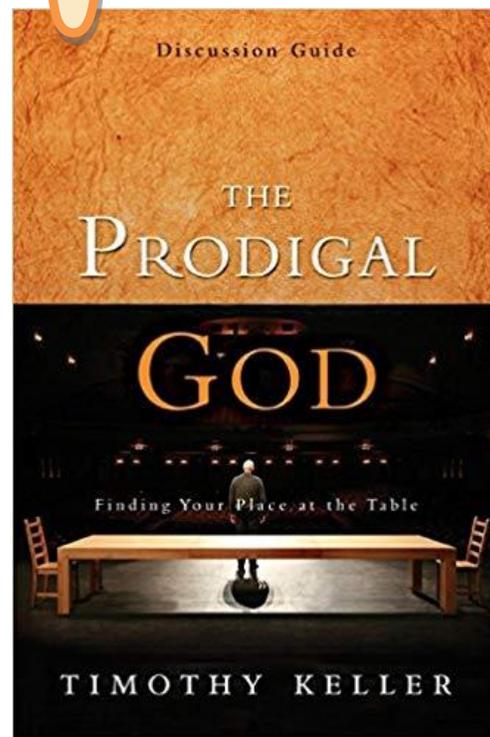
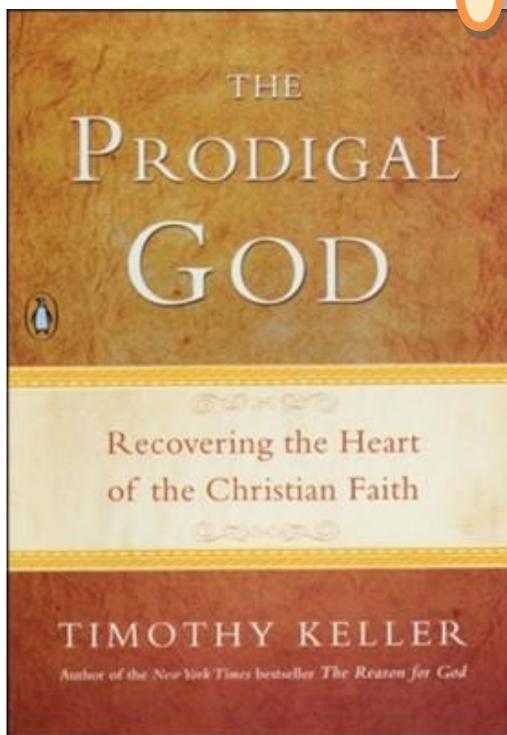




First Presbyterian
Church of Littleton

First Word
July 1, 2019

A Summer Congregational Read!



What: Adult Sunday School Class led by Pastor Cody

When: July 21-August 25

Where: 4th Floor

On August 4 and 25 join Pastor Carol for a free-form discussion group. 4th Floor at NOON.

Look for more information on page 3.

A Minute From Stewardship – What Biblical Generosity Looks Like

Committee member Dee Getzinger shared the following message a couple of months ago. We thought it was a message worth sharing!

BY RICK WARREN, AUTHOR OF “PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE”

“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully’” (2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT).

Generosity isn’t about your *wealth*. It’s about your *willingness* to help others, to show love to others, and to honor God.

In 2 Corinthians 9:7, God gives us three characteristics of an authentic generosity: *“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully’” (NLT).*

This kind of biblical generosity is:

- **Always thoughtful.** “You must each decide in your heart.” You need to think about how much you’re going to give. Don’t do it impulsively or emotionally. You make up your own mind, and you plan it.
- **Always voluntary.** “Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure.” Never, ever, ever give out of guilt. When you do, you don’t get credit for it, and it won’t grow your heart.
- **Always cheerful.** “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” If you can’t give cheerfully, then just don’t. Be a Grinch. Be a miser. Be a Scrooge. You don’t get any credit for giving unless you give to somebody cheerfully.

Be generous with your giving. Again, it’s not about the amount you give—it doesn’t have to be about money at all. You can be generous with your time or with your talents. Whatever you give, do it thoughtfully, voluntarily, and cheerfully.

Thoughts to consider:

- Why would God want you to think through and plan for how you’re going to give?
- Would you call your giving sacrificial? Why or why not?
- What are some specific ways you can be more generous with your time this week?

See you in church!

