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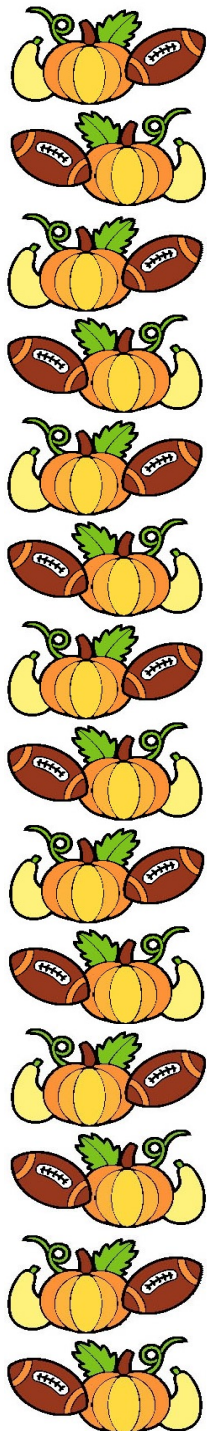
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR



I do not like mosquitoes. During our honeymoon, Abby and I camped for a couple of nights at Killarney Provincial Park in Ontario. It was the beginning of July, which is prime time for mosquitoes in that region. We were immediately swarmed! It turns out that one of Mosquito's favorite places to reproduce is stagnant water. In fact, a small puddle left on a plastic bag can become Mosquito breeding ground. Stagnant water—where nothing is coming in or going out—is the place where the unwanted and annoying insects proliferate.

Stagnation is never a good thing, especially in the spiritual life. It can lead to mucky and messy conditions, which can cultivate the growth of bugs that do not give life but suck it out. A healthy body of water means that water flows *in* from another source and water flows *out* of it. Likewise, a robust, healthy faith must be continually fed—fed with the witness of the Word, the nourishment of the sacraments, and the fellowship of the Christian community. Such feeding is the means by which God has chosen to communicate Himself to us. In other words, through Word, Sacrament, and fellowship we feed on Jesus Christ.

Even as we receive nourishment, we are also called to give and share it with each other and the world. As we have been poured into, we also pour into others. We share the gospel through our words and our deeds. We give out the love of Jesus Christ by sharing with the needy, welcoming the stranger, and caring for the vulnerable. Healthy spirituality is not just about reading the word but living the word. Healthy spirituality is not just about saying our prayers, but also putting legs on them as we live our lives.

When Jesus was once asked 'What is the greatest commandment?' he responded by saying the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind and love our neighbor as ourselves. Loving God and loving neighbor is the way we prevent spiritual stagnation. Loving God refers to what comes in: word, sacrament, Christian fellowship. Loving neighbor refers to what goes out: service, mission, acts of compassion, seeking the least, lost, and the left out. It can be less difficult to love God, or neighbor, but it gets really hard when we try to do both at the same time. Some of us are good at loving God but have a rough time serving and loving our neighbors. Others are all about the neighbor—the horizontal dimension of faith—but struggle with loving God, the vertical dimension. Yet, Jesus is clear, a healthy spirituality includes both expressions of love.

As a church, we strive to love God and neighbor, to be fed and to feed. To that end let me share some happenings in the life of the church. Mid-Week Manna continues every Wednesday of this month. Our monthly mission focus is Evergreen ministries, and I know they appreciate all the donations they receive. The last Sunday of this month, October 31st, I am delighted to welcome Rev. Michael L. Lindvall to the pulpit. Michael is senior pastor emeritus at Brick Presbyterian Church in New York, NY. He is a great preacher!

Gratefully serving Christ among you,
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Circles will meet the second week in October.

The Morning Circle has decided to combine with the Noon Circle which will meet on Tuesday, October 12, for lunch in Fellowship Hall.

The Night Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on October 13, following Midweek Manna Supper in Fellowship Hall.

Our 2021 Poinsettia Sale will begin soon. Watch for details.

The next PWCT meeting will be on Monday, October 4.

Kilgore Church Women



Please **SAVE THE DATE** of our next meeting on **Friday, October 22, 2021**, at Christ the King Catholic Church.

Rev. Lisa Mayhugh, Pirtle United Methodist Church, will be our guest speaker.

Join us at 11:00 with your brown bag lunch. The meeting will begin promptly at 11:30.

Carroll Bolton will be installing our new officers who will begin their duties in January 2022.

