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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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Church Olympics

The biggest sporting event in the world is the Olympics. Every four years, the greatest athletes in the world gather and compete, and the world watches in wonder, awe, and respect. Athletes have worked and trained, many for their whole lives, for these moments. The Olympians didn't just get a sudden urge to show up in Paris and sign up for competitions. They prepared. They've organized their training and competitiveness so that would peak at exactly the right time and be at the top of their game. They were on strict schedules.

In a similar way, the church operates on a schedule, and most of what we do revolves around seasons. We have a church calendar, and our church year begins with Advent. We work and plan to create meaningful services and program during that season. The same happens during Lent and Easter.

Another rhythm the church, and much of society, is in has to do with the school calendar. When school gets back in session in the fall, it gives us a starting line. Here, in September, we're at that starting line! Here's just some of the things that are back on schedule:

- ◇ Children and youth Sunday School classes start on September 1
- ◇ All adult Sunday school classes will be in full swing by September 8
- ◇ Youth groups start September 1
- ◇ Kids for Christ starts September 4
- ◇ Confirmation classes start September 8
- ◇ The choir will begin singing again on September 8
- ◇ Second grade Bibles will be presented on September 29
- ◇ A new sermon series will coincide with the new Sunday School curriculum in September.

This is what we've been preparing for! We're at the beginning of the season that lasts until next summer. Just like those amazing Olympic athletes, we've worked and prepared, and the time is here. Let's rev up and get the party started!

Pastor Susan



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP
9:00 a.m.

September 1

Scripture—John 1:35-51

Sermon—Jesus' Invitation

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

September 8

Scripture—Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Ephesians 4:11-16

Sermon—Follow With Others

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

September 15

Scripture—Luke 24:28-34

Sermon—See Through the Lens of Love

Preaching—Micah McNeal

September 22

Scripture—Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon—Making Disciples

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

September 29

Scripture—Leviticus 19:33-34

Sermon—Welcome

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley



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 September 22nd



SEPTMEBER 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 (Sept 8)

Sermon Discussion—Room 201 (Sept 8)

Young Mom's—Westminster Room

PreK-1st—Room 105

2nd-5th—Room 104

Confirmation Class— Room 206

Mid Hi & Hi 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

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



- Nancy Werbach
- Nancy Stuart
- Lois Brunner (Jim's mother)
- John Wirths
- Mary Beth Dicus (Phyllis Wirth's sister-in-law)
- Becky Fischer
- Michael Schuessler (friend of the Ray's)
- Bob Marty
- Barbara Neumann
- Anna Rentschler
- Carl Smarr
- Rona Wilson
- Bonnie Kimbel
- Katherine Staley
- 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)
- Betty Coari
- 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)

Join Cub Scouts!



Wednesday, September 4th at 6 p.m.
FPC Fellowship Hall

Cubs Scouts is a program for Kindergarten thru 5th grade boys and girls that encourages them to make friends, be helpful to others, and always do their best, no matter how difficult the challenge. We aim to help them develop their character, citizenship, personal fitness, and leadership skills.

**If you are looking for adventure
join us to find out more.**

BIBLES FOR SECOND GRADERS

On Sunday, September 29th, our second grade students will receive their own Bibles during worship.

- Clara Schutte
- Charleigh Lewis
- Bryce Robinett
- Emmie Fryer
- Everett Toellner

God bless all of you as you continue to learn and grow in your faith!



Blessing Box

September—cereal, oatmeal, crackers

October—soup

November—pasta, sauce

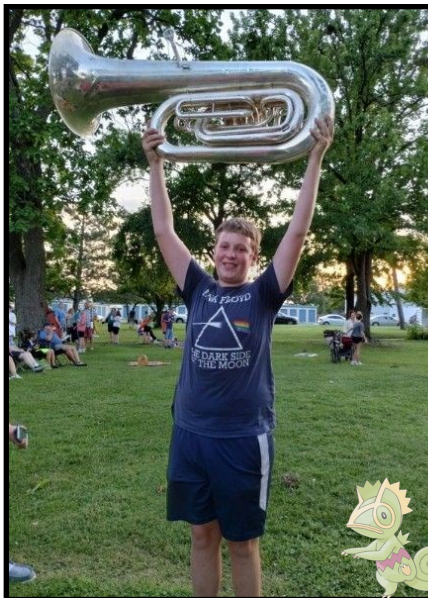
All donations welcome anytime!

Sunday Morning Nursery

Infants and children are welcome to come and play during worship and/or Sunday school.



August Baptisms





The Local Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who provided cookies for Mission to Mexico. We had plenty of treats for the youth workers. Thank you to the ladies who came in and bagged the cookies for the event. This was really a team effort. Thank you!



