

*“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6*

### The Promise

I promise the children of First Presbyterian Church of Littleton...

- I will show them the unconditional love of Christ
- I will model for them, in action and in voice, the teaching of Jesus
  - I will be the smiling face greeting them everyday
  - I will joyfully support them throughout their faith journey
  - I will be the faithful heart praying for their growth and success

**WILL YOU MAKE THE PROMISE?** The Children’s Ministry needs your help as we continue to strive to be a welcoming, loving, and sacred place that inspires all children to develop a personal relationship with Christ. We are asking the entire congregation to show their support for our children by making the Congregation Support Promise to the Children of First Presbyterian Church. Please read and sign the Congregational Support Promise in Chandler Hall and help create a powerful visual and clear reminder to all who enter our church just how much First Presbyterian church cherishes and supports children!



# Coming Soon

## 3 Uplifting & Fun Talks (Plus Food)



Jane Barton (MTS, MASM, CSA) provides educational programs, books and blogs to assist people best handle a variety of life issues. She presents innovative, transformational programs nationwide and is Caregiving Ambassador for AARP Colorado. She also authored “Caregiving for the Genius”.

First Presbyterian Church of Littleton is excited to offer our congregation and community Jane Barton, live and in person, for two presentations at the church this fall and one the first of 2020. No one else in Colorado talks about the challenges posed by aging, caregiving, and the end of life like Jane does. She couples her wealth of knowledge, experience and resources with a presentation style that makes you glad you came. She melds lively digital visuals with heart to heart and head to head language.

Mark your calendar now for all 3 talks or as many as you like. Each talk will include a light lunch and will be in Ficklin Hall from Noon – 2 on the Sundays listed below. We are offering these programs free to our congregation and community because we believe strongly in the importance of increasing everyone’s understanding in these areas. However, in order to plan properly for lunch and materials, we need you to register online at [fpcl.org/barton](http://fpcl.org/barton) or call the church office 303-798-1389. Registration for the October 20 Barton presentation begins September 23.

### Save These Dates

- October 20** — **Collaborative Care: Working and Caring Together**  
This talk also includes information on the growing loneliness epidemic.
- November 17** — **The Big Squeeze: Caught in the Middle of Caring**  
This talk addresses the challenges of caring for others while raising a family, working, and maintaining our own health.
- January 19** — **How Will Your Story End?**  
This talk looks at the reality of end of life in our country and helps us reclaim authorship of how we want our journey to end.



**Question:** How has First Presbyterian Church of Littleton benefited from member planned giving in recent years?

**Answer:** It was through a generous fixed dollar bequest that we were able to establish the Director of Congregational Care position, currently held by Reverend Carol Parsons. Other generous bequests have provided financial support for our Memorial Bell Choir, Columbarium, and Debt Elimination campaign.

# Stewardship Proudly Presents the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual FPCL/arc Thrift “Fill the Truck” 2019!!

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 8 am – 4 pm  
Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 8 am – 12 pm

Bring your gently-used items to support the mission of arc Thrift of Colorado!  
In return for filling the truck arc Thrift will make a special financial gift to  
First Presbyterian!

## Examples of eligible donations include:

- Clothing
- Art Work
- Furniture
- Books
- Household Items
- Toys and Games

All items should be in good condition and able to be re-used. No broken parts or pieces please!



***Please box or bag all items for easier storage and packing in the truck!***

Sorry!

The following items cannot be accepted for donation:

- TVs and Computer Monitors
- Mattresses and Box Springs



Arc Thrift of Colorado was created to generate resources to support and advocate for people with developmental disabilities. For over 30 years arc Thrift has raised millions of dollars through its stores for this mission.

**Items may be dropped off at the church starting September 7th. (please have these items boxed or bagged and left in the Windermere classroom at the end of the hall). In addition, there will be limited opportunity for pick-up of larger items on September 14th (see sign-ups in Chandler Hall). Contact Dave LeMay (303-619-5190), Sue Chandler (303-522-7216), or any Stewardship Committee member for more information!**

***See you in church!***

The Stewardship Committee:

Sue Chandler, Dee Getzinger, Pete Gordon, Dave LeMay, Trey McDowell, and Don Meersman

Visit the ARC Thrift Store in  
Woodlawn Shopping Center

# The Blues Brethren

*of Beloved Community Mennonite Church*



**Presented by Saturday Lunch**  
**September 28** 🎵 **11:45am** 🎵 **Ficklin Hall**

**The Blues Brethren will entertain us with the Rhythm & Blues and Jazz music you know and love. Reservations required.**

