some significant changes for our Fall programming. Christian Education is figuring this out. See their report. Worship and Music is recommending that we not worship in person through September. They also suggest that we provide an online pre-recorded communion service beginning World Communion Sunday in October. Commission meetings have been on Zoom only and some hybrid (Zoom and in person) as well. Staff meetings have been on MS Teams. I guess it boils down to what makes everyone feel safe and how much risk we are willing to take.

Continuing Education:

I will be going to Savannah, Georgia from September 1 to September 7 to work on sermon planning and reading for upcoming classes this Fall. I will be taking vacation from August 24 to August 30 to finish up my assignment for my PhD Advisor and to help my son move from Northwestern back to Wichita. Other continuing education opportunities online are as follows:

- James Cone Was Right: Black Theology Reading Group with Dr. Tripp Fuller and Dr. Adam Clark, Reading List: James Cone, *For My People*, James Cone, *The Cross and The Lynching Tree*, Delores S. Williams, *Sisters in the Wilderness* as well as many articles from various authors. Week 1 began August 4, 2020.
  
  Week 1—Liberation from Slaveholder Religion  
  Week 2—Is Christianity a White Man’s Religion? or Beyond the Religion of Whiteness  
  Week 3—Special Guest Lecturers  
  Week 4—Black Theology as a theology of Liberation  
  Week 5—Special Guest Lecturers  
  Week 6—Gendering Blackness: Womanist Theology  
  Week 7—Special Guest Lecturers  
  Week 8—The Black Christ: The Underside of Empire

- LeaderWise-The Wise Leader, Mark Sundby, MDiv, PhD
  
  September 9 - Defining Wisdom  
  September 16 - The Wisdom Sources: Ancient Philosophers and Spiritual Traditions  
  September 23 - Contemporary Perspectives from Psychology and Neuroscience  
  September 30 - Becoming a Wise Leader

These continuing education seminars online are geared to help me in the adapting challenges facing our church and society. As Tod Bolsinger reminded his readers in *Canoeing the Mountains* that when faced with adaptive challenge, it is important to begin addressing it with adaptive learning. New skills and new ways to look at things are called for as it did for the Lewis and Clark Expedition when faced with getting over the Rocky Mountains. Suddenly, canoeing over it was out of the question. They ditched their canoes and looked to other expertise to guide them in unchartered territory. So, it is with us at First Presbyterian Church faced with the challenge of addressing systemic racism and addressing our future that will energize us to become the change we envision.

KLC Case Study and Action Guide Work Has Begun

The Kansas Leadership Center has begun the work we contracted them to do in interviewing members and community leaders to diagnose the situation that will lead to action steps we might take in becoming the change we envision, in arriving at a compelling vision that will help us navigate loss, to be the Church God is calling us to become. Our KLC Core Team has begun their leadership training by taking “Your Leadership Edge.” We encourage every member to sign up for this class as well. Cynthia Berner at ictbooks@gmail.com has the information to take this training online, free of charge. Our goal is to have over 30 members and Staff take “Your Leadership Edge” so as to increase our leadership capacity and our capacity for change at FPC. With your energy, enthusiasm, and imagination, we can become the change we seek. Transformation happens and it begins with you.

Grace and Peace,

[Signature]
From the Archives

102 Years Since Last Ordered Closing
by Gary M. Huffman, Archivist

On Oct. 10, 1918, the City Health Physician ordered that all "assemblages of people in school buildings, churches, theaters, dance halls, or any public or private building shall cease until such time as this is revoked."

The influenza epidemic was sweeping across the county like a wildfire. We now know that one of its origins was in Western Kansas and was carried to Camp Funston and Ft. Riley where there were 1270 new cases reported on one day.

On the same day, the governor of Kansas, Arthur Capper, issued "a proclamation urging that all public and private schools, churches, Sunday schools, picture theaters and places of public assemblies be closed by Saturday, Oct. 12, and continuing until Oct. 19, as a means of combating the spread of Spanish influenza within the state."

During the following months, the epidemic truly raged here in Wichita. The celebrations of war’s end continued even though the threat existed. There was wide-held belief that one couldn’t contract the flu outdoors.

