

The Narthex

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First Presbyterian Church, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

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Our Way Forward

We have walked through Lent and wait in anticipation for Easter. We will gather to enjoy our bountiful Easter brunch, watch the children search eagerly for candy-filled eggs, and celebrate together the resurrection of our Lord.

Starting the Sunday after Easter, we will resume our discussion on our path forward. The Nominating Committee is working diligently to form a Pastor Nominating Committee for your approval. In the meantime, we have looked carefully at your responses to the last questionnaire you completed. One thought that stood out for us was your love of our building.

Starting on April 8th, we will focus our attention on our facilities for a few weeks. Our first service in this building was on July 26, 1964. Fellowship Hall was added in 1987. The sanctuary was renovated in 1997. In 2002 the prayer garden was constructed and the parking lots repaved. In 2011 we laid new tile floors in Fellowship Hall and painted the room. If it is our desire to remain right here, we need to think about how that desire impacts what we do next.

Right now, I encourage you to prepare your heart for the joy of Easter. We have a long path ahead of us that we can think about again after our celebration.

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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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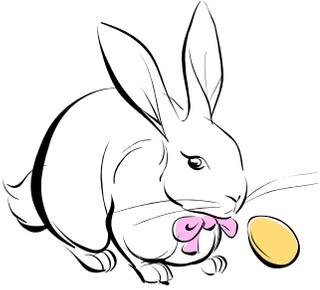


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www.firstprestahlequah.org



EASTER SUNDAY



April 1, 2018.

*Brunch will be at 9:00 am followed by an Easter
Egg Hunt at 10:00am.*

*Worship will start at 11:00am. Please join us for a
day of Fellowship and Fun!*





Our first Fifth Sunday Mission of the year is on April 29th. We have a project that is both fun and important. We will be making School Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The kits are distributed wherever children's lives have been disrupted due to natural disaster or conflict.

The kits help educators continue their important mission of equipping children to succeed.

In advance of project day, you can help in two ways:

You can bring 24 count boxes of crayons for the kits. We will need 100 of them. They are 88 cents at Walmart. There is a container in the narthex.

You can help sew cloth bags to contain the supplies. The bags are cut out but need to be assembled. We will need 100 bags, so if you have a sewing machine and can help, please see Annette Haskins or Bonnie Smith.

Fifth Sunday Mission is one way that we give back to our community and help alleviate the needs of the world. Plan to be here on the 29th to help assemble the kits, and please help with the advance preparations if you are able.



Sunday, April 1st—

Brunch 9am
Easter Egg Hunt 10am
Worship/Communion 11am

Wednesday, April 4th—

Backpacks 1pm
Bell Choir 6:15pm
Chancel Choir 7pm

Thursday, April 5th—

Omnibus Due

Sunday, April 8th—

Worship 11am
Session 12pm

Tuesday, April 10th—

Presbyterian Women 11am

Wednesday, April 11th—

Backpacks 1pm
Bell Choir 6:15pm
Chancel Choir 7pm

Sunday, April 15th—

Worship 11 am
Kirk Lunch 12pm

Wednesday, April 18th—

Backpacks 1pm
Bell Choir 6:15pm
Chancel Choir 7pm

Sunday, April 22nd—

Worship 11am

Wednesday, April 25th—

Backpacks 1pm
Bell Choir 6:15pm
Chancel Choir 7pm

April 25th—29th

Cursillo at Dwight Mission

Saturday, April 28th—

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Sunday, April 29th—

Worship 11am
5th Sunday Mission 12pm



Imogene Webb 3

Gregory Simon 10

Eve Couch 22

Joshua Bliss 25

The April and May birthdays will celebrate their birthdays together on May 6th.

March Birthday Picture



Session Notes

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Stated Session Meeting

March 11, 2018

Session met on March 11 with 7 members present. They heard and/or acted on the following items of business.

- Omnibus motion including the February minutes was passed.
- Passed the 2018 budget.
- Adopted the agenda
- Approved Minute For Mission re: One Great Hour Offering on 3/18/18.
- Approved request for baptism of Brinna Kindle's son on Easter Sunday.
- Approved request of Michaela changing her hours in the office to 9:00 am-3:00 pm.
- Insurance coverage is adequate and runs from May-May. Agreed to pay premiums twice yearly.
- Brochures for Cursillo are on the welcome table in the Narthex.
- Planning the Easter Brunch beginning at 9:00 am.
- We will have the Kirk Lunch every month during 2018
- Pastor's Search Team-we will need 5 people to serve.
- Motion to allow the Secretary to work 3 days/week passed.
- Decided to prepare School Supply Kits on the 5th Sunday Mission Day.
- We will continue to prepare backpacks for the students at Grandview during the teacher walkout.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm with prayer