**\* Lunch and Program \$16** 🎵 **\* Program only \$7 at 1 pm in Sanctuary**

**Lunch catered by Olive Garden**  
**Sign up in Chandler Hall or call the church office 303-798-1389**  
**Money Tight? See Pastor Carol**

\* The Saturday Lunch Committee thanks you for your support and participation. We have a wonderful roster of luscious lunches and provocative programs planned for 2018-2019. However, because of the rising food and labor costs for our caterers, and the increasing cost of high-quality programming, we need to adjust our pricing. Effective September 1, 2019, Lunch and Program will be \$16 per person and Program Only \$7 per person. We trust you understand and will continue to participate.



## **Pastors Breakfast News**

We would like to thank those groups and individuals who have previously volunteered to host the monthly Pastor's Breakfasts. If you are interested in hosting a meal- please contact Kathy McDaniel, Stacey LeMay or Karen Ramsey for available dates and more information.

**Next Breakfast:** Guests and those with September birthdays are invited to join Cody for breakfast on September 8 at 9:30 am in Ficklin Hall! Please let us know you plan on attending. It helps us to plan your meal!  
303.798.1389.



## **MISSION MINUTE : Life Center Household & Hygiene Drive**

The mission committee will accept donations on Sept 22 and 29. Items needed: Household Items: toilet tissue, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, paper towels, trash bags (kitchen size), tissues, Lysol spray, disinfecting wipes. Hygiene: razors (single use), combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, shampoo, hand lotion, deodorants, bath size soap. First Aid Items: Band-Aids, elastic support wraps, Neosporin, gauze, medical tape.

### **HEARTFELT GRATITUDE**

**FROM**

**MISSION COMMITTEE...**

**-for your SUPPORT**

**-for your willingness to be of HELP**

**-for your awesome GENEROSITY**

**-for your LOVING COMPASSION for children**

**-for the wonderful SUCCESS of the BACKPACK PROJECT!!**

**MISSION COMMITTEE SINCERELY THANKS YOU!**

**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS**



## **JOIN US!! Beginning Bell Choir (ages 10-100)**

If you've always wanted to try ringing handbells, but need to brush up on your music reading skills, THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU... ring with the TreBELLmakers!! Learn how to ring, how *not* to ring (HA!), techniques and handbell care in a fun and laid-back atmosphere. Lots of laughs and great fellowship with other beginners/novices is guaranteed! We rehearse on Thursday nights from 6:45 – 7:45, beginning this fall! Please send your contact information to Karen at [meers@ecentral.com](mailto:meers@ecentral.com) or contact Elinor in the

church office at 303.798.1389.

## **Deacons' Appeal—5th Sunday Offering, September 29**

If you are making a donation, please mark your envelopes "Deacons' Fund" (no coins this time.) Thank you!

# Prayer Ministry Launch

“They devoted themselves to the  
to the breaking of bread a

**Beginning September 15**, the Prayer Ministry Team will host a new opportunity for you to pray with others at FPCL. We’re calling it simply, **Together in Prayer**, and we hope this monthly gathering becomes for you an enriching and encouraging way to grow your faith and relationship with God. Adding to the prayerful ambiance, Jodie Wiepking, certified therapeutic harpist, will play. We will meet in Ayers Parlor from 10-10:20 on Sept. 15, and hopefully, every third Sunday of the month thereafter.

Every month, we will focus our prayers on a different and timely topic. Since September is a time when many start or return to school, we have chosen to focus our prayers on the Wonders & Worries of School (and all that entails). We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to come together in prayer to be part of God’s loving purpose for all people. We’ve included some of the Team’s prayers that we had fun writing to help us focus on September’s topic. May you find them useful as well.

## **LORD, I ASK FOR YOUR BLESSING ON SO MANY PEOPLE**

facing new situations this time of year —  
teachers with new classes, kids at new schools,  
parents sending a child to school, and school workers in a new job.  
I pray that they can feel hope and joy and lift their worries to you.  
Help us to remember to be kind and loving towards everyone,  
but especially those who may seem irritable or distracted.  
We do not know what worries they carry. Amen.