Massive cancelations continued for several weeks. First Presbyterian Church was closed for one month. Great financial pressure was brought on by the closure.

The results of this epidemic were catastrophic for the community. By December 1918 Wichita had recorded 5,259 cases of the flu with 302 deaths. The population of the city was slightly under 72,000. In Kansas, it was estimated that flu deaths cost the state over $100,000,000 with 5547 deaths. During the three-month invasion of the flu, 425 deaths occurred in Wichita. It wasn’t until March 27, 1919, that the city was declared free of the flu.

World-wide, it is believed that there were over 500,000 deaths, more than the number of Americans killed in WW I. Some estimates state that about 30% of all Americans suffered from the flu before the epidemic ended.

We are all familiar with the current pandemic caused by COVID-19. The numbers are changing rapidly and strong measures are being taken worldwide to stem the force of the virus. On March 13, while we were observing the Mar. 13, 1870 organization of First Presbyterian Church, Sedgwick County issued a ban on large group meetings, causing many cancelations of church services (including our 150th Celebration), athletic events, and school activities.

It is interesting to compare today’s threat with that of 1918. The rest remains to be told. For the time being, we continue to be under severe threat from the virus. Numbers of cases have surged to even higher levels. Instead of “quarantines” we are “social distancing,” washing hands often, and wearing masks.

On the live-streaming of our service on March 15, 2020, Pastor Brent preached to an empty room, but his uplifting and positive message was clear. We should “Feed on Faith, Not on Fear.”

We continue to worship via live stream from the Sanctuary every Sunday. While we miss seeing our church friends and participating in person, we worship God in new and creative ways.

Does this sound familiar? From The Wichita Daily Eagle, Jan. 24. 1920

*Avoid crowds wherever possible.
*Cough and sneeze into handkerchief.
*Keep sleeping room well ventilated.
*Keep bowels open, feet warm and head cool.

*Keep hands away from mouth and nose.
*Wash hands thoroughly before eating.
*Call family physician if feeling “grippy.”
I imagine you are feeling weary of this coronavirus pandemic that has disrupted and overwhelmed our lives these last 6 months. The world is experiencing people getting ill and dying in record numbers, the healthcare system is overloaded, employees are losing jobs and businesses are shut down, schools are closing, and countries are spending billions of dollars on bailouts and medical aid. COVID-19 is a huge stressor triggering fears and uncertainties. I have been pondering possible upsides and opportunities through this pandemic that could help strengthen our resolve and deepen our faith. Some of the opportunities that are available for most people affected by this crisis include:

**Extra Time**
Since social gatherings that bring many people together have been cancelled or forbidden, we find significant amounts of extra time. The opportunity is that we can spend this time on other things or simply do nothing and enjoy the free time. In the past, I have been accustomed to filling up my days with to do lists, but these days there is a rearranging to include doing nothing. I have discovered that I’m okay to sit outside by myself at times and delight in God’s creation. This do nothing activity has created calmness within and reminds me that this is important, too, for my well-being.

**Motivated to Get Healthier**
In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and fears of contracting and/or spreading this deadly virus, there is opportunity for people to make healthier choices and adopt healthier habits. This means taking time to research your health condition and focus on finding ways to improve your health. Chronic conditions that increase the risk of contracting COVID-19 include cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, asthma, weakened immune system, obesity, heart conditions, and diabetes. Important aspects to achieve better health include: decrease stress by exercise, meditation, and prayer. Get enough sleep to help improve the immune system. Eat healthy by eliminating sugars and trans fats, and incorporating fruits, vegetables, and whole grains and meats. Maintain a healthy weight by diet and exercise. Stay hydrated.

**Reconnecting and Helping Others**
These different challenging times offer a great opportunity for connecting and helping people in ways that we can safely. Of course, not being able to visit friends or family has increased isolation and feelings of loneliness. Our church has offered opportunities to connect and help by calling on members and delivering care bags, organizing small family group activities to connect while social distancing, and providing food at our monthly Community Breakfast outreach and backpacks to refugee students.

