

# October Newsletter



# First Presbyterian Church

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### Sunday Schedule

#### Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

#### Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

#### Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

### High School Youth

7:30 p.m. Sundays

(First Presbyterian Church)

### 6th—12th Youth

6:00 p.m. Wednesdays

(First Christian Church)

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## How Does Your Garden Grow?

*The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.*

*1 Corinthians 3:8-9*

A couple of Christmases ago, my neighbors gave me a hydroponic garden for Christmas. They didn't know it at the time, but I'm not a great outdoor gardener. I'm lazy about weeding, tend to get distracted and forget to tend after my plants, and tend to end up with very few successes. This hydroponic device, though, changed everything.

The device they gave me allows plants to start growing indoors in a water-based garden. There's a special light that shines on the plants a certain number of hours a day, and the kit included plant food to add to the water. I've very much enjoyed watching my indoor plants grow for the past two years. I've transferred a few plants outside, but the herbs and some vegetables are full-grown in their little indoor water garden.

In the above scripture, Paul is talking about real planting in the ground, but however your garden grows, I think Paul's point is clear. We all have different gifts and duties when it comes to growing things, and it takes all of us together to make growth happen.

Our Stewardship Committee has chosen the theme of "His Work Through Our Hands" for their stewardship drive this year. As the season of stewardship approaches, try to think about it as an opportunity to tend our garden. The Church is here to do God's work in the world, but we are the hands through which that work is accomplished. God is the source and life of all that grows, and our church's growth depends on our willingness to do His work. Let's continue to be good stewards as we tend, water, feed, and care for our flourishing community of faith.

Pastor Susan





**OCTOBER WORSHIP**  
9:00 a.m.

**October 6**

**Scripture**—Genesis 2, 3  
**Sermon**—World Changers—Adam and Eve  
**Preaching**—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

**October 13**

**Scripture**—2 Corinthians 12:6-10,  
2 Kings 20:12-19  
**Sermon**—World Changers—Hezekiah  
**Preaching**—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

**October 20**

**Scripture**—Mathew 16:15-19  
**Sermon**—World Changers—Peter  
**Preaching**—Micah McNeal

**October 27**

**Scripture**—Esther 4  
**Sermon**—World Changers—Esther  
**Preaching**—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley



**OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**Worship 9:00 a.m.**  
**Fellowship 10:00—10:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday School 10:15 a.m.**  
Wired Word—Room 200  
Knit Wits—Room 204  
Fenlon’s Class—Room 305  
Sermon Discussion—Room 201  
Young Mom’s—Westminster Room  
PreK-1st—Room 105  
2nd-5th—Room 104  
Confirmation Class— Room 206  
Middle & High School Youth—Room 307  
**Nursery is open 8:45—11:00 a.m.**

**STREAM SUNDAY WORSHIP ON LINE @ YOU TUBE**

Just go to: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
and search for: **Mexico First Presbyterian Church.**

Scan this QR code

(We are also on Facebook.)



**Wednesday Youth Group**

6th grade & up  
6:00—7:30 p.m.  
First Christian Church

**Sunday Night Youth Group**

9th grade & up 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church

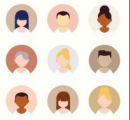


**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN Inquirer’s Class?**

Pastor Susan will lead a class for anyone who might be interested in becoming a church member, or anyone who wants a refresher or has questions about the church.

10:15 A.M.—BOARD ROOM

Next class is: Sunday  
October 27th



**CURRENT REQUESTS**

Betty Delaynes  
Nancy Decker  
Richard Webber  
Karen Mossman



**LONG TERM REQUESTS**

Lois Brunner (Jim’s mother)  
Mary Beth Dicus (Phyllis Wirth’s sister-in-law)  
Michael Schuessler (friend of the Ray’s)  
Barbara Neumann  
Anna Rentschler  
Carl Smarr  
Rona Wilson  
Bonnie Kimbel  
Daniel Nunnelly  
Cheryl Bell  
Nancy Stuart  
Bob Kimes (Pam Miller’s father)  
Judy Wagner  
Connie Robley  
Judy Lowery (Jody Fetterhoff’s sister)  
Bob Wilburn (Janis Strode’s son-in-law)  
Clark Slagle (Bruce & Cheryl Slagle’s grandson)  
Jessica Jolly  
Kyler Green (deployment)  
Barbara Ray (Freddie Crews’ sister)  
Denzil McNeal (Micah’s uncle)  
Cole Nettles (Sandy Weber’s nephew)  
Linda Baker (Lana Parmenter’s sister-in-law)  
Stan Beard Jr. (Becky Fischer’s brother)  
Nancy Fischer (Scott Fischer’s sister in law)  
PK Karrenbrock (Tori Webber’s friend)  
Tom Biesemeyer (Linda Sue’s cousin)  
Lydia A. Neill (Linda Sue’s cousin)  
Don Munford (Robby & Cara Miller’s brother in law)  
Dan Kriwiel (Peggie’s husband)  
Debra Kreyling  
Lucas Coari  
Luke Pickett  
Cathy Scholz (Betty Coari’s friend)

Our north entrance near the office is undergoing renovations to make our upper floor more accessible. If you visit while the entrance is not usable, call the office at **573-581-5689**. We will welcome you at the Fellowship Hall entrance downstairs.



