



First Presbyterian
Church of Littleton

First Word

April 1, 2018



*For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus
for good works,
which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:10

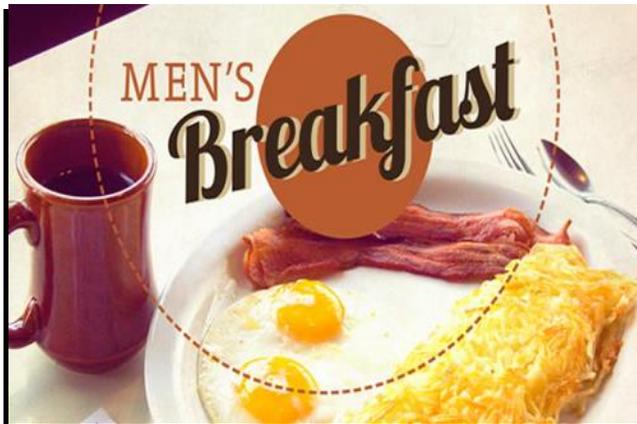
FINACIAL UPDATE

	February 2018		Year to Date 2018	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$40,413.11	\$31,317.00	\$ 88,750.37	\$ 71,520.00
Expenses	\$39,648.14	\$39,320.00	\$ 75,954.99	\$ 76,679.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$764.97	(\$8,003.00)	\$ 12,795.38	\$(5,159.00)

February giving was substantially more than budgeted due to the timing of an annual gift. This resulted in a surplus rather than the anticipated deficit. Expenses are tracking budget very closely.

At this point in the year, we are looking better than expected.

Happy Easter!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 14 @ 7:30 am

Join us at Louis' Diner, across the street from the church.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ushers: Needed for both services. Sign up by the office. It's a great way to meet fellow members and to welcome quests.

Readers are needed at both 8:30 and 10:30. It's your opportunity to participate in the worship service. Sign up sheet is on the window by the office.

Hospitality needs your help on Sunday mornings for both services! Sign up at the hospitality table. Questions? Call Mary Sealman 303.771.6526.



A Minute for Stewardship – Planned Giving at FPCL

Throughout scripture, **God's Purpose** is one of “faithfulness to all generations” (Psalm 100). This, in turn, is our purpose as well — to let our love endure forever and be faithful to all generations.

One way to serve God and leave a lasting legacy is through a **bequest**, a gift of financial support to First Presbyterian Church of Littleton (FPCL) through your will. A bequest is an opportunity for you to make a gift that will enable FPCL to continue sharing Christ's teachings and values with the world, impacting future generations of members and church ministries.

There are several types of bequests that you can make. For example:

- You may give a **specific asset**, such as shares of a common stock that you own.
- You may give a **dollar amount**, either a fixed amount (such as \$30,000) or a percentage (such as 15% of a residual estate).
- You may give a **contingency bequest**. If your primary beneficiary predeceases you, you may leave a designated sum to FPCL.

It's easier than you may think! Any member of our FPCL Planned Giving Committee would be happy to join you for coffee and exploration, as well as answering your questions about planned giving. Contact the church office for more information or a committee member below to schedule a confidential discussion:

- Bob Chapman
- Dave LeMay
- John Ansted

See you in church!

Your Stewardship Committee:

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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS AND COUNTING – EXCELLENCE!



1928 to 2018 – First Presbyterian has been the home of “444.” “444” exists in two parts: seventy-one young men, ages 11 to 18 meet as “Boy Scout Troop 444,” on Thursdays at 7, and fifteen young men and women, ages 14 to 21, meet as “Crew 444” on Tuesdays at 7. Sponsored by our church, these two premiere youth oriented programs have twice the number of parents and followers involved, which brings the entire community involved to around 350 to 400 participants sharing the contribution to the Littleton community!



This year, fifteen new scouts and parents have



joined the Troop. The organization is larger now containing five patrols and now using all four classrooms and Ficklin Hall for their meetings.



What makes the program is solid parental involvement and counseling for merit badges, campouts, eagle ceremonies, and every sort of adventures which are planned and supervised by the Boy Scout leaders themselves. The program teaches self-esteem, self-reliance and leadership skills completely unavailable anywhere else to young men on their way to manhood.



First Presbyterian congratulates “444” for its contribution to our Littleton community and our long shared history of accomplishment and achievement together.

CONGRATULATIONS 444!

Jim Grow – Care and Follow-up Elder

The King Soopers Gift Card Fundraising Program continues to raise money for the ministries of FPCL.

In 2017, this program raised a total of \$8,886 for the church thanks to your faithful use of your King Soopers' cards ! Remember you can use your card for groceries, pharmacy and gas.

Based on those results, our goal for 2018 is to achieve a minimum average monthly income of \$700 from the program. Stewardship will provide monthly updates on our progress as results are received as noted below:

February Goal	February Actual	Difference	2018 YTD Goal	2018 YTD Actual	Difference
\$700	\$614.31	-85.69	\$1,400	\$1,431.94	+\$31.94

We are tracking to meet our goal for the year! If you have any questions about the program, need a new card, or would like to know more about using your King Soopers card, please see any member of the Stewardship team. Thanks again!

Dates to Remember

April 8 - Pastor's Meal

April 20 - First Word Deadline

May 13 - Mother's Day

May 20 - Pentecost

May 20 - Pastor's Meal

June 3 - Annual Picnic

June 4-7 - Vacation Bible School

June 10-16 - Youth Mission Trip to Houston

June 21-25 - TNT Conference in Albuquerque

June 25-28 - CodeforKids Summer Coding Academy



Youth News Rest Fest!



