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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 9

Sandra Out of Office

Usher Team 2

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

Monday, August 10

Sandra Out of Office

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

Tuesday, August 11

Sandra Out of Office

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

Wednesday, August 12

Sandra Out of Office

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Conf. Rm.
- 11:00 a.m. Strategic Planning Work Group
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 5:00 p.m. Foodshare Ministry
- 7:30 p.m. 12 Step in Willard Hall

Thursday, August 13

Sandra Out of Office

- 2:00 p.m. Needlework Group
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Friday, August 14

Sandra Out of Office

Pastor’s Day Off

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

Saturday, August 15

Sandra Out of Office

- 9:00 a.m. Faith and Flour
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

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

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: 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

Blessing of the Backpacks - August 9

Dust off those backpacks from last school year or bring your new backpack on Sunday, August 9, as we look forward to the upcoming school year with Blessing of the Backpacks.

Faith & Flour - August 15

The all-new Faith and Flour baking experience begins on Saturday, August 15. There will be one session at 9:00 a.m. and only eight spots available. Thank you, Bob Carmichael, for embracing this new opportunity to lead this very popular ministry!

Church Picnic - August 16

Join us for the annual church picnic on Sunday, August 16, 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.

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). 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 four weeks:

August 9: M is for Mary Magdalene, N is for Nicodemus, O is for Onesiphorus

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 ranging in age from 2 years to 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

Brandon Bayless is a Topeka native and graduate of Kansas State University. He is a member of the Topeka Festival Singers and enjoys sharing his musical talents around the local Topeka community. In his free time, he loves spending time with his wife and their four kids, cooking for his family, traveling, and more recently expanding his gardening skills.