See you soon!
Kim Gore, Secretary

Saturday Bread Schedule:

October 2 : Forest Home Baptist

October 9 : Bill Terrell

October 16 : St. Luke's Methodist

October 23 : Robert Lightfoot

October 30 : First Christian

Check the calendar on our website:
Firstpreskilgore.org



Sunday, October 3, 2021 World Communion Sunday.

Come and share with your
brothers and sisters in Christ around
the world as we celebrate
the Lord's Supper!



Tithes and Offerings for Month of August

Anticipated Tithes/Offerings	\$ 28,669
Actual Monthly Tithes/Offerings	\$ 23,236
Actual Monthly Expense	\$ 57,996
Overage/ (Deficit)	\$ (34,760)

For the Year 2021

Anticipated Tithes/Offerings	\$ 343,669
Actual YTD Tithes/Offerings	\$ 213,855
Actual YTD Expense	\$ 337,057
Overage/ (Deficit)	\$(123,202)

Thank you for your tithes and offerings!
Without your faithful giving, ministry and missions would not be possible.



Thoughts and prayers

For our Members

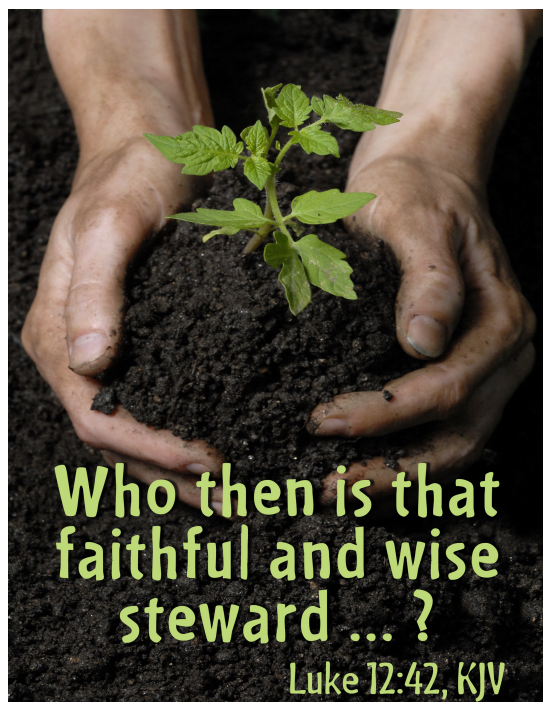
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| * Burke Green | * Thomas Hattaway |
| * Kenny Kirkpatrick | * Tom Waldo |

Family and friends of FPC

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| * Raymond Bazinet | * Bradley Bengtson |
| * Sylvia Bolding | * Chantal Braly |
| * Patrick Braly | * Joe Brown |
| * E J Chowdhury | * Elizabeth Collins |
| * Van Craddock | * Beverly Crawford |
| * Lynda Crittenden | * Linda Curkan |
| * Ashley Haden | * Kenzie Hyatt |
| * Rose Janke | * Shirley G Latham |
| * Donna Marshall | * Sherry McAlister |
| * Rex McCubbin | * David McElroy |
| * Dayne Neal | * Larry Perkins |
| * Bill Pybas | * Nancy Pybas |
| * Charlotte Reed | * Glenda Reid |
| * Denise Reinert | * Shari Soloman |
| * Butch Squier | * John Squier |
| * Betty Thrower | * Jim Wheat |
| * Larry & Linda Willis | * Carley Wimberley |

In Service to our Country

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|----------------|-----------------|
| * Jacob Conner | * Brent Duvall |
| * Robert Gray | * Gavin Jackson |
| * Stone Smith | |



Who then is that
faithful and wise
steward ... ?

Luke 12:42, KJV



Notes from Gala

Grace Notes children's choir is rehearsing each Wednesday after Bible study at 5 pm. We learn all types of music for worship and invite all boys and girls, K-5th grade. Come and join the fun!

Advent and Christmas season fast approaches! Will you consider singing with the choir for the Christmas season? Currently, the choir is rehearsing after worship each Sunday and we would love to have you join us! If you can join us, email me at galas@me.com, or stop me at church and let me know!



Session Highlights

The Session held it's Stated Meeting September 22, at 7:00 pm in the parlor.

The meeting began with devotion time and prayer.

A thank you note was read from Helping Hands.

