

20th MultiCultural Festival



Our **20th Annual MultiCultural Festival** is on the horizon and planning has begun. It will be on **Saturday, August 18th from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm** on our front lawn.

A Little History: Winny Lin, a Chinese American FPC member, came to session to ask permission to have a new event - a Multicultural Festival, on the church grounds. Its purpose would be to foster understanding of similarities between cultures and respect for differences so that we might build a stronger community. It was to be a day to celebrate the many cultures in Owensboro through education, entertainment, food, family and fellowship.

This year marks our 20th Anniversary so our planning committee has come up with some ways to make it special:

- To open and commemorate our 20 years, the festival there will be a brief worship service
- Music Director, Dennis Jewett invites all interested community members to be part of a choral group that will learn and perform music from around the world
- Orders for tee shirts will begin this Sunday, July 1st before and after church at the Clinton Place entrance
Cost will be \$10.00 each for all sizes
- Our Scavenger Hunt will include a "Passport" that children can take to each booth to be stamped.

NOTE: We need someone with tech skills to create this passport.

Please contact Debbie McCoy if you are interested in creating this for the festival.

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

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Quote of the Month

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment to improve the world.

Anne Frank



"People of Grace"

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Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
(1 John 3:18 NIV)

Each week, we gather for worship at First Presbyterian Church. We come from our various homes and families for a time to see friends, join in fellowship, and learn how our lives connect to something greater than ourselves. Worship is a space where we give thanks to God but also where we feel ourselves commissioned, or sent out. In worship, we get equipped with knowledge and skills so that, as the week goes on, we can faithfully serve God in our lives and in our communities.

Many of you do powerful ministry in your daily lives. You call to check in on friends, you serve on boards, you tutor or mentor or give rides to people in need. Some of you serve God through the work of advocacy while others of you serve through ministries of hospitality. Service takes many forms within our congregation, and I pray that when you hear that benediction each and every week, you know that God is with you, right alongside you as you work and serve in this world.

A few years back I heard about a church that was looking for a way to emphasize this missional aspect of worship. They knew that their members did great ministries at various points in the week, but rarely did everyone come together around a singular commitment to serve—not just as an act of "doing good", but as a form of worship. *If only*, they thought, *they could find a time when everyone was together in the week—when everyone had carved out space for church.* And that's when it hit them—Sunday worship! Sunday worship was a time set aside for praising God. For gathering in community and learning together and being commissioned to live out ones faith. *What if that Sunday service could be turned on it's head*, they wondered. *What if rather than gathering for a worship service, they could set aside time for service worship?*

Now, years later, that church—St. Andrews Presbyterian in Tucson, Arizona—sets aside several Sundays a year for just that: service worship. They gather on Sunday morning to worship together briefly, and with those words of benediction, they go out together for service and mission.

Imagine, if you will, what it might mean for us to live into that commission together, serving right alongside one another all across this city. Picture the message we might share with this town if our worship extends beyond our walls, reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need. On the final Sunday of July, we will do just that. Our *worship service* will become *service worship*, where people of all ages will have the chance to serve alongside one another.

In June, our session approved our Mission Committee's proposal to host a Service Worship on July 29th. You can read the details for this Sunday on page 3 of this newsletter, including a timeline and service projects available. As we prepare for this special day, let us just think about how our service will truly embody our call to worship. Let us look forward to the fellowship we will feel together and the ways that we will learn. Let us remember how our efforts will glorify the God who commissions us for love and justice in this world.

Christine



July Birthdays
Birthdays Flowers:
Larkspur & Delphinium

Birthdays

- 1 Brad Smith
- 1 Josie Hagan
- 1 Rick Sears
- 2 Beth Cecil
- 7 Will Shelton
- 9 Logan Black
- 10 Karen Anderson
- 10 Leigh Riddle
- 12 Ashley Johnson
- 13 Kate Bowley
- 14 Debbie Bowley
- 15 Michael Stone
- 15 Kenny Lin
- 17 Mary Ruth Swallow
- 18 Gary Kabalen
- 18 Mitchell Jones
- 23 Cathy Cowan
- 24 Darrell Coomes
- 27 Rob Fohr
- 27 Dale Guyer
- 28 Gus Moore
- 30 Shauna Jones
- 31 Glenda Price

