

The Narthex

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First Presbyterian Church, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

June 2019

Our Way Forward

Fall, winter and spring are filled with activities: Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Mother's Day, and finally our May Kirk Lunch and Birthday Party. There remains Pentecost Sunday, then we enter the languid days of summer. Our church color is green: Common time.

Our Lord knows we need quiet time. When the disciples returned from their mission trip Jesus said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile." However, the disciples were not there alone; they were with Jesus. Let us all set aside our quiet time this summer. Bonnie took her month in May and I will be gone in July. But let us all make room in our quiet time for communicating with Jesus.

Summer is also the time to start making plans for fall. That leads us to our question for June: Which of the following activities would you like to have resurrected this fall?

Lunch and Learn each month _____

Wed. night dinner and Prayer and Praise _____

Adult Sunday School _____

Something else _____

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We are...

a community that

- † believes in Jesus Christ,
- † worships God,
- † strives to discern God's will,
- † teaches discipleship,
- † and ministers to human need.

Come visit us!



Sunday Worship

11:00 am

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PENTECOST

“Pentecost” is actually the Greek name for a festival known in the Old Testament as the Feast of Weeks (Lev. 23:15, Deut. 16:9). It means “fifty” and refers to the fifty days that have elapsed since the wave offering of Passover. The Feast of Weeks celebrated the end of the grain harvest.

Joel 2:28-32 looks forward to the time when the Holy Spirit will come to indwell humanity. Then at his ascension, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will come to be with the disciples. Pentecost signals the beginning of the church age.

The actual description of the events of Pentecost is in Acts 2. Pentecost is reminiscent of the Last Supper; in both instances the disciples are together in a house for what proves to be an important event. At the Last Supper the disciples witness the end of the Messiah’s earthly ministry as He asks them to remember Him after His death until He returns. At Pentecost, the disciples witness the birth of the New Testament church in the coming of the Holy Spirit to indwell all believers. Thus the scene of the disciples in a room at Pentecost links the commencement of the Holy Spirit’s work in the church with the conclusion of Christ’s earthly ministry in the upper room before the crucifixion.

The description of fire and wind mentioned in Acts resounds throughout the Old and New Testament. The sound of the wind at Pentecost was “rushing” and “mighty.” The power of wind is always understood to be under God’s control (see Ex. 10:13, Ps 18:42, Is. 11:15, Matt. 14:23-32). Job 12:10 portrays wind as life, and John 3:8 portrays wind as spirit. Jesus brings the breath of spiritual life. The idea of spiritual life is implicit in the sound of the wind at Pentecost.

Fire is associated with the presence of God in Exodus 3:2; 13:21-22; 24:17 and in Isaiah 10:17. It speaks of his holiness in Psalm 97:3 and Malachi 3:2. It describes the purification God can bring about in human life in Revelation 3:18. The tongues of fire at Pentecost imply God’s presence and holiness.

How do we know these symbols really had meaning? Just look at an uneducated fisherman standing before a crowd gathered to question the commotion they had just heard. Read his sermon: there is your proof!

FIFTH SUNDAY MISSION

Our first Fifth Sunday Mission of the year is during worship on June 30th. We have a project that is both fun and important. We will be making hygiene kits for the Tahlequah Homeless Day Center. The kits are given out to persons taking showers at the Day Center.



Fifth Sunday Mission is one way that we give back to our community and help alleviate the needs of the world. As we participate, we remember that worship of God includes the work of our hands. Plan to be here on the 30th to help assemble the kits. And please pray for the Day Center as they work to move people from homelessness, addiction, and hopelessness toward a productive life.

THANK YOU, BACKPACKERS!

Thank you!
you saved
us all from
STARVING!!!!!!

THANKS
SO
MUCH

Thank you



Thanks for
being so
sweet to
us.



Blaydon
I will thank
you for the food
and the though
fulness.



Thank you hungry
For the Love,
Weekend
Food kept
me from
being
Kaylie
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© You are so
nice. ©

Destinore

This is only a small handful of the thank-you cards we received from Grandview Elementary. To see more, check out the bulletin board and bookshelf in the lobby of the church!

Backpackers - What you do has such a huge impact on young lives. Thank you for your time and effort!

JUNE

June 2—

Worship/Sunday School/
Communion 11am

June 9—

Worship/Sunday School 11am

June 10—

Omnibus Due

June 13—

Session 5:30pm

June 16—

Worship/Sunday School 11am

June 23 —

Worship/Sunday School 11am

June 27—

Deacons Meeting 5:30pm

June 30—

Worship/Sunday School 11am





Jay Dye 12
Melanie Ross 19
David Laney 22
Rachel Gibbs 22
Brittany Sells 23



**Send your birthday pictures to fpc_thq@sbcglobal.net to be featured!

Session Notes

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May 9, 2019

Session met on May 9, 2019 at 5:30 pm with 7 members present. They heard and/or acted on the following items of business.

