



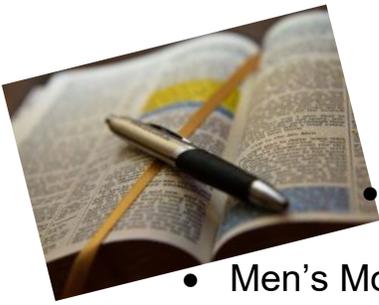
**First Presbyterian
Church of Littleton**

First Word
October 1, 2018

Prayer Walk - Oct 14, 21



Bless Your Neighbors



Adult Education Opportunities for Fall

- Men's Monday Morning Bible Study: Every other Monday, 7AM Welcome Center
- Men's Monday Evening Bible Study: 2nd and 4th Monday, 6:30PM Ayers Parlor
- Shabby Sheep Women's Bible Study: *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado. Two meeting options: Tuesday evenings - Kicks off Oct 2, 7-8:0PM
Wednesday mornings - Kicks off Oct 3, 10-11:30 AM
- Co-ed Sunday morning study led by Pastor Cody Sandahl: *Hot Button Theology* will kick off Sunday, October 28 at 9:30AM in Ficklin Hall

These studies are a wonderful way to connect with other members at FPCL and grow your relationship with Christ! Please join us!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



A volunteer is need to cover the office every Wednesday morning from 10am to noon while the staff is meeting. A friendly, welcoming personality is the only requirement,. You will be answering the phone and sometimes helping with small projects, but normally it's a pretty quiet job. It can be a great time to catch up on some reading! If we are blessed enough to get more than one volunteer the job cad be shared week by week.



Ada Tiffany Circle: Wednesday, October 17 at 1PM—
Welcome Center.

Open Door Circle: Thursday, October 18 at 10AM on the
4th Floor.

A Minute for Mission



Thanks to all who contributed food for our quarterly food drive. The total amount of food delivered was approximately 450 lbs. The Life Center food bank is just a few blocks away from us at 5804 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO. If you would like to donate food when we are not collecting it ourselves, they are always grateful to receive it on site. They provide a variety of services in addition to the food bank, offering a Legal Aid Clinic, GED classes, Active Senior community activities, language classes and serve as an on-call severe weather shelter.

2018 Prayer Walk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our church leaders have sensed a clearer call from God – **to be Christ-like neighbors around our church and in our own personal neighborhoods**. I am excited to see what the Holy Spirit does as we open our eyes, our minds, our hearts, and our souls in new ways to our neighborhoods!

The first step (pun intended) in this process is to walk our neighborhoods prayerfully. I invite, encourage, and challenge every single person in our church to pick a block around the church or near where you live and try to see it with the eyes of Christ. I will have some specific prayer guides for the blocks around our church, as well as more general prayer guides you can use with any block.

For example, here are three questions to consider while walking and praying:

1. What in this block reflects “heaven on earth?”
2. What in this block falls short of “heaven on earth?”
3. How could I participate in God’s redemption of this block?

When? Sunday October 14, Sunday October 21, or any day of your choosing!

Who? Walk alone or with a group or committee from the church – maybe walk together at the start of your next gathering

Why? To see our neighborhoods and our neighbors through Christ’s eyes, and to feel where the Holy Spirit is at work

There is no need to sign up for a particular block, but if you or your group are intending to participate I would love to know so I can celebrate with you. Pictures are also always welcome!

In Christ’s Service Together,
Pastor Cody



INQUIRERS CLASS: interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church? Classes will be held on Tuesday, October 16 & 23 at 6:30PM in the Library room on the 4th floor. This is a great opportunity to know more about the Presbyterian Church and all the ways that you can get connected here at First Pres.

A Few Minutes for Stewardship – The 2019 Pledge Drive

Stewardship will be kicking off our annual pledge drive in early October with letters mailed to all church members asking for your continued financial support. In this month's column we'd like to remind you of what your pledge of time, talent, and treasure have enabled the church to do and its goals for the coming year.

