



The First Word

First Presbyterian Church of Littleton

July 1, 2022

Join us Every
Sunday!
9am
Adult Sunday School
10:00 am
Worship



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Thank you that in our nation today, we are free to worship. We are free to pray. We are free to read your Word. We are free to speak. We are free to share. For this, we are incredibly grateful.

Yet, we understand how quickly these freedoms can be taken away. Give us an increased awareness of the spiritual battle we're in. Help us to stand strong in you and for your purposes.

Thank you that as believers, we can be assured, you will never leave us, and are with us always, in this life, and the next.

Thank you for your truth that says, who the Son sets free is free indeed! We know that in you alone, true freedom is found.

In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

(by [Debbie McDaniel](#), in Crosswalk.com)



July 4th Concert on the Lawn

1:00 pm with Matthew Dailey, Tim Howard, Lily Buonacore, and Jennasea Pearce singing Broadway Hits and Patriotic Favorites. Bring your lawn chair and a picnic basket. It's free and fun for all! Ice cream provided by our Deacons!



Volunteer for Western Welcome Week

August 18th Quilt Drop off Day
 August 19th Quilt Show & Book Sale
 August 20th Quilt Show & Book Sale

Are you looking for a fun, relaxing volunteer opportunity at church? Then helping with our Western Welcome Week Quilt Show and Book Sale was made for you! Flexible hours, volunteer with a friend, sit or stand - you decide.

For more information call Roberta Wheeler 559-737-2018, frkrakr@ yahoo.com or Blythe Lund 720-280-0752, blythelund@gmail.com or the church office at 303-798-1389 ext. 1 fpcl@fpcl.org

USED BOOKS NEEDED: Don't forget to donate your used books to the book sale. Quilting books, children's books, puzzles , sheet music and teacher's resources (especially US History), games and other such items are also welcomed.

Calendar of Activities

Sun: Chancel Choir Practice 8:30 am, 4th Floor

Mon: Peacemakers Quilters: Every Monday, 9am - 2pm multipurpose room.

Men's Morning Bible Study: Bi-Weekly - Mondays, 7-8 am. Contact Scott at scott@franklincourtpartners.com.

Men's Evening Bible Study: Bi-Weekly on Mondays. 6:30- 8pm– 4th Floor, via Zoom, Contact Scott at scott@franklincourtpartners.com

Tues: Afternoon Book Club: Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm in Ayers Parlor

Community Dinner: Held the last Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Call Lynda Kizer for more information - 303-794-6136

Thurs: Open Door Circle, 10:30 am. Meets on the 3rd Thurs. 4th Floor



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton
 Presents the 19th Annual
Western Welcome Week
Quilt Show & Book Sale

Come enjoy the beautiful quilts displayed in our historic sanctuary and peruse the Book Sale.

Quilt Drop-off Day: Thursday, Aug. 18, Noon– 6pm

Quilt Show & Book Sale, Friday, Aug. 19, 11 am - 7 pm

Quilt Show & Book Sale, Saturday, Aug. 20, 8:30 am - 3pm

**** Quilts must be picked up on Saturday, Aug 20 at 3pm**

New this year, a Silent Auction Quilt, made by our church Peacemakers Quilt Group. Proceeds go to the Peacemakers Quilters

A beautiful donation quilt will be given away on Saturday at 3 pm.

Donations from our Mission Quilt will go to CSU's Veterinarian Program, "One Cure," celebrating 10 years of helping animals and people fight cancer. Chance tickets - 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Donations from the Book Sale will go to purchasing "One Cure Stuffed Animals" for cancer patients at Children's Hospital.

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THE FREE MONTHLY FREE COMMUNITY DINNER IS BACK!

Thanks to this wonderful, supportive church family for supporting the comeback of the Community Dinner. With nervous excitement, the Community Dinner team made the decision in early March 2022 to see if anyone would volunteer or show up as guests if we started our dinner back up for the community and guess what? They came back with joy and sometimes tears as we welcomed 31 guests in April and 38 in May!

Our team is facing uncertainties as we all are, over the increasingly high food costs and the COVID virus that never seems to go away. And yet! We are absolutely filled with joy that with our church families support, we aren't going away anytime soon!

We will continue to ask for your help with volunteering and making wonderful desserts and prayers that we continue to grow and bring in more new families and folks who are hungry for a safe place to feel cared for, treated with dignity and fed a freshly cooked healthy meal! If you want to know more about volunteering, please call Lynda at 303-794-6136.

