



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton

First Word

June 1, 2019



The Sower, by Tissot, 1888
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*But as for
that in the
good soil, these
are the ones
who, when they
hear the word,
hold it fast in
an honest and
good heart,
and bear fruit
with patient
endurance.*

Luke 8:15

Dates to Remember!

Church Picnic



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - JUNE 2

12:00—2:00 p.m.—South shelter, Sterne Park
Directions from the church: Windermere St. to W. Littleton Blvd., turn right. Proceed to S. Bemis St. and turn left. Continue to W. Sheppard Ave, turn left and go to S. Spotswood St. The shelter is on the left with the parking lot just past the shelter.



Saturday June 8 for our All Church Clean-up Day

Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier! Snacks will be provided by the Mission Committee. More info on page 4.



AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP: Join the group on June 13 at 1pm in Ayers Parlor. For May we are reading *A Lost Lady* by Willa Cather



MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, June 8 @ 7:30 am . Join us at Louis' Diner, across the street from the church.



ADA TIFFANY WOMEN'S CIRCLE meets on Wednesday, June 19 in the Welcome Center. The circle meets February—October on the third Wednesday. If you are interested in joining the group and have questions call Stacy Ryan at 303.798-7096.



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! Friday, June 21 at 6:30. Sign up at fpcl.org/movie to let us know you will attend.



JUNE 14—More information coming soon so **SAVE THE DATE!**

A Minute (or Two) From Stewardship – Planned Giving

How can you make a lasting and meaningful gift to First Presbyterian that will impact the church for many years to come? This month in our Stewardship column we want to talk about Planned Giving and ask you to prayerfully consider a financial gift to FPCL as part of your estate planning.

There are several different ways to approach Planned or “Legacy” Giving. Some members choose to make the church a beneficiary in their will. This might be a percentage of their estate, a specific dollar amount, or sometimes stocks, bonds or other investments. Gifts made to the church through Planned Giving can be directed towards specific ministries, however, we do encourage these gifts to be general. As you are aware, the church’s needs and ministries change over time. Allowing church leadership the flexibility to direct funds to those areas that need it most is key to sustained growth and impactful ministry.

One option to consider is a gift to help the church establish an Endowment Fund. In 2018, Session was able to take \$10,000 from an operating surplus to start a restricted fund that serves as “seed money” for an Endowment Fund. The benefit to the church from creating an Endowment is that this vehicle can provide a regular stream of income for the church every year through prudent investing of the Endowment’s principal. The principal itself is not touched. However, in order to formally launch an Endowment at First Presbyterian, we will need to raise a significant amount (far more than \$10,000) to enable a sustainable stream of income.

Over many years, generous members and regular attendees have made First Presbyterian a recipient of their Planned Giving. At times these gifts have helped the church navigate difficult financial circumstances. More recently, gifts have allowed First Pres to improve church property and our music ministries and help fund youth initiatives including the annual Mission Trips. We have much to be thankful for and are truly blessed to have been remembered by many generations of faithful FPCL members and families.

We encourage you to take the opportunity to discuss with your family and loved ones how you might consider leaving a financial legacy at First Presbyterian through Planned Giving. If you have general questions on this topic, please reach out to Bob Chapman, Dave LeMay or John Ansted. For more complex legal and tax-related questions surrounding estate planning we suggest you consult your own financial advisors. If you have not retained a professional, we would be happy to help you find the appropriate resource.

See you in church!

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Pastors Breakfast News

We would like to extend a thank you to 2 groups for hosting the most recent Pastor's breakfasts.

The March 10th breakfast was hosted by FPCL's Women's Open Door Circle. They served wonderful pastries, quiches, casserole and fruit. It was greatly appreciated by all who attended. A big thank you to all of them.

The new 444 Lady Mountaineers troop and their leader Jessica Kurtz hosted the May 5th breakfast. They served pancakes, sausage and fresh fruit. We would like to thank Allie, Gillian, Cassidy, Madie and Michael(of the 444 Mountaineers) for preparing the meal and serving it.