**Reflection and Reconsideration**
The coronavirus has disrupted our day-to-day lives and provides us the opportunity to reflect on things and to reconsider what we do, how we do it, and why we do it. Things we looked forward to or even took for granted are suddenly not possible anymore. We are learning to shift priorities and welcome what we can do with a newfound gratitude. We recognize who and what is truly important in our lives and give thanks. We will find, too, that a “less is more” model can serve us all well.

As we reflect on the total shock of this pandemic, we are reminded that we are never in control of our lives and that we can never eliminate every misfortune or every illness. Ultimately, our trust has to be in our God who is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Ps. 46:1) God alone is our security. Let us trust Him.

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Susan Edmonston
First Presby News September 2020
Children’s Ministry News

September Activities

Beginning September 13th, 2020 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. children of all ages and their families are invited to join us at Whispering Winds Camp for “Walking with Jesus on Sunday Afternoons”. We will have music, small groups with three rotations to include a Bible lesson, recreation, and a craft. We will end with a grab and go snack and drink.

Our mission is to keep this safe, small and sanitary. The safety and health of our FPC children is very important to the staff and volunteers but we also believe faith formation and fellowship can continue with specific safety guidelines in place.

If you have any questions about the upcoming plans, please feel free to call me at 316-214-4318 or email me at Norris@firstchurchwichita.org.

Over the summer our Fellowship group met on several occasions including The Splash Pad, Splash Aqua Park and August 5th in Sedgwick County Park for our “Trikes and Bikes” event. The events were a hit and the children, youth and parents had a great time.

This summer we also prepared and delivered activity packages to children to help keep them engaged and continue learning about God. The packages for our families and events have been well attended and well received by our FPC families. Thank you for everyone who helped coordinate the packages and events.
Youth Activities

Fall Youth Activities

Youth Club will be starting again on Wednesday, September 16 from 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Lounge and other rooms on the 3rd floor of the Case Building. Youth Club is for anyone who is in 6th-12th grade.

The church van will pick up and take home any youth who need a ride. We will be using the same safety protocol that we used during summer camps because safety is our number one goal! We will have Bible study, crafts, and games (in small groups). We will keep a log each week for contact tracing. We will provide food, served in individual, previously packed bags, like sack lunches.

We will keep the youth in small groups of 6 or so, we have plenty of rooms on the 3rd floor, so separating into small groups won’t be difficult. We are excited to begin the Fall semester with hope, faith and fellowship with our young people!

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

We are happy to give you a ride if needed.

Attention nations of white people...

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

Excerpt from Emma Lazarus’ poem “The New Colossus” placed on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty.

Did you know that Congress restricted naturalized citizenship to “white persons” in 1790? America was colonized by western European immigrants, but when it appeared that others might want to immigrate, they got worried. Preference was given to western Europeans over eastern and southern Europeans and immigration from Asia and Africa was restricted.

As the nation “progressed”, the Immigration Act of 1924 became policy in order to “preserve the ideal of U.S. homogeneity”. Adolph Hitler wrote of his admiration of our immigration laws in Mein Kempf, saying, “The American Union categorically refuses the immigration of physically unhealthy elements, and simply excludes the immigration of certain races”. (Well, there’s a horrifying endorsement!)

In the 1960’s, the U.S. felt pressure, foreign and domestic, to change the nation-based immigration policy. Finally, at the height of the Civil Rights Movement, the restrictive immigration laws were seen as an embarrassment. Based on an immigration regulations report “Whom Shall We Welcome”, ordered by President Truman, the Hart-Celler Act was born. In 1965, President Johnson signed it into law at the foot of the Statue of Liberty – eliminating national origins, race, or family ancestry as a basis for immigration. Essentially, ending preferences for white immigrants, dating back to the 18th century. (Or so it proclaimed!)

2020? Legal immigration has been drastically reduced (since 2017), agencies providing immigrant services are in danger of permanent closure, undocumented children as young as 8 mo. are being separated from families and detained in private sector facilities “off books,” without due process, and many communities are shouting for justice due to systemic racism.

But, God is our hope... in God’s house, there are people of every background. In God’s house, there are people of every race, age and gender. In God’s house, people who are different from each other in almost every way, live together and seek ways to bring about Christ’s peace in every part of our lives.

