

April 16 & 23, 2017

MARK'S MESSAGE

## Monarch Butterflies

The resurrection change from death to life we celebrate on Easter is similar to the change we witness as the caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly. Spring is now in full swing and monarch butterflies have begun to arrive here. For a long time, these beautiful creatures were at the center of one of the great mysteries of science.

Every fall the monarchs would fly south and every spring they would return. Where do they go during the winter? An entomologist named Fred Urquhart devoted most of his life to answering that question. He and his colleagues tagged, by hand, tens of thousands of monarchs so they could track their movements.

What Urquhart discovered is that monarch butterflies east of the Rocky Mountains would fly south to Mexico for the winter. On the other hand, monarch butterflies west of the Rocky Mountains would fly west to the Pacific Ocean. Nobody knows how the butterflies know how to do this.

What's amazing is that scientists have taken monarch butterflies from the West Coast and brought them to the Midwest. They would fly right to Mexico as winter approached. When they took butterflies from our part of the country and put them in Utah, they would fly to the Pacific Ocean. When researchers would switch the butterflies they automatically switch their winter sites. No one knows how they do that, either.

Thirty-eight years into his research, Fred Urquhart finally found what he was looking for: a site in Mexico where millions of monarch butterflies spend the winter clinging to trees. Today we know of 20 such sites. One of them is pictured above.

Toward the end of winter the butterflies begin their annual northward return trip. They only fly a few hundred miles, lay their eggs, and die. Their children continue the trip north. Then another generation goes a few hundred miles. Then a fourth generation goes the rest of the way.

So when you see a monarch butterfly this spring it's quite likely the descendant of one of the monarchs that was in your garden last fall. It takes at least *four generations* of monarch butterflies to complete the migration through North America. That's four generations flying south or west and four generations flying north or east.

Our mission is a bit like the migratory mission of monarch butterflies. It cannot be completed within our lifetimes. But, by God's grace we can all see evidence of the extending of God's reign. God alone knows the timetable for the ultimate healing of this broken world. The God who is in charge of tomorrow knows where all of our efforts – and the efforts of succeeding generations – will ultimately take us.

In the meantime, our call as post-Easter people is to play small but crucial parts in a very long story. In other words, we get to fly one leg of the journey and to do that really well today.



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Flying Together!

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

When you can start Sunday morning with a big smile and hug from **Hannah Woods**, then your day will brighten immediately!!

Hannah recently joined First Presbyterian after attending with her parents Shirley and Michael for the last eight years. She says she has always felt welcome and attended Logos which helped her get acquainted. Graduating from HHS in 2016, Hannah is artistic and volunteers at Prairie Independent Living Resources helping with life skills. She is also a volunteer at the Food Bank and Disability Support Works.

Hannah has her "Bucket List". She wants to play the organ (like Shirley Brandyberry), wants to fly, be a mascot and a cartoon illustrator. A great list of ambitions we all should have. One thing she will check off the list will be in June when her family flies to Florida.

Currently seeking a job, Hannah is very artistic — likes to work with clay, she draws and writes stories. Recently, Hannah let her beautiful red hair grow long — to cut off 12 inches. She donated her hair to Locks for Kids. Kindness and giving ingrained her.

Hannah has set the bar high for all of us as she gives to others, shares her joy for life and exemplifies how to take helpful opportunities as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you, Hannah!

## PARISH PERSONALS

- Thank you for your donations to VOAD to help with recovery from the recent wildfires north of town. To date, \$8,250 has been given.
- Thank you to Pam Anderson for delivering some beautiful flowers given by Butch & Tremenda Dillon in memory of Ace & Betty Dillon. We had a great visit. Prior to getting the flowers, I got a phone call from Pam as the choir was finishing its rehearsal for the Fauré Requiem. All of a sudden, Shirley played her famous fanfare on the organ, and the choir sang Happy Birthday to me! I loved it, and appreciated it so much. Our church is so lucky to have this choir, David, Shirley, and Dee Ann. Thanks so much. — Margaret Kennedy

## FOOD BANK AND NEW BEGINNINGS

It's time again for our monthly donation to the Reno County Food Bank. They are requesting **canned chicken or tuna, juice, pancake mix and syrup**. You may leave those items at any of the entrances to First Presbyterian. We will pick them up on May 8. We also will collect donations for New Beginnings. Suggested items are: **magic erasers, dish soap, large black leaf trash bags, and tall kitchen bags**.

