



In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Confession of 1967 and in light of recent events, Pastor Matt will lead us in a 2-week study - **Race & Reconciliation. Sundays, September 10 and 17, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall.** Drawing from the recent PCUSA curriculum with the same name, we will explore themes of reconciliation, unity, and justice during our time together, as well as dive into our newest addition to the Book of Confessions last year, the Belhar Confession, which came out of South Africa during the height of Apartheid.

Be Prepared!!

We who live in Oklahoma, specifically "tornado alley", often take disaster preparation for granted. We think because the local TV stations advertise that they will give us 72 hours of lead time for impending disasters we will be ready and able to escape what comes our way. However, 72 hours will not work for rising flood waters!! September is National Preparedness Month and it's appropriate for us to consider specific preparation details at this time of year. The Oklahoma State University Extension Division web site has a printable list of items you'll need and with suggestions for how to prepare for a disaster.

We know about meds and keeping a list of them plus vital financial and legal documents. We also know about flashlights, fully powered cell phones & their charger. Do you have an inventory list of your household items? I'll bet there's a cell phone app to record them—check the Insurance Institute for Individuals. You'll probably need to take pictures of the items and their serial numbers. Do you have an extra set of car keys? If so, take them with you. How about a list of credit cards and their numbers?

You'll also need sanitation and personal hygiene items and extra batteries for hearing aids. And flashlights and extra batteries for them are important. Then there's a change of clothes and shoes that are thick-soled with a closed toe, as well as wet-weather clothes like ponchos.

Food, water? Yes, a gallon per person per day. And non-perishable easy-to-prepare food items. Don't forget the simple can opener. And there may be special items you'll need for the kiddos and your pets. Be sure you have pictures of them in case they get separated from the rest of the family. Be sure the adults and older kids know where to meet up if they get separated.

Last, but certainly not least, have you registered the location of your safe room or storm shelter? Do your loved ones know where you might have sought shelter? Check with your city/county disaster chairman regarding whether this information needs to be recorded.

Do your best to be prepared.
-Submitted by Jo Flanders



Hygiene & Paper Products

Youth Food Harvest
September 17, 2017

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING OCTOBER 1

Of all the ways we come together as a church, the Special Offerings represent the single, largest collective effort of Presbyterians to create positive impact and share God's grace and love. A gift to this offering enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ's peace. How is my gift used?

Congregations keep 25% and mid councils keep 25% to engage in peacemaking an build ministries of reconciliation in their own context or around the world. 50% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Some examples of how funds have been used:

- work with young people transitioning out of prison or homelessness
- educational assistance for veterans
- train peer councilors in peace building in refugee camps in war-torn countries
- support programs aimed at ending human trafficking

Locally, we plan to contribute our 25% to a meals program for the hungry. Along with First Methodist and others, we will give some support to the local Break Bread Together ministry.

Please prayerfully consider giving to the Peace and Global Witness Offering on October 1st.

-Submitted by Caron Hawkins

September 3

12:00-12:30pm

Eucharistic Visitor Training

Taking communion to our homebound and shut-in members is a new ministry of our Deacons. But all are welcome to join this quick 30 minute training, following our Communion. If you are interested in this ministry, we will work to get you scheduled to help. We will be going in teams of at least two people each 1st Sunday after we have celebrated communion as a church family. An elder or deacon will be in each team to take the lead.

Pastor Matt, Margo, and all the Deacons

Stewardship 2018

FPC Duncan

It is that time of year when we must begin looking at the financial needs of the church for the coming year, 2018. During the next few months your Stewardship Committee, Mike Grantham, Margo Jones, Caron Hawkins and Bennie Drake will convey those needs and ask that you "pledge" as generously as possible. Pledge cards will be given/mailed to you during the month of November for your consideration and financial commitment during the coming year. Should you be unable to contribute financial, remember your **time** is also very important to this Church and congregation.

Remember as Paul writes to the Corinthians. "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind." (2 Cor. 9:7).

