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SUMMER GIFT
JUNE 24-26
@ Lake McMurtry
Stay overnight or just come
for the daily activities



Summer GiFT Registration is now open!
See page 5 for details!



The 2022 Mission Trip Registration Deadline
is Wednesday, May 4.
See page 14 for details!

Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, May 22nd

- One service at 11:00 am
 - In-Person
 - Facebook LIVE
 - KSPI Radio
- No Sunday School



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The May Ambassador deadline is Thursday, May 19
at 5:00pm. Articles may be submitted to
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Congratulations, University Graduates!

The following students graduate this spring!!

- **Mandy Blackburn** - Certification in Phlebotomy from Meridian Technology Center
- **Carleigh Epperson** - Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Environmental Science with focus on Agricultural Policy from OSU
- **Kennedy Essmiller** - Master of Arts, English and Creative Writing from OSU
- **Megan Flores** - Bachelor of Science, Accounting from OSU
- **Ben Lanners** - Master of Arts, Cello Performance from Rice University
- **Claire Leffingwell** - Master of Science, Educational Leadership Studies with emphasis in College Student Development from OSU
- **Katharine Nipp** - Bachelor of Arts, Organizational Studies with minors in Media Studies and Spanish from University of Tulsa



Sunday, May 1

High School Graduate Recognition

10:30 a.m.

Cake Reception (Hospitality Area)

8:30/11:00 a.m.

Senior Recognition in worship

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

We celebrate your accomplishments and thank God for all the ways you have blessed this congregation with your life and faith through the years. Congratulations!

Lindsey Lauvetz
Josie Leffingwell
Karsen Riley
Laynee Wessel

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'

-John 20:15-16

A number of people have said this past week how emotional Easter felt for them this year. For some of you, it was the first time back in the Sanctuary in some time. For others, it was the first time in a long time that multiple generations within the family were able to gather together for such a big celebration. For some of our choir members, it was the first time they experienced leading a processional hymn down the center aisle. Easter is a time when, with the Spirit's help, we may feel that shift from lament to hope.

It is a truly beautiful thing when we feel and witness in real time that resurrection hope that Jesus gives us in his dying and rising. The resurrection of our Lord is not just an event in history that we remember, although it is always good news to remember and tell again and again. The resurrection is also a reality now, as we experience God's amazing grace and persistent Yes to the goodness, beauty, and life within the world. That is good news—and challenging news—given to us to share, especially in times when so many of our global neighbors are in the midst of crisis, whether war or displacement, the threat of unjust rulers, or so much fear about the future.

We need not deny the laments of our lives. It is faithful to grieve what is wrong in this world or within ourselves, to be angry at injustice, to mourn the loss of persons or life stages gone from us. It is even normal to grieve the loss of grief itself, as I've learned in journeying with capable Stephen Ministers, trained caregivers, in our congregation. Throughout our lives, we move from death to life, from lament to hope, from tomb to resurrection joy.

If you have not yet lamented those things and people lost during these two years of pandemic, how could you allow yourself to do so? If you have spent much time lamenting, how might Christ be calling you back to life? Resurrection life always looks different than life before. Mary did not recognize her risen Lord at first. The church in the world will look different in this new time, too. Thanks be to God that we have new life in Christ, who continues to be our hope and help in every age.

In resurrection hope,

Leah

"Resurrection is everywhere and all around us."

- Timothy McMahan King, "The Mundane Resurrection"

Children's & Youth Ministries



Presbyterian Youth Group Calendar

May

- 1 - NO PYG
 - 8 - NO PYG
 - 15 - 5:00-6:30pm
 - 22/29 - NO PYG
- Happy Mother's Day!
Tears & Cheers Dinner



Tears and Cheers! Welcome 5th Graders/Congrats to HS Grads

Sunday, May 15th - 5:00-6:30pm

Incoming 6th graders (fall 2022) and graduating high school seniors are invited to be the guests of honor at PYG. We'll welcome incoming 6th graders and celebrate our graduates together with a dinner at the church with all the youth!