Thanks, The Deacons

*1 John 3:17-18 "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."*

## MORNING PRAYER

**Lord, I can always use help with the way I talk. For this day, help me to speak words of hope and encouragement to build up others.**

## A THOUGHT FROM KEITH



Young people pursue happiness, but the means given by the world—shopping, entertainment, sex, social media—totally undermine their very endeavor. Pleasure is fleeting. Relations, often only surface deep, get messy quickly. Entertainment can't provide lasting satisfaction. In the end, happiness in the world is little more than momentary escape from the realities of the world.

Given the circumstances, it's no surprise that many youth are restless, insecure, jaded, and desperately searching for meaning to explain all the hurt and suffering they see around them, meaning for their very existence. In some churches, "youth group" has become synonymous with over-the-top games, entertainment, and shallow teaching. They are told, yes, life here on earth is a mess, but don't worry, one day you'll die and go to heaven. There things will be right. In the meantime, want to see how many marshmallows I can stick in my mouth?

Do we really believe the faith of our youth is so pointless that the best God has for them now is a temporary escape from the world on Wednesday night and Sunday morning? This sort of ministry just reinforces a belief in the meaninglessness of this life. Where are meaning and hope found? In Jesus. I am firmly convinced that what our youth need most is the gospel of Christ Jesus the Lord. He is the one the fullness of God is found, and he's the one who fills us (Col. 2:9-10). Moreover, he is the one who gives meaning to this life. He didn't come to escape the world but to redeem it. When you read the Gospels, you see the way in which Jesus and his kingdom brought redemption to this world. The amazing message of the gospel is that we can enter into Jesus' kingdom of redemption and the forgiveness of sin (Col. 1:13-14), a kingdom that we pray comes "on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). It's a kingdom of meaning for today that heals the broken and strengthens the tempted as they live in the world.

This is why, then, Paul pleads for the early Christians in Colossae to "walk in (Jesus), rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Col. 2:7). But the assumption Paul makes is that all Christians—including young ones—have been taught about Jesus. This is the Jesus in whom youth today can truly root their faith and be fed, grown, and established. I love youth ministry, I really do. My prayer is that as we minister to a generation starving for meaning, we won't lose sight of the reality that what our youth need is Jesus, and that he can be found within the community of the church, of which they are a vital part. That is what we are all about at FPC Youth and we hope that as adults and members of this church we will encourage all of our young people to make it a priority to come along each Wednesday and discover more about Jesus.

## OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



## Hutchinson Family Fun Day

Saturday, April 22 ~ 11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

George Pyle/Sylvan Park, 118 S. Poplar

Games ~ Food Vendors ~ Raffle Items (bikes, gift cards, gift certificates)

Follow this event on [facebook](#)

## POSITION OPENING

First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, is seeking a part-time Coordinator of Children's Ministry for up to 12 hours per week to guide and strengthen children (infant through 6<sup>th</sup> grade). Personal faith in Jesus and strong interpersonal, communication and organizational skills required. Experience working with children is preferred. For more information contact Pastor Mark Miller (620) 665-5549, ext. 102 or mark@fpchutch.org.

## CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

*Chimes* Note

Deadline for next issue of *Chimes* will be **Monday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.** That issue will cover April 30-May 13.