Consider just some of the accomplishments of our church's ministries to date this year:

- Reinvigorated, creative worship and music on Sunday morning
- Continued growth in our monthly community dinner ministry
- A monthly Pastor's Breakfast for prospective members and members with birthdays in that month
- The youth group mission trip to Houston focused on service to Hurricane Harvey victims along with continuing youth ministry service opportunities in our own community
- Much-needed repairs and maintenance of our pipe organ

But even with this positive momentum, we can never afford to stand still. We've made tremendous progress in recent years retiring debt and stabilizing our church's finances while starting and supporting new ministries. In 2019, church leadership will be identifying ways to accomplish our mission of a church that is rooted, growing, and branching out to connect more people in our community to Christ. This mission will be accomplished by focusing in one or more of the following focus areas: Spiritual Growth, Outreach, Leadership Development, and Renovation / Resources.

We must continue to look forward to the future, to make decisions and allocate resources that will allow our church to not just survive, but to grow and thrive. It is your continued financial support that makes this all possible. Thank you for your commitment and confidence in our faith family that has brought us so far over the past few years.

On November 11th, please join with us on Stewardship Sunday with a pledge of support for your church. After the 10:30 am service, we'll continue to **celebrate our church and its ministry with a Potluck in Ficklin Hall.**

See you in church!

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Last month FPCL supported the 5th “Fill the Truck” event benefiting arc Thrift Stores!

Many thanks to our team of helpers and the numerous members and friends who donated many great pieces of furniture, “gently used” clothing and miscellaneous pieces! We enjoyed visiting with our members and friends who came in cars to bring donations and were excited to welcome many new volunteers who even pulled weeds between loads!



Special thanks to the following volunteers:

Graham Annandale, Sean Atchison, Allie Atchison, John Bierschwale, Sue Chandler, Scott Chandler, Jeff Colwell, Bill Frear, Maria Franklin, Ella Franklin, Dee Getzinger, Pete Gordon, Kenny Laughlin, Melissa Laughlin, Cara Laughlin, Dave LeMay, Stacey LeMay, Trey McDowell, Jeannie Payne, Al Payne, Ian Pershing (Boy Scout Troop #444), Jason Putland his Dad Karl, and twin brothers Alex and Nathan (Boy Scout Troop #444)



We filled the truck, and more! Stay tuned for an update during worship this month to hear more about how these donations help the mission of arc and the ministry of FPCL. What a great demonstration of First Presbyterian Church of Littleton time, talent, and treasure!



**You're Invited to a FREE Workshop
for Loss & Grief**

Six Thursday Evenings, Oct. 4 – November 8, 6:30 – 8:30

The October/November **Grief & Loss Workshop** is designed to support those who have suffered any kind of difficult loss, whether from death or other life situation such as relationship, jobs or pets, or unmourned losses from the past. It is an opportunity to begin working through grief, do some healing and bring joy back into one's life. We will meet at the church in the library. To register or if you have questions, please call the church office 303-798-1389. Jaynie Muggli, MA, LPC and Pastor Carol Parsons will facilitate this workshop. A Minimum of 6 is required for the class. Register by Oct 2.



KING SOOPERS GIFT CARD UPDATE

**Below are our 2018 results
through September 8, 2018):**

Monthly Goal	Monthly Actual	Difference	2018 YTD Goal	2018 YTD Actual	Difference
\$700	\$704.55	\$4.55	\$5,600	\$6,151.52	\$551.52

Thank you to all those using the FPCL King Soopers reloadable cards.

For the period from August 12 to September 8, 2018 we brought in \$704.55 as shown above. Please continue to use your cards and remember to use them when purchasing Halloween treats and Football viewing snacks. Please contact Sue Chandler (303-347-9191) or Elinor in the church office if you have any questions.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday October 13 @ 7:30 am

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

MUSIC & HOPE:

The Life of Alice Herz-Sommer

**Meet
Alice Herz-Sommer**

Pianist, Sage, Holocaust Survivor

A One-Act Play



Judy Winnick will portray
Alice Herz-Sommer

Saturday Lunch

October 27 at 11:45 AM

Lunch Catered by Rib City Grill

Reservations Required:

Lunch & Program \$13, program only \$6

Sign up in Chandler
Hall or call the office
at 303.798.1389

Money Tight? Call
Pastor Carol Parsons
at 303.919.7624

2018 Haunts of Littleton – Presented by FPCL’s Troop 444



This year’s Haunts of Littleton will once again start at the light rail station in downtown and we will hear the story about how important the train station was to the growth of Littleton. Several colorful characters that worked in and around the train station will be mentioned, including Fred Bemis, who was a founding member of the National Western Stock show. We will hear the story of the Hunt Ford agency, the first auto dealership in Littleton, and perhaps Mr. Hunt will be spotted driving around town. We are going to visit the spot of Littleton’s first notorious murder by a jealous wife, not of another woman but of a social club! We might even see where Littleton’s favorite cannibal spent his final hours before being buried in Littleton cemetery.