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Pastor Cody Recommends: "Prodigal God"

As I prayed about our sermon series for the year, I thought it would be fun and beneficial to try to get everyone in the church to read a book and discussion guide together. I believe the Holy Spirit will move among us in new ways if we focus our collective hearts in the same direction. "Prodigal God" is a book by Timothy Keller (Presbyterian pastor in New York City), and it holds the distinction of being the only book that has resulted in permanent positive life transformation for someone. I hope to keep the streak alive!

In addition to the sermon series in July, I will teach an adult Sunday School class from July 21 through August 25 at 9:30am on the fourth floor. Pastor Carol will also lead two free-form discussions at noon on August 4 and August 25.

You can find the book and discussion guide on Amazon and most book stores can order it for you, but we will also take sign ups to do a group order.

The Christian Education Committee is offering to subsidize the price for our group order, so the book will be \$12 and the discussion guide will be \$8 (or \$20 for both). I will also order five copies that Elinor can give away for free so that finances aren't an impediment for anyone.

LOOK FOR THE ORDER SHEET IN CHANDLER HALL BY THE OFFICE!



Pastors Breakfast News

We would like to thank the Community Dinner Committee for sponsoring the June 9th Pastor's breakfast. The food was wonderful and greatly appreciated by those who attended.

The next breakfast will be held on July 14th. If you are a guest or visitor to the church or are a church member with a July birthday, we would love to have you attend. It will be an opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal with Pastor Cody and to ask any questions you may have about the church and its vision.

If you are interested in sponsoring and hosting a meal, please contact one of us below.

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

Dates to Remember!



AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP: Join the group on July 11 at 1pm in Ayers Parlor

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, July 13 @ 7:30 am . Join us at Louis' Diner, across the street from the church.

ADA TIFFANY WOMEN'S CIRCLE meets on Wednesday, July 17 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, July 19 at 6:30. Sign up at fpcl.org/movie to let us know you will attend.



COMMUNITY DINNER: Tuesday, July 30 at 6:00 pm.
All are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE !! - September 14-15th, 2019



Once again, this coming September we will be conducting the **ARC "Fill the Truck" Event** to raise funds for FPCL.

Remember, **all items for donation must be in good condition** and be something you would be proud to give to a friend or family member. We will not be accepting items or scheduling in home pick ups until closer to the event.

This year's event will be held **the weekend of— September 14th and 15th**. Questions? Ask Sue Chandler or Dave LeMay for more detail.

Look for more information in August (First Word, church bulletins, announcements).



Youth Mission Trip Update: A note of THANKS and FOOD DRIVE OPPORTUNITY



Many thanks to all who continue to offer support to our youth and their summer mission trip through prayer or financial support or both. As the trip draws near (less than a month away!) we are hearing more details of how our youth may serve during that week, one of which is detailed here:

David Clifton Ministries provides a food bank in downtown Denver for the homeless. The youth mission team will have an opportunity to support this food bank by taking non-perishable food items to donate when they are serving with Youth Works during the week of July 21-26.

If you would like to contribute a non-perishable food item for the youth to take, watch for the collection tub located in Chandler Hall between July 1 and July 21.



To My Church Family,

Just to let you know that my knee replacement was a success and I am now back to walking almost normal. Nothing strenuous as yet.

I wanted to thank my Church Family for all the many cards wishing me the best in my replacement. It certainly helps to know that you have so many that are praying for you at a time such as this. Again many thanks for your thoughtfulness. Dan Smith

Dear First Presbyterian Peace-Makers Quilters,



Thank you so very much, from the bottom of my heart, for the beautiful prayer quilt you made for me! It was a complete surprise and such an honor to receive this awesome gift! Your congregation has been praying for me during my endless knee surgeries over the past ten years, thanks to my very good friend, Dee Getzinger. This past year has been extremely difficult for me with many health challenges regarding my knee/leg. My heart is so full of joy and love at the outpouring of your time, prayer and spirit in creating this quilt for me. This quilt truly represents "A prayer in every stitch". May God continue to bless your ministry so that you can bring peace, love, hope and joy to those who need your prayers and loving kindness.

With much love and gratitude, Joanie Coffey

444 TRAINING, LEADERSHIP, SUCCESS – July Update

The uniqueness of Scouting is the patrol method. The use of the natural gang of six or eight boys or girls who elect their own leader and plan and carry out many of their own activities is a democracy in microcosm. Here young men and women learn the give and take of working with people as they must surely do all their lives. Here, too, they are given leadership and learning opportunities which prepare them for their future roles as citizens. It is for this reason that it is so crucial that all involved, including scouts, parents and supporters understand thoroughly the patrol method. In 2019, 444 continues to build scouts, crew and adult support by successful training through patrol organization.

