



**First Presbyterian  
Church of Littleton**

**First Word**

September 1, 2017



*It's time for....*



*September 10th*

*8:30 am Worship*

*9:30 am Adult Bible Study with Dave Blackburn*

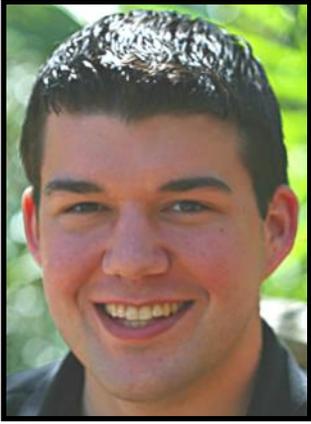
*10:30 am Worship*

*10:45 am Children's Sunday School*

*11:30 am Ice Cream Social*

*Child Care for Newborns - age 5 is available from 8:15 am to 11:45 am in the childcare room on the Windermere entrance level.*





## Be a Part of the Future of First Pres Littleton

“Where there is no vision, the people perish”

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

We have so much to celebrate! This year we celebrated the elimination of our debt. We welcomed a new children’s director in August. Our men’s and women’s Bible studies and Sunday School classes have helped people grow closer to Christ. We have welcomed new people into our fold. We have celebrated quite a few baptisms and weddings this year (with more to come). We have so much to celebrate!

In light of how far we have come, where do we go from here?

I have been praying about this for the last few months, and I have led several discussions with our committees and with the Elders on Session. Together, we are sensing that God is calling First Pres to become more focused on how we help people follow Jesus ever more closely.

Specifically, I am recommending that we dedicate the next two years to a whole-church discipleship program that is called “24 to Double.” This program features one video training each month for 24 months. At the end of that time, our church will have far greater focus on what God has called us to be and do, and we should have a structure in place to help maintain that focus into the future. I invite everyone in the church to watch these videos with the Session each month.

All of the videos and training materials are available on our website at [fpcl.org/training/leaders](http://fpcl.org/training/leaders). I have to password-protect these materials since I didn’t create them, and the password is “solidB” (without the quotes).

I believe this discipleship program will unleash our potential to impact lives in our church, in our city, and in our world. Jesus has been up to amazing things in our midst. Come see what he’s going to be doing next!

In Christ’s Service Together, Pastor Cody



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10!!**

Sunday school begins Sunday September 10, 2017, during 10:30AM worship.

**Children & Family Worship Time:** Please join us for worship at 10:30 AM! Worship activity bags are available for all children at the main and side entrances to the sanctuary. Children ages 3 years - 5th grade are welcome to participate in the service up through the Children’s Sermon and then are invited to join their teachers and shepherds for Sunday School! The 1st-5th graders will enjoy music with Miss Karen in the music room before joining their teacher for Sunday school in the classroom. In **Sunday School**, our fun-filled mornings include lessons from Bible-based stories, music, and creative crafts designed to teach our children of God’s Grace & how to express our Gratitude! All Sunday school rooms are located in the Windermere entrance hallway.



**PARENTS PLEASE JOIN US IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, AS YOU PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN FROM CLASS, TO MEET AND HELP WELCOME OUR NEW CHILDREN’S MINISTRY DIRECTOR, KARLEY GOSSELIN!**

She is looking forward to meeting all of you and leading the children through a fun-filled year of learning God’s word and experiencing God’s love!



Available (Newborn - 5 yrs) Sunday mornings from 8:15-11:45 AM in the Childcare/Nursery Room located at the far end of the hallway on the parking lot level/ Windermere entrance. In order to provide safety and security, we ask that you sign your children in and out. When signing in, an attendant will issue you a pager or ask you to leave a mobile contact so you may feel confident that we are able to contact you during worship if needed. We have a wonderful group of Nursery attendants who look forward to meeting you and your children!



# Stewardship Proudly Presents the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual FPCL/arc Thrift “Fill the Truck” 2017!!

Saturday, September 9      8 am – 4 pm  
Sunday, September 10      8 am – 2 pm

Bring your **gently-used** items to support the mission of **arc Thrift** of Colorado!  
In return for filling the truck **arc Thrift** will make a special financial gift to  
First Presbyterian!

