

Have you heard the GREAT NEWS?!

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is excited to announce that **we have exceeded our \$100,000 goal** for the Community Garden & Parking Lot Capital Campaign!



The project will ultimately result in a new parking lot across 18th Street, and the relocation of the FPC-sponsored community garden to the southwest corner of 17th and F streets.

This win-win solution will help provide more convenient and safe parking, while maintaining our neighborly support of the garden that is used by so many in the community.

Thank you to all who contributed!

Sunday Summer Worship Hours

- Every Sunday from August 5 to August 26: TWO services at 8:30 am (Great Hall) and 10:00 am (Sanctuary)
- September 2 (Labor Day weekend): ONE service only at 10:00 am (Sanctuary)
- September 9 and Sundays following: TWO services at 8:30 am (Great Hall) and 11:00 am (Sanctuary)

In addition, our Sudanese service will be at its regular time Sundays at 12:30 pm in Great Hall every Sunday except the first Sundays of the month.

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Sue's Musings – Worship for All

Worship should be open and accessible to all people – no matter what their abilities or language. You may notice that we always print the entire Lord's Prayer – even though most of us can rattle it off without thinking.

Why? Because there may be one person in worship that day who didn't grow up in a church, or whose first language isn't English, or who comes from a tradition that says "trespasses" or "sins" instead of "debts." Printing the entire prayer eliminates one barrier to someone fully participating in worship.

In our continuing efforts to make worship accessible to all, we're making an addition to our worship bulletins – pictures for each part of worship. Southern Heights Presbyterian Church recently added icons to their worship bulletins as a way of making worship more accessible to those with autism, pre-readers, new worshippers not familiar with the order of service, English language learners, and those with dementia or early signs of Alzheimer's.

They learned that these icons, or visual cues, accessed a different portion of the brain that helped people connect with what was going on around them in a way that words didn't. Symbols have long been a part of worship. They connect us with something beyond ourselves.

The symbol of water connects us to our baptism. The symbol of bread and cup connects us to Christ's sacrifice and each other. The symbol of the cross connects us to God's forgiveness, grace, and a call to serve. The symbol of candles connects us to God's presence, and our calling to be light to the world.



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Symbols are rich and deep in meaning, and call us to a deeper connection with God, with the community of Christ, and with the world. It is our hope that the addition of these symbols, these icons, these visual cues, will aid the participation of all who gather for worship, and in doing so, deepen our connection with God and each other.

Look for these symbols in our bulletins beginning in August.

Pastor Sue

~ Rooted in God ~ Open to Grace ~ Filled with Joy ~

If you'd like to read more about what Southern Heights is doing, there is a great article about it on the Presbyterian Mission website: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/august-8-2018/>

New Parent Loan Program now available for PC(USA) members

PC(USA) has developed a new parent loan program which will help its members cover their student's higher education costs at a lower interest rate than the Department of Education parent plus loan.

To learn more about this wonderful opportunity, visit the link provided below:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/new-parent-loan-program-now-available-for-pcusa-members/>

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It's that time of year when school is just around the corner and sales on school supplies are fantastic! Last year we put together 24 kits so let's see if we can make 30 this time.

Homestead will be making a trip to deliver everything to the PDA warehouse in Arkansas this fall. Let's get this done in time to send with this trip!

The following items are needed and can be brought to the church where we will store and assemble them (*Total Estimated Value \$15*):

1 pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)

3 - 70-count spiral notebooks or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10½" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets of ruled paper (Do not include filler paper)

1 - 30-centimeter ruler (12 inch)

1 - hand-held pencil sharpener

6 - new pencils with erasers

1 - large eraser

1 - box of 24 crayons

1 - cloth bag, 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton cloth bag with cloth handles (pattern available). Please, do not use reusable shopping bags or backpacks. Pack all items in the cloth bag.

Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Joan Berglund, Moderator
Presbyterian Women



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MISSION DOLLARS AT WORK

First Presbyterian, along with First Plymouth, sponsor “Clinic with a Heart” the first Thursday of every month.

CWH, is a faith-inspired organization serving the uninsured and under insured through a ministry of Healthcare.



CWH
CLINIC WITH A HEART

Clinic with a Heart was able to serve these patients and meet their individual needs:

After a bitter divorce, Margaret, along with her children (ages 7 and 9), moved back to Lincoln from Texas. Her circumstances left her in a financial bind. Her children needed school physicals and glasses.

Ed was 56, brittle diabetic and just released from prison. He was almost out of insulin and diabetic supplies.

Yi born and raised in Burma had been ill for several months. It turned out she was pregnant and in need of prenatal care.

Volunteers provide free healthcare with hospitality, dignity and grace. CWAH makes a commitment to their patients to serve as a gateway to local human service agencies to assist patients in finding permanent healthcare homes.

Opportunities are available for both medical and non-medical volunteers. If you are interested in joining this Mission team contact Clinic with a Heart at 402/421-2924 or on their website clinicwithaheart.org.