Children's Sunday School

For children 4yrs - 5th grade. Begins at 9:45am in the Worship Center

SpiritLink Dates to Note:

- May 8 - Music Sunday; SpiritLink Singers will sing during the 11:00am worship service



Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

All Children's and Youth ministry volunteers - Faith Kidnection teachers, Spirit Link teachers and shepherds, Children and Worship volunteers, youth Sunday school teachers, PYG sponsors, Children's Committee members, Youth Committee members, major event coordinators...

Join us Sunday, May 15, when you will be honored at a brunch for the time and love you have invested in our children and youth. Thank you for shining your light with our kids this year!



Summer GiFT will take place on the west side of Lake McMurtry with activities on Friday night, all day Saturday, and ending in worship on Sunday morning. Participants are invited to camp overnight (RV and tent camping available) or just come for the daily and evening activities.

Our theme for Summer GiFT is "Connect." Through our time together, we'll explore connections with God, one another, and creation. Through small and large group activities, games, nature activities like hiking, fishing, kayaking, and fellowship around the campfire, we hope that we will all leave this experience with closer connections with people of all ages and a deeper connection with God and God's creation.

Registration is open at www.stillwaterfpc.org/gift

Note: RV spaces are limited, so register early!

For more information or to help with GiFT by donating your time or supplies (or money), contact Jenna Campbell at jenna.campbell@stillwaterfpc.org or 405-372-5580.

Summer Camp for 3rd-12th graders!
Oklahoma week at Ferncliff Camp and
Conference Center

Learn more and register at www.ferncliff.org/oklahoma



Ferncliff is a Presbyterian camp and conference center located in Little Rock, AR. Oklahoma presbyteries are planning on the week of June 12-17 to send Oklahoma campers to Ferncliff. They are making plans to arrange for transportation for that week (so be sure to fill out the transportation survey at the link above). Jenna Campbell will be attending as a volunteer the week of June 12-17 and we hope to get a great group of FPC children and youth to join other Oklahoma campers at Ferncliff.

Discount codes for a week of camp (use these codes and save!):

CIMARRON - \$250 off from Cimarron Presbytery

STILLWATER - \$50 off from FPC Stillwater

A Pay-It-Forward Update

Last fall, 31 FPC children and youth participated in the Pay It Forward challenge. Each received \$150 to make a difference in the world. Their projects were thoughtfully chosen, each one making significant impacts to organizations and communities both close to home and abroad. Many of the initial \$150 gifts were multiplied as the children and youth invited others to join them in generous giving.

Our final numbers are in: in addition to the original \$5,000 given through the challenge, an additional \$8,476 was raised through the invitation and efforts of our children and youth! That's a total of \$13,476 that went out into our community and beyond to make a difference. You can read more about each of the projects at www.stillwaterfpc.org/learning. We continue to be grateful to the estate of Leone List for making this challenge possible and for many of you, members of FPC Stillwater, who shared generously to support several projects. Read below for an exciting update to Nora Cooper's Pay It Challenge project and the many, many people's lives it impacted.



On April 4, First Presbyterian Church received the an exciting update about the Pay-It-Forward Oklahoma Campaign with RIPMedicalDebt.org, which was started with the \$150 that FPC gave to Nora Cooper (each child/youth at FPC who wanted to participate in "paying it forward" was given this same amount.)

.... I am thrilled to finally be able to share with you the report that outline's the impact of Nora's campaign.

In total, the Pay It Forward Oklahoma Campaign abolished \$764,354.38 of medical debt for 488 people in Oklahoma! On average, \$1,566.30 of debt was abolished per individual.

Most of the debt that we purchased for the campaign was in Oklahoma County, so I broke the report down by zip code.

It was such a pleasure working with you all and partnering together to make such a big impact. . . .

-Sofia Del Valle, RIP Medical Debt Development Coordinator

Two-thirds of all bankruptcies among U.S. households are tied to medical debt. RIP Medical Debt is a non-profit organization that buys medical debt of those most in need of relief: households whose incomes are less than two times the federal poverty level guideline or with medical debt representing at least 5% of gross income. With our donations, RIP Medical Debt buys this debt in bundles at a steep discount, and then forgives that debt. People across the country receive a letter that their debt is gone. No taxes. No penalties. Just like that, they're free of medical debt.

