

First Presbyterian Church
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SUNDAY SERVICES
Sunday School - 9:15 am
Worship - 10:30 am

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Reverend Dr. John Nipper
Transitional Pastor

Program Staff

Terry & Karen Dolanc
Choir Directors

Dr. William M. Roehling
Organist

Doris Walters
Stephen Ministry Leader

Administration

Richard Sapp
ShoalKirk Ranger

Mary Wilson
Business Administrator

Beverly Scroggins
Office Administrator

Scott Morse
Custodian

Donna Scheid
CE Supply Clerk

KidStuff Preschool, 624-0196
Marla Testerman, *Director*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

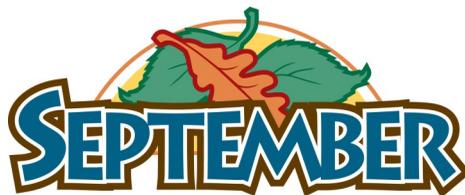
It is truly a privilege and pleasure to be with you during this time. It is a good time for us to laugh together as we carry on the mission of First Presbyterian Church. We move forward with a great hope even though the future is not known to us. I believe wonderful opportunities will emerge.

Meanwhile, we are facing some important issues.

- ♦ A number of small organizational tasks formerly picked up by Pastor Dave are being tended by willing members. I want to encourage each one, if you are asked, to take advantage of open opportunities to serve. That applies especially if the nominating committee should approach you. This can be an exciting time to serve.
- ♦ We (the Session and I) want very much to improve communication, particularly between church leadership and church members. This will require long term commitment and attention. If you have concerns you don't hear addressed, contact someone who should know. That will most probably be a member of Session. Don't speculate and please don't complain thinking that complaining is easier than asking those who should know. I'm still struggling to understand a somewhat complex organizational structure so I may not be the best source of information.
- ♦ We are working to maintain all current church programs. In particular, the Wednesday evening programs will resume September 13. We anticipate the usual programs including a study which I will lead. I'm currently leaning toward a Bible study.

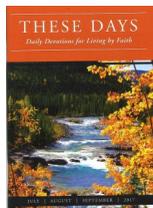
We are in a very special time in the life of this congregation. As we remain faithful in our worship, in our service and in our giving great things can happen in the months ahead. If you do nothing else, please pray for us. If you do a lot of other things, please pray for us.

Blessings to you, my friends.
Pastor John





- 1 Tyler Kurtz
- 2 Jay Haynes
- 4 Ken Scheneman
- 5 Betty Ensor
- 6 Justin Miles
- 7 Kay Wells
- 9 Doug Carnahan
- Margaret Cooper
- Jerry Wells
- 11 Dylan Coles
- Camryn Klosterman
- Steven Kurtz
- 12 Larry Eller
- 13 Sue Gardner
- 14 Abby Tusinger
- Heidi Williams
- 15 Jackson Cromer
- Lee Anne Howsmon
- 16 John Atteberry
- Chandler Coles
- 18 Cyndy Grady
- 23 Hunter McAffrey
- Wilma Rober
- 24 Jody Williams
- 26 Catherine Howe
- 29 Jerry Faaborg
- Dan Scott
- 30 Laura Knutzen
- Phyllis Yocum



The summer quarter
(July/August/September)
of
"These Days"
devotionals
is available in
John Knox Hall.

Help yourself to a copy.

The fall quarter "These Days" will be available September 17 in preparation for October 1 daily reading.

**Deacon on Call
Month of September**

Jimmye Dean Fagan 417-623-4773

For a Stephen Minister call

Doris Walters - 781-2876 or 850-8924

What's going on at FPC?

Here are the highlights from the August Session Meeting:

1. Richard Sapp, our ShoalKirk Ranger, along with the ShoalKirk committee, is working to promote the use of ShoalKirk by the community. They have prepared brochures for weddings, corporate meetings and events. Fred Lemley designed the brochures. They are also working on a new fee schedule for weddings and other events. Greg Carter will review the usage contract.
 2. The Deacons are continuing their search for a leader for First Tuesday Lunches.
 3. Under Children and Youth, Doris Walters reported that she is looking into curriculum that could be used for a confirmation class in the spring. We also discussed the arrangements for the Taking Flight program for ACT preparation.
 4. Church Growth – Dan Stanley suggested that the newsletter schedule be moved to the first week of the month to allow for news from the session meeting to be included.
 5. Kidstuff – Their Open House is this Friday night.
 6. Nominating Committee is working a slate of officers for the coming year.
 7. Personnel – Greg Carter reported that the committee had interviewed two candidates for the Interim Pastor position.
 8. Under Capital Campaign items, Lisa Knutzen reported that the organ repairs are complete and that the Chancel Ramp project came in on budget.
 9. Building And Grounds – Steve Tusinger reported that the new windows ordered for the sanctuary have arrived and will be installed soon. The new church sign will also be installed this week
 10. Finance – John Bass reported that at the end of July, assets were \$493,448, liabilities were \$6,385, income was \$45,302 and expenses were \$35,223. YTD Income exceeds expenses by \$32,145
- The trustees brought a proposal to session to sell the property south of the parking lot of the 502 Building to Jasper County to be used in the construction of the new Juvenile Detention Center. The sale price is \$25,000. The session approved the proposal and designated the proceeds be placed in the Operating Contingency Fund.
- Jane Cage
Clerk of Session