So this is a THANK YOU to each one of you from the Community Dinner Team!

Blessings from,

Cheryl Baughman, Sue Chandler, Becky Gibson, Deb Graham,
Ruth Mandrell, Carolyn Roark and Lynda Kizer



Focus on Finance

	May 2022		Year to Date 2022	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$25,290.76	\$31,981.25	\$ 198,616.61	\$ 195,011.25
Expenses	\$30,331.12	\$35,850.61	\$ 178,712.35	\$ 178,719.11
Operating Surplus	(\$5,040.36)	(\$3,869.36)	\$ 19,904.26	\$ 16,292.14
Business Interruption Credit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 8,613.70	\$ -
Net Surplus	(\$5,040.36)	(\$3,869.36)	\$ 28,517.96	\$ 16,292.14

Summer is here. These are fun and active times for many. Unfortunately, that means lower attendance at church on Sunday and that leads to our "summer slump" for income. Please continue to send your pledges even if you are unable to attend. Your pledge supports our local missions like Meals on Wheels, Love Inc, and Grab 'n Go bags for those in need, as well as, global missions like Team Heart in Rwanda and Uplift International whose mission is health and human rights. Thank you for your support.

A Minute for Stewardship – Per Capita

Proverbs 11: 24 - "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."

Per Capita is an annual assessment based on active membership that is made by every PCUSA congregation to support the ministry and work of the wider church. Many churches make this a part of their operating budget. At First Presbyterian Littleton we ask for a separate offering from members to reduce the impact on our operating budget. However, every year we still must tap into the operating budget to make up any difference between offerings received and the total assessment.

Why is Per Capita important to First Presbyterian? Why is it important to any church? Per Capita is one of the primary funding sources for Presbyteries, Synods, and the General Assembly, PCUSA's governing bodies. It is the work of all these organizations that helps individual congregations stay connected with each other and to move forward together as a large faith community. But specifically, to First Presbyterian and where we are in our journey as a church, Per Capita has even greater importance this year. We will be relying on the support and resources of both Presbytery and GA to help us through the transition from Pastor Cody to a new called pastor. In fact, Presbytery support started immediately following Cody's announcement that he would be leaving. That these organizations can walk with us and help us is a testament to the strength of how we Presbyterians govern ourselves. By supporting the governing bodies of PCUSA through our Per Capita offering, we are in fact supporting ourselves as well.

So, this summer, please prayerfully consider making a special offering of \$32 per member for our Per Capita assessment. Thank you for supporting our church, Presbytery, our denomination, and the ministry that we can accomplish together.

See you in church!

Your Stewardship Committee:

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THE DEACON'S CHRONICLES

Deacon's served doughnuts for Dads at the hospitality table on Father's Day.

The Deacon's closet has been cleaned out and table cloths and other supplies are now in the robe room at the end of the hall. All table decorations, etc. are in the Ficklin Hall closets. Walkers and wheel chairs are still stored in the Deacon's closet and snow shovels, etc. will be stored in the Deacon's closet also.

The Church picnic was held on June 5 at Sterne Park. Scout Troop #444 cooked, served and helped clean up. Their help each year is greatly appreciated.

The mailing of each Sunday's sermon to the "At-Home" members of our congregation and the serving of communion to the "At-Home" continues. We would like at least one more team or individual to help as there are not enough of us to care for everyone.

Deacons will be serving ice cream and fruit bars at the July 4 concert on the lawn.

The Deacons would like to thank everyone for their financial support on the 5th Sunday in May.

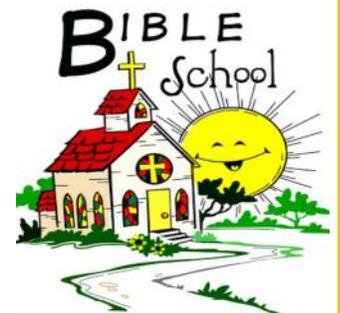
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

FPCL's Children's Sunday School hours will be modified and class will be held *only* on the second Sunday of the month throughout the summer. Children's Sunday School will be held on the following dates/times:

Sunday, July 10th [9:00AM-9:45AM]

Sunday, August 14th [9:00AM-9:45AM]

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Moore-Winslow at children@fpcl.org. **Last day of regular Summer schedule is May 15.**



CELEBRATION: CHILDREN MINISTRY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