Many of you contributed to this Oklahoma Campaign, totaling over \$5,000 that became over a quarter-of-a-million dollars' worth of debt relief. The FPC Endowment for medical debt relief established with a gift from the estate of Leone List also contributed to the campaign. Thank you! Partnering with RIP Medical Debt is one way that FPC is living into our call as a Matthew 25 Congregation, working to eradicate systemic poverty by addressing plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

From the Organ Bench

Chancel Choir

Thank you to our choir, soloist David Silver (Maundy Thursday), and our Easter trumpeters, Ryan Lancaster and Omar Martinez, for your beautiful music during Holy Week, and for all your hard work in preparing for it.

Thank you, congregational choir, for helping to raise our bold Alleluias on Easter morning! Especially after the long wait to experience the sanctuary filled with worshipers, the joy of Easter 2022 was intense and will long be remembered. It was thrilling to be able to reinstate our Palm Sunday and Easter processions—for some children and choir members, it was their first time to process!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The choir's last Sunday for this season will be May 8. Rehearsals will resume Weds., August 24.

Choral Scholar Megan Flores will graduate from OSU with a degree in accounting. We thank her for several years of singing in our choir, serving as a cantor, and working with our SpiritLink children's music. She will be dearly missed, and we wish her every blessing as she embarks on a career of becoming a pilot!



Tuesday's at Trinity

Trinity Episcopal Church, Tulsa

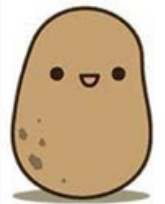
"Tuesdays at Trinity" – May 10, 12:05-12:35pm

Rebecca te Velde, organist, performs music by Mendelssohn, King, and Franck.

501 S. Cincinnati Ave., and livestreamed at

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Becky's Bench Buddies

Anyone aged 7 and up is invited to join Becky at the organ for a worship service. Please contact Becky if you or your child or grandchild would like to do this: (405) 762-6212 or Rebecca.tevelde@stillwaterfpc.org. We'll make a plan for a specific Sunday and service. I look forward to sharing worship with you at the organ!

Two's Company on the Organ Bench!

Note for aspiring bench buddies: Becky & John te Velde will be in Australia from May 17 - June 9 visiting their daughter Vera, son-in-law Matt, and granddaughter Sasha.

Payne County Pride

Thank you to everyone who walked in the parade, worked at our booth, or just stopped by to say "hello" during Payne County Pride on April 2! We had many community members stop by to say how overwhelmed they felt to see a welcoming and inclusive church in Stillwater. One Pride attendee even said, "This is the best day of my life!"

Adult Education & Fellowship

Adult Sunday School Classes - 9:45 am on Sundays

- "Feasting on the Word" - led by Denise Rex, this class follows the Revised Common Lectionary (the Scripture readings we hear on Sunday mornings) and meets in the Upper Room (south end of 2nd floor).
- "Faith & Fellowship" - led by Tim Hardin, will begin a 6 week in-depth study of The Apostle's Creed. This is a video series entitled "Creed, What Christians Believe and Why," by Adam Hamilton. The companion book is available from Amazon [at this link](#). The study will begin on Sunday, April 24 and the class meets in the Multipurpose Room.
- "Wonderfully and Fearfully Made: Disability and Faith" is a new Sunday School class led by Phyllis Taylor and meets in the Library. The discussion in this class will focus on disability and theology, how those with disabilities can work for the church, and how the church can work for them.

Delivered into Covenant

Wednesdays, June 1 - July 20

6:00 - 7:30pm in the Hospitality Area

Our continued study of the book of Exodus, using Walter Brueggemann's "Pivotal Moments" guides, will resume beginning June 1. Participation in the first part of the study is not required to join this class. Email Associate Pastor Jenny at jenny.hardin@stillwaterfpc.org or call the church office to register.

Led by Rev. Jenny Hardin and Rev. Leah Hrachovec.

