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From the Pastor's Pen

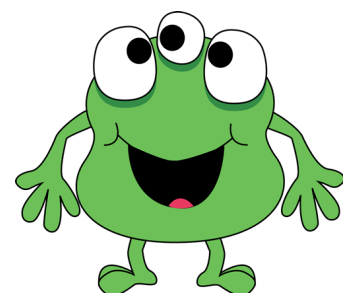
My friends,

Sunday school is the perfect time to learn about such unusual words as “mammon.” In the more modern translations of the New Testament the word is translated as “wealth” (CEB), “money” (CEV), or as the Amplified Bible parenthetically adds after the word “mammon” in 16:13: “(that is, your earthly possessions or anything else you trust in and rely on instead of God).” The Amplified extended translation captures the meaning of the word quite nicely. You will most likely hear some more about this passage on Sunday, September 18, which is the second Sunday of the new Sunday school year, as we continue in The Feasting on the Word Series. The parable is the rather controversial parable that uses a “dishonest manager” (CEV and ESV) or “this rascally steward” (JB Phillips) to describe the manager of the master’s property. Usually, the master in the parable can be interpreted as playing the God role and the protagonist as the just Christian. But in Luke 16:1-13 there are some ambiguous boundaries that leave the interpreter in a grey area about both the master and the protagonist. I do not like living in the grey, but I believe that is what good Presbyterians are open to doing in our modern everyday world.

So what does the student of the Bible and Christian do with a parable like this one in Luke that does not clearly state its meaning as directly as the Good Samaritan or the Prodigal Son does? I think there must be opportunity for the Christian to wrestle with a scripture passage like “the parable of the dishonest manager,” the title the NRSV (CE) gives it. Wrestling with the scripture like Jacob wrestled with the angel (quite possibly God) in Genesis 32:22-32 is what Christians do in their diligent study of the Bible. Understanding what the Bible means for Christians today is far from plain and simple in a number of the biblical stories. Luke 16:1-13 is one of those stories that demand a more complicated interpretation. Isn’t that usually true when it comes to our possessions (mammon) and us? We cannot serve two masters, can we? I encourage you and your family to find a class in Sunday school, one of the adult, youth, or children’s classes, and come regularly to grow in the wisdom and stature of Jesus Christ.

May the peace and wisdom of our Lord Jesus be with you

Jim





Happy Birthday

September 1	Kasey Parsons
September 5	Raychelle Flannagan
September 6	Annie Grace Jensen
September 8	Askel Jensen, IV
September 8	Fred Hunt
September 9	Lana Craig
September 13	Knox Smith
September 15	James Smith
September 18	Linda Garrard
September 20	Jackson Smith
September 20	John Hittle
September 24	Kristin Conley
September 24	Linda Anderton
September 24	Sarah Hunt

Meetings

Property Committee

Monday, Sept. 12th @ 5:00pm

Mission Committee

Monday, Sept. 12th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 20th @ 10:00am

Faith Development Committee

Monday, Sept. 12th @ 6:00pm

Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, Oct. 6th @ 5:30pm

Cong. Life & Fellowship Committee

TBD

Session

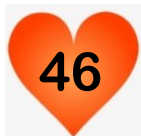
Monday, Sept. 19th @ 5:30pm



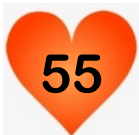
Happy Anniversary



September 2nd
Kyle & Collette Thomas



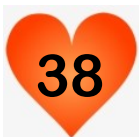
September 10th
Wayne & Charlotte Williams



September 16th
Gail & Naomi Luna



September 16th
Patrick & Keesha Ridner



September 29th
Roy & Lisa Turner



September 30th
Dwayne & Barbara Frisby

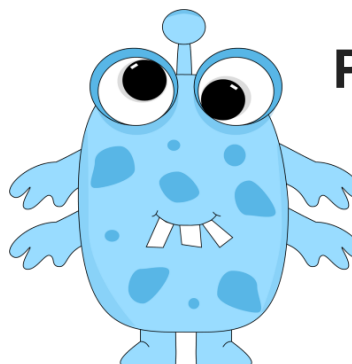
Feasting on the Word



Your Faith Development Committee invites you to join us for food and fellowship as we kick off Rally Day.