Our own Troop 444 provides all ghosts and goblins to entertain and amaze. The proceeds go to support 444’s camping, hiking and canoeing programs throughout this year. This is 444’s largest fundraiser.

Please support us by joining for this family friendly walking tour of downtown Littleton and learn a thing or two about our colorful little city. The dates are October 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th. Family friendly walking ghost tours of Historic Downtown Littleton start at 7 pm at the Littleton Light Rail Station. Tours depart every 15 minutes. Adults - \$15 and Under 18 - \$8. It promises to be fun for all, young and old – and educational too.



COMING SOON

Coping with the Holidays

Saturday, November 10, 1-3 pm

This presentation focuses on meeting the needs of those for whom the winter holiday season, including Thanksgiving, can be overwhelming and frightening as a result of grieving the loss of a loved one. Facilitated by Jaynie Muggli, MA, LPC with Pastor Carol Parsons. Registration begins October 1 by calling the church office, 303-798-1389.

FPCL Youth Leaf Raking Day!

Youth Serve Day 2018: Leaf Raking!

Fall is just around the corner, and that means pumpkin spice everything, cooler weather, and leaf raking!

Would you like help with the mass of leaves in your yard? If so let FPCL youth help!

We will have one day this fall devoted to raking leaves! We love serving our congregation, and are excited to give this day to you! We will be serving 10 homes this year so please make sure to sign up.

November 3, 2018

Contact Allie Atchison, Youth Director, at allie.e.atchison@fpcl.org to sign up for one time on November 3

Calendar of Events

October 1	Men's Morning Bible Study 7am (every other week)
October 2-30	Evening Shabby Sheep Bible Study, Tues. 7pm
October 3-30	Morning Shabby Sheep Bible Study, Wed. 10am
October 4-Nov. 8	Loss and Grief Workshop, Thursdays, 6:30pm
October 7	World Communion Sunday
October 8	Men's Evening Bible Study 7pm (Every other week)
October 11	Afternoon Book Group 1pm
October 13	Memorial Service for Marlene Cass, 11am
October 14	Pastor's Breakfast, 9:30am
October 16 & 23	New Members Class
October 23	Community Dinner
October 27	Saturday Lunch, 11:45am

Prayer List

- Gene Cass and family upon the passing of Marlene
- Donna Blommel
- John Pool
- Jim Biner
- Joyce Lei
- Jim Armentrout
- Vi & Ron Cooper
- Lois Reish
- Joyce Fuller
- Wilmajeane Coate
- Kent Griffith
- Camilla True
- Lyle Graff
- Jean Wilbur
- Jean Clyne
- Bill Wunderlich
- Joy Carreño
- Ann Peterson
- Grant Cannizzaro
- Tim Graham
- Al Christensen

- Sue Mumma
- Lonna Williams
- Ruth Mandrell
- Warren Taylor

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
- Cross Cultural Community
- South Asia Mission

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

FINACIAL UPDATE

	August 2018		Year to Date 2018	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$35,405.16	\$27,515.00	\$ 307,599.19	\$ 300,078.00
Expenses	\$35,027.40	\$38,455.00	\$ 294,606.57	\$ 300,139.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$377.76	(\$10,940.00)	\$ 12,992.62	\$ (61.00)

August 2018 was a break even month which was much better than the budgeted number (a loss of \$10940) Pledged support was higher than budgeted and expenses were less than anticipated.

Western Welcome Week was a success. The hot dog sale raised \$534.23 for the pastor's breakfast mission, the book sales raised \$691.60 for the Whiz Kids tutoring program and quilt donations of \$800.00 was sent to Meals on Wheels.

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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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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: 9:30 am
- ◆ Children's Sunday School :10:30 am
- ◆ **FIRST WORD NEWSLETTER**

The deadline for the **November** newsletter is **October 19**

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