Our KidStuff kick-off open house on August 25 was a great success. The rooms were filled with excited kids and parents taking a look at the "back-to-school" décor and meeting the teachers. Thanks to Doris, Lorraine, Ann, and Gloria, our church family volunteers, who served refreshments and directed "traffic," the teachers were able to concentrate on the students and their parents.

Now, the rooms are ready; the teachers are prepared; and school will begin its fall semester on Tuesday, September 5. There are still a few openings in a couple of the classes. So if you know of anyone interested in enrolling a child, please contact us in the KidStuff office for details.

Also, thanks for all of the items that have been purchased to help restock our supply cabinet. There are still a few things left on the bulletin board, so if you would like to help, take one or more from the bulletin board, or give me a call.

As always, we are happy to have visitors come to take a look at our school and see first-hand what is happening in our end of the building.

Miss Marla, Director



The next two months are exciting for John Calvin Presbytery. We will be having three presbytery wide events which are open to everyone.

The first on is a continuing education event for everyone in the Presbytery. It is a six week online interactive series called "Worship Reboot" which will be taught by Dr. Marcia McFee. More information can be found on the website.

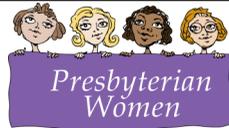
Second, our International Peacemaker, Doug Baker, will be with us September 22-28 and during that time, JCP will host a time with him on Saturday, September 23rd at 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MO.

Third, Equipping the Saints with keynote speaker, Joan Gray, will be on October 21st at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MO beginning at 8:45 am. This event offers many different workshops along with the plenaries with Joan. More information is also on the website.

I would encourage you to participate in as many of these events as possible as we work to keep our connections strong in JCP.

Pastor Susan Rosenbaum
Pastoral Presbyter
John Calvin Presbytery
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Join a PW Circle Today!
Monthly meetings begin this month.

Circle 7 meets 1st Tuesday of each month - 7:00 pm

First meeting - Tuesday, September 12

(Note: This is the 2nd Tuesday due to Labor Day holiday)

Home of Barbara Watkins

(Call 781-1719 for directions)

Circle 1 meets 3rd Wednesday of each month—10:00 am - John Knox Hall

First meeting: Wednesday, September 20

Hostesses: Ollie Heth & Toni Spieth Bible Study: Lorraine Whittington

John Calvin Presbytery PW Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 23

Hosted by Joplin First Presbyterian

9:30 am Registration

11:00 am Lunch

Program

Doug Baker, Peacemaker, Ireland

Registration forms on green table in JKH

(Salads and Desserts will be provided by Joplin's FPC. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet on the green table in JKH if you will be able to prepare a dish for this event.)

PW Gathered Meeting

(All women invited)

Wednesday, September 27

John Knox Hall

Coordinating Team - 11:00 am

Lunch - Noon (\$3.00 - Bring Salad)

Program

"Joplin Police Department Sentinel Program"

Presented by Diane & Joe Adams

2017-18 PW Horizons Bible Study

Cloud of Witnesses

"The Community of Christ in Hebrews."



Rally Day Downtown Block Party

Sunday, September 10

4:00 - 6:00 pm

On Pearl Avenue between 5th and 6th Streets

⇒ Music

⇒ Games

⇒ Bounce House

⇒ Food

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.

Our church family whose last names begin with

A-M please bring desserts and

N-Z bring sides.

The event is provided free of charge.

It is a gift from First Presbyterian Church to downtown Joplin.

You do not need to be a member to join in on the fun.

All of our neighbors are welcome.

Buildings & Grounds Update

- ◆ Making our presence known! Take a look at the new signage on Pearl Ave. and on the corner of the 6th & Wall parking lot.
- ◆ Sanctuary windows are in the process of being replaced and will soon be completed.
- ◆ Please remember to leave handicapped parking spaces on Pearl Ave. and the sidewalk ramp area open for those needing these spots.
- ◆ Painting to refresh the sanctuary will begin soon.

Words of Wisdom from an Old Farmer

"Life is simpler when you plow around the stump."

"A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor."

"Words that soak into your ears are whispered - not yelled."

"Meanness don't just happen overnight."

"Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads."

"It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge."

"You cannot unsay a cruel word."

"Every path has a few puddles."

"When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty."

"The best sermons are lived, not preached."

"Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway."