Blessings, Your Stewardship Committee

-Submitted by Bennie Drake

2017-2018 PW DIRECTORY

INCLUDES ALL FPC WOMEN

LISTS CHURCH/COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Presbyterian Women's Council decided it would be inclusive to have all women of the First Presbyterian Church listed in the 2017-2018 calendar/directory, to use a phrase, "So all could be on the same page," for women's church and community events. Previously only circle participants were listed.

All FPC women are invited to come to our first circle meeting on September 14 at 1:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall to begin our new PW *Horizons* Bible study on Hebrews, "Cloud of Witnesses." As this is our first gathering, no advance preparation is necessary as we begin to delve into this study. The author, Melissa Bane Sevier, uses metaphors of a "stone wall" and a "cloud" to explain the central message of Hebrews is "Jesus, the Christ, the stable, sure and permanent foundation," (wall) and "cloud" represents "Jesus, the Christ is the basis of all of our faith and action, individually and as a faith community" and gives us understanding of this great cloud of witnesses that includes the community to which the letter was originally written. There is no obligation to join the circle Bible study in coming to this introductory meeting. Refreshments will be served.

The PW has an exciting year planned for Bible study and three luncheons with programs. Our first luncheon will be on Thursday, September 28 at noon. Vicki Zimmerman and her Fiji group will present the program and the PW Thank Offering will be taken. Please make reservations for the \$5.00 meal. All FPC women and their guests are invited to join in the fun and fellowship. Look for more information in the church bulletins and call the church office for reservations at 255-5769.

-Submitted by Sue Beall

Happy September Birthday!

Let's Pray Prayers of Joy for These People on Their Special Day!



Julie Martin 09/04

Kelly Henderson 09/11

Barbara Murphey 09/25

If we missed your Birthday, please let us know.

A lunch honoring September Birthdays will be held at **Jimmy's Egg** at noon on Wednesday, September 20th. *Everyone is welcome.*

Please call or email your plans to attend to:

Eloise Hofmann elbohof@cableone.net or 580-252-2476.

BREAKFAST POTLUCK

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

9:00AM

HOSTED BY THE

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



Bring your favorite dish!!!

(Water and Coffee will be provided)

Anna's FPC



Choir

Practice

Wednesday Sept. 6th at 7pm

Wednesday Sept. 20th at 7pm

Sing

Sunday September 10th
at 10am

Prayer Corner

Let us keep our family and friends in our prayers:

Laura Mahan, Dennis Radford of Kansas City and his (Taliaferro's) Family, Bill McQuain, Cliffla Jean Belinski, Rita Martin, Rev. Pam Normile, Charlotte Utley, Jack Frost, Kaitlin and Greyson Caldwell, Sue Beall, Beverly Chalkboyer, Walt Glover, Robin Glover, Booby Goodner & Don Baird

Let us remember those unable to attend worship service:

Gladys Taylor, Janis Hruby, Colleen Winn, Jack Munn and Beverly Moody

We are Also in Prayer for:

Our Government and President, Our Pastor, Session, Diaconate & Drs. Leslie and Cindy Morgan, missionaries in Bangladesh



OFFICERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2017</u> Joan Drake	<u>Class of 2018</u> Joanne Flanders Bennie Drake	<u>Class of 2019</u> Caron Hawkins Vicki Zimmerman
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<u>Class of 2017</u> Nancy Grantham Mike Steil	<u>Class of 2018</u> Margo Jones Coy Elliot	<u>Class of 2019</u> Glennis Wilson Tim Burns
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Treasurer –Bennie Drake **Asst. Treasurer** –Mike Grantham



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on September 3, 2017 during the worship service.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
September 15, 2017**



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Blessing of Animals



October 8 at 3:00pm on the front lawn of the church, we will Bless our Animals. Anyone in the community is welcome, and all types of pets and animals are welcome too. Just be sure they are on leashes (or in carriers for smaller animals), and are current on their vaccinations.

Pastor Matt will lead us in this time of celebration and togetherness. Treats provided for pets and their people. Every pet also receives a signed certificate, suitable for framing.

After the Blessing of Animals, Matt will also lead those interested in a Service of Remembrance for pets who have recently died.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, talk with Elder Caron Hawkins.



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