Sunday, September 11th
9:15am-9:45am

ELA Classroom / Chapel
Breakfast finger foods will be served



Pastoral Care

is meeting
Sept. 20th at
10:00am
in the ELA Room.
Everyone is
encouraged
to attend.

September 2022

September 4th	Welcome Guest Pastor Candice Klein-Howell
September 5th	Office Closed for Labor Day
September 6th	PDO's first day of school AA & AI-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
September 8th	AA Meeting 7:00pm
September 9th	AA Meeting 1:00pm
September 11th	Rally Day Breakfast 9:00am Bring your Good Samaritan Donations Youth Group Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm
September 12th	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm Property Meeting 5:00pm Mission Meeting 5:30pm Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm
September 13th	AA & AI-Anon Meeting 7:00pm PW Night Circle 6:00pm
September 15th	AA Meeting 7:00pm
September 16th	AA Meeting 1:00pm
September 18th	Sunday School Starts Bring your 5 cents-a-meal Donations Youth Group Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm
September 19th	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
September 20th	Pastoral Care 10:00am AA & AI-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
September 22nd	AA Meeting 7:00pm
September 23rd	AA Meeting 1:00pm
September 25th	Welcome Guest Pastor John Crawford Youth Group Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm
September 26th	Session Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
September 27th	AA & AI-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
September 28th	Wonderful Wed. starts with Dinner 6:00pm followed by Bible Study & Children's M&M
September 29th	AA Meeting 7:00pm
September 30th	Book Club at Never Rest Park 9:30am AA Meeting 1:00pm



**YOUTH
GROUP**



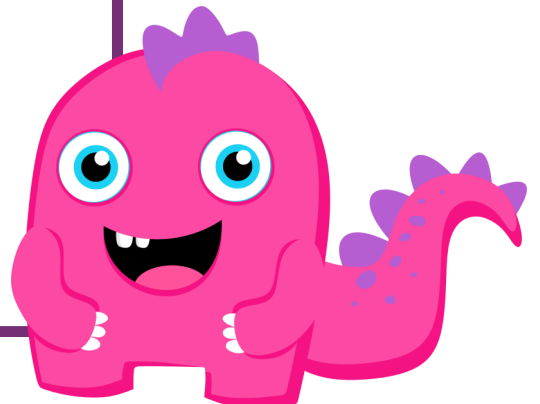
SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH GROUP

Starting Sept. 11th,
Join us 4pm-6pm!!!

Please make plans to join us
for fellowship, food and fun.
Bring your friends with you to
join us on Sunday evenings.
Dinner will be provided by a
different family each week.

We need your help with dinners...

There is a sign-up sheet next
to the flower calendar in the
hallway on the bulletin board
or you can just let Chenel
know.





The August meeting is Friday, Sept. 30th at 9:30am at Never Rest Park.

They will be discussing "Be Frank with Me" by Julia Johnson

Up and coming...

October

"Dragon Seed"

Pearl S. Buck

November "Soulful Simplicity: How Living With Less Can Lead to so Much More"

Courtney Carver

December

"Letters From Father Christmas"

J. R. Tolkien

January

"The Good Left Undone"

Adriana Trigiani



Women of the Church

In June I gave up my position as Moderator of Presbyterian Women in our church. I have served in this position since 2014. I thank all the women of the church and the entire congregation for their help and support during this time. I am happy to report that Melanie Hamilton and Adrian Bomar have agreed to serve as Co-Moderators. I know they will do a great job. Be watching for more information from them in the coming weeks.

We usually have a kickoff luncheon in September. With worship in the Fellowship Hall, we will forgo the luncheon this year.

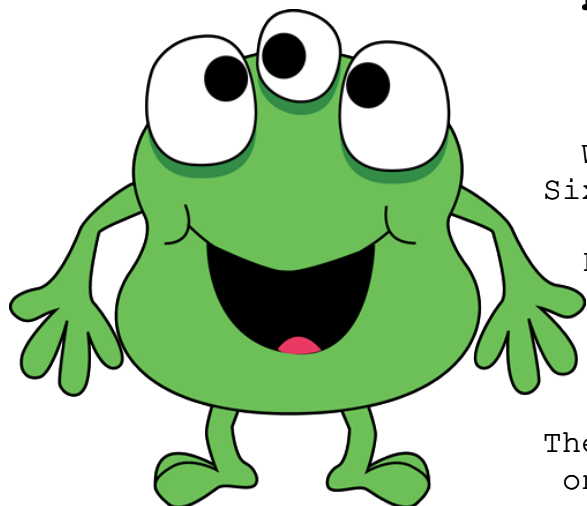
Night Circle will begin on September 13th at 6:00pm in the Russell Classroom. We will be studying Lesson Seven-Mary, in our books What My Grandmother Taught Me-Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. If you do not have a book that is ok. We can share to finish the last three lessons in this book. We are asking that those attending Circle bring a finger food to the meeting to share. This will take place of our luncheon and give us some time to fellowship during our Circle meeting.

Hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and hope to see you at Circle on Sept. 13th at 6:00pm.

Connie Crafton

New Worship Class Starts

(for 3rd through 6th Graders)



Pastor Jim will be teaching a three-session Worship Class for those in the Third through Sixth Grade. The Class will include discussions about faith, worship, and Holy Communion. Pastor Jim will be contacting each family to decide possible dates/times. If at all possible, we will eat together and enjoy table fellowship, as well.

The goal is to celebrate Holy Communion together on the first Sunday of October, which is World Communion Sunday!



Wonderful Wednesdays...

Starts Wednesdays on September 28th!

Pastor Jim is excited to start a new Wonderful Wednesday at FPC and invites you to journey with him as we make all things **WONDERFUL (on) WEDNESDAYS!**

Here is our Line-Up:

- 5:30 Chancel Choir
- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:35 Bible Study (Adults and teens)
- Music & Mission (Ages 3 thru Grade 6)
- Nursery (Must pre-register with the Church Office)

This is a Wonderful way to involve your families, invite your friends and neighbors, and get excited about all the wonderful ways we fellowship, learn, and explore God's word together!

Here is a deeper dive about each:

→ **Dinner** A dinner will be offered for a reasonable cost. Salads will always be available, as will PB & J! More information will be coming in the e-weekly as to how to register and how you might help. (Pastor Jim has the scoop that the children will sing our table blessings now and then!)

→ **Bible Study** Pastor Jim will launch his **Bible 101: Old Testament Access via the Kings!** This study is for those who are new to the Bible and also scholars who want to see a fresh approach. He promises to make it interesting and informative. You will need to register to let him know that you are coming (more the merrier), so that he can have a packet ready for you. The Study will include something for everyone! This is also a great time to invite your neighbors and friends, as we learn and laugh together.

(P.S.: For those who have been asking Denise, this is one of her favorite studies!)



Music & Mission Music & Mission returns in full swing with music for older and younger children! We will be learning songs for blessings to share during our Wednesday night meals and intend to sing each month in Worship.

Please note the following:

- ~ Choir T-Shirts – are being ordered, and we hope to distribute them at our first meeting;
- ~ Melody Bells – have been donated, so we will be ringing, too;
- ~ Christmas Pageant – music has been ordered, and we will start working on our Christmas songs at our first meeting! You will not want to miss.
- ~ Missions – We are hard at work to bring Mission opportunities to the children, introducing them to our foreign missions (and maybe a missionary or two) and within our local community. Crafts and games will be incorporated!

→ **Nursery** If you (or a friend who is coming) need a Nursery for children who are younger, please let the Church Office know. We would love for parents to participate!



Young Adult SS Class

(Adults under 40 or with children in high school or lower grades)



Denise is excited to start meeting again! A couple of people in our group have asked for a summary or revisit of The Shack, which we will do for the classes on September 18th (come prepared for something special) and a final review for September 28th. Yes, we will discuss the hard topics of judgment and forgiveness: is forgiveness optional, how-to when I really don't want to, why should I?

New book....Denise is ordering a new book for each participant. The book will be about the choices we make and the ripples we leave behind, as we make our footprints upon the world!

Building structure.....please think about volunteering for one of these roles: Fellowship Leader or Missions Leader. If there are no volunteers, Denise will be calling on individuals to help plan activities and rally participation!