Anniversaries

- 11 Tricia & Keith Moore
- 15 Elizabeth & Mel LeClear
- 24 Marisue & Steve Coy
- 27 Marilyn & Bill Conley



Session Highlights - June 2018

Session met on Monday June 11, 2018

- Session approved that FPC be the base church for David Madewell, new Staff Chaplain at Owensboro Health.
- Session approved taking a one month break so the next meeting will be August 13th

Meeting Highlights - June 2018

Christian Education

- Rolling River Rampage is VBS theme July 9-13
- “Awesome Adventures” is summer children’s worship program
- Required Safe Child Training offered July 1st and 8th

Congregational Care

- No report

Congregational Life

- Will coordinate a Fellowship Night with a Fellowship Dinner after Service Worship Day

Finance

- Discussion of 2019 budget to begin at next meeting - committee moderators invited

Mission

- Pentecost Offering was \$969
- An outpouring of food and money was collected for Help Office
- Next Pitino Meal is July 29th

Outreach & Evangelism

- New Church Picture Directory this fall
- Visitors May: 11

Personnel

- No report

Property

- May cooling problems have been addressed
- Outside handrails are repaired
- Presbyterian Weekday School sign to be ordered

Worship & Music

- Creative Gifts display June 17th
- Gospel Sunday June 24th
- Attendance May: 6– 108; 13-129; 20-177; 27-118

Deacon’s Report

- Home communion: 3rd Sundays

Pastor’s Report

- On vacation June 27—July 6th
- Organized Pentecost Sunday which included 5 youth confirmations & 2 baptisms
- Officiated Thomas/Gainous wedding
- Helped Nancy Harris develop summer children’s worship
- Led Pastor’s Book Group and weekly Coffee Cup Theology
- Organized celebration for B90 participants

Church Work Day

Due to high temperatures anticipated in the month of July, the Property Committee will change the Work Day format, listing various projects to be done around the church and offering members the chance to sign up, as they are available in the month. Be on the lookout for more information to sign up!



JULY 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
1 11:30 Child Safety Training 11:30 Worship Committee	2 9:00 Staff Meeting Noon Congregational Life Committee	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5	6	7 Chocolate Day 			
8 11:30 Child Safety Training	9 9:00 Staff Meeting	10 6:00 Spirit Lifters	11 3:00 Coffee Cup 4:00 Prayer Group 4:30 Deacons	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL					
15 11:30 Extended Table 	16 9:00 Staff Meeting	17 10:30 PrimeTimers	18 4:00 Prayer Group	19 3:00 Personnel Committee	20 6:00 Church Night Out	21			
YOUTH AT MONTREAT			22 11:30 Mission Committee 11:30 Christian Education Committee 	23 9:00 Staff Meeting	24 10:00 Outreach & Evangelism Committee 4:00 Property Committee	25 3:00 Coffee Cup 4:00 Prayer Group	26 4:00 Finance Committee	27	28 National Dance Day
29 10:30 Service Worship Sunday 5:00 Fellowship Dinner	30 9:00 Staff Meeting	31	 	Every Sunday 9:00 Spanish Worship & Nursery Available 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship					

Sunday School

NEW! Church Camp Sing-Along (for all church members)

Meets at 9:20 before Sunday School
A time to learn and sing classic church camp songs



Children's Sunday School (preschool - 5th grade class)

Begins at 9:30 in the first floor
Kindergarten Room.

Youth Sunday School Class

Meets at 9:30 in the Youth Room to study *Echo the Story* curriculum.

The Adult Sunday School Class

Meets at 9:30 in the Gardenside Parlor to look at topics related to church, Bible, and current events.

The Men's Bible Class

Meets at 9:30 downstairs and uses *The Present Word* literature.

Spanish Language Worship Group

Meets at 9:00 in the Chapel. All are invited whether or not you speak/understand Spanish.

