



# First Presbyterian Church of Littleton

**First Word**

June 1, 2018

FUN AND EXCITING THINGS TO  
DO THIS SUMMER!

## **FPCL YOUTH GROUP**

**June 3: Annual Church Picnic**

**June 4-7: Volunteering with Vacation Bible School.**

**June 10-16: High School Mission Trip  
to Houston Texas**

**June 21: Water World**

**July 1: Lake Day**

**July 14: Grays/Torres Hike**

**July 22: Dinner and Game Night  
at the Atchison's House**

**July 28: Serve Day  
with Local Youth Groups**

**August 12: Youth Sunday and Brunch**

### **Youth Group Schedule:**

**June 24: Youth Group 12-2pm**

**July 8: Youth Group 12-2pm**

**July 15: Youth Group 12-2pm**

**July 29: Youth Group 12-2pm**

**August 19: Youth Group 12-2pm**



## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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

**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.



### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 9 @ 7:30 am

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



## Invitation to Participate in the Mission Backpack Project

As the start of the 2018-19 school year approaches, the Mission Committee will once again be sponsoring a Backpack Project for elementary and middle school children.

This year, we will be filling 34 backpacks for children at Valverde Presbyteriana (a member of our Cross Cultural Community), the Vietnamese Fellowship and Bethel Presbyterian Church, Field Elementary and Euclid Middle School. A list of school supplies will be provided for each grade.

In addition, the Mission Committee requests a gift card of not more than \$50 be included with each backpack. A few suggestions would be gift cards from Target, Walmart, Payless Shoes or Great Clips. Please feel free to "buddy up" with a friend to fill backpacks.

The backpacks will be available for adoption on Sunday, July 8, and you will have 2 weeks to fill them and return them to the church on Sunday, July 22.

We hope you consider helping a student begin school well supplied for a successful year.



## An early reminder from your Stewardship:

This Fall, we will once again be conducting an **ARC “Fill the Truck” Event** to raise funds for the ministry programs at FPCL. This year’s funds will go to support the “Pastor’s Breakfast” program. As we enter Spring and the early Summer months, be thinking about gently used items that you no longer need that can be saved to donate during our ARC weekend. This year’s event will once again be held **the weekend after Labor Day – September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Ask Sue Chandler or Dave LeMay for more details.

### KING SOOPERS GIFT CARD UPDATE

Below is our 2018 results (through April 2018):

| April Goal | April Actual | Difference | 2018 YTD Goal | 2018 YTD Actual | Difference |
|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| \$700      | \$689.50     | -10.50     | \$2,800       | \$2,755.79      | -44.21     |

As shown above, we are close to tracking to meet our goal for the year. We will keep providing monthly updates to monitor our progress on meeting our 2018 goal of \$8,400.

Consider reloading or get a new card as a Father’s Day gift. Please contact Sue Chandler (303-347-9191) or Elinor in the church office if you have any questions.

**Thanks again for supporting the Church with this program !**



### CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

On Sunday, May 20 we celebrated our incredible volunteers for this year. Thank you to our **Children’s Ministry Volunteers**: Margaret Ansted and Susan Graham. Thank you to our **Youth Ministry Volunteers**: James Bierschwale, Joy Carreño, Scott Chandler, Susan Graham, Jim Kizer, Trey McDowell, Katherine O’Relley, and Michael O’Relley. And a HUGE thank you to our AMAZING **Christian Education Elders**: Janice Fagan and Maria Franklin!

We are all called in life with Christ to community and life in ministry is no exception. We could not love and enjoy ministry with our students if it wasn’t for our volunteer’s dedication! in living their lives believing the Hope of Christ.





## June Music Schedule

June 3 - Chancel Choir at 10:30

June 10 - VBS Children at 10:30

June 17 - Blythe Lund & Pastor Cody at both services

June 24 - Matthew Dailey at both services



## SAVE YOUR BOOKS FOR THE WWW USED BOOK SALE

We will soon be collecting gently used books for the Western Welcome Week book sale benefiting the Whiz Kids program. Your wonderful contributions in the past have been a great help to the program. Thank you very much! Beginning the first of July, we will have a collection box in the Welcome Center with WWW Book Sale on the front. If you would like help getting your books to the church, please call Roberta Wheeler, 559-737-2018



**MEMBERSHIP INTEREST CLASS:** Our next class will be held on Wednesdays June 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Ayers Parlor (across from the Sanctuary). For more Information or to let us know you are planning on attending, call the church office at 303.798.1389.