## Examples of eligible donations include:

- Clothing
- Art Work
- Furniture
- Books
- Household Items
- Toys and Games

All items should be in good condition and able to be re-used. No broken parts or pieces please!



***Please box or bag all items for easier storage and packing in the truck!***

**Sorry!**

**The following items cannot be accepted for donation:**

- TVs and Computer Monitors
- Mattresses and Box Springs



Arc Thrift of Colorado was created to generate resources to support and advocate for people with developmental disabilities. For over 30 years arc Thrift has raised millions of dollars through its stores for this mission.

**Items may be dropped off at the church starting August 6<sup>th</sup>. In addition, there will be limited opportunity for pick-up of larger items on September 9 (see sign-ups in Chandler Hall). Contact Dave LeMay (303-619-5190), Sue Chandler (303-522-7216), or any Stewardship Committee member for more information!**

***See you in church!***

**The Stewardship Committee:**

Sue Chandler, Dee Getzinger, Pete Gordon, Dave LeMay, Trey McDowell, and Don Meersman

**Visit the NEW ARC Thrift Store in Woodlawn Shopping Center opening September 7<sup>th</sup>!**



## **NEW!! Beginning Bell Choir (ages 10-100)**

If you've always wanted to try ringing handbells, but need to brush up on your music reading skills, THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!! Learn how to ring, how not to ring (HA!), techniques and handbell care in a fun and laid-back atmosphere. Lots of laughs and great fellowship with other beginners is guaranteed! Please send your contact information and best day/time to rehearse to Karen at [meers@ecentral.com](mailto:meers@ecentral.com) or contact Elinor in the church office. Dates and times for rehearsals to be determined.

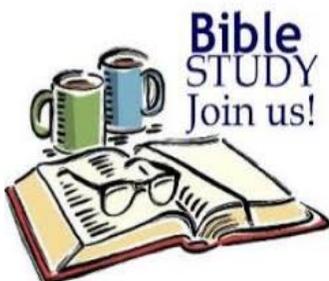


## It's time for our Annual **ICE CREAM SOCIAL & Cake to honor Jean & Phil Choquette Sunday, September 10 @ 11:30 in Ficklin Hall**

Please join the Care of Congregation Committee as we get back into the swing of things with a delicious ice cream sundae. All are welcome!



**THE AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP:** The **September** book is **A Room With a View** by E.M. Forster and we will meet on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in Ayers Parlor. Please come and join us and enjoy a lively discussion.



## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday morning Bible study** with Rev. Dave Blackburn resumes Sunday, September 10. This class meets in the lower basement level at 9:30AM. They will be studying the second half of the book of Genesis.

**Men's Monday morning Bible study:** every other Monday 7-8 AM

**Men's Monday evening Bible study:** 2nd and 4th Mondays 6:30-8 PM led by Pastor Cody

**Shabby Sheep Women's Bible study,** Wednesday mornings 10-11:30AM. Start date and topic TBA!



## **SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT**

### **FOOD DRIVE FOR LIFE CENTER**

Life Center is located on Datura Street and maintains a local food bank. This is their vision. "Transforming Communities. We live this out by investing in one life at a time, by sharing the hope and love of Christ while meeting immediate needs and providing long-term solutions to empower people to live the life that God has for them."

The mission committee will again be sponsoring a food drive for Life Center during the first two weeks of Sept. Our food drive in February

brought in 528 lbs of food. We again asked Life Center for suggestions of food they use the most. This is the list: canned fruit, canned meat (chicken, tuna), jam or jelly (either grape or strawberry), Hamburger Helper type meals, Ramen noodles, chunky peanut butter, ketchup, pickles, salad dressings, and any kind of single serve foods that they can give to the homeless. They gratefully accept all food products. **Grocery bags with the list attached will be Sept. 3.** Food should be returned no later than Sept 10. Thank you in advance for your participation.



## **SHABBY SHEEP FALL 2017**

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

We are excited to announce our Fall 2017 Bible Study! We will study Moses, a new dvd/book series by Adam Hamilton. We will learn about the life of Moses and how it applies to our lives today. We will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30.