May Seasoned Adults

Monday, May 16

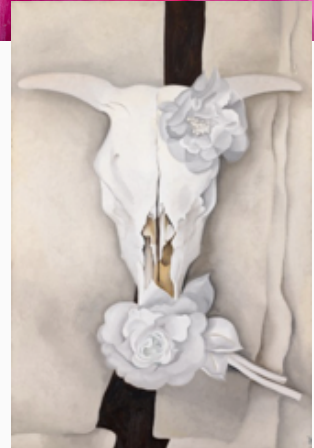
5:30pm gathering and

6:00pm dinner



At our May Seasoned Adults program we will welcome Gary and Nancy Simpson who will present a photo essay entitled "Georgia O'Keeffe in New Mexico". The program portrays the time that the artist spent in New Mexico and includes many of her most important paintings over her life in both New York and New Mexico.

Join us for food, fellowship, and a wonderful program on May 16th. Reservations for the meal portion of the program are needed by Friday May 13th. You can make reservations by emailing me at kelly.mccarley@stillwaterfpc.org, or by calling the church office at 405-372-5580.



Faith on Tap

Monthly on the first Thursday

7:30 pm

on the patio at Zannotti's Wine Bar
(113 W. 7th Ave.)

Join us for a time of table fellowship on the patio at Zannotti's! No registration is required to join.

Deacon's Corner

- The Little Free Pantry is still getting a lot of use. We are consistently in need of items such as: Vienna Sausages, canned beans and soups (especially with "pop top" openers,) ramen noodles, single serve fruit cups and individually wrapped snack bars.
- Our Daily Bread Food and Resource Center currently is low on several items. If you can help replenish their supply, please bring any of the following items to the Narthex and place them in the shopping cart:
 - Paper towels & Toilet paper
 - Unrefrigerated juice in 64oz bottles - apple, pear, orange, or cranberry mixes
 - Canned pinto, refried, or pork & beans (they already have a large supply of kidney and black beans)

Thank You!

'I am back from my knee surgery. I want to thank everybody from the church, you all are a miracle. My knee is a miracle, and you are a miracle. Because I can't cook, the meals are coming in better than any restaurant in Stillwater. You can cook! I give you all the thanks. I love you all. Have a good, blessed day every day!'

Love, Nettie Vick

'Thank you for the lovely Easter blessing! I love the lily so much.'

Judy Jones

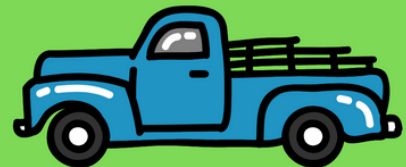
'Thank you for the beautiful Easter lily.'

Peggy Gibbs

'FPC, Leah, Jenny, and all,
Thanks a whole bunch for the beautiful Lilies for Easter!'

Love, Rita Breuninger

Can you help us pick up our order from the food bank?



Each month, we place an order with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma for food and other supplies to supplement our Saturday Brunch Ministry. We are responsible for picking up our order when it is delivered to Our Daily Bread on the third Thursday of each month, and we are seeking volunteers with pick-up trucks to help. Sign up [here](#) or contact Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin in the Church Office.

1st Quarter Giving Statements

First Quarter 2021 Giving Statements were recently sent to church members by email (if we have your current email address) or by US Mail. If you did not receive a statement, please contact Mary Beth Garoffolo, Office and Finance Assistant, at 405-372-5580 or marybeth.garoffolo@stillwaterfpc.org and I will send it to you.

If you received a paper statement and would like to change to receiving it by email OR if you want to change from email to receiving a paper statement in the US mail, please let me know that as well.

Thanks so much to everyone for your generous and constant financial support of FPC. We truly could not do it without you!!



Mission Update

Here is a thank-you note from Luther Christian Academy to the FPC community:

Dear FPC Stillwater Family,

Praise God from whom all blessing flow!
I am happy to inform you that Children in our care will have timely access to a health facility throughout because you cared and donated \$1439.00. Securing reliable, sustainable and affordable means of transport for a young institution like this means a lot. The boarding section is very important part of our program, and we truly appreciate your support in this area. Thank you again! Just like I've explained above, your contribution is very important to our most important people, the children we serve. It's important to us, too, as a team. Your ongoing commitment to our children will truly mean the world to our humble organization.