Thanks for your patience with the brief history lesson! You’ve seen how legislators have handled immigration issues for centuries. If we seek change, let us cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division and embrace our reconciling God’s mission to those around the corner and around the world. We must continue to pray for justice, and send that message to our leaders. It takes all of us to create change.

God bless each of you!

(Submitted by Patrice Cummings)

“Seek Justice... Love Mercy... Walk Humbly” Micah 6:8
News from the Economy Corner

August 2020 begins our 60th year of providing a place where our urban community can shop for necessities and special items which can’t be found elsewhere. We continue to fulfill vouchers for those in need. This is quite remarkable since we began with leftover goods from a 1960 rummage sale the Women’s Association of FPC held to raise money to pay $5000.00 pledge to help with an FPC building fund. The leftovers became the seeds for the Economy Corner thrift store. Our Mission has grown, and we are now in our third location. In 1962 the Women’s Association from Grace Presbyterian Church joined with us in the operation of the Economy Corner, providing both volunteers and merchandise.

After closing in March due the COVID-19’s spread, we reopened in July with a new daily schedule and operating times. In the ten partial days of July we were open, our sales were $5,195.43! First’s share was $4,760.41. Grace’s was $435.02. We also filled 46 vouchers equivalent to $718.05. FPC’s share was $595.55 and Grace’s was $122.50. It is hoped that with God’s blessing, the Economy Corner will continue our Mission of Service to the community and support for projects of First and Grace Presbyterian Churches.

For now, we are now open on:
- Tuesday 10:00 -12:00 - Voucher redemption only
- Tuesday and Fridays 1:00 - 4:30 - Open for purchases and donations
- Saturday 11:00 - 3:00 - Open for purchases and donations
*Monday, Wednesday, Thursday volunteers will work in back accepting and readying the donations to put out for sale in the store.
**This schedule is subject to change.**
-Economy Corner Board

Care Packages for FPC!

This summer care packages were delivered to many FPC members. The packages were prepared and delivered by the Evangelism & Hospitality Committee members and Church Deacons. The packages included a variety of activities, useful items, and snacks. We have received so many responses of thanks and appreciation that our bulletin board is full of “Thank You” cards.

OUTDOORS RE-OPENING, WHISPERING WINDS CAMP

Good news! After being closed to virtually all activities this year, Whispering Winds Camp is undertaking a (limited) reopening. While plan details are a work in progress, we are opening the outdoor portions of the camp, including the trails, playground, basketball court, picnic tables, and RV campground. The COVID-19 risk is less in outdoor settings than in indoor settings, but it is not zero, and the consequences can be devastating to children as well as adults. Therefore, the re-opening plan will include face coverings, social distancing, hygiene, and other practical measures to further lower the risk. New activities or user groups require approval of the Camp Commission. Approved guests/groups also need to notify the Camp Manager (Dave Duncan, 316-371-1050) upon arrival at the Camp.

Please bear with us as we work to safely share the wonderful outdoor facilities that God has provided us.

Doug Aldrich,
Camp Commission Moderator
JOIN THE JOURNEYS CLASS BEGINNING SEPT. 13th FOR AN ADVENTURE:

**Can Listening to Voices of Other Religions and Faith Communities Lead Us to a Deeper Understanding and Practice of Our Faith Tradition?**

The book we will be using is *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor (discussing two chapters each session)

On alternate Sundays we will watch videos of leaders of other major faith traditions speak to the question: “Why would an all-loving God allow suffering and evil in the world?” based on their faith tradition. (25-minute lecture/30 minutes Q&A)

This will be a major project of 14 weeks. It requires commitment, but you can miss sessions and still stay ‘on board!’ Facilitated by Pat Welker. For questions, please call her at 720 273-2124.

**All Sessions Will Be on Zoom**

The second week of September 7-11 an invitation by email will be sent from Pastor Brent to the congregation with an invitation to join the Journeys class fall Sessions. On Sunday, Sept. 13 starting at 9:20 a.m. please click on the invitation and you will be in the Zoom meeting. The class will begin at 9:30 a.m.