There are these moments where the presence of God brings me to my knees. Moments where I am in awe and wonder while I sit with my youth. Moments where tears spill from my eyes, full of gratitude for all Christ is doing. Rest Fest 2018 was one of those weekends.

We worshiped together, played together, ate together, experienced God together, and we bonded together. Retreats are highlights for our youth but often I don't know if they realize they are highlights for us as leaders as well. We get to see them experience God in profound ways. We watch them grow as a group. We watch them grow or stretch in their faith. We see the new friendships forming. We see the leadership in kids blossom. We see Christ at work. These are precious moments to us, and why we are willing to give up a weekend to spend with middle school and high school students. All of the late nights are worth the lack of sleep.



Rest Fest was held this year in downtown Denver at the Sheraton hotel. We joined 7 other youth groups from the area to worship and have fun together. We spent the weekend looking into the burdens of our lives, what weighs us down, what are we carrying or holding on to that Christ would much rather carry for us. How do we find rest for ourselves in the arms of Christ.



“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on

you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.” Matthew 11:28-20 MSG



We are grateful for the leaders who put this on, and for the other youth groups who joined with us. We cannot wait for next year!

FPCL YOUTH GROUP INVITES YOU!

Come Join us!

SERVE DAY AT THE ACTION CENTER

APRIL 14, 8:30 AM-1PM

PACK A SACK LUNCH



Saturday Lunch
April 28 @ 11:45 am



**Whitechapel Foundry Handbells &
First Presbyterian Church**

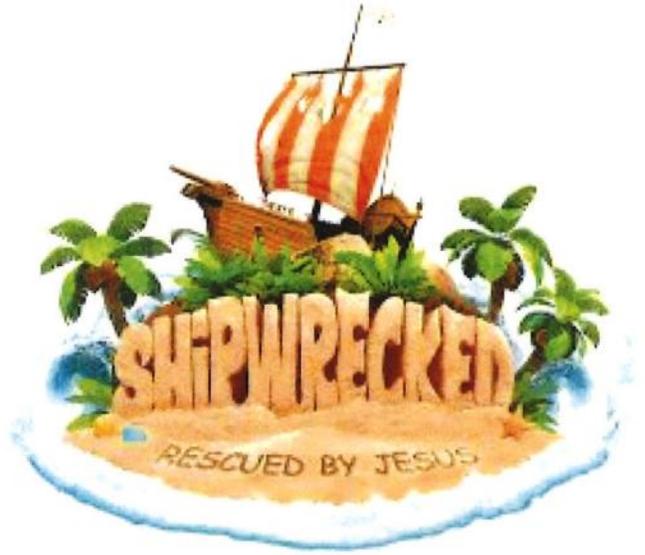
Come hear the history behind the church's
Whitechapel handbells and listen to the beautiful
music of our Memorial Handbell Choir.



Reservations: \$13 for lunch & program.
Catered by Wang's Gourmet
Program only \$6. Program begins at 1pm in the Sanctuary.

Money Tight? Talk to Pastor Carol, 303.798.1389, Ext 106.

Vacation Bible School 2018



When: June 4th-June 7th from 9 AM-12 PM

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Littleton (1609 W. Littleton Blvd)

For more information, contact Karley via email at karley@fpcl.org or by phone at (262) 365-9310!

Are you interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School this year? We are looking for enthusiastic and Jesus-loving volunteers to help lead the various areas of VBS! Please circle the area you are interested in, tear off the bottom half of this form, and return to Karley Gosselin or place in the offering plate on any given Sunday! We are SO excited to have you for the best week of the whole summer!

- RECREATION CRAFTS STORYTELLING SNACKS PHOTOGRAPHY
- SET-UP/DECORATING TEAR DOWN REGISTRATION SHEPHERDING
- SUPPLY SHOPPING MAKING DECORATIONS

Your Name: _____

Your Preferred Contact Method (Email or Phone Number)

Prayer List

- Vi & Ron Cooper
- Dick Kinney
- Lois Reish
- Joyce & Rollie Fuller
- Wilmajean Coate
- Marlene Cass
- Kent Griffith
- Jeannie Payne
- Camilla True
- Lyle Graff
- Jean Wilbur
- Jean Clyne
- Bill Wunderlich
- Steve Woodworth

In Service to Our Country

- Capt. Ricky Cashburn
- 2nd Lt. Connor Venrick
- Brett Wilson, at sea
- Sgt. Benjamin Lund, Afghanistan
- Bobby Johannsen
- Lt. Per Rychecky, Whidbey Island NAS, WA
- Connor McDaniel, Army
- Donnie Donahue, PFC, Marines
- Nathaniel Syron, Aid to the Army Chaplain

Missions

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

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.”

Psalm 31:24

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**April 22 at 11:45 in Ficklin Hall. The topic will be Team 4—Worship.
Led by Pastor Cody Sandahl**

The Goal of Worship

**Worship is a communal experience that moves people to trust Jesus
with more areas of their lives.**

Topics Include...

**How much do we prioritize guests or regular attenders?
Why is the service in the order it is? Does that meet our goal?**

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Jeff Colwell, Clerk of Session
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Mary Sealman
Dan Smith

“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.” Hebrews 13:17-18

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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

- ◆ 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 May newsletter is **April 20th.**

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