Thank you again!

In Christ Alone,
Emma B. Kabuye (Elder)
Founding Principal, Luther Christian Academy
VP Finance and Administration, PresAID

Luther Christian Academy and PresAID

In December of 2021, the World Mission and Denominational Concerns Ministry Committee had the opportunity to meet with Deacon Noel Thomas, founding director of Luther Christian Academy in Uganda, a partner of PRESAid Uganda. Luther Christian Academy has been in the process of completing a new dormitory building for the children who attend school.

Recently, Deacon Thomas contacted FPC with another need: funds to purchase a motorbike for the school. The motorbike will provide a means to transport students in case of an emergency, a way for teachers to pick up school materials each day, and a way for the head teacher to attend meetings in other places in the district.

Legacy Gifts Committee

Iris McPherson truly lived Christ's admonition to lovingly serve one another. Through her efforts in Bell Choir, support for mission trips, and organizing special offerings, she supported God's work through FPC Stillwater. Through her estate FPC received a substantial undesignated monetary gift. Session has formed the Legacy Gift Group, LGG, to determine the uses of her generous bequest. LGG has allocated a portion of the gift to World Mission, Trustees, and for support of perpetual pledges to future operating budgets. The remaining \$70,000 will be allocated

by LGG, amongst proposals received no later than June 1, 2022. Please submit your best ideas to the LGG by June 1.

Proposal outline:

1. Title and brief description of project/activity including identification of prospective benefits to FPC community.
2. Who would implement/maintain the project.
3. Project timeline
4. Estimated project cost

Send proposals to Tim.krehbiel723@gmail.com

Prayer Concerns

Lavon Alexander (Howard)
 Amanda (Hrachovec)
 Nick Amidon (Garoffolo)
 Shea Arnett (N. Thomas)
 David Awtrey
 Baker
 Carrie Ballenger family (Ballenger)
 Betty Bays
 Zella Beers (Fairbanks)
 Mandy Blackburn
 Rose Marie Bligh
 Rita Breuninger
 Helen Britton
 Belinda Bruner
 Wayne Cartwright (Koepp)
 Paula Cavett (te Velde)
 Nancy Chapa (Fagan)
 Allison Christy (Breuninger)
 Abby Clapp (Clapp)
 Darlene Collyar (Silver)
 Conrado and Miriam (Hardin)
 Andee and Kannon Cooper (Hrachovec)
 Heather Davidson
 Sara Davies
 Martha Dearing (Meinke)
 Matthew Durham (Shawley)
 Eva Elassi (Mulvey)
 Lori Fagan
 Mike Flowers
 Ed Gallegos (Wilkinson)
 Omar Garcia
 Dorothy Gibbons (Holland)
 Lauren Glynn (Stewart)
 Halana (Leffingwell)
 Alana Harding (Redburn)
 Ben Harris (Wilkinson/Frohock)
 Kendall Harvey (Shaw)
 Mary Ann Henley (Henley)
 Charla Hilger (Roscoe)
 Charity Hitch (Plum)
 Nikki Hoffman (Matthews)
 Carolynne Hopkins
 Linda Houck

Sandy Ives
 Patty Jacobs
 Paul Dean Jenkins (Nipp)
 Brenda Johns (Taylor)
 Dorothy Johnson (McCarley)
 Larry Johnson (te Velde)
 Ted Joy (Taylor)
 Patty Keys
 Mary Jane Kirchenbauer (Breuninger)
 Margy Knox
 Pauline Kopecky
 Dottie Kraemer
 Karen Krehbiel (Breuninger)
 Hank Lett
 Judy Lewis
 Alyssa Matal (Krehbiel)
 Don McCall (Stiegler)
 Larry McDonald
 Stephanie McMillan (Taylor)
 Philip Meadows
 Tresa Miller (Miller)
 Jean Moore (Stangl)
 The Moore Family (Campbell)
 Anne Mullen (Mullen)
 Nora Nagaruk (Stangl)
 Susan Nance (Mulvey)
 Pricilia Nkem
 Joyce Odom (Hardin)
 Our Service Men & Women (Kraemer)
 Frances Phillips (Taylor)
 Jean Potts (Bills)
 Paul Quarles (Bobo)
 Tim Rains (Silver)
 Lisa Reavis (Stewart)
 Larry Redburn (Redburn)
 Jack Reeves
 Sara Roberts (Osborn)
 Cooper Russell (Savage)
 David Schmidly (Shaw)
 Frank Schull (Hrachovec)
 Bradley Schutt (Schlais)
 Bob & Bonnie Siddon (Stiegler)
 Karen Shippey (Swim)
 Brylee Shullanberg (Stiegler)