*It's Back!*



**Sunday Mornings  
8:45-11:00**

**Caregivers:  
Barb Brandt  
& Piper Higgins**



**Kids For Christ**



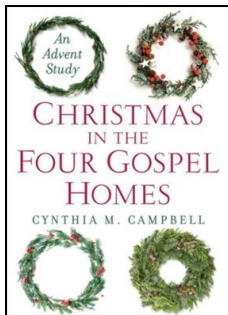
**Fellowship**



**ANNOUNCING ADVENT STUDY 2024**

As we rapidly approach Advent season, we look forward to an Advent study taught by Vicki Briggs. She will teach the class during the Sunday School period, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024.

The topic is based on a study written by Cynthia M. Campbell, Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes and imagines the Gospel books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as houses set for Christmas. Please join us for some special Christmas time together. There will be study books available for purchase in the church office. Call or come by to purchase your copy for \$10.



**TABLE OF 8 SIGN UP**

It is time to sign-up/re-assign new groups for Table of 8! These are assigned groups of 8 people per group with the purpose of getting together 4+ times a year to enjoy fellowship with one another. This could be sharing a meal together, a game night, or just meeting to socialize.

The group decides the time, agenda, and frequency of gatherings. If you are interested in being in a group, please let Sandy know by October 10th. The Adult Fellowship Committee will assign groups after this date and be in touch with participants soon after.



**Presbyterian Women Bible Study  
Rebecca Circle**

Bible Study: Sacred Encounters

This group will meet in room 305 on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and is led by Lois Runnels. Next meeting October 10th.

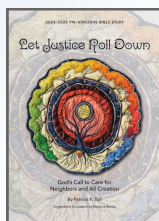
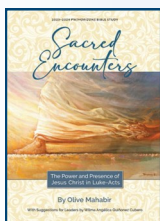
**Mary Circle**

Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation

This group will meet in Fellowship Hall on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and is led by Elaine Mensching.

Next meeting October 28th.

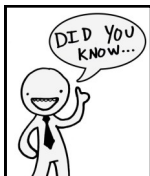
Join us!



Glenn Phillips	3	Peggie Kriwiel	23
Cheryl Lummis	4	Richard Bowen	24
Susan Brown	6	Barbara Brandt	24
Chris Dial	6	Grace Matich	28
Susan Atkins	8	Brent Brauer	29
Chance Harper	8	Danielle Louder	29
Jim Atkinson	9	Chase Monte	29
Barbara Green	9	Eunice Schnarre	29
Sheryl Louder	9	Liz Schutte	29
Kaitlyn Thomas	9		
Carl Smarr	11		
Cindy Phillips	13		
Clarissa Cauthorn	15		
Abby Chitwood	16		
Nyja Mitchell	21		



**Creeds and Confessions—Month 4**



During our summer Sunday school class, we had a session in which we learned about the PC(USA)'s creeds and confessions. Some 25 years ago, women of our church made beautiful, intricate banners to represent each creed and confession.

**The Heidelberg Catechism (Germany, 1563)**

The regal red and gold is a tribute to the rule of Frederick III, who ordered the writing of the Catechism for followers of John Calvin in Germany.

The crown of thorns, the "German" cross and the tablets are symbols of misery, redemption, and thankfulness – the three basic themes of the Catechism. (The tablets stand for the Ten Commandments, which appear in the Catechism where it teaches that obedience is the proper form of thankfulness.)

The two lights and the fire represent the Trinity – with the Hebrew name of God on the left orb, the Greek monogram for Jesus on the right orb, and the flame standing for the Holy Spirit. There is a long discussion of the Trinity in the Catechism.





Shooting for Hope Workshop

Five Birthdays on September 25th  
Abby, Cara, J.R., Joanne & Teddy



**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

The session met on Monday, September 23, 2024. Those in attendance shared joys and concerns. The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Susan. The consent agenda was accepted into the record, including prior minutes, financial reports, and the meeting agenda.

Adult Fellowship: The committee is organizing a new round of Tables of 8. Future activities include putt-putt golf and Hickory Ridge. Christmas Caroling will happen in early December, as well as a group evening at the Presser Pipes concert on December 19. Also, due to rising food costs, the committee will increase their budget request for next year.

Adult Education: The Saturday Men’s Group will now be called “What’s on your mind.” Vicki Briggs will lead an Advent class in December.

Fellowship: The Thanksgiving Soup and Sandwich Supper will be on November 21 at 6 PM.

Local Mission: The committee is providing “Getting Ahead” participants with two meals.

Property: The discussion of possible land transfer was tabled until details on feasibility are worked out with the City. A motion was made to approve a bid from Lloyd’s Locks for installation of security cameras at the church. Funding will come from the 2024 Trustee Endowment Distribution.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry: The Triennium trip and funding options were discussed. Confirmation class is ongoing with four students participating.

Old Business: Andrew Cauthorn reported on his trip as commissioner to the August Presbytery meeting at Trinity in Columbia.