Servers for September

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Welcome to our Guest Pastor, Rev. Candice Klein-Howell



Ushers/Greeters

Nancy June Brandon

Belinda Craig

Terry & Ginny Saylor

Communion Prep: Aaron & Connie Crafton

Communion Servers: Aaron Crafton, Helen Garner, Kristin Wilhelm

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Kathy Smith

Children's Church

Jennie Kate Pendergrass

Nursery

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

Brent Canady

Michal Dobson

James & Lori Smith

Flowers: **Charlotte Williams**

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Terry Saylor

Children's Church

Belinda Craig

Nursery

Katherine Marsh

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

Norma Zae Jensen

Pat Thomas

Richard & Kristin Wilhelm

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Belinda Craig

Children's Church

Katherine Marsh

Nursery

Christy Jensen

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Welcome to our Guest Pastor, Rev. John Crawford

Ushers/Greeters

Helen Garner

Charlotte Williams

Christy Jensen & Rob Marsh

A Time for Young Christians

Connie Crafton

Hall Monitor

Evan Pendergrass

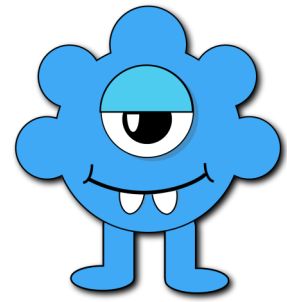
Children's Church

Bea Marsh

Nursery

Lauren Smith





Lana Craig (Member)
Sandra Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)
Evelyn Davidson (Member)
Paige Martin Fague (Friend of Ginger Shofner)
Family & Friends of Elaine Holcombe (Member)
Edwin Holcombe (Member)
Fred Hunt (Member)
K. & S. Kennedy (Friends of Marylyn Caperton)
Tony & Carolyn Matusek (Members)
Jo Newton (Friend of many in the congregation)
Jennie Schutte-Patrick (Bea Marsh's Sister-in-law)
Family & Friends of Danny Reed (Dana Phillip's Father)
Family & Friends of Jean Stimpson (Charles Stimpson's Mother)

Those in Military Service

LT Andy Canady (Member)
Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

Those who are serving abroad
and at home.



If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at (931)684-6541
or send an email to first.pres.church600@gmail.com.



*In
Loving
Memory
of*



Jean Stimpson

For Memorial Fund
Allen & Toby Hatynes

Evelyn Davidson

Ginger Shofner

Belinda Craig

Alan & Teresa Gill

For Backpack Fund

Lynn Sain

For Greg Garner Fund

Nancy June Brandon

Danny Reed

For Greg Garner Fund

Nancy June Brandon

Eli Palmer

For Backpack Fund

Lynn Sain

Robert Lane, Jr.

For Backpack Fund

Lynn Sain

Virginia DeLaTorre

For Memorial Fund

Margaret Smith

Aaron & Connie Crafton

Wilson Sims

For Backpack Fund

Lynn Sain

John T. Taylor

For Backpack Fund

Lynn Sain

Elaine Holcombe

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Dan Townes

Wayne & Charlotte Williams

For Greg Garner Fund

Nancy June Brandon



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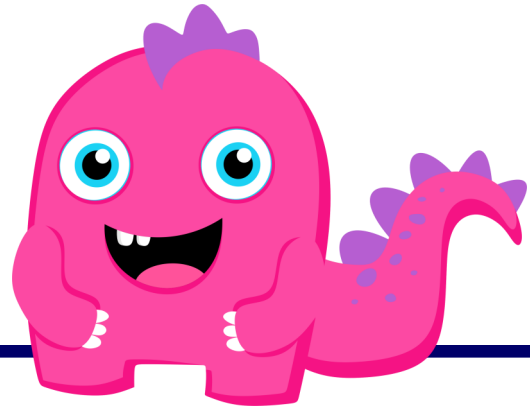


"Thank you all for the love and care you gave to Elaine Holcombe over the last several years. Thank you for the kindnesses you showed our family as we gathered to grieve and say goodbye to wife, mother, and grandmother. You are a wonderful example of Christ's love. "
Blessings from the family of
Elaine Holcombe



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SESSION

Class of 2022

Aaron Crafton, Melanie Hamilton,
Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith

Class of 2023

Helen Garner, Christy Jensen,
Kristin Wilhelm, Terry Saylor

Class of 2024

Brent Canady,
Katherine Marsh (Clerk of Session),
Lori Sain-Smith, Drew Turner

TRUSTEES

Class of 2022

Pat Thomas

Class of 2023

Tommy Anderton

Class of 2024

Bailey Little

Session minutes are available in the church office for any member of the congregation to review.

We have a variety of options for tithing and offerings.
They can be made by Facebook, Venmo,
Vanco, Check or Cash.