Thank you to both groups for providing meals and showing hospitality and kindness to the guests/visitors and birthday celebrants that attended.

The next breakfast will be held on June 9th and will celebrate guests/visitors and those with June birthdays.

With gratitude- The Pastor's Breakfast Committee
Kathy McDaniel, Karen Ramsey and Stacey LeMay



ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY !!

"many hands make light work"

SATURDAY JUNE 8

(9 AM to 12 noon)

The Mission Committee would like to invite you to come help with Spring Cleaning. Let's keep our church looking great ! This will be a fun and helpful way to show your support for our church property. There will be a number of jobs both inside and outside the church to be done.

Watch for more information and signup sheets in the next few weeks in Chandler Hall and in church bulletins.

If you can't come June 8, no problem, you can still help out. You will be able to sign up for a project or two and do it on your own time. The Mission Committee will provide snacks and drinks.

Any questions please feel free to contact:

Sue Chandler (303-347-9191) or Cheryl Baughman (617-285-4942)



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY JUNE 23 – 6:00 to 7:30 PM (Youth Room)

GUEST SPEAKER – GILBERT KUBWIMANA, Exec Director – Love with Actions
Please join Sue Chandler and Sally Stuart as they host Gilbert from Rwanda. Sue and Sally have worked and supported Gilbert on their past mission trips in Rwanda. This will be a sharing time to hear about his organization, Love with Actions and to thank our church for supporting him and LWA. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Love with Actions is a Rwandan organization that was started several years ago. It was started by Gilbert to be a place where parents could bring children born with physical and development disabilities for assistance and support versus the current view in Rwanda of being ashamed and shunned by society.

Below is the Mission Statement of Love with Actions:

To eliminate the boundaries and misconceptions which limit children with disabilities through advocacy, education, training and empowering their families to be strong leaders in Rwanda which loves all children as equals.

Thanks to the support of organizations around the world (including FPCL), Love With Actions is changing the lives of many children in Rwanda. The LWA website (www.lovewithactions.org) has pictures and stories of many of the children being served. Rwanda baskets, crafts, cards and bags will be available for sale. All proceeds go to LWA. Any questions please feel free to contact Sue Chandler (303-347-9191). RSVP if possible

MINUTE FOR MISSION—God’s Work Our Hands

Annual Backpack Project

Mission Committee is in the planning stages for the Annual Backpack Project. This year the format has changed a bit and a more simple, efficient plan is in the works. The goal is the same... providing backpacks filled with necessary school supplies for children as they go back to school in the fall.

On July 7, sign-up sheets will be available in Chandler Hall. This year instead of being asked to fill a backpack, we will ask that you sign up to provide just the needed school supplies on the lists. Donations of gift cards of not more than \$50 will also be welcome. Mission Committee will collect the backpacks and fill them after the collection of supplies is complete. We ask that you return your donations by Sunday, July 21. Boxes will be in Chandler Hall to deposit your purchased supplies. Watch for further reminders going forward as we plan this fun and rewarding Backpack Project.

June 2019 – Update on Worship Renovation Plan



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A few months ago, I announced that we are starting to plan for an update for our worship space. I want to reiterate what I stated at that time:

1. We want the sanctuary to keep the same overall feel – this is a beautiful historical church and we want to highlight that as we refresh and update the sanctuary.
2. We want to over-communicate throughout the process.
3. There is not a timetable for these renovations. We still need to form a Renovation Committee to help prioritize all of the projects for the life and ministry of the church.

Over the last few months, we have collected quite a bit of feedback! This effort is being spearheaded by the Worship Committee and the Creative Arts Team, so your observations are helping those teams to focus on the projects in our worship space that matter most to our congregation.

You can view the entire list of comments (with names removed) on our website at fpcl.org/renovation. If you turned in a comment and we somehow missed it – or if you have an additional idea – please send it to Elinor in writing or by email at fpcl@fpcl.org. We will update

the list of ideas with any additional feedback we receive.