New Business: The PC(USA) requires annual Session review of all church policies, and our Session continues to review a few policies per month. Our church also needs an anti-racism policy, and Pastor Susan will draft a proposal for our next meeting.

Clerk’s Report: Dianne reported the dates communion was served at church and at King’s Daughters. A wedding and two deaths were reported.

The meeting closed with a devotion and prayer from Sheryl Louder and the meeting was adjourned.



**Kids for Christ Self Portraits**



### THANK YOU EUNICE!

Eunice Schnarre is retiring from twenty years of service as a Stephen Minister. During those two decades she has been there for numerous people going through a rough period in their lives.

From everyone at  
First Presbyterian Church,  
THANK YOU!



### CUPCAKE FELLOWSHIP

Thanks everyone for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday during "Cupcake Fellowship" time on September 23rd. Special thanks to Liz Schutte, my dear friend and neighbor, who planned the occasion and provided the cupcakes. Thanks also to the Fellowship Committee for the set up and clean up. Nan Cox



Myles



Mac #35



Layne



Homecoming Parade—Coach Haag



Abby, Marcos, Keith

## LUNCH BUNCH

The September Lunch Bunch met at Dos Arcos in September. Join us at 11:30, October 16th at **PIZZA HUT**  
707 W. Monroe Street



Linda Sue, Angie, Pastor Susan, Micah, Tris, Bob, Shirley, Eunice, Scott, Mark

**Stephen Ministers** are trained to be CONFIDENTIAL and compassionate listeners to persons experiencing special needs:

- Loss of Loved One
  - Separation or Divorce
  - Terminal Illness
  - Job Crisis
  - Financial Stress
  - Loneliness or Depression
  - Hospitalization
  - Being Homebound Spiritual Crisis
- ... And many more!



If you or someone you know could use the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Susan or send your name and phone number to the church in care of "Stephen Ministry, Confidential," 400 Lakeview Rd., Mexico, MO 65265.

## BUDGET REPORT As of 9.16.2024

INCOME	Actual \$	Budget for Year \$	Actual vs Budget %
Pledged Giving	\$208,420.41	\$325,000	64.13%
Non pledged	\$81,953.97	\$87,250	93.93%
Other Income	\$16,105.60	\$12,750	126.32%
<b>Total all income</b>	<b>\$306,479.98</b>	<b>\$425,000</b>	<b>72.11%</b>
EXPENSES			
Administration	\$1,999.78	\$6050	33.05%
Adult Ministries	\$1,617.34	\$850	190.28%
Children's Ministry	\$1,394.67	\$4,000	34.87%
Local Mission	\$5,775.73	\$13,000	44.43%
National & Global Mission	\$26,460	\$42,280	62.58%
Other programs	\$2,300.07	\$3,500	65.72%
Outreach	\$1,039.10	\$2,200	47.23%
Property	\$42,399.53	\$66,810	63.46%
Personnel	\$226,366.46	\$318,548	71.06%
Technology	\$6,861.14	\$8,000	85.76%
Worship	\$2,658.09	\$4,500	59.07%
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$1,263.06	\$6,000	\$21.05%
<b>Total all expenses</b>	<b>\$320,134.97</b>	<b>\$475,738</b>	<b>67.29%</b>

## Blessing Box



**October**—soup  
**November**—pasta, sauce  
All donations welcome anytime!

## Memorials

Susan Allen  
Marian Rentschler  
Nancy Werbach

## Endowment Fund

Dick Schmidtke  
Nancy Werbach

*(This monetary memorial was received in the last 30 days)*

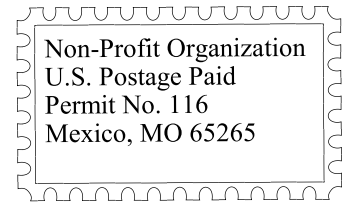
## NEED A RIDE TO/FROM CHURCH?

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Return Service Requested

# DATED MATERIAL

<b>2024</b>	<b>October 6</b>	<b>October 13</b>	<b>October 20</b>	<b>October 27</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Andrew Cauthorn	Mike Briggs	Jude Yancey	Grace Matich
<b>Children's Message</b>	Lana Parmenter	Micah McNeal	Deb Haag	Teresa Carlson
<b>Flowers</b>	Logan & Abby Ray	John & Joyce Lowry	Peggie Kriwiel	Chad & Beth Colley
<b>Ushers</b>	Alan Atkins Susan Atkins Stuart Miller Pam Miller Fayeth Schutte	Bruce Oliver Nancy Oliver Bill Woods Linda Woods Dustin Lewis Owen Lewis	Stuart Miller Pam Miller Mark DeJaynes Jerry Ahillen Clarissa Cauthorn Emmett Cauthorn	Jim Dye Judy Dye Mary Creason Karen Linnemeyer Danielle Louder Taytum Louder
	<b>Communion Servers</b> Jim Brunner Jim Dye Micah McNeal Elaine Mensching Josh Yancey	<b>Communion Preparer</b>  Darlene Isaacs	<b>Deacon Of the Month</b>  Dustin Lewis	