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Elders4theEarth Conference - Online registration available NOW

Elders for the Earth is a multi-day gathering for adults 50 years and older which **begins Sunday, October 7 at 5 pm and concludes Tuesday, October 9 at 4:30 pm**. The focus is on how to take positive action in the midst of a changing climate. The Chautauqua like, zero waste event includes speakers, workshops/playshops, local wine tasting, live music, and plenty of time to simply enjoy the beauty of Mahoney State Park. For more details, visit: elders4theearth.com

Volunteers Needed for Lawn Crew

We need volunteers to help keep our church grounds beautiful so consider joining the lawn crew! Contact Gary Hughes (ghughes726853@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining!

Flyleaf Book Club - Friday, August 17 | 9:00 am - FPC Library

We will discuss the books to read next year.

Articles for September First Report due: Friday, August 17

You may have noticed changes in our First Report layout and we'd love to know what you think.

Do you love it, hate it, or something in between? Also, HOW do you read the newsletter? Hard copy, on your phone, or on your computer?

Give us your feedback so we can tailor it to YOU! Send any comments or questions to info@fpclincoln.org or feel free to call the church office.



Stay tuned for the announcement of the Arts for the Soul 2018-2019 season - we're very excited to welcome some fantastic acts!

*Engaging the Mind
Warming the Heart
Inspiring the Spirit*



Interested in joining the Adult Choir or Hand bell Choir?

Rehearsals will be starting in late August. Open to ages high school and up. Bell choir spots are limited.

Please contact Brian Pfofner as soon as possible if you are interested. Call 402-477-6037 or Email at musicdir@fpclincoln.org.



FPChristian Education

I recently got back from two weeks at the Montreat Youth Conference in the mountains of Montreat, NC.

It's a conference that I have been participating in either as a youth or a back home leader for youth groups for over 20 years now and I remain convinced that this youth conference is one of the best things that our denomination does, not just for young people, but for anyone.



Montreat Youth Conference

Real people. Real stories. Real life.

This year I was there in the role of Work Crew Coordinator, helping to lead a small group of college aged students carry out the many tasks and jobs that need to be done in order for the planning team to conduct a conference for over a 1,000 young people each week.

And through it all, and every year, I glimpse the kingdom of God here on earth through the 1,000's of young people who attend.

I am humbled to be part of such an amazing thing and I thank you the congregation and the session the time to be part of something so dear to me heart and so important to our denomination.

If you'd like to know more about my experience or the Montreat, I'm happy to share.

Pray and Play,
Kris "Bubba" Brammer



FPChristian Education

What's Happening this Summer!

- Adult Bible Discovery Sunday School Class at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings.
- Sept. 9th – CE Programs (Sunday School and Youth Group) resume a regular schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.

2018-2019 FPC Christian Education Celebration Sunday, September 9 | 10:00 am Fellowship Hall

The CE Committee would like to invite everyone; whether you are 1 year old or a 101 years old, to a celebration of the FPC Christian Education ministry as we kick-off the new Sunday School year.

Come learn about the many different classes and faith formation opportunities available during Sunday Mornings and throughout the year.

Food and beverages will be provided as we fellowship and learn together.

See you there!



Library Notes

Award Winning Books

August is the month for county fairs. In honor of these fairs, the library is showcasing a selection of award winning books.

A Wrinkle in Time
Esperanza Rising
The Midwife's Apprentice
Baseball Saved Us

These and many other blue ribbon books await you in the library!

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Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's

By John Elder Robinson

John Elder writes about his experience going through life with Asperger's syndrome.

"As sweet and funny and sad and true and heartfelt a memoir as one could find." — from the foreword by Augusten Burroughs

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By the Numbers...

Learn the different Book sections in the FPC Library, based on their Dewey Decimal Numbers.

242 – Devotionals

Texts of meditations, contemplations, prayers for individuals and families.

Find these on the far west wall in the library.

Books don't just go with you, they take you where you've never been

-Anonymous

Library Notes

Author Spotlight: Jody Picoult

Love Debbie Macomber and Karen Kingsbury? Try Jodi Picoult. One of her books was recently read by the Flyleaf book club that meets in the FPC Library. We have several of her novels, just waiting for you, including several new selections.

NEW NEW NEW

I am a Man,
By Joe Starita

The Faith Club,
by Ranya Idlist, Suzanne Oliver
& Priscilla Warner

These and other new books
are waiting for you in the FPC
Library.

When I am an Old Woman I Shall Wear Purple, Edited by Sandra Haldeman Martz

This enchanting collection of writings and photographs evokes the beauty, humor and courage of women living in their later years and tells of the endearing moments of joy--and passion--to be found in the rich and varied world of midlife and beyond.

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Please notify the church office of any name,
address, email, and/or telephone changes.

First Presbyterian Church

Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged, diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.

For after hour calls to the church office, 402-477-6037, the staff voicemail extensions and e-mail addresses follow:

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Outside Classes and Programs @ FPC:

Men's AA - Mondays

Women's AA - Tuesdays

Big Book Bunch AA - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Lincoln Literacy - Monday through Thursday

SCC ESL - Monday through Thursday

Flyleaf Book Club - 3rd Friday of the month

At FPC, we warmly welcome any sort of group or organization that provides needed services for members of our community.