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## News & Upcoming Activities

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### Called Congregational Meeting to Elect the Class of 2022 Elders and Deacons

The Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary on May 19, 2019 to receive a report and recommendation from the Congregational Nominating Committee.

### Next "Be Well" Seminar on June 29

The next "Be Well" Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in *The Well*. This free program is lead by Rev. Dave Fulton and is open to FPC members, their family and friends. Lunch and materials are provided. For deep spiritual wellness--be well in body, mind and relationships. The seminar is limited to 20 people so make your reservation now with Joan Aldrich, [aldrich@firstchurchwichita.org](mailto:aldrich@firstchurchwichita.org) or Mary Knecht, [knecht-mary@hotmail.com](mailto:knecht-mary@hotmail.com).

### Pool People Wanted!!!

Whispering Winds Camp seeks to hire a Pool Supervisor, at least 21 years old, with a HS/GED degree. The Pool Supervisor would supervise two Lifeguards and perform other maintenance and administrative responsibilities. The Camp also seeks additional entry level Lifeguards, who should have Lifeguard and First Aid training certification. Interested candidates should contact Geri Doll (737-8855) or Doug Aldrich (772-3958).

Whispering Winds Camp also seeks lots of Pool People who like to get wet, get tan, and have fun! **No** experience, age limits, education, training, or certifications are required!!! Regular hours will be 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, plus holidays (Memorial Day Monday, Fourth of July Thursday/Friday, and Labor Day Monday (last day of the season)).

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## Calendar

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### **Sunday, May 19**

*Prayers of the People*

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Blood Pressure Check (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Camp Whispers (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (Parlor)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Youth C.R.E.W. (Sanctuary/*The Well*)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204)

### **Tuesday, May 21**

- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg. (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Meeting (*The Well*)
- 5:30 Session (Parlor)

### **Wednesday, May 22**

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 5:30 Leadership Training (WDR)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### **Friday, May 24**

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)

### **Saturday, May 25**

- 11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (*Hobbs*)

### **Sunday, May 26**

*Yellow Bag Sunday*

- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 10:45 Youth C.R.E.W. (Sanctuary/*The Well*)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204)
- 2:00 Summer Splash (Camp)



\*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

First Reading

Psalm 148

Anthem

*Praise the Lord*

Jane Marshall

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; Praise him in his mighty firmament!*

*Praise him for his mighty deeds; Praise him for his excellent greatness!*

*Praise him with trumpet sound; Praise him with lute and harp!*

*Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!*

*Praise him with sounding and clashing cymbals!*

*Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!*

Second Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Sermon

“Hindering the Work of the Spirit”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith Excerpt from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

1. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.... I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved." (John 10:1, 9.)

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the Church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation....**

6. "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matt. 28:20.) "The word of God is not fettered." (II Tim. 2:9.)

**The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and sacrament. We reject the false doctrine, as though the Church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer  
Call to Stewardship

Jeff VanSickle

Offertory

*At the River*

Aaron Copland

Asher Isaac, Bass

*Shall we gather by the river,  
Where bright angel's feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?*

*Chorus: Yes, we'll gather by the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints by the river  
That flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace. Chorus.*

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*To God Be the Glory*

No. 485

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*\*Recessional

\*Postlude

*O God of Earth and Altar*

King's Lynn  
arr. James Mansfield

Congregational Meeting

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

\*\*signifies 10:45 service only

### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Liturgist

Judy Michel

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Gary Huffman

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## Activities & Announcements

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### Registration & Information Vacation Bible School & Games Camp

*Registration must be completed by May 20th for those under age 18 attending either event. Forms are available on the table outside the office.*

#### VBS on June on 5, 6, & 7

This year VBS will run for 3 days in the evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our theme will be "WHO'S My Neighbor?" This year, we are excited to partner with Adult Education to add an adult component and hope everyone will join in for a fun three evenings of learning and fellowship. We will be having dinner so if you are over the age of 18, we ask that you RSVP to the church office or to the Facebook event link. This will help us plan accordingly for food and supplies.

#### Games Camp

**Will be June 11 through June 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m at Whispering Winds.** We hope to have another lock-in on the Thursday of Games Camp. More details to come on this as we are still in the planning phases. Space is limited. Cost per camper is \$40 for the entire week of Games Camp. Payment for this camp is due no later than May 20th. If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please contact Liz Norris.

#### ADULT VBS INFORMATION

**Wednesday, June 5,** Jeff Van Sickle will lead from the book "Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt: A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and Other Confused Presbyterians." This is an excellent book which light-heartedly presents Presbyterian beliefs as contrasted to neo-evangelical beliefs which seem to have overtaken us in popularity. No reading will be required.

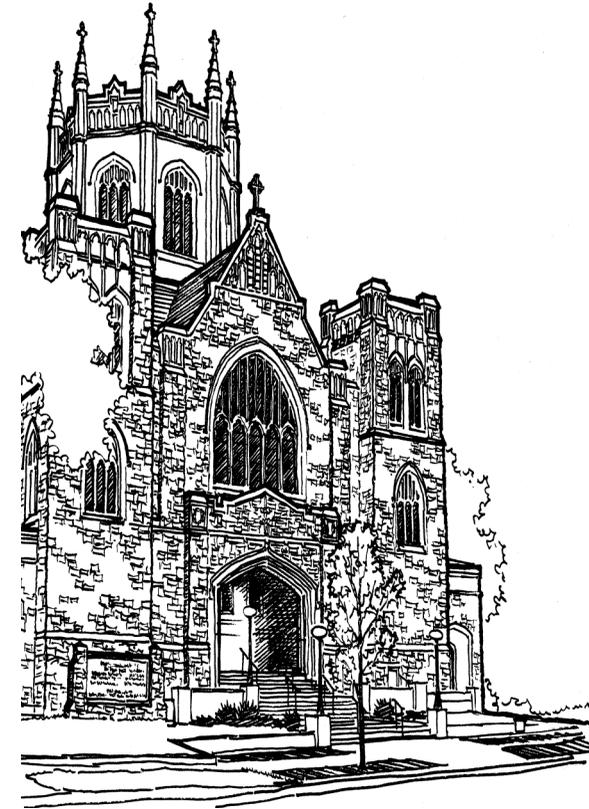
**Thursday, June 6,** Russell Davisson will present "The Heart of the Matter," leading the class through nine principles to guide our reading and study of the Bible.

**Friday, June 7,** Bob Workman will present a quick and condensed program of church architecture, complete with commentary and slides. He will concentrate on Paleo-Christian and Gothic architecture, which should prove very interesting because First Presbyterian was designed in the Gothic tradition. We hope that you will join us for this intergenerational event.

**Dinner 5:30 p.m. -Study time 6:15 p.m. - Yoga and social time 7:15 p.m.**

**Please RVSP to Jeff VanSickle [jtvansickle@hotmail.com](mailto:jtvansickle@hotmail.com)**

# First Presbyterian Church



**May 19, 2019  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

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