Jeffrey Silver
 David Smith (Cooper)
 Ted Smith
 Perry Sneed (Johnson)
 Jamie Stephens (Burgoon)
 Bobby Don Stevenson
 (Beckstrom/Houston)
 Christine Stone (Fairbanks/Cornelius)
 Debbie Stout
 Phyllis Taylor
 Torres-Barber family (te Velde)
 Upendo Kids (Shawley)
 Lisa Valdez (te Velde)
 Emily Walker (Walker)
 Nelda Wallace (Blosser)
 Barbara Ware (Fansler)
 Darrell Warren (Silver)
 Jim Wasson (Wasson/Emmet)
 Marilyn Waters-Seig
 Lynda Williams
 Jim Wise
 Jackie Young (Osborn)

MILITARY MEMBERS

Members & family members of our church family who have been deployed in service to our country:

- Jordan Buterbaugh, Marines (Case)
- Justin Fowler, Navy (Fowler)
- Col. James 'grata' Greenwald, Air Force
- Matt Krehbiel
- 1st Lt. Eric Murphy, Army (Fairbanks)
- Miles Smith, Recruit Division Commander, Department of the Navy (Schlais)
- SGT Bryn JT Williams, Army (Williams)

Session Organization

The Session is organized into the following areas of responsibility. If you have an interest in serving in a certain area or for a specific event, please reach out to one of the elders assigned to that ministry or contact the Church Office.

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Kelly McCarley

Children's Ministry:

Nancy Beckstrom (chair)
Jean Aresco

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Kiah Butcher (co-chair)
Jill Stoutzenberger (co-chair)

Fellowship & Family:

Kathy Essmiller

Stewardship & Finance:

Tim Krehbiel (chair)
Cathy Fairbanks
Mark Howard

UKIRK (University):

John Mark Day (chair)
Ken Belanus

World Mission &

Denominational Concerns:

Gerrit Cuperus (chair)
Donna Koeppe

Worship & Music:

David Conway (chair)
Nate Ingram

Youth Ministry:

Rusty Rex (chair)
Belinda Bruner

Trustee Liaison:

Charlie Johnson

Personnel:

John Mark Day (chair)
Kiah Butcher
Mark Howard

Endowment Liaison:

David Conway

Nominating Committee:

Tim Krehbiel (co-chair)
Rusty Rex (co-chair)

COVID Response Task Force:

Kathy Essmiller
Rusty Rex

Session Summary

The April stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church took place in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:30pm, with two Session members joining by Zoom. A quorum was present and Pastor Leah Hrachovec moderated. Elder Charlie Johnson opened the meeting with an opening thought and prayer. Highlights of Session action:

- Ratified action of an approved small group of elders to receive Holly Chermack into membership by Profession of Faith on March 27, 2022
- Received new document developed by Treasurer, Personnel, and staff that defines work and professional expenses
- Discussed Parish Paper "New Life for Older Buildings"
- Approved Legacy Gift Group recommendation for use of gift from Iris McPherson estate (see p. 10 in this Ambassador)
- Received the March 30, 2022 membership report indicating 518 members
- Approved request for pulpit exchange between Rev. Ron Fike (FPC-Perry) and Rev. Dr. Leah R. Hrachovec on Sunday, June 26 and approved Leah celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism of Shirley Tearney on that date
- Approved proposed FPC Bylaws revisions to be shared with Trustees, congregation, and Cimarron Presbytery
- Canceled the stated Session meeting on June 14 unless urgent actions are required

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Leah Hrachovec. The next stated Session meeting is Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall with Zoom option.