In 2019, First Presbyterian of Littleton has chartered a new Sea Scout Ship, only the second one in the entire Denver area. We now have chartered four scout organizations. The 444 combined units have the widest scope, covering ages 12 to 21, of any scout leadership program operating in Colorado today!

This year, the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) has operated during five weeks in June and July at a mountain camp with 444's organization. Running the training for the Denver Area youth program participants are 3 "444" youth Senior Patrol Leaders, 4 "444" youth Quartermasters, 3 "444" youth Troop Guides and 3 "444" youth Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. 444's adult contribution to NYLT program consists of 1 NYLT Scoutmaster plus 4 adult staff members. In 2020, our 444 plans to provide the NYLT Course Director and a Scoutmaster to the program.

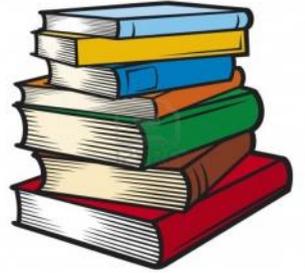
To date, many honors are in process for the 444 members both scouts and adults. Our own youth crew leader Savannah Letson, has been elected to serve as the Western Regional President of Area 2 Venturing Officers Association. To date, we celebrate 4 new Eagles and 1 soon "to-be" Eagle. We also celebrate the honor given to our former Scoutmaster and Crew adviser, Curtis Letson, on serving as Course Director for the 2019 Fall Wood Badge Centennial course, the premier Adult Training Program, and our current 444 Committee Chair, Pattie Nortman, who will become one of the 2021 Course Directors. First Presbyterian Church of Littleton is proudest of the success of our ninety-one-year charter association with Troop "444". Any church members wishing to become more involved with the scouts, kindly call me. I hope you will agree that this wonderful program is making a real difference for both our civic and spiritual mission in Littleton. Chaplains are needed: your help will be welcome.

Jim Grow – Charter Organization Representative



WESTERN WELCOME WEEK

Western Welcome Week book sale is August 16th and 17th, and we need your gently used books. There is a collection box in the Welcome Center as you come in the Windermere entrance. If you prefer, we can pick up your books.



Please call Roberta Wheeler, 559 737-2018 or Barb Smart, 303 794-8131

MISSION MINUTE



Each month we fill 5 Grab and Go bags for Elinor to have for the hungry and homeless who come to our church. These bags consist of non-perishable food items. We would love to open this mission up to the congregation to help. You would pick a month, purchase the food and divide it between the 5 bags that we already have. You would be reimbursed. If you would be able to help, contact Cheryl Baughman, cjbaughma@aol.com to pick your month.

SAMPLE TOILETRIES—We are always collecting sample toiletries to send with our men's mission group when they go to volunteer at La Puente in Alamosa in August. The men have been doing this for many years. La Puente is a community response to the effects of poverty, providing a safety net of services where individuals and families get what they need to stabilize, heal, strengthen, and ultimately thrive. When you are traveling and staying in hotels just bring your extra samples home with you. Thank you.



God's Work Our Hands—Looking ahead to Backpack Project...



School supply collection begins Sunday, July 7, after 8:30 and 10:30 worship services with sign-up sheets in Chandler Hall. As you choose folders, binders and other items, please select colors which will be appropriate for a boy or a girl. We ask that all your items be deposited in the plastic bins in Chandler Hall by July 21, so that Mission Committee can fill the backpacks the following week. As a reminder, gift cards of not more than \$50 are welcome and will be included in the backpacks. Gift Cards may be purchased from Target, Walmart, Payless Shoes or Great Clips. We hope you will enjoy the simplicity of this new approach to helping children prepare for the start of school by gathering just needed school supplies. We very much appreciate your participating in this project benefiting elementary school children.

