



Sunday, November 20, 2016

Gather Around the Table



The flowers in the chancel are given:

- by Seara Weir and Stan Amick in memory of A. Jay Andersen

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS/MUSICIANS:

Greeters: Marilyn Holgerson, Seara Weir

Deacons Flower Deliverer: Cathy Hayes

Guitar: Charlie Overton

Drums: Miles Denning

Manor Bus Driver: Morrie Soderberg

Worship Recorder: JR Lidgett

Bass: Jesse Smith

Piano: Angie Koshgarian

FPC OFFICE CLOSED OVER THANKSGIVING

The FPC office will be closed Thursday, November 24 through Sunday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will reopen on Monday, November 28.

I'M A STAR!



Star Light, Star Bright ... Star of Wonder, Star of Light ... When You Wish Upon a Star ... I'm a Star! Stars surround us and capture our imagination. Did you ever consider that you might actually be a star – and not just in a Hollywood celebrity sort of way, but in the way that God loves you and your uniqueness like no other? Today, in worship, we'll be considering that idea and using it to create personalized Christmas ornaments that we'll place on the sanctuary tree during the Hanging of the Greens service next Sunday, Nov. 27th, at 10 a.m. (If you happen to miss today's service and still want to Be a Star, contact the church office.)

HANGING OF THE GREENS: NOVEMBER 27

On November 27th, to mark the First Sunday of Advent, during the 10 a.m. worship service we will decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree with a Hanging of the Greens service to prepare for the upcoming season. Did you know that evergreen is a symbol of everlasting life? There is also special significance to holly, cedar and other decorations. Join us for the service to get in the holiday spirit!

YOUTH FOOD BANK DELIVERY TODAY

The FPC Youth thank you for donating items for the Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank this month! The youth groups will meet after worship to deliver all items to the Food Bank today.

GIVING TUESDAY: NOVEMBER 29

November 29th is the fifth annual #givingtuesday, supporting mission and ministry at home and around the world. Join your fellow Presbyterians and participate: Give to your home church. Give to Presbyterian mission workers. Give to the 1001 New Worshiping Communities. Give to the Christmas Joy Offering. Give to Northern Kansas Presbytery's local mission work, or to another Presbyterian-related mission organization. Learn more and make your gift on Tuesday, November 29th at presbyterianmissionexchange.org/givingtuesday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY



COOKIE MONSTER'S DREAM COME TRUE



The FPC Youth are again asking the congregation to join in for their 2nd annual Christmas Cookie Fundraiser supporting upcoming Youth Mission and Mission Trips! You can support the youth in TWO ways: (1) Sign-up to bake 2-4 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to be delivered to the church by Friday, December 9th during business hours or Saturday, December 10th at 10 AM. Look for the cookie jar to sign-up! or (2) Purchase a small or large platter of assorted Christmas cookies to be ready for pick-up on Sunday, December 12th. Youth will begin taking orders after worship today! The Youth will assemble your delicious cookies on festive Christmas Cookie Platters wrapped beautifully with a bow for you to enjoy at home, take to your office, or give away as a gift. Questions? Talk to Tricia Cobb.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SUMMER 2017

It is with great excitement that we announce the Youth Mission Trip for Summer 2017... July 16 - 22 the Youth will travel to The Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas. They will participate in the Alternative Break, a program that combines experiential learning programs, such as the Global Gateway experience and team building with service activities. The service allows participants to give back while experiencing something for the first time like milking a goat or harvesting vegetables. With FPC's long history with Heifer International this was a natural choice to give our youth a hands on experience to put with their memories of many years giving animals on Christmas Eve! Information and commitment forms will be mailed to FPC Youth and also available in the office. This will be a great experience and any parents or grandparents wanting to experience this trip with their youth are strongly encouraged to be an adult mentor! If you are interested, please contact Tricia Cobb.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!



Join us on Sunday, December 11th for the annual Children's Christmas Program! The children will be providing the 'sermon' portion of worship as they bring to life what Christmas is all about. We hope that you'll join us and share the joy that our Faithful Bible Investigators will surely bring to each of you!

ADVENT PRAYER GUIDE COMING SOON

Be on the lookout soon for the Presbyterians Today 2016 Advent Calendar, "A Journey of Memories." The devotional guide, written by Sue Washburn and beautifully illustrated with quilts by Susan Blank, has daily scriptural verses and prayers to help guide us on what's described as "a journey of memories -- of sights, smells, tastes, and sounds that point to the promises of God in Jesus Christ."



