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Office Hours

The office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteers will staff our front desk from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

All-Church Prayer
*Lord, like the light breaking through our windows,
break through our resistance to change,
show us the new things you want to do through First Presbyterian Church,
and empower us to embrace new opportunities. Amen.*



*All are
welcome!*

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 16

Sandra Out of Office

Usher Team 3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Good News Disciples, 105
- 9:30 a.m. A for Alabaster class, Conf. Rm.
- 9:30 a.m. Donuts and Discussion
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Online
- 3:00 p.m. NA Group in Willard Hall
- 3:30 p.m. All-Church Picnic - Crestview Shelter House
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Monday, August 17

Sandra Out of Office

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 5:00 p.m. TFS Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

Sandra Out of Office

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Wednesday, August 19

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Conf. Rm.
- 9:30 a.m. Neighborhood Ministries Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Strategic Planning Work Group
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. 12 Step in Willard Hall

Thursday, August 20

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Friday, August 21

Pastor’s Day Off

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Saturday, August 22

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Sunday, August 23

Usher Team 4

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
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Welcome to FPC!

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here! Please fill out a Connection Card (in pew backs) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a pastor. We also have a small visitor bag for you. If you’re not given one by an usher, please select a blue gift bag at any of the entrances into the sanctuary. We’re so glad you are here!

In Our Prayers

Joys: Worshipping together, guest musicians sharing their talents, welcoming Sherry Lundry to the staff as our part-time Intergenerational Ministry Coordinator, Rick Friedstrom receiving the Ritchie Award from the Washburn Alumni Foundation

Concerns: Melba Banion, Linda Mets, Scott Gosney, Jane Hart (friend of Bob and Pam Carmichael), Jason Carmichael (son of Bob and Pam Carmichael), Kay Wischropp, those affected by natural disasters around the world

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given by Bob and Connie Baer.

Church Picnic - August 16

Join us for the annual church picnic this afternoon at the Crestview Shelter House from 3:30 to 6:30 with dinner at 5:00 p.m. We can't wait to see you at the picnic. It is a potluck. We will provide the paper products and utensils.

Grandparents Day

We want to kick off the fall season with lots of fun this year and play a game during our annual breakfast. We need YOUR help to do that! We need pictures of you along with pictures of your grandchildren or your grandparents' pictures (if you don't have grandchildren). Separate pictures please, so that we can put them in protective sleeves on the wall downstairs. Whoever can match the most children to grandparents gets a fun prize! If you would like to participate, please bring your pictures to the church office by August 31 and leave for Beth Johnston or Becky Foster. Please label the backs of the pictures so we can make the matches. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of us. We will make sure everyone gets their pictures back.

Blood Drive - Tuesday, September 1

Register for the Blood Drive; note the change from a Friday to a Tuesday. You can sign up on the Red Cross website ([RedCross.org](https://www.redcross.org)). Your donation helps save a life.

A is for Alabaster (9:30 Sundays in the Conference Room)

With so much travel happening in the summer, here's a Sunday morning class you can join anytime! Books are available at the front desk. Here's our schedule for the next three weeks:

August 16: P is for Poet, Q is for Quirinius, R is for Rhoda

August 23: S is for Shipwreck, T is for Troas, U is for Utterance

September 6: V is for Voice, W is for Walking on Water, X is in Oxen

Welcome Sherry Lundry, Part-time Intergenerational Ministry Coordinator

Sherry Lundry is beginning a new role on our staff as our first-ever Intergenerational Ministry Coordinator. Sherry can be spotted during "choir season" sitting next to husband Dave Lundry, one of our Chancel Choir soloists. As a former high school science teacher, Sherry coached gymnastics and softball. She also served as the executive director of the Sunflower State Games for a number of years. In 2022, Sherry retired from TARC after 15 years as their Development Director. She and Dave have eight grandsons, ages 2-18 years. Sherry will focus on bringing all age groups together and building relationships. Expect to see her lead children's moments, plan special activities, and lead our new once-a-month children's church. She will also work closely with our new Intergenerational Faith Formation Team (replacing Children and Family Ministries and Youth teams).

Guest Musician

Emily Foltz is based in Lawrence, KS, and is an active freelance oboist and teacher at many stops along Interstate 70, from Kansas City, MO, to Hays, KS. She is the Adjunct Instructor of Oboe at Washburn University. Along with her teaching activities, Emily is the orchestra librarian for the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra.

Emily earned her Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Kansas in 2020, where she studied with Margaret Marco. Her other teachers include Barbara Bishop, Melissa Peña, and Adam Shapiro. Emily frequently performs with the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra, and in 2022 was appointed principal oboist of the Lawrence Community Orchestra. She can be heard playing English horn on the University of Kansas Wind Ensemble's CD *Freedom from Fear*, and on the Kansas Virtuosi's CD *Salgado: Chamber Music*, vol. 1, a selection of the chamber works of Ecuadorian composer Luis Humberto Salgado.