## **ETERNAL GOD OF WISDOM, POWER AND MERCY,**

we reach out to you on behalf of students.  
Fill them with wonder for their learning experiences.  
Give them hope for meaningful relationships  
with one another and their teachers.  
Ease their worries and help them to remember  
you are always with them.  
In Jesus’ name. Amen

# es “Together in Prayer”

apostles’ teaching and fellowship,  
and the prayers.” Acts 2:42

## Together in Prayer

September 15 (every third Sunday thereafter)

Ayers Parlor, 10-10:20 am

“The Wonders & Worries of School”

### SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS,

Good old golden rule days...so the song goes,  
and Lord, help it be so.

For teachers — help in

being ready to care, where parents don’t;  
looking for different ways each child can learn;  
staying oh, so patient, but calmly firm when  
needed.

For administrators — help in

being great listeners, then— deciders of  
direction;  
bearing the pressures from co-workers,  
parents and experts; balancing vision and  
dreams with politics and habits.

For students — our precious resource - -

ready or not, here they come—  
overflowing with attitude and energy,  
full of promise, struggling against odds.

For education holds the hope of our future - -

and just as it is in everyone’s hands,  
so may it be in everyone’s prayers.

God bless our teachers, administrators and students  
Each and every school day, in Christ’s name. Amen.

### GRACIOUS GOD,

We pray for all students in our  
communities. Thank you for their  
curiosity, hope, and kindness. We pray  
for all teachers. Thank you for giving  
them dedication, experience, and insight.  
Sustain them by your Spirit with  
creativity, patience, peace, and joy.  
Continually guide and bless all parents,  
families, and friends throughout this  
school year. We ask this in the  
name of Jesus, who asked and  
answered many questions. Amen.



### GOD OF OUR MINDS AS WELL AS OUR HEARTS,

Thank you for classes, both containers  
and open spaces. How will it go, who will  
we know, what ideas will flow?  
It’s hard. It’s easy. It’s not what we  
thought it would be. You made us with  
minds for catching the drift, wanting to  
run, hanging in there, for the buzzing cur-  
rent of every student. Thank you, Creator  
God, for teachers, tutors, classmates,  
study groups, and Eureka! moments.  
Amen.

## Financial Update

	July 2019		Year to Date 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$31,639.60	\$39,151.38	\$266,915.15	\$ 266,587.81
<b>Expenses</b>	\$35,772.28	\$37,913.93	\$250,724.14	\$ 269,661.69
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	(\$4,132.68)	\$1,237.45	\$ 16,191.01	\$ (3,073.88)

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to support several mission projects in July. These include helping the local community with our Grab & Go food bags, homeless help with new socks and energy bars, our community dinner and of course Carol's counseling and meeting the needs of our homebound and other struggling community members. Monetary support was sent to various organizations including La Puente, Cru, Beautiful Redemption and our Cross Cultural Covenant Community.

### Dates to Remember!

**AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP:** Join the group on September 12 at 1pm in Ayers Parlor. September's book is "Where the Crawdads Sing." By Delia Owens.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Saturday, September 14 @ 7:30 am . Join us at Louis' Diner, across the street from the church.

**ADA TIFFANY WOMEN'S CIRCLE** meets on Wednesday, September 18 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.

**OPEN DOOR CIRCLE** meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10 on the 4th floor. September's meeting is Thursday, 19.

**COMMUNITY DINNER:** Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** We want to thank everyone who contributed to making our Western Welcome Week Quilt Show such a success. To all those who shared their quilts with us and to everyone who baked cookies, worked at the quilt show, or came to enjoy the quilts, THANK YOU! Church member, Susan Trumble, was the lucky winner of the "Mission Donation Quilt." We raised \$1,000 for "One Cancer, One Cure. Hooray! Jennie Staritzky



## SHABBY SHEEP FALL BIBLE STUDY

We are pleased to announce our Shabby Sheep Fall Women's Bible Study! If you've never tried one of our studies, this is a great time.

The studies are for all women, even friends that may not go to our church. This study will be 6 weeks long. You will grow in your faith and in your relationships with other women. So please join us!

Our fall study will use Pastor Cody's book on Ephesians. It is entitled Ephesians: God's Story and Our Response. Pastor Cody will even make a guest appearance! The cost of the book which includes the study guide is just \$10. We also have funds available if money is tight.

Please come to our fall kickoff Salad Potluck Wednesday evening September 25th from 5:30-7:00 in Ayers Parlor. Bring a salad to share and \$10 for the book. Drinks, bread and dessert will be provided.

You may choose a morning or an evening study group. The morning group begins Wednesday October 2nd 10:00-11:30. The evening group begins Tuesday October 1st 7:00-8:30. Again both groups go for 6 weeks.

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### Loving the Children!