SIGN UP FOR ALL CHURCH POTLUCK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 4

Don't miss out on Pot Luck Sunday on December 4th immediately after church in Blair Hall! If your last name starts with letters A-J, please bring a main dish; if your letter starts with K-R, please bring a side dish or salad; and if your last name starts with letters S-Z, please bring a dessert. Drinks, plates, utensils, and conversations will be provided. The sign-up sheet is in the lobby outside the sanctuary.

SYMPATHY TO THE GIBSON FAMILY



FPC expresses their sympathy to Rosemary & Richard Gibson and their family. Rosemary's sister, Marilyn Kay Bailey, McPherson, died November 14. Memorials may be made to Parkside Homes in Hillsboro or Good Shepherd Hospice in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 N Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to FPC member Paige Enriquez who just completed her Bachelor of Science degree in IT, Software Systems Engineering from Colorado Technical University!



ADULT EDUCATION CLASS IS FOR EVERYONE!

November 20 through January 1, 2017, at 9 a.m. in the Hope Room, we will explore the themes of Advent using "Illuminating Advent" by Donald K. McKim. Chapters include Bible-focused light reading, with lessons on Advent Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, Christmas Savior, and Epiphany Light. The program includes Spiritual Practices and Questions for Reflection. Join fellow Sunday morning church-goers for a cup of coffee and conversation. Books are \$5 and available in the office.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, IT'S ADVENT TRIVIA!

On Sunday, December 11th, we will take a break from the Advent class to meet in the Parlor at 9 a.m. for Advent Trivia hosted by none other than Charlie Smith! We will have holiday treats and coffee or hot chocolate too. Fun for all youth and adults!



2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE



As of November 17th, we have received a total of **\$424,746.20** in pledges. If you have not yet had a chance to make a pledge for 2017, it's not too late!! If you have not received a pledge card via mail, you may call in your pledge to Melanie at the church 785-825-0226, or email Melanie at melanie@fpcsalina.org. If you need any information regarding your current pledge, don't hesitate to ask. You may pre-pay your 2017 pledge, and it must be received on or before Dec. 31, 2016 to receive tax credit for 2016.

FELLOW MAN INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who participated in any way with the Fellow Man International Fund Raiser on November 6th. The musical performances were inspiring and Lisa's presentations were informative and delightful. The SKYPE connection with the Mission workers in Honduras provided unusually satisfying communications between the people gathered there and those gathered here. The funds raised and promised will support the Mission's ability to carry-out its work. Cash and checks: \$18,730.59; pledges: \$17,139.41 for a total of \$35,870. (Some sales are still underway.) The budget for the Mission is \$150,000 per year, so thanks to all who assisted. ----Marshall Stanton, Fellow Man International Foundation President

VETERANS ADDITIONS

We have added the following names in our list of FPC members and staff who have served in the military: John Barber, Virgil Bowman, Chuck Carroll, Virgil "Bud" Lyne, and Bill Siebert. Thank you for your service! We salute you!

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT FPC:

*Did we make a mistake? We want to correct it!
Email office@fpcsalina.org and we'll fix it.*

SUNDAY, November 20

Adult Ed Class – Hope Room, 9 am
FBI Kids Craft/Bake Sale – Lobby, 9:30 am
Nursery Open – 9:45 am
Worship – Blair Hall, 10 am (Breakfast served)
Congregational Mtg Elect Officers – after worship
CIA/SWAT Youth Groups – Food Bank, 11:15 am

MONDAY, November 21

Staff Meeting – Hope Room, 11 am
Personnel Committee – Parlor Conf Room, 4 pm

TUESDAY, November 22

Choir Practice – Choir Room, 7 pm

THURSDAY, November 24

Thanksgiving Day
FPC Closed



FRIDAY, November 25

FPC Closed

SUNDAY, November 27 – Hanging of the Greens

Adult Ed Class – Hope Room, 9 am
Nursery Open – 9:45 am
Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am
Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Salina, has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship service today for the purpose of electing new officers and elders as put forward by the Nominating Committee.

Listed below are the nominees. Other nominations may be made from the floor, provided the nominee has consented to the nomination.

Elder: Class of 2019

Janet Grace
Dale Hanson

2017 Nominating Committee at-large

Linda Johnson
Deb Shetlar
Diana Smith

Deacon: Class of 2019

Lainey Bratt
Liz Carroll
Katie Lidgett
Joey Soltis

Endowment 2019

Trustees: Class of 2019

Matt Cobb
Randy Graham



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