"Don't judge folks by their relatives."

"Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer."



After the Education portion of the new church was completed, worship services were held in the old sanctuary until February 1972.

During that time there was an outdoor open space between the two buildings. The outer wall of the Education building was the north wall of the hallway between the library-sanctuary, the offices, John Knox Hall, and the kitchen.

Church Calendar



Sunday, September 3
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, September 4
Labor Day - Church office closed
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, September 5
 6:45 am Men' Bible Study
 7:00 am KidStuff Fall Semester begins
 10:30 am Membership

Wednesday, September 6
 7:00 am Motley Crew
 4:00 pm Children & Youth
 4:30 pm Joint Committee

Thursday, September 7
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Sunday, September 10
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship Service
 4:00 pm Rally Day

Monday, September 11
 5:00 pm Finance
 5:30 pm Gifts & Memorials
 6:00 pm Buildings & Grounds
 6:00 pm Shoakirk
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, September 12
 6:45 am Men's Bible Study
 7:00 pm PW Circle 7

Wednesday, September 13
 7:00 am Motley Crew
 1:30 pm Book Club
 4:30 pm Mission Committee
 5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner
 5:45 pm Classes All Ages

Thursday, September 14
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Sunday, September 17
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, September 18
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, September 19
 6:45 am Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 20
 7:00 am Motley Crew
 10:00 am PW Circle 1
 5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner
 5:45 pm Classes All Ages

Thursday, September 21
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Saturday, September 23
 9:30 am PW Fall Gathering

Sunday, September 24
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, September 25
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts

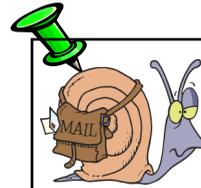
Tuesday, September 26
 6:45 am Men's Bible Study
 5:30 pm Deacons
 6:00 pm Session

Wednesday, September 27
 7:00 am Motley Crew
 5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner
 5:45 pm Classes All Ages

Thursday, September 28
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts



Bulletin Board



Joe and I delivered over \$400 worth of school supplies, cleaning supplies, and personal care items to Ashley House on Tuesday. The director, Alissa, and the girls were very appreciative of everything. They asked that we thank you all for them. We will make the next delivery mid-November.

Diane Adams

Dear Friends,

Our family wanted to thank you for all you did for us over the past seven years. First Presbyterian Church helped us raise Amelia, Sadie, and Sam to know the love of Christ and the meaning of discipleship. You allowed me to be present with you during times of wonderful joy and deep sorrow, and this is no small thing. We worshipped, fellowshiped, mourned, and rejoiced together. I believe we also grew more deeply into our faith.

I am especially grateful for the grace and kindness you showed in saying good-bye. It kicked off with the Sunday sundae splash party at Shoakirk, continued with the men's breakfast, and concluded with the all church dinner after my final worship service. I love the framed picture, and I will think of you every time I look at it. I also wanted to express my thankfulness for all the lovely cards and the generous financial gift. God has wonderful things in store for FPC, and you will always be in my heart and prayers.

In Hope and Confidence,
 Pastor Dave

Position: Head Honcho of 1st Tuesday Lunch
Pay: Highly rewarding (but not monetarily!)



Hours: 1st Tuesday of each month plus shopping and preparation time
Qualifications: Dependability necessary but will train in details and procedures

Apply today: Contact Ed Wuch at 850-0153 for all the details.

"Ask About My Shoe Collection!"



This is the slogan of the Diamond High School International Club as they kick off their Fall 2017 Fund Raising Shoe Collection Drive. The Club has a lofty goal of collecting 5000 pairs of shoes

(any size, color, type). The shoes will go to help people in third world countries, and the money raised from this fundraiser will be given to Heifer, International. If you, your kids, your grandkids, your neighbors, your friends, your rummage sale acquaintances have out grown or out-of-style shoes cluttering up the closet, please bring them to the church office. All shoes will be given to the International Club. The drive will continue through the first part of October, but it would be helpful to bring them as soon as possible. If you have questions, contact Kyle Hayes, MSSU Student Drive Coordinator at 417-316-0572 or Bev in the church office.

Sanctuary Reopening

If all goes as planned, the Sunday Morning Worship Service will return to the Sanctuary in mid-September when all of the work is completed. The actual dates will be announced.

Wednesdays are Wonderful!

Chef Rose will be back in the kitchen preparing a delicious meal on Wednesday, September 13. Details of the adult class led by Rev. Nipper, children's activities, and choir rehearsals will be available as soon as possible.

New Location - If you have non-perishable food items for Crosslines or plastic bags for use at the CP Center, please note that the collections bins have been moved from outside the kitchen door to the entry hall by the center set of Pearl Street doors. (near chapel) Your donations will be taken to the appropriate locations on a regular basis. Please note that FPC is no longer collection clothing or household items for Crosslines. These should be taken directly to their facility.