

First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. In-Person, Live Streaming, and Facebook Live

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:	<i>"Cantilena"</i>	Eugene Butler
Hymns:	<i>"Open My Eyes That I May See"</i> (vs. 1-3) <i>"Lift High the Cross"</i> (vs. 1, 3, 4)	No. 324 No. 371
First Reading:		Proverbs 1:20-33
Second Reading:		James 3:1-12
Sermon:	<i>"Wisdom Calls Out... is anyone listening?"</i> Dr. Rev. Brent O. Johnston	
Anthem:	<i>"You Keep Me Singing"</i> Jesse Warkentin, Piano	Michael Sharp
Gospel Reading:		Mark 8:27-38
Offertory:	<i>"My Redeemer Lives"</i> Sarah Gutierrez, Alto; Jesse Warkentin, Piano	Nicole Mullen
Postlude:	<i>"Lift High the Cross"</i>	John Leavitt

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Praying for the Church Family

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: Robert Bell III, Tracy Dranselka, Hilary Norris and family, Janice Savute, and Tom & Esther Warner.

Mary Burgett's Retirement Celebration September 19

On Sunday, September 19 from 10:30 to 11a.m., we will celebrate Mary Burgett and her many years of service to the Economy Corner. Since September 1, 1993, Mary dedicated her life to the success of the Economy Corner. "I wouldn't trade my time there for anything," she said. Mary decided to retire effective September 1st of this year. Please join us in *The Well* as we celebrate this happy event in Mary's life.



The FPC 150th Anniversary Cookbooks Are Still for Sale!

The 150th Anniversary Cookbooks are here. Contact Geri Doll to order a cookbook or come by the office on Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to purchase your cookbook. You may also purchase a cookbook on Sundays after worship. They are only \$15.



SESSION NEWS

The Session has discussed COVID protocols and the safety of the staff and worshippers of FPC at every Session Meeting since April 2020. **Until further notice, we will be signing in at the west door for the purpose of contact tracing instead of passing the Friendship Pads in the Sanctuary.**

At the most recent meeting, 08/17/2021, the Session voted to strongly recommend that all persons entering the building wear a mask. Signs requesting that those entering the building wear a mask are at the south and west entrances. (Note: Social distancing is still required inside the building.) -Melinda Sears, Clerk of Session

Barista Trainees Needed for Coffee Fellowship in *The Well*

We would like to start training a few volunteers to become Baristas during the Sunday Coffee Fellowship in *The Well* before and after Sunday Worship services. We still need 2 or 3 more volunteers to ensure we have enough people trained.

We will be holding a Barista training soon. Please contact Cynthia Rekoske at 316-992-9595 or the church office at 263-0248 if you are interested in learning and volunteering so we can begin providing this service and time of fellowship to our members again. **Thank you!**



Help End Hunger at Wichita CROP Hunger Walk on October 3

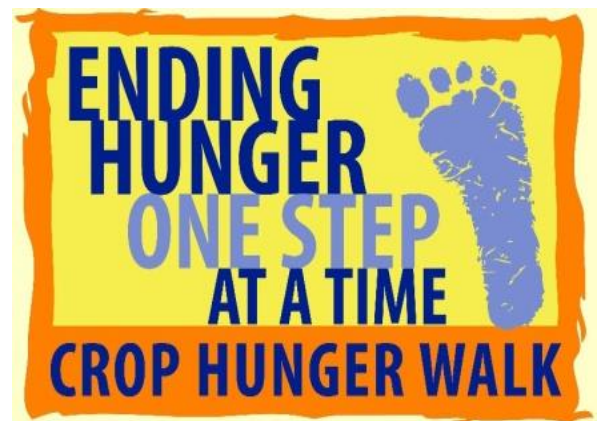
The Wichita CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 3, at Sedgwick County Park, beginning at 2 p.m. (Registration is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Horseshoe Shelter)

Individuals and Groups can set up teams or register as an individual in advance by going to the following site: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/wichitaks>

Participants are invited to raise funds to fight hunger locally and worldwide. There is no registration charge. Walkers who raise \$50 (brought to check-in on walk day or raised on-line) receive a t-shirt.