Monthly Income / Expense Report

	March	Year to Date	% of Budget
Giving	\$ 57,623.49	\$ 184,273.93	27.85
Other Income	\$ 7,749.77	\$ 31,192.27	32.38
Total Income	\$ 65,373.26	\$ 215,466.20	28.42
Expenditures	\$ 61,424.04	\$ 187,331.49	24.75
Net	\$ 3,949.22	\$ 28,134.71	

Scout Updates

- Pack 3842's Spring campout was a great success. The Cub Scouts did a great job with their campfire program: singing songs, performing skits, and telling jokes. Due to the burn ban, we had to hold the campfire indoors. In May, we'll have an egg drop competition, and we're planning multiple Pack activities over the summer. If you know of any boy or girl in grades K-4 who may be interested in Cub Scouting, please contact Virginia Charter at virginia.charter@gmail.com. Now is a great time to join!
- Troop 888 had their first campout. The girls bonded and formed friendships, gained some outdoor cooking skills, and designed their patrol flag. Later this month they will be learning some sewing skills and making their own custom neckerchiefs. We look forward to meeting some of you at the Garden work day later this month! As always, thank you for being a part of Troop 888 success! If you'd like to keep up with the girls Scouting journey, feel free to visit our Facebook Page at BSA Troop 888 Stillwater, OK. If you know a girl age 11-17 who is interested in joining us please contact Melissa Huber at troop888gbsa@gmail.com.
- Troop 820 added 6 new scouts from Cub Scout crossovers this month, for a total of 24 registered scouts. We have several camps coming up including Alabaster Caverns, Roman Nose, and summer camp in Damascus, Arkansas. Plans also include the FPC Garden Work Day on April 30, a bake sale on May 1st, and helping at the Special Olympics, Relay for Life, and flag placements on Memorial Day. Contact Scout Master Bruce Greenshields at troop820bsa@gmail.com for more information.



BEHIND THE WALLS

A Trustees Update

Did you know our Church buildings total 47,700 square feet in size? Included in this total is our Sanctuary built in 1918 and our Fellowship Hall built in 2007. Also included is the building where our Preschool is located which was built in 1963 as the Education Wing of First Presbyterian Church. This requires a lot of roof protection for our spaces where we worship and serve our community and carry out our Mission. We also have important assets such as our pipe organ recently appraised at \$725,000 in value. The Trustees are currently reviewing several "problem areas" where we have water leaks and some damage. We have a trusted firm (used in past projects) looking at the adequacy and capacity of guttering, flashing, shingles, and our brick wall masonry. We are also working with a local roofer who knows our situation from several recent patch jobs. Look for potential activity (on the roof) in the coming months as we strive to be good stewards of the resources we are blessed to enjoy!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship at First Presbyterian

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Hybrid Worship Service

Midweek Prayer

Wednesdays 12:10pm via Zoom

**Change to ONE Worship Service at
11:00am beginning Sunday, May 22nd**

THE AMBASSADOR

APRIL 2022

2022 Intergenerational Mission Trip

Wednesday, May 25 - Tuesday, May 31, 2022
at Goodland Academy in Hugo, Oklahoma

Youth* and adults 6th grade and older are invited to join us for our 2022 Intergenerational Mission Trip this spring. We will be returning to the Goodland Academy in Hugo, Oklahoma to complete the work on their chapel building that we began during a previous trip. Our work may also include cleaning and organizing, landscaping, and painting. Register here (<https://bit.ly/2022missiontrip>) and find additional information on the church website. If you prefer, paper registration forms are available in the Narthex at the church.

*Youth in 6th and 7th grades must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Important dates to remember:

- Wednesday, May 4: Registration Deadline
- Sunday, May 15: Introductions and Team Building at 12:15pm (following the 11:00am worship service. This gathering will include lunch)
- Full Mission Trip: Wednesday, May 25 - Tuesday, May 31 - cost is \$175
- Half Week: Wednesday, May 25 - Saturday, May 28 or Saturday, May 28 - Tuesday, May 31 - cost is \$75
- Weekend Only: Friday, May 27 - Sunday, May 29 - cost is \$50