On June 6th-9th, 2022, eighteen (18) adult volunteers, and thirteen (13) youth volunteers, welcomed thirty-three (33) children, ages 3 ½- 11, to First Presbyterian Church Littleton’s Vacation Bible School (“VBS”). FPCL was transformed into a Jerusalem Marketplace and together we took a stroll back to the first century AD and discovered the customs, traditions, activities and games during the time of Jesus! Each day, the children learned about Jesus through a dramatization featuring people present during the time of His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. We learned that Jesus is King, Jesus showed God’s Love, Jesus Died for Us and Jesus Lives! Our volunteers taught the hope that Jesus brings and demonstrated the love He has for each child! On Sunday, June 12th, the children were welcomed back to sing “Shalom Chaverim” in front of the FPCL congregation! Oh what fun it was to see so many children come to learn about Jesus, as well as so many people come together to serve the Lord in this special way and bless the children of FPCL and in our community. Through our love, seeds were planted, and while we may never know how/when the Lord grows those seeds, we can trust that God will make good out of what was shared. Thank you so much to all the servant-hearted volunteers [*Maria Franklin, Janice Fagan, Karen Meersman, Blakeley Winslow, Matthew Gossom, Matthew Dailey, Michelle Bateman, Bill Frear, Kathy Frear, Mary Doner, Susie Russell, Roberta Wheeler, Sheri Wyatt, Denny Wyatt, Tracey Eidson, Jan Hole, Doug Lemieux, Hedy Lemieux, Jennet White, Donna Sue Boatright, Denise Kaye, Tanya Balthazar, Camila Figueroa, Bree Stickelman, Isabella Herrera, Lilly Jones, Grace Libbey, Daisy Libbey, Keenan Mullen, Mac Runt, Alexis Ventura, Kayla Ventura, Michael Evans, Teagan Wille*] who gave of their time, gifts and energy to bless the children in this special way! Thank you to all who donated or let us borrow your personal items to help transform FPCL into a Jerusalem Marketplace—what a blessing it was! As we continue to create opportunities for God’s children, let’s keep close to our hearts the truths spoken in Proverbs 22:6!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS & JOIN US FOR
F.P.C.L.'S INTER-GENERATIONAL



GAME NIGHT
FELLOWSHIP



EXTRAVAGANZA!!

Join us in celebrating summer with
game night fun, frivolity, and FPCL fellowship!!

WHEN: Saturday, July 16, 2022 6 – 8 p.m. (eat dinner beforehand!)

NEW!! PLEASE RSVP BY **JULY 10th** to Miss Karen meers@ecentral.com

WHERE: Ficklin Hall

PLEASE BRING:

1. friends!!! 😊
2. your favorite games, cards, etc...
3. self-contained "finger foods" snacks
(bag of popcorn, brownies, bowl of chips, fruit, veggies, etc.)
& / OR
chilled juice boxes/pouches or cans of soda (water is good, too!)
4. Optional – fun items (for all ages) for the BUNCO prize table!!



Questions / RSVP (by July 10th):

E-mail Miss Karen at meers@ecentral.com

Hope to see our FPCL family & friends there!!



Minute For Mission

This month we donated to Graceful Cafe, a mission to help feed the hungry in Littleton, and Love With Actions, a mission we support in Rwanda. We also filled Grab and Go food bags for the hungry in our neighborhood.

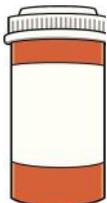
The mission committee is very active spending your donations in a careful way. We thank you for continuing to support FPCL. We would love to have you join us either on the committee or on a particular project.

NEW MISSIONS THAT YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN



Food: There will be plastic bins under the table at the Windermere entrance for year round collection of food that will be delivered to the Life Center.

Toiletries: We will continue to collect sample size toiletries to donate to local shelters.



Pill Bottles: We will start collecting empty pill bottles to send to Latin America where the poor and ill need medicines and the ministries have few containers to put the medicines in. Please remove the labels. This is a part of the Matthew 25 initiative.



BACKPACKS

It's time to start collecting money to put in the backpacks that we donate to Field Elementary, Val Verde, Bethel and Vietnamese Fellowship. Our goal is \$3000. Plus this year, we need 5 more backpacks (full size). Please mark your donations for backpacks. Thank you so much!



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

Just a friendly reminder that the King Soopers Community Rewards program is a quick and easy way for **ALL** of us to help earn money for FPCL. Shopping for Summer BBQs are a great way to use your King Soopers card and help out the church. FPCL has benefited tremendously over the years from this generous program receiving thousands of dollars.