Our first step in this process is to identify the projects and problems to address. After we agree on the areas that need some loving updates, we will start creating proposals that we can show the congregation for feedback. We will let you know when we're ready for your feedback on that next step.

In the meantime, here is my summary of the main take-aways from our survey of the congregation.

- The overall look and feel of the sanctuary is great – don't mess it up!
- Carpet needs to be replaced – it could be all carpet or some mix of carpet and wood
- Pews should remain the dominant type of seating in the sanctuary – but they need to be significantly refurbished or replaced
- Some areas of the sanctuary could have very nice chairs that match the pews –

choir loft, area under the balcony, in the balcony. This is an area of significant debate and difference of opinion!

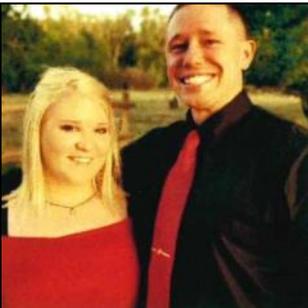
- We need a much improved sound system so everyone can hear
- Fresh paint is needed – could be the same color or a new complementary color
- The chancel area might benefit from being slightly enlarged and covered in wood instead of carpet, but don't drastically change the overall feel of the chancel area
- Find a way to clean or re-stencil the ceiling tiles

There are also two major projects that should remain on our radar, but might be outside the scope of what we can accomplish. If you disagree with me on that, please let me know! These are big ticket items, but if enough people are willing to invest in it we could think about addressing them.

- Replace swamp cooler with air conditioning
- Rearrange the organ pipes to better show the stained glass windows

The Worship Committee and Creative Arts Team will start sifting through ideas to address these general areas, and when we have some ideas to show you we will ask for your feedback again at that time. I invite you to consider joining the Worship Committee if you would like to have your voice heard throughout the process. Just email me at cody@fpcl.org or call me at 303-798-1389 if you want to know more. I look forward to continuing this church's long history of connecting people with the Living God through our worship, our relationships, and our service in the name of Christ.

In Christ's Service Together, Pastor Cody



Where in the World are Wylie & Cora Meikle? Following God's Plan in San Antonio, Texas

Wylie and Cora Meikle moved to San Antonio from Colorado in 2018. Wylie calls their move "God-guided" and adds, "We were walking an arduous path, experiencing hardship and tragedy in our lives. We needed both a change of scenery and a change of heart.

San Antonio was presented to us in an instance of despair and we made the move and began seeing more of God's purpose for our lives."

As Cora and Wylie settled into their new home and community, they discovered Christian Service Center of San Antonio and began volunteering there each week. "We were searching for a mission and a purpose, and God dropped it right in our laps," Wylie said.

Christian Service Centers was founded in 1941 and had a presence on Air Force bases throughout the United States. The Center where Cora and Wylie serve is committed to "reaching military young people for Christ and providing them a "Home-Away-From-Home" with the Bible." Their lives and the life of the Christian Service Center of San Antonio are on a divine upspring. And there's more. Cora and Wylie are expecting their first child, a daughter, this summer!

June Calendar

Sun. June 2	Noon Annual Picnic
Mon. June 3	9am Vacation Bible School 9am Country Store Crafters 10am Peacemaker Quilters
Tues. June 4	9am Vacation Bible School
Wed. June 5:	9am Vacation Bible School
Thurs. June 6	9am Vacation Bible School
Sat. June 8	7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Louis Diner 9am—Noon Clean Up Day
Sun. June 9:	11:45 am Deacons Noon—Youth Group
Mon. June 10	7am Men's Bible Study 9am Country Store Crafters 10am Peacemaker Quilters 6pm Prayer Ministry 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
Tues. June 11	10am Personnel Committee 1pm Mission Meeting
Thurs. June 13:	1pm Afternoon Book Club 6:30 pm C.E. Meeting
Sun. June 16	Noon Youth Group
Mon. June 17:	9am Code4Kids Camps 10am Congregation Life 10am Peacemaker Quilters
Tues. June 18	9am Code4Kids Camps
Wed. June 19	9am Code4Kids Camps 1pm Ada Tiffany Circle
Thurs. June 20	9am Code4Kids Camps 7pm Finance Committee
Fri. June 21	Movie Night
Sun. June 23	11:45 am Session Noon Youth Group