Soon, our north entrance near the office will be 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.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Riley Hanley (with help from Dad) for installing our new mailbox. Our mail is much more secure!



**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 Sept. 12th.

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 Sept. 23. Join us!

Howdy FPC,

Lee and I would like to say "thank you" for welcoming us with open arms. We have been blessed, many times over, by this church family in more ways than any of you can imagine.

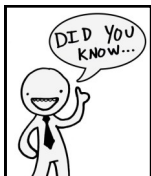
We appreciate the love and support you've shown us. As we go forward with the next chapter in our lives (serving in whatever way we can at First Presbyterian Church Fulton), please know that it was THIS CHURCH, through God's love, that gave us a firm foundation from which to minister.

We will miss seeing your smiling faces every Sunday, but don't think that we won't troll you on Facebook and YouTube.

*Yours in Christ,
Rob and Lee Dalton*



Creeds and Confessions—Month 3



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 Scots Confession (Scotland, 1560)

The blue of the shield is for the background color of the Church of Scotland. The tartan, x-shaped cross is in a form called the St. Andrew's Cross, he being the apostle who brought the gospel to Scotland. The tartan, or plaid, is that of the Hamilton clan in honor of the first martyr of the Scottish Reformation, Patrick Hamilton. The Celtic cross is another ancient form associated with the Christians of the British Isles. The ship is a symbol for the Church; the Scots Confession contains a remarkable, strong doctrine of the Church. The Bible and the sword represent when Paul called the word of God "The sword of the Spirit," and the sharpness of John Knox's preaching of the Word was a major power for reformation in Scotland. The burning bush which was not consumed reminds us of Moses' Sinai experience, thus a symbol of God's presence and call: the chief symbol of the Church of Scotland.



SHOOTING FOR HOPE

Hear from Rev. Dr Susan Presley, author of the upcoming book "Shooting for Hope," about the warning signs before mass shootings, and faith-based strategies to prevent violence.



SCAN ME

September 22, 2024, 5p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall

This event is open to all! Snacks provided.

Secure your spot now and be a part of this event!
Scan the above QR code or register online at
<https://mexicofpc.breezechms.com/form/fb9e5f>



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM AUGUST 19, 2024

Your session met on Monday, 8/19, 2024. Those in attendance shared joys and concerns. Ron Ray opened the meeting with prayer. Josh Hanley, chair of property, attended. The consent agenda was accepted into the record, including prior minutes, financial reports, and the meeting agenda.

Property: Josh Hanley and Ron Ray updated session on repairs: The aluminum gutters on the back of the educational wings will be painted, completing the roof work. Painting on the steeple will happen during September. Exteriors of windows have been cleaned. Two dead trees were removed from the property across the creek. Josh brought a discussion about future plans for the 1.83 acres of land on the other side of the creek. Session will consider the ideas and talk next month about moving forward.

Adult Fellowship: Mark Schnake, Tris Myers, and Susan Atkins have received Evelyn Bedell awards and will be honored at the Presbytery meeting on 8/27, and at a future worship service.

Adult Education: Pastor Susan explored options for a new Bible study.

Children's Ministry: Whitney reported that teacher training will be 8/25. There is new curriculum. All new volunteers must go through child protection training. Second grade Bibles will be given to five students in the 9/29 worship service. Sunday School resumes 9/1. Kids for Christ starts 9/4.

Deacons: The Deacons continue visiting members in nursing homes, sending cards, and providing meals.

Local Mission: Elaine reported the committee gifted new teachers with donuts and juice. The committee also helped the Mission to Mexico group by providing cookies for meals. They are providing Handi-Shop treats for workers in July and August. \$803 was collected on Baby Bundle Sunday.

Music and Worship: Josh reported the committee is updating the wedding policy to reflect current practices. The choir will begin singing again on 9/8.

Outreach: Micah reported the committee will host a booth at the Soybean Festival.

Presbyterian Women: Elaine reported circles will start meeting in the fall with new study guides.

Staff: The committee's motion to hire our new custodian was passed.

Stewardship & Finance: Robby gave a positive report on our finances, & plans for our stewardship drive in the fall are ongoing.

Trustees: The trustee financial report was received.

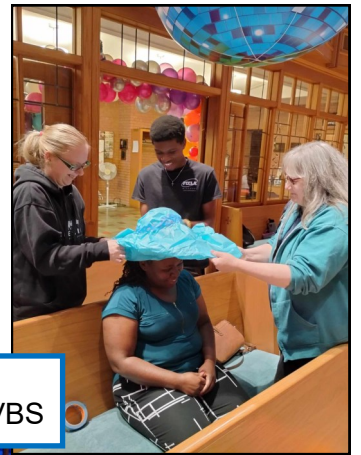
Youth and Young Adult: Andrew and Micah reported that youth group starts 9/1 and confirmation starts 9/8.