For all of you that are using your King Soopers card to support the church, THANKS !!

We are still hoping for more people to sign up. If you are interested in learning more or have any questions. For help or if you have any questions call: Sue Chandler (303-522-7216).

Dollars and Sense – A Word from Finance

Internal controls – boring, but important! We’ve all seen headlines of financial malfeasance in non-profit organizations – unaccounted monies, misdirected funds, and worse. At FPCL, we take stewardship of your contributions very seriously; a few examples:

For cash, we follow the “two-person rule” in depositing plate offerings immediately into the safe (usher and trustee), counting cash on Monday mornings, and preparing bank deposits (Financial Secretary Joan Lund and Bill Frear).

All purchases are authorized by a church leader on Purchase Order. Invoices are matched to the Purchase Order and approved for payment. Checks are prepared by the Financial Secretary and signed by a designated check signer (Scott Chandler, Sue Chandler, Janice Fagan, or Charles Kellogg).

The Financial Secretary monitors spending against each leader’s budget, with oversight from the Finance Committee; Session approval is required where spending will exceed budget.

Each of these internal control practices is governed by written policies proposed by the Finance Committee and approved by Session, with oversight by Treasurer Scott Chandler. Beginning four years ago under John Ansted’s leadership, the Finance Committee commissioned an annual outside audit conducted by a professional CPA auditor; kudos to Joan for four years of perfect audits!

With thanks to Joan, Elinor, and our internal control volunteers, we can say with high certainty that each dollar of your contribution is achieving its intended purpose -- doing God’s work at FPCL.



COME AND JOIN US!!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

WHO: ANYONE INTERESTED! Ages 18 and beyond.....!

WHAT: A study and discussion of the weekly scripture from the Revised Common Lectionary. This chosen scripture will be the basis for the sermon that follows in the worship service that morning at 10am. A volunteer from the class will facilitate the discussion each week.

WHEN: Sunday mornings 9am-9:50am

WHERE: Ficklin Hall

If you would like to be on the email distribution to receive more information, please contact Janice Fagan at JLFagan69@gmail.com. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



Prayer List

Bob Backus, Family of Sophia Baldwin upon her death, Janet Clementson, Aimee Blanchard, Jan Kohler, Donna Farris, Jon Heggie, Joyce Fuller, Rollie Fuller, , Kent Griffith , Joy Carreño, Judy Macdonald, Lonna Williams, Joan Cook, Ukraine , Eileen Witt, Pat & Jaime Yrastorza

In Service to Our Country

Major Ricky Casburn; Capt. Connor Venrick, Hawaii; Brett Wilson; Sgt. Benjamin Lund, Jordan; Bobby Johannsen; Connor McDaniel, Army; LCDR. Per Rychecky, Germany; Donnie Donahue, Marines; Nathaniel Syron; Cpl. Isaiah Boehm, Ft. Carson CO; Jeremy Colwell; C2C Cameryn McKinnell, USAFA; MAJ Wm McKinnell ,USAF Pentagon; Ulises Serrano, Boot Camp

Missions

Jory & Mallory Bayne; Metro Denver; Presbytery of Zimbabwe; South Asia Mission; Highline Place; Love INC

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Elders

Christi Kamath, Clerk of Session	Sue Chandler	Bill Frear
Lynda Kizer	Mary Lareau	David LeMay
Trey McDowell	Michaela Wilson	
Rick Wilson, Presbytery Commissioner	Kathy McDaniel, Presbytery Commissioner	

Deacons

Kathy McDaniel, Becky Gibson, Cheryl Baughman, Joy Carreno, Julie Johnston, John Wilson

Stewards

Barb Biner, Cheri Blanchard, Danny Ferguson, Karla Ferguson, Marilyn Osterhoff , Connie Strandberg

Staff Directory

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“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” 2 Corinthians 3:17 KJV

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9am to 2pm, Friday 9am to Noon, Closed Saturday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- ◆ Sunday School for all Adults 9:00 am
- ◆ Summer Schedule for Children's Sunday School- 9:00am, only on the 2nd Sunday during the Summer Sunday Worship at 10:00 am
- ◆ **FIRST WORD NEWSLETTER:** The DEADLINE for the August Newsletter is July 15!

Interested in Joining FPCL?

If you are considering joining First Presbyterian Church or would just like to know more about it, contact Elinor Packard at 303-798-1389 ext. 1