The Administration Committee made a recommendation to the Session to begin the process of calling an Associate Pastor, with an emphasis on Christian Education and Development, to fill the position of the DCE.

After much discussion, the motion was approved.

The future Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will develop the appropriate job description for this position.

Discussion points included:
Making long term plans, as an investment in the church's future.

The Session approved spending \$3100 to repair the flat roof above the parlor.

A guest speaker will be at the Midweek Manna Supper on September 29, to discuss what a Christian can learn from a person of the Jewish faith.

The Session shared joys and concerns, and prayed together for those on the prayer list, and members of our congregation.

Sarah Camp
Clerk of Session

Property Committee

The parlor floor has been installed, and the baseboards will be in soon.

The flat roof above the parlor has a leak. Pieces from the ceiling fell after the last rain. It will need to be repaired before we can move the furnishings back in.

The upstairs hot water heater leak caused the damage to the ceiling in the library. The plumber will be overseeing repairs.

Thank you to John Leppert, for repairing the double doors by the covered drive.

Emery Brothers, Inc. will return October 8 to begin the re-installation of the organ pipes.

Visitation-Evangelism

The New Member dinner will be held following Midweek Manna on November 3.

The committee continues to reach out to visitors as well as members.

Worship-Fellowship

Next Communion date is October 3.

Memorial Sunday will be November 7, 2021.

Save the date:
Sunday, November 14, 2021.
Church wide lunch in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Mid week Manna - Communion each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. through November 3, will be held in the Sanctuary, followed by Supper in Fellowship Hall.



Monthly Missions



This month, we will be supporting “Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries.” This organization was established in 1959, and supports and serves those with disabilities and their families.

Evergreen provides a multitude of programs that make a dramatic difference in the lives of those they serve and in the lives of the families of those they serve.

We have a local Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries in Longview. The Longview branch provides Day programming, vocational and prevocational training, continued support through employment, foster care, and community based housing. To learn more, visit <https://www.evergreenls.org/>

If you would like to support this ministry please make a donation in the church office, or the offering plate on Sunday.



Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM

Adults

- * Men's Discussion Class led by Jerry Camp - Church Library
- * Adult Class (Parlor Class) led by Maryanne Harris - Temporarily in Fellowship Hall
- * “It Is What It Is” Class (Parents with kids in school) - Upstairs Kitchen

Youth

- * Youth 6th - 12th grade - Will meet each Sunday Evening beginning at 5:00 PM

Children

- * “Travel Through the Bible” for K - 5th grade Led by Laure Clark and Sarah Garasic - Room 206



JOIN US FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S ANNUAL

DANVILLE PICNIC!

October 3, 2021 at 5 p.m.
Danville Cemetery Pavilion
Bring your favorite dish!



Wear your costume, bring a friend!
Sunday, October 24, 4:00 pm
FPC vacant lot

Fellowship and Service to our Community



YOUTH MINISTRY

Schedule of Events

October 3: Danville Picnic

October 10: Tie-Dye Shirts

October 17: Six Flags Fright Fest

October 24: Trunk-or-Treat

October 31: Halloween (No Youth Group)

Looking ahead!

Scavenger Hunt – November 7

Cook for Parents–November 14

Six Flags

Pay \$25 toward your ticket

We will attend church that morning
and then go to Six Flags for a frightful
day of fun!

First Responder Service Project



We delivered snack charcuterie
boards to the Police Department
and all 3 fire stations!

be strong
BE BRAVE
be fearless
JOSHUA 1:9 YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Call for Helpers!

Co-Sponsor - Six Flags – October 17

Helpers! – October 24

If you are willing to help with youth activities, contact
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October



October Birthdays

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| 1 | Amy Bates
Wes McCollum | 15 | Clarence Laird
Lexi Rowe
Ouida Smylie |
| 4 | Carey Murphy | 17 | Debby Leppert |
| 6 | Cameron Clower
Juliandra Gentry | 18 | Bill Terrell |
| 8 | Jeff Nestleroad | 19 | Avery Gorman
Beverly Russell |
| 9 | Isabel Waldo | 21 | Leah Lowery |
| 10 | Ron Spradlin | 23 | David Castles |
| 11 | Ryan Griffin
Ann Thrower | 24 | Brent Brown
Kathryn Dean |
| 13 | Steve Schnarr | 27 | Gene Smith |
| 14 | Sarah Garasic | 28 | Burke Green |
| | | 30 | Tamara Mankins
William Richard |