New Business: Session approved a payment to Leaderwise for the candidate and church portions of the CRE psychological evaluation. The September session meeting was moved to 9/23 at 6 PM.

Clerk's Report: Dianne reported the dates communion was served at church, at King's Daughters, and for a homebound person and family. Four baptisms were reported as well as three deaths.

The meeting closed with a devotion and prayer from Andrew Cauthorn and the meeting was adjourned.





Pastor Led Adult Class—VBS



LUNCH BUNCH

The August Lunch Bunch met at Ori Hibachi's
Join us at 11:30, September 18th at
Dos Arcos



Sundae Sunday



Start the Party VBS



Sundae Sunday

Jordan Hatfield	2	Dwayne Schutte	13
Kyle Louder	2	Nancy Werbach	13
Riley Hanley	3	Quentin Bakke	15
Cathy Zinkel	5	Julie Rothermich	15
Mitch Rentschler	6	Rebecca Rothermich	15
Jim Curtis	7	Jim Scott	18
Shea Elsrod	7	Juley Jackson	19
Joshua Price	7	Nancy Smiley	19
Anne Baker	9	Bonnie Kimbel	20
Josh Yancey	9	Kim Ekern	21
Paul Carlson	10	J.R. Cauthorn	25
Beth Moore	10	Teddy Cox	25
Ben Jolly	11	Cara Miller	25
Lucas Vogt	11	Joanne Nelson	25
Melissa Fayad	12	Abigail Ray	25
Gary Skinner	12	Jo Ann Bishop	26

Nan Cox	27
Marcus Moore	27
Dallas Benne	28
Jessica Huddleston	28
Lynn Cox	29
Brody Hutchinson	29
Emma Rentschler	30



Memorials
Youth Fund
Dick Schmidtke
(This monetary memorial was received in the last 30 days)

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 8.12.2024

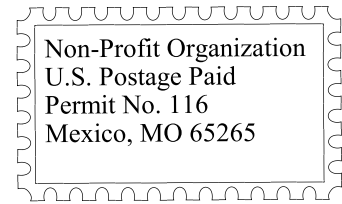
INCOME	Actual \$	Budget for Year \$	Actual vs Budget %
Pledged Giving	\$182,806.36	\$325,000	56.25%
Non pledged	\$65,785.91	\$87,250	75.40%
Other Income	\$14,331.31	\$12,750	112.40%
Total all income	\$262,923.58	\$425,000	61.86%
EXPENSES			
Administration	\$1,942.43	6050	32.11%
Adult Ministries	\$331.89	\$850	39.05%
Children's Ministry	\$1,311.73	\$4,000	32.79%
Local Mission	\$5,119.51	\$13,000	39.38%
National & Global Mission	\$23,520	\$42,280	55.63%
Other programs	\$2,220.56	\$3,500	63.44%
Outreach	\$781.68	\$2,200	35.53%
Property	\$39,811.51	\$66,810	59.59%
Personnel	\$193,487.54	\$318,548	60.74%
Technology	\$5,966.98	\$8,000	74.59%
Worship	\$2458.09	\$4,500	54.62%
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$1,263.06	\$6,000	21.05%
Total all expenses	\$278,214.98	\$475,738	58.48%

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Please bring your plastic grocery bags and egg cartons to the barrel by the office or drop at the Help Center.


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Return Service Requested

DATED MATERIAL

2024	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Liturgist	Elaine Mensching	Ross Fryer	Vicki Briggs	Lauren Hanley	Dustin Lewis
Children's Message	Micah McNeal	Deb Haag	Teresa Carlson	Joanne Nelson	Steve Haag
Flowers					Donna Haerer
Ushers	Peggie Kriwiel Donna Haerer Mark Schnake Paul Parmenter Stephanie R. Raigan Robinett	Bruce Oliver Nancy Oliver Bill Woods Linda Woods Dustin Lewis Owen Lewis	Alan Atkins Susan Atkins Larry Webber Carol Gallaher Megan Schutte Ella Belle Schutte	Ron Ray Lori Ray Paul Parmenter Lana Parmenter Liz Schutte Bryce Robinett	Brad Brett Jan Douglas Larry Webber Carol Gallaher Whitney Lewis Charleigh Lewis
	Communion Servers Ron Ray Andy Baker Micah McNeal Jim Dye Jim Brunner	Communion Preparer Layne Meyers	Deacon Of the Month Ross Fryer	Blessing Box Suggestions Cereal Crackers Oatmeal	