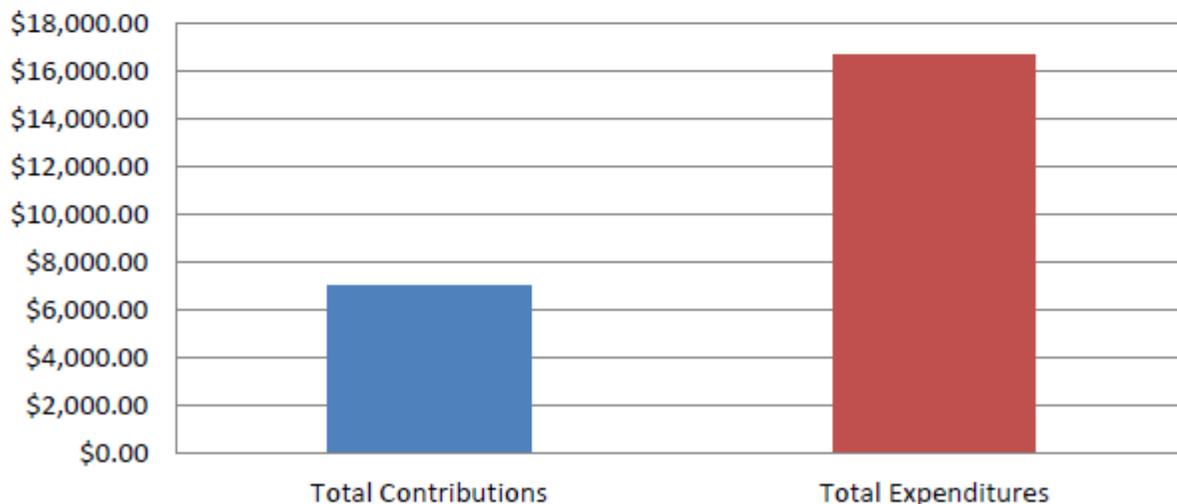
Bonnie Smith

Clerk of Session

2018 Financials

First Presbyterian Church		General Fund			
			Feb 2018		Year to Date
Contributions to the Life of the Church					
	Planned Giving		\$3,129.00		\$6,103.00
	Other Giving		\$334.25		\$472.75
	Other Miscellaneous Income		\$432.45		\$435.07
	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$3,895.70		\$7,010.82
EXPENDITURES FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH					
	PASTOR'S COMPENSATION		\$240.09		\$3,572.27
	WORSHIP		\$1,569.50		\$2,839.00
	TEACHING MINISTRY		\$0.00		\$0.00
	FELLOWSHIP		\$0.00		\$0.00
	OUTREACH & MISSION		\$600.00		\$600.00
	FACILITIES		\$2,449.28		\$5,755.02
	ADMINISTRATION		\$1,787.96		\$3,921.38
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$6,646.83		\$16,687.67
	TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS		\$6,000.00		\$12,000.00

2018 Year to date





Dru Baker	Tom Pettit (husband of Delores Manships's niece)
(Sandy Baker's granddaughter)	The Family of Dwayne Rogers
Becky and Charlie Bolinger	Henry Sadler (Paula's Godfather) -bone cancer
David & Katerina Fuller-adoption	Cathy Sanders
Steve Gillman- Pancreatic Cancer Principal of Grand View	(Eve Couch's daughter)
Kim Harris-cancer	David Sanders
(Kriss Harris' daughter-in-law)	Pat Scott
Jesse Henley	Allender Scott
Angela Jones	Harley Smith
Exie King (Summer King's Mom)	Melissa Stogsdill
Gaylia Knox (Mary Ann Heck's Sister-in-law)	Joe Tramble—Leukemia
Arlie Manship	Nathan Webb
Janice & Jay Paxton-adoption	

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



April

Mac & Cheese

Mission of the Month:

In the month of April, our church gives an offering of \$300 to Help In Crisis. We are happy to help such a deserving local mission.

The program scope includes Child Advocacy Centers in Sallisaw, Wagoner, and Tahlequah. HIC also keeps a domestic shelter in a hidden location that houses 11 rooms (one room per family) and these families that were victims of abuse are also helped with food, clothing and essential household items by the organization.

If you are interested in what other kinds of help this organization needs, please visit their website: www.helpincrisisinc.org There you will find a list of items that they need in the shelter-home, places and ways to volunteer your time and more information about the organization.