Fellowship

SpiritLifters

Tuesday July 10th 6:00 pm

Restaurant: TBA
RSVP to Pat Hale 270-314-1881
halres@bellsouth.net



PrimeTimers

Tuesday July 17th 10:30 am

Program:
Lunch will follow (\$5.00)
RSVP to Charlotte Puckett
charlotte214050@yahoo.com
270-926-2532

Church Night Out

Friday July 20th 6:00 pm

Shannon & Craig Smith's
RSVP to Christine Coy Fohr
ccoyfohr@gmail.com

The Extended Table

Sunday July 15th following worship

Restaurant: TBA
Just meet in the Narthex after worship

Group Study

Spiritual Formation

On break for the summer

Lydia Circle

Meets Second Tuesdays at 10:30, Sept—June

Date: Sept 11, 2018 (NOTE: we will meet the 2nd Tuesday each month this year)

Will Be Reading: *God's Promise: I Am With You*

PW Coordinating Team

Meets 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 every other month

Date: July 19, 10:00 am

Wednesday Book Group

On break for the summer

Coffee Cup Theology

Meets on Wednesday at 3:00 pm

Dates: July 11, 25 (no meeting July 4th)

Discussion: Sunday Lectionary

Pastor's Study Group

On break for the summer

*All study groups meet in the Gardenside Parlor



Weekly Prayer Meeting

As a community of love and care, we want to know how we can be in prayer for one another. Because of this, we meet on **Wednesdays at 4:00** in the Gardenside Parlor. Just come if you would like to pray with us on: **July 11, 18, 25** (no meeting July 4th).



If you have a prayer request, email Christine and your person or request will be included.

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The Extended Table

Join our newest group - *The Extended Table!* Each 3rd Sunday after worship, anyone interested in lunch is invited to gather at a pre-selected area restaurant where we will "extend our table" in fellowship.



We are looking for someone who might be interested in taking the lead in selecting the restaurant each month and coordinating the group. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Mary Lou Taylor.

Service Worship



On July 29th – the 5th Sunday of July – our church will host what churches around the country call "service worship". Christine's reflection on the front tells a bit about *why* we are doing this, but in this space we want to let you know *what* it will look like.

On the morning of the 29th, we will gather for worship at 10:30 in the sanctuary. Following a very brief worship service, we will be commissioned, or "sent out" for service work both here at our church and around the city. The mission committee has organized ten projects for that Sunday, with each project having a captain. There will be activities for everyone - of every age and ability. And not only that, but there will be wonderful opportunities for people of various ages to serve alongside one another. The service projects, as of now, will be:

Project	Work	Captain
The Help Office	Tidying and organizing	Nancy Schmeal
Habitat for Humanity	Landscaping and painting	Larry Hale
The Pitino Shelter	Cooking and serving meal	Jerry Nail & Mary Dixon Baker
The Botanical Gardens	Gardening	Diane Bowers
The Humane Society	Cleaning and caring for animals	Stephanie Dube
Card Writing at Church	Write to members & friends	Norma Smith
Prayer blankets	Knitting in parlor & at home	Rayma Bramschreiber
Cookie Baking	Baking cookies for firefighters & police officers	Marsha Nash
School supplies	Pack school supply kits for at-risk children	Debbie Bowley
Choir Tour	Singing at various sites	Dinah Yates

Sign up sheets will be available beginning July 8th. While we would love to have people sign up in advance, there will also be room for people to choose a site the day of the event. Come on July 29th dressed for service and fellowship together. And imagine just how many hours of service we will be able to provide, as a church, as we praise God through the work of our hands.

Then, at **5:00** that evening, our **Congregational Life team will host a dinner for everyone**, giving us a break from cooking and a chance to reflect on all we did serving and worshipping together.

Ordination of David Madewell



Members of First Presbyterian (as well as family and friends) are invited on Sunday, **July 15th at 4:00 pm** to celebrate the ordination of David Madewell at First Presbyterian Church. David is a native of Owensboro and has just recently moved back to serve our community as Staff Chaplain at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. He is a 2017 graduate of Louisville Seminary, where he received his Masters of Divinity degree. He is delighted to be back and is so appreciative of the warm welcome home.

David became a member of the church in 2009, and said he would be honored if the ordination service was done in the place where he began. Our session was pleased to have the chance to celebrate this wonderful milestone in David's life. Our Congregational Life team will offer a reception following the service. Let us come together to celebrate this wonderful event.

VBS 2018 — Rolling River Rampage — July 9-13



Experience the ride of a lifetime with God!