## FINACIAL UPDATE

|                 | April 2018  |             | Year to Date 2018 |               |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
|                 | Actual      | Budget      | Actual            | Budget        |
| Income          | \$45,369.50 | \$59,932.00 | \$ 164,476.97     | \$ 165,916.00 |
| Expenses        | \$35,854.73 | \$36,091.00 | \$ 149,662.36     | \$ 149,978.00 |
| Surplus/Deficit | \$9,514.77  | \$23,841.00 | \$ 14,814.61      | \$ 15,938.00  |

Although we currently have a surplus, the slow summer months are coming quickly. Pledged support is substantially under what had been budgeted. If you pledged, please review your giving statement or request one from Joan Lund (303) 798-1389 to be sure you are on track. Your continued and generous support is greatly appreciated.



## A Minute for Stewardship

Thanks to committee member, Dee Getzinger, for finding this powerful message for June:

Giving is good for the soul. That's what a well-known billionaire learned after a life of sharing his wealth with others. Jon M. Huntsman Sr., who recently passed away, made it a habit to give generously throughout his life. Some might think it's easy for a billionaire to give away money. But in reality, it's the size of your heart, not the size of your bank account, that matters when it comes to giving.

Jon Huntsman grew up poor, but through hard work and tenacity, he built a successful chemical company. He was well known for his business achievements and beloved for his generosity. He gave to countless causes and countless people, sometimes through public donations but more often through personal gifts known only to the recipient. His giving amounted to a billion and a half dollars over his lifetime.

One of his dear friends observed, "Jon did not become a philanthropist when he grew rich. He gave freely when he was poor." Shortly after he and his wife were married, they started giving \$50 a month to charities while living on only \$330 a month. As Jon's income grew, so did his donations.

Two causes were especially dear to Jon's heart: education and cancer research. After a meeting with other billionaires, he observed that they needed "the joy of seeing the thankful tears of a cancer patient or seeing a kid go to college."

Research has shown that "giving... makes you a [healthier], stronger, more prosperous, happier individual. It makes you a better citizen. It makes communities stronger.... And that means all of us are needy. We all are in a state of need to give all the time."

No, we aren't all billionaires, but we all have the need to give. Even if our offering is small, the act of giving blesses both giver and receiver. -Lloyd D. Newell

### Zimbabwe Kidz Update (from Dave)

Today I completed the Colfax Marathon (my first). A great personal accomplishment that was even more satisfying due to the GREAT support of this mission from our congregation. **FPCL pledges totaled over \$1900.00!** Other pledges that were collected bring the **total contribution from FPCL to \$2500.00!**

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- Jim Armentrout
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- Lois Reish
- Joyce Fuller
- Wilmajean Coate
- Marlene & Gene Cass
- Kent Griffith
- Camilla True
- Lyle Graff
- Jean Wilbur
- Jean Clyne
- Bill Wunderlich
- Carol Card
- Joy Carreño

## • 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, Aide to the Army Chaplain

## Missions

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

*"He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."*

*2 Corinthians 1:10-11*



**MEN'S WORK CAMP!** Once again we are collecting travel size hygiene products for the group to take to La Puente this summer. Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, razors, toothbrushes, shaving cream, wash cloths, feminine products are needed. If you are traveling this

summer, remember this great project when you leave your hotel.



## Dates to Remember

**June 4-7 - Vacation Bible School**

**June 10-16 - Youth Mission Trip to Houston**

**June 17 - Father's Day**

**June 21-25 - TNT Conference in Albuquerque**

**June 25-28 - Code4Kids Summer Coding Academy**

*Mark  
Your  
Calendar*

# CHURCH OFFICERS

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*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."*

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Office is closed on Saturdays.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- ♦ Sunday Worship: 8:30 am & 10:30am
- ♦ Adult Sunday School: 9:30am
- ♦ Children's Sunday School: Will resume in September

### FIRST WORD NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the July newsletter is June 15.

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