To kick off our fall study we will have a potluck brunch at the home of Betsy Heggie. The brunch will be from 10-11:30 September 20th. Betsy's address is 3729 White Bay Drive in Highlands Ranch 80126.

The study will begin the following Wednesday September 27th on the 4th floor in the Shabby Sheep room. The study lasts for 6 weeks and will conclude November 1st.

If you have never tried a Shabby Sheep study, now is a good time! It is a short term commitment and you will find that we enjoy learning together and have a lot of fun building relationships. Contact Suzanne Gordon 303 929-2913 for questions.

### **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY (AFTER YOU CALL 911)**

The church keeps a variety of equipment and supplies available for an emergency. Stored in the closet between the main office and Pastor Carol's office there is a blanket and adult BVM Resuscitator and a box of instant ice packs. In the office copy room's bottom drawer a first aid kit has items such as band-aids and ointments. Most classrooms, kitchens and meeting areas also have first aid kits. On the wall to the left of the main Sanctuary hallway is a red box containing a defibrillator and one is available in Ficklin Hall.

Senior Lunch presents

# Freedom Dogs of America

**Enhancing the Lives of people with Disabilities!**



**September 23 @ 11:45 am**

Service dogs transform lives! “We unleash the potential of shelter dogs by transforming them into custom-trained, life changing assistance dogs for people in need.” Clients include children, veterans, active duty soldiers and other adults.

Come hear all about what a service dog can do!

Lunch catered by “Of the Vine”

Potato Bar with all the fixings, cookies & brownies.

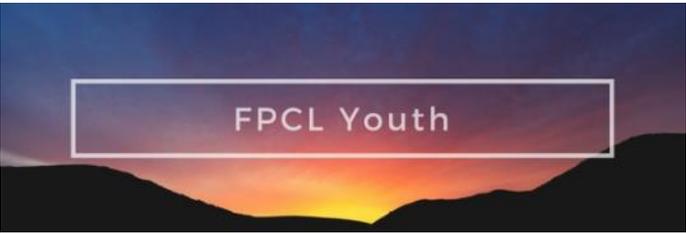
\$12 per person. Make your reservation by Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up in Chandler Hall or call the church office 303.798.1389.

Money Tight? See Pastor Carol

## FINACIAL UPDATE

	July 2017		Year to Date 2017	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$39,976.43	\$40,496.00	\$ 271,778.23	\$ 266,984.00
<b>Expenses</b>	\$32,170.56	\$37,570.92	\$ 245,174.68	\$ 260,116.87
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	\$7,805.87	\$2,925.08	\$ 26,603.55	\$ 6,867.13

**Thank you for your continued support!**



**Youth Group Begins September 10! Check out the new times!  
September Youth Group Events:**

**New Youth Group Times:**  
  
**Middle School Youth Group:** 12pm-1pm  
**High School Youth Group:** 1:00pm-2:30pm  
\*Option for High School Youth to have lunch together

September 17; Thank you Brunch for Mini Mission Trip and Youth Summer Camp! Between the services.

September 30: Serve Day with the Action Center. 8am-1pm. Pack a sack lunch and come with us as we serve in our community.

**FPCL Youth Camp and Mission Teams invites you to Brunch on September 17!** In between the 8:30 and 10:30 services we will be hosting a brunch for the whole church to say thank you for all your love and support this year! Come enjoy food and hear wonderful stories from our trips! We can't wait to see you there!



July 27-29 the Youth of FPCL church embarked on 3 half days of mission work in our city! The first day we enjoyed a day of packing school supplies for families with the Action Center for Jefferson County Schools. We filled over 570 bags of supplies. We went back on

August 12 to hand out the supplies to the families handing out over 1,000 back packs and supplies in one day. In the course of the week the Action Center distributed over 5,000 back packs and school supplies to families! What an absolute joy to be a part of our community!

On our second day we served at FPCL helping garden, weed, and clean the play ground! It was such a delight to take care of our church and serve directly on our grounds! It was hot and sunny but we delighted in the entire day!