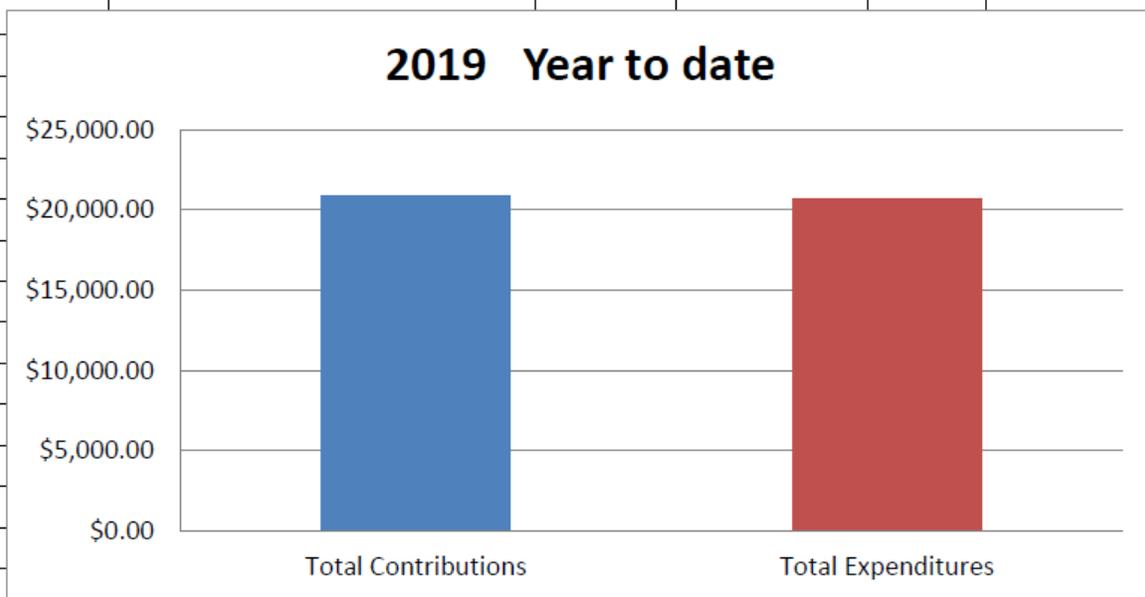
- Approved the Minutes from Stated meeting April 11,2019.
- Average attendance in Worship during April was 66/Sunday plus 35 attending Maundy Thursday service.
- Approved honoring Sunday school Teachers during worship on May 19, 2019.
- Note—the CD's that were cashed in November were deposited into a memorial fund and will be transferred into the general fund as needed.
- Received and reviewed the financial reports.
- Approved transferring \$2,000 from the Library Fund into the Scholarship Fund.
- Next Kirk Lunch/Birthday celebration will be on May 19.
- 5th Sunday mission in June will be to prepare Hygiene Kits.
- 5th Sunday in September will be to give aid to the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes at Grandview.
- Christmas in July has been moved to November
- PNC waiting for additional PIF's
- The tile floors have been cleaned, waxed and buffed
- Flowers for Mothers Day have been ordered. The children will assist in distributing to the women at end of service.
- Jessica Langston will be honored on May 12th for being the Outstanding Graduate student and receiving her Masters Degree.
- We will host a meet and greet for General Presbyter elect Tim Blodget on May 18th

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.

Bonnie Smith

April Financials

First Presbyterian Church		General Fund		
		Apr 2019	Year to Date	
Contributions to the Life of the Church				
Planned Giving		\$3,399.00	\$14,816.00	
Other Giving		\$520.00	\$1,978.41	
Other Miscellaneous Income		\$1,060.96	\$4,063.06	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$4,979.96	\$20,857.47	
EXPENDITURES FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH				
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION				
WORSHIP		\$1,713.83	\$6,579.52	
TEACHING MINISTRY				
FELLOWSHIP				
OUTREACH & MISSION		\$300.00	\$1,200.00	
FACILITIES		\$1,658.84	\$7,010.22	
ADMINISTRATION		\$1,342.69	\$5,840.72	
PASTOR NOM CMT				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$5,015.36	\$20,630.46	
TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS			\$6,000.00	





Dru Baker (Sandy Baker's granddaughter)	Tom Pettit (husband of Delores Manships's niece)
Becky Bolinger (cancer)	Henry Sadler (Paula's godfather) - bone cancer
Barbara Cooper (Grandmother of the Dreadfulwater children)	Cathy Sanders (Eve Couch's daughter)
Eve Couch	David Sanders
ShaRae Frachiseur (Michaela's sister)	Pat Scott
Kim Harris-cancer (Kriss Harris' Daughter-In-Law)	Allender Scott
Jesse Henley	Harley Smith
Exie King (Summer King's Mom)	Nathan Webb
Family of Lowell Lehman	Dr. Ralph Whitworth
Arlie Manship	
Cleo Newberry	

Please let the office know if you have someone to add to the prayer list.



June

15 oz. Can of Pinto Beans



Congratulations Elaina Ross! Elaina received her PhD in communication studies from the University of Kansas May 19th.