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. Isaiah 43:2

Come join the fun at VBS from July 9-13, 9:00-Noon, as we explore and learn about the amazing adventure God has in store for us through Scripture, Bible Challenge, Crafts, Music, Science and Storytelling. Meet Romper, the River Otter, who will help us along the way. Each day will have a special theme: Adventure, Acceptance, Joy, Rest, and Peace. **Registration forms are at the church.**

VBS is open to ALL children ages 4 years through 5th grade so feel free to bring a friend (or two of three). Each year we also pick a service organization for our mission. This year our Service Mission will be The Help Office that helps people in need here in Owensboro. We ask that each day, children bring either canned or boxed food, or a small money donation.

On Friday we invite all family and friends to join us as we will celebrate the close of our week with a special program for all parents. And, each child will leave with their very own bag of all their crafts and a special photo taken during the week. One more thing. Each day features a specific color that we'd like everyone to wear:



Monday: Wear Yellow
Tuesday: Wear Blue
Wednesday: Wear Red
Thursday: Wear Green
Friday: Wear Pajamas!

General Assembly Highlights

Our denomination's 223rd General Assembly, which met June 16-23 in St. Louis, felt viscerally linked to the news of the day. The one question repeated over and over was "How to put faith into action?" Here are some of the highlights from their work:



- **Climate Change:** Voted to continue corporate engagement with oil and natural gas companies—one of the hardest fought issues
- **Family Separation:** Approved a resolution calling for an end to the government policy of separating parents from children
- **Leadership:** Elected as co-moderators, two women, Vilmarie Cintron-Oliveri and Cindy Kohlman
- **Race and Inequality:** Voted to begin the process of adding Martin Luther King Jr's "Letter from Birmingham Jail" to our Book of Confessions
- **World Concerns:** Agreed to partner with a Salvadoran church to reduce gang-related violence in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador
- **#MeToo:** Voted for PC(USA) to confess its failure to listen to survivors of pastoral sexual misconduct
- **Social Justice:** Called for a moratorium on imposing the death penalty, prayed for a movement of the Spirit to end gun violence, and voted to affirm the dignity and humanity of people of all sexual orientations.

Time and again, the assembly acted to tell the world, "This is what Presbyterians stand for."

New Church Picture Directory—Fall 2018



Exciting News! We are going to create a new Church Photo Directory! This directory will not only become a piece of our church history, but you will have the opportunity to have a family portrait taken. **Picture taking days will be Monday and Tuesday September 10th and 11th.** Please save these dates now!

Youth Mission Trip: Little Rock, AK



This summer the theme for the Youth's Mission Trip was "Onward". We talked about how we all want to be on a journey that's moving forward. No one wants to live their lives just wandering around and there's a reason for that. Every day, God is moving to broaden our perspectives, ignite our passions, expose new possibilities and inspire worthy pursuits. And, He hasn't left us to figure it all out on our own.

While at Marvell this week, during the day, some of the Youth worked with an organization called "Kids Club" planning and leading their programming. This included Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading. They also went to the local Humane Society where they helped with washing and walking the 300 dogs that live there. And if that wasn't enough, they also helped to finish painting the outside of a local family home.

In the evening they attended a local church service and enjoyed a spaghetti dinner with new community friends. For fun, they went to the Delta Cultural Center where they learned about the area's history and the region's influence on blues music and they explored Mississippi River State Park and learned about the native wildlife.

Despite their wobbly start (tire problem), the Youth had a great time serving in these locations and will always remember the Marvel community and the hospitality and love that Marvel showed them.

June at FPC

Christine with former pastors, Bob Agnew and Greg Garis



Southern Gospel Sunday



Youth Commissioned for Little Rock Mission Trip



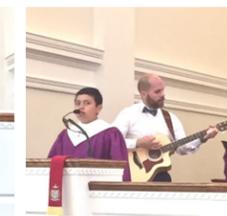
Elizabeth Murphy Baptism



Music Ministry Sunday



SpiritLifters @ Girst House



Volunteers Needed for MultiCultural Festival

It takes our entire church community to make the MultiCultural Festival a success each year. Please consider how you might help among these volunteer opportunities:

Friday: Set Up: Set up all of the canopies—come help beginning at 5:00 pm

Saturday: Information Booth: Give out festival maps and answer questions (two hour shifts)

First Aid: (two hour shifts)

Building Monitor: (two hour shifts)

Floater: Tasks as needed (two hour shifts)

Take Down/Clean Up: Work with Boy Scouts starting about 3:00 pm until done. Come volunteer and then stay to enjoy the festival as well! **Contact Debbie McCoy.**