Our last day we headed back to the Action Center to help sort food in their grocery center. We sorted fresh food and canned foods helping them get ready for a busy week. We enjoy every day we get to work with such an organized group who are welcoming and love working with our youth!

It was a fantastic three days!



**ANOTHER AMAZING, SUCCESSFUL WWW WHIZ KIDS BOOK SALE!!!!**

This Sale was truly a TEAM EFFORT, **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to EVERYONE involved. It started with Barb Smart who spear-headed the whole thing. Then members of our congregation brought in their no longer needed books. Wednesday morning, members of the Properties Committee (Bill F, Dan S, Pete G & Mick V) moved all the books from the basement to Chandler Hall. Thursday morning a group of ladies (Jean Seubert, Kathy Frear, Margie Williams, Linda Griffith & Cheryl Baughman) sorted the books and got them ready to sell. Thursday afternoon through Saturday another group of ladies (Linda Griffith, Barb Smart, Margie Williams, & Kathy Frear) sold books netting \$576. The final group (Dave LeMay, Sue and Scott Chandler, Gary Griffith, Mary Doner, Barb Smart's daughter along with the gals selling books that day) packed up and moved all the left over books down to a room waiting for the ARC Truck. What an AMAZING, SUCCESSFUL BOOK SALE!!!

My sincere appreciation goes out to all of you. I hope I didn't miss naming someone who helped.

*Roberta Wheeler*

Roberta Wheeler, Whiz Kids Site Coordinator

**A Western Welcome Week Thank you!**

**A HUGE thank you to all of you who worked so hard and put in so much talent and energy! The quilts were beautiful (over 100 were displayed), the book sale an amazing success and the Hot Dog sale a hit and Sunday's concert filled the Sanctuary with beautiful music! The donation quilt brought in \$935 that was given to Freedom Service Dogs, the book sale produced \$576 for our Whiz Kids**

**Tutoring program and the Hot Dog sale garnered \$671 for the church's ministry.**

**Job well done!**



# Prayer List

*“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him” Lamentations 3:22-24).*

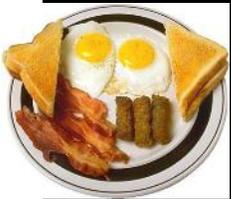
- Ruth Pitman
- Ginny Altemus
- Susie Russell
- Lois Reish
- Joyce Fuller
- Hank Rollert
- Betty Arment
- Grace Banigan
- Wilmajean Coate
- Marlene Cass
- Kent Griffith
- Jeannie Payne
- John Pool
- Mary Lou Padilla
- Camilla True
- Lyle Graff
- Prayers for the family of Patia Crawford who passed away on March 23.

## In Service to Our Country

- Capt. Ricky Cashburn
- 2nd Lt. Connor Venrick
- Brett Wilson, at sea
- Sgt. Benjamin Lund, Afghanistan
- WC2 Justin Robert Kohler, Iraq
- Bobby Johannsen, Student Naval Aviator & OCS
- Lt. Per Rychecky, Whidbey Island NAS, WA

## Missions

- John Altemus
- Jory Bayne, Metro Denver
- Presbytery of Zimbabwe
- Metro Saints Covenant Community
- South Asia Mission



## MEN’S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 9 @ 7:30 am Join us at Louis’ Diner, across the street from the church.

Dear Friends,

I am off on a new adventure. I am moving to Kalispell, MT. where my daughter lives. It is with regret that I leave behind this church and its wonderful members. Through the years you have been a loving, caring congregation to me !!! You will be greatly missed. God Bless All and stay safe.

Mary Ake

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Pete Gordon, Treasurer  
Linda Miller  
Ann Peterson  
Dan Smith  
Pam Wendell, Secretary

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*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”*

John 13:34-35

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00pm to 4:00 p.m.

Office is closed on Saturdays.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE (begins September 10th)**

- ◆ **Sunday Worship: 8:30 am & 10:30am**
- ◆ **Adult Sunday School: 9:30am**
- ◆ **Children's Sunday School: 10:45am**

**FIRST WORD NEWSLETTER**

The deadline for the **October** newsletter is **Sept. 15.**

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