Local hunger relief agencies include St. Paul's Lutheran Church's Saturday Community Breakfast, City Life Church's Neighborhood Fellowship on Sundays including breakfast, United Methodist Open Door and Wichita Inter-Faith Ministries Hunger Ministries receive ¼ of the funds raised, the rest goes to Church World Service to fight hunger worldwide.

Parent consent forms and publicity materials are available online at crophungerwalk.org. T-shirt pickup day is 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on October 2 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 925 N. Waco. Shirts may also be picked up during registration on the day of the Crop Walk.



The Crop Walk also includes a peanut butter drive that helps four local agencies. CROP Hunger Walks are among the oldest fundraising walks. All ages are welcome as are pets. For more information go to cropwalkwichita.org or contact Alice Price at amariep7819@att.net or 267-6853.

Let's walk together and make hunger a thing of the past!

FALL FESTIVAL AT WHISPERING WINDS CAMP ON OCTOBER 16

Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 16th at Whispering Winds Camp starting at 3 p.m. We will have games, nature walks, chili contest, live music, pumpkin decoration, hayrack rides, our annual costume contest and more. We plan to eat around 5:30. More details about this event will be posted soon.

**Come join us at the camp for this family fun
and fellowship event!**



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS Sept. 5th—Oct. 3rd

“May the God of Peace... grant you peace at all times in all ways.”

It was a daring prayer, all things considered, to ask the Thessalonians to pray — and it is also a daring one for us, I imagine. The second letter to the Thessalonians arrived at a time of turmoil, strife, and confusion. The Christian community was experiencing persecutions so severe that some believed the time of judgment had come, while others took advantage of their doubt, spreading misinformation and sowing dissent. The letter ends with a benedictory prayer: for God’s peace to be granted at all times in all ways. It might have been daring enough to consider asking them to imagine peace at “any time,” much less at “all times,” or to imagine peace in some sort of way at all, much less in all of them. Have you ever felt so far from God’s peace that you couldn’t even imagine it?

The Peace & Global Witness Offering helps us imagine and create in each of our individual expressions, and together as a whole Church, a witness to the God of Peace. 25% of our collection will be used by our congregation. 25% is shared with our mid council region, and 50% is shared with our denominational partners so that our witness to peace is extended, and we help fulfill the daring prayer in 2nd Thessalonians: that the God of Peace is known “at all times in all ways.”

As we work to share Christ’s peace with one another, let’s share that peace with those beyond our doors, beyond our communities, and beyond our borders. The Peace & Global Witness Offering provides the tools and resources for us as we join together as active peacemakers — at all times, in all ways.

PEACE is active, not passive... PEACE is doing, not waiting!

The Peace and Global Witness offering culminates October 3rd.

Thank you for your gift!

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 12

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Parlor)
- 11:00 Kid's Club (*The Well*)

Monday, September 13

- 4:30 Personnel Mtg (Zoom)
- 6:00 Mission Comm. Mtg (Zoom/*The Well*)
- 6:30 Hospitality & Evangelism Comm. Mtg (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 14

- 1:00 Staff Mtg (MS Teams/*The Well*)
- 2:30 Pastoral Staff Mtg (MS Teams/*The Well*)
- 5:30 Finance Mtg (Zoom/Hobbs)
- 6:30 Stewardship Comm. Mtg (Zoom/Parlor)

Wednesday, September 15

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 6:00 Youth Club (YL)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

Thursday, September 16

- 1:30 Book Club (Zoom)
- 5:00 Project Laundry (Offsite)
- 6:00 Dinner Club (Camp)

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- 10:45 Kid's Club (YL)
- 10:45 Journey's Class (Hobbs/Zoom)