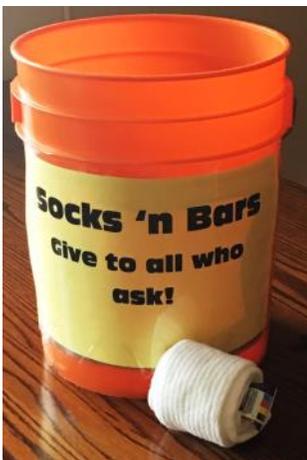
July Calendar

Mon. July 1	9am Country Store Crafters 10am Peacemaker Quilters
Thurs. July 4	4th of July—Office Closed
Fri. July 5	Office Closed
Mon. July 8	7am Men's Bible Study 9am Country Store Crafters 10am Peacemaker Quilters 6pm Prayer Ministry 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
Tues. July 9	1pm Mission Meeting
Thurs. July 11	1pm Afternoon Book Club 6:30 pm C.E. Meeting
Sat. July 13	Men's Breakfast at Louis' Diner
Sun. July 14	11:45 Deacons Meeting
Mon. July 15	9am Country Store 10am Peacemaker Quilters 10am Congregation Life
Tues. July 16	9:30 am Personnel Committee 10 am Writers Group
Wed. July 17	10 am Table Top Safety Drill for Staff 1pm Ada Tiffany Circle
Thurs. July 18	7pm Finance Committee
Fri. July 19	First Word Deadline 6:30pm Movie Night
Mon. July 22	7am Men's Morning Bible Study 9am Country Store Crafters 10am Peacemaker Quilters 6:30 pm Men's Evening Bible Study
Sun. July 28	11:55 Session
Mon. July 29	9am Country Store 10am Peacemaker Quilters
Tues. July 30	6pm Community Dinner

Financial Update

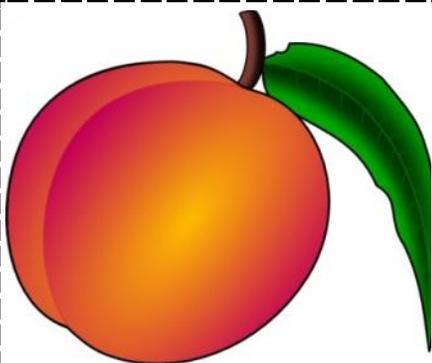
	May 2019		Year to Date 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$28,092.29	\$32,786.63	\$ 200,633.23	\$ 195,500.59
Expenses	\$36,395.08	\$41,849.70	\$ 181,702.08	\$ 193,348.00
Surplus/Deficit	(\$8,302.79)	(\$9,063.07)	\$ 18,931.15	\$ 2,152.59

Although May's operating income was less than anticipated, the collections for various fund raisers were wonderful. \$1945.00 was collected for the Columbarium. \$2631.87 was raised for the Zimbabwe Mission project. \$2752.00 was collected for the youth mission trip. Thank you for your continued support of our mission projects.



Blessing Those Who Beg

The Men's Monday Evening Bible Study was inspired to offer the congregation a way easily to fulfill Jesus' command in Matthew 5:42 - "Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." We have nutrition bars (that won't melt) rolled up in a pair of socks available for anyone to take. Keep them in your car and hand them out! Whether someone accepts or rejects your offering, we encourage you to have the same Spirit of Christ within you. Grab a pair from the orange bucket in Chandler



PALISADE PEACHES

\$38.00 per 20lb. Box. Available mid to late July. The sale of peaches is a fund raiser for Zimbabwe Kidz. Our partnership with 5 other Presbyterian Churches provide the funds for the drilling of wells to provide clean drinking water for families in desolate parts of Zimbabwe.

Place your order along with your check in offering plate.

Make the check to: **St. James Presbyterian Church**. Please put **ZimKids** in Memo Line:

Name: _____ ph.# _____

____ BOX {s) Check # _____ Can't use a box? Share with a

friend. Questions: Call. Tanya Smith. 303-694-1299

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
- Julie Johnston
- Ruby Graff

In Service to Our Country

- Capt. Ricky Casburn
- Capt. Connor Venrick, Hawaii
- Brett Wilson, at sea
- Sgt. Benjamin Lund, Afghanistan
- Bobby Johannsen
- Lt. Per Rychucky, 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

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



Beginning this month, the Stewardship team is initiating a brief update on terms, concepts, and other information intended to assist any member or regular FPCL guest with planned giving initiatives.

Planned Giving

A method people use to map out how they and their estate will make charitable gifts throughout their lifetime and after their death.

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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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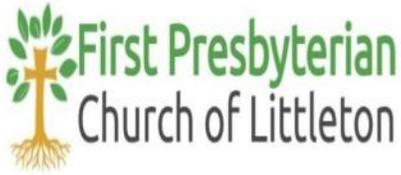
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- ◆ **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 **August** Newsletter is Friday, July 19.

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