Mon. 24	Men's Morning Bible Study 9am Country Store Crafters 10am Peacemaker Quilters 6:30 pm Men's Evening Bible Study
Tues. June 25	6Pm Community Dinner
Sun. June 30	Noon Youth Group



**HELP RAISE \$ FOR OUR CHURCH
BY JUST BUYING GROCERIES !**

The King Soopers new Community Rewards program is a quick and easy way for **ALL** of us to help earn money for FPCL. Simply link your current King Soopers loyalty card # that you use for your shopping to our church and that's it! If you don't have a King Soopers loyalty card you can get one by going to the King Soopers website. We are still hoping for more people to sign up to continue this program to be successful.

See the information below for more information on linking your card. Need help or have questions call: Sue Chandler (303-347-9191) or Dave LeMay (303-619-5190) we are happy to help you get set up.

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN ONLINE ACCOUNT WITH KING SOOPERS THAT IS LINKED TO YOUR LOYALTY CARD:

1. Go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com> and log in to your account.
2. Hover over "Savings & Rewards" and click on the drop down "King Soopers Community Rewards"
3. Click on "Enroll Now"
4. The next page will say FIND AN ORGANIZATION towards the top of the page. In the search box, please enter the **code for FPCL which is YY084**
5. Click on ENROLL!

IF YOU HAVE A KING SOOPERS LOYALTY CARD, BUT HAVEN'T LOGGED IN ONLINE TO THEIR WEBSITE:

1. Have your existing King Soopers loyalty card handy (this is NOT your current FPCL Gift card) or you can also create your online account using your Alternate ID (such as a phone number)
2. Go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>
3. Click on Welcome/Sign In on the right side of the page, then My Account
4. Once your loyalty account log-in is created, follow the steps above to link it to FPCL (same code as above)!

FINACIAL UPDATE

	April 2019		Year to Date 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$50,990.96	\$44,635.96	\$ 172,540.94	\$ 162,713.96
Expenses	\$38,283.72	\$38,392.84	\$145,333.03	\$ 151,498.30
Surplus/Deficit	\$12,707.24	\$6,243.12	\$ 27,207.91	\$ 11,215.66

The church has a surplus of \$27,207.91. It's truly a blessing to have this cushion going into the lean summer months. Our parish raised \$1660.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Those funds are used by the Presbytery to help those affected by natural disasters and to feed the hungry both here in the USA and worldwide. Thank you for continuing to support our missions here at First Pres.

Prayer List

- Gloria Pool
- Jon Heggie
- Jim Biner
- Joyce Lei
- Eleanor Spence
- Ron Cooper
- Lois Reish
- Joyce Fuller
- Wilmajean Coate
- Kent Griffith
- Jean Wilbur
- Joy Carreño
- Rollie Fuller
- Tim Graham
- Lonna Williams
- Warren Taylor
- The family of Bill Wunderlich upon his passing.

In Service to Our Country

- Capt. Ricky Casburn
- Capt. Connor Venrick, Hawaii
- 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
- Pvt. Isaiah Boehm, Ft. Polk, LA

Missions

- John Altemus
- Jory Bayne, Metro Denver
- Presbytery of Zimbabwe
- Cross Cultural Community
- South Asia Mission
- Jeffco Action Center
- Highline Place

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

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Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. - Hebrews 13:7

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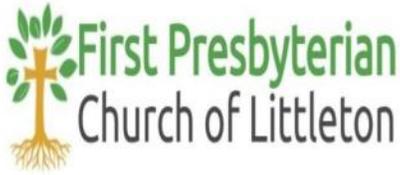
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Office is closed on Saturdays.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

FIRST WORD NEWSLETTER:

The deadline for the **July** Newsletter is Friday, June 21.

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