Two years ago, I was blessed to meet the awesome family of David Campos because of our back pack sharing with Field Elementary. I also shared a story about them for Christmas 2017 that year. Now, again, the four kids were all in need of backpacks, and we came through for them with basic "leftovers" that were collected for the schools! Thanks to Donna Blommel and Cheryl Baughman for giving those things to Roberta Wheeler and her huge efforts, to make this happen. What fun we had! And thank you Cody, for reaching out to share after the Dad, came to you for help. I had the pure joy of taking David and the four kids to Cold Stone for ice cream and then giving them their back packs here at the church afterwards. Never have I seen kids so full of excitement to get one. They gently took each item out like a treasure to share with each other and when

they had all four shared, things were put back perfectly. As I stood on the lawn of our church watching these four precious children, I thanked God for our church and our people who care so much. And now thanks to the Dad reaching out to Cody, they are also coming to "movie night," something they have never experienced. And they LOVE it. Sometimes in life, it's the little things that have the MOST meaning to others. And to this family, it meant more than any words could say. God bless! Dee Getzinger



## **Western Welcome Week Book Sale Thank You!!!**

To: All the folks who donated Books — Thank You So Much!!

To: All the folks who bought Books — Thank You So Much!!!

**Western Welcome Week**  
*Celebrating Community*

To: The Scouts and Parents from Troop 444 who moved the books upstairs the Wednesday before the Sale — Thank You So Much!!

To: The Ladies who put out the books for display on Thursday - Barb Smart, Kathy Frear, Linda Griffith, Jean Seubert, Margie Williams, Cheryl Baughman — Thank You So Much!!

To: The Ladies who staffed the money table — Barbara Fowles, Linda Griffith, Barb Smart, Margie Williams, Kathy Frear — Thank You So Much!!

To: The Scouts and Parents from Troop 444 who cleaned up after the Sale taking the left over books back downstairs as well as putting away the tables — Thank You So Much!!!

To: Sue and Scott Chandler for helping the Scouts and their Parents move the books and take down and put away the tables following the Sale — Thank You So Much!!

Once again we had a **WONDERFULLY SUCCESSFUL SALE** - raising almost \$700 for our First Pres Whiz Kids Program.

Sincerely,  
Roberta Wheeler  
First Pres Whiz Kids Site Coordinator

## **Western Welcome Week Mission Quilt Thank You!!**

I personally would like to Thank all of the Folks who “took a chance” on our WWW Mission Quilt, helping raise \$900 for the One Cure for Cancer Program at Colorado State University, Fort Collins. This Program is very near and dear to me and I appreciate the Peacemaker & Quilt Show ladies for allowing this Program to be their donation Charity this year. I also want to send a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the Ladies of the Peacemaker group for making this Beautiful Quilt. Without their time, effort and dedication this would not have been possible.

In Loving Memory of Riley Anderson, Blessing to all.  
Sincerely,  
Roberta Wheeler

## 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
- Phil & Jean Choquette
- Cheri Blanchard
- William Hults
- Jay Radcliff

## 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, Prague
- 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

***Look to the Lord always; and seek his face.***

***1 Chronicles 16:11***



**When?**

Friday Sept 27 at 6:30 pm

**Where?**

First Pres Littleton

**Who?**

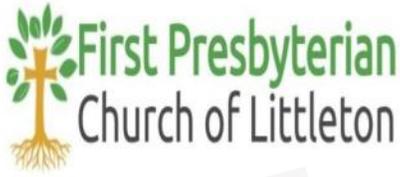
The first 100 people  
(or RSVP at [fpcl.org/movie](http://fpcl.org/movie))



## The Secret Life of Pets 2

Rated PG

Children under 14 must be accompanied  
by an adult

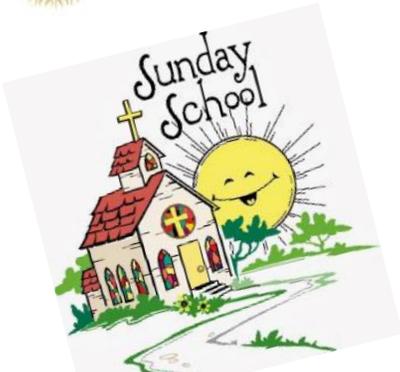


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**Children's Sunday School  
Starts September 1st!!**

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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: Starts Sept 1 at 10:30**
- ◆ **FIRST WORD NEWSLETTER:**  
The deadline for the **October** Newsletter is Friday, September 20.

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