An attachment packet of information will accompany the invitation so you may have information about the class and a syllabus.

Each week you will receive a reminder link to enter the class that week.

All sessions will be from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. September 13-December 20, 2020. No class on October 25: Heritage Sunday. The Zoom session will open at 9:20 to give 10 minutes for gathering and conversation. Class will begin promptly at 9:30.

If you feel the church office does not have the correct email for you please email or call the office and make the correction.

This information will be updated each week in the newsletter as we get closer to September 13.
In God’s house, there are people of every background. In God’s house, there are people of every race, age and gender. In God’s house, people who are different from each other in almost every way live together and seek ways to bring about Christ’s peace in every part of our lives. We speak out and claim the truth in Second Thessalonians, “May the God of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.”

Our Peace & Global Witness Offering will be September 6th-October 4th. The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division and embrace our reconciling God’s mission to those around the corner and around the world.

If you are in the church facility, special offering envelopes will be available on the table across from the office. If you’re joining via livestream, please mail your donations with the designation “Peace & Global Witness Offering” notated.

During this season of unrest, despair and change, many people depend on our faith, our gifts and God’s grace to see them through the current crisis. We are the church, together. We are peacemakers, together. We are the builders of God’s household of peace, together. And when, together, we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Thank you, in advance, for your generous giving to this critical special offering.

God bless you!

Backpack Bash Was a Huge Success!

Thanks to your generosity—and a team of tireless volunteers, 403 refugee students are headed to school equipped for success!

This will be a year of change for the students. And, teachers! Some will attend class in person, some will participate in online classes and others will complete self-paced learning online. But they all have one thing in common… they are excited to start school (well, all except one new pre-K student I spoke to who wasn’t really sure).

The Backpack Bash was different this year, too. We made a lot of new memories, though. Once we embraced the changes, we were off shopping, organizing and stuffing backpacks. At first, we did not have the funds needed, but we went forward on faith. God always provides! Thanks to grants from the Presbytery of Southern Kansas and Economy Corner, along with significant donations from individuals and our generous partners, we had what we needed.

I want to give a special thanks to Wizzie Eads from Grace Presbyterian Church and Nayu Wilson from the IRC. Their help in the planning and execution of this year’s bash was invaluable. We had 40 volunteers over 3 days that helped make it a reality. On Saturday, August 8th, we distributed 234 backpacks. We were happy (and a bit surprised) that so many were able to stop by, since we did not provide transportation this year. For those students who were unable to attend, the IRC and St. Francis Migration Ministries delivered the remaining backpacks to the students’ homes. Thanks goes to the caseworkers, program directors and volunteers who made that happen! — Patrice Cummings
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**Dillon’s Community Rewards**

Did you know that by participating in the Dillon's Community Rewards program, you can help fund the programs at Whispering Winds Camp? It's easy to participate. At the bottom of your receipt from Dillon’s, it should say “First Presbyterian Church.” If not, please enroll on-line at www.dillons.com and identify Organization BF935. Once you’re enrolled, you won’t need to enroll again. Thank you for your support!!!

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**A New Way to Raise Funds for FPC - Amazon Smile**

You can also help earn money for FPC when you make purchases from Amazon. Amazon Smile is a program that donates 0.5% of each purchase to the charity of your choice. When you are ready to shop, go to http://smile.amazon.com, choose FPC as your charity, then shop!
Stephen Ministers are the *After People.*

Stephen Ministers are there:
- *after* the divorce,
- *after* the funeral,
- *after* the doctor says, “I’m sorry,”
- *after* the baby arrives

If you have questions or need to talk, please contact Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

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**Thank you Acolytes!**

Certificates of Appreciation have been mailed to the young people who served God and our church by being acolytes during the 2019-2020 school year. The following received certificates: Griffin Barker, Brandon Bowles, Carter Bowles, Bronwen Burch, Iain Cline, Isaac Cline, Meryt Ediger, Alex Maddux, Torre Rekoske, Mia Temple, and Katelyn Young.

*Thank you to all of our acolytes. May God be with you as you do your utmost to follow the guidelines to stay healthy.*

*Blessings, Lilly-Ann*