## Chancel Flower Calendar

**April 23, May 7 and 14** are open on the 2017 Chancel Flower Calendar. If you would like to provide flowers for worship one of these days, please contact Marla in the church office at 665-5549, ext. 106, or marla@fpchutch.org or by the preceding Monday.

## KEEP IN PRAYER

*For those in the hospital or hurting*

*For all FPC shut-ins*

*For all those affected by the wildfires*

*For Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita*

(4/16/17)

*For First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson*

(4/23/17)

## BIRTHDAYS

16 Robby Fee	23 Jane Whitlow
16 Charlotte Ramseyer	24 Libby Jackson
16 David Tweitto, Jr.	24 Marshall Kelley
17 Jo Ann Cole	24 Patrick Meredith
17 Mary Holderman	26 Jane Eriksen
20 Jill Brown	26 Mary Stewart
20 Caroline Fee	27 Luke Jackson
21 Zahn Lukens	28 Mike McClenahan
23 Blair Starr	28 Laura Ontjes



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities

*"The Challenges of Life Together"*, Facilitated by Pastor Mark Miller, Large Conference Rm, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

*"The Wired Word"*, Facilitated by Bob Fee, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

### "Great Day Every Day — Navigating Life's Challenges"

Our next small group meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, at Dick & Carol Brown's house. We will discuss chapter 5 of the Max Lucado book "Great Day Every Day — Navigating Life's Challenges." All are welcome.

## DROP AND RUN OUTREACH

### Sign up for FPC's May 7 "Drop and Run" Outreach

Do you miss the old May Day tradition of leaving a May Day basket on a neighbor's porch, knocking on their door, and running away? Well, now is your chance to relive those days by helping with the Deacons' "Drop and Run" Outreach project.

**What is "Drop and Run"?** You can think of "Drop and Run" as a May Day delivery...except instead of flowers, we will deliver bags that include a beach towel and fun toy for each child, sunscreen, and flyers for free summer activities around the area. We will be delivering the bags to families in our church neighborhood.

**How can you help?** We need people to deliver the bags on May 7 after the 10:30 worship service. Just pick up a bag in the parlor, head to the address you are given, place the bag on the door step, knock, and run! The adults in the home will be informed in advance of your delivery; but hopefully to the rest of the household, your May Day bag will be a complete surprise!

**Sign up to deliver!** To assure that we have enough people to deliver our May Day bags, please sign up in the bookstore in the Parlor beginning Easter Sunday, or contact one of the following individuals:

**Dianne Coons:** [dicoons@me.com](mailto:dicoons@me.com)

**Misti McLain:** [misti.mclain@gmail.com](mailto:misti.mclain@gmail.com)

**Terri McQueen:** [maxandlil@yahoo.com](mailto:maxandlil@yahoo.com)

### Summer Outreach Update

Because of our congregation's generous contributions to the Deacons offering last November, we have registered and provided full scholarships this summer for 12 Lincoln Elementary children to attend either Dillon Nature Center camp or Stay to Play camp at Graber. Thanks to all of you for your continuous support as we reach out to enrich the lives of children in our neighborhood!

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received April 16 — Easter Sunday.

### YOUTH GROUP

Winter Jam 2017 at the Intrust Bank Arena was a blast on Friday, March 31. We left the church at 3:30pm with a group of 24 people and made it back to Hutchinson at 12:45am. It was a night packed with great Christian artists and speakers, sharing the message through song and the Word. We loved hearing Sadie Robertson from Duck Dynasty sharing a powerful message. It was inspiring to hear this 19-year-old young woman standing in front of 15,000 people and clearly sharing the gospel. We heard artists and bands like Colton Dixon from American Idol, Brit Nicole, Tenth Avenue North, Newsong, Sarah Reeves and of course the amazing David Crowder to end the evening. It is a wonderful experience to worship with so many people and to see God at work through this event. This was the 54<sup>th</sup> concert they had completed and had two more, the next night in Oklahoma and the final night of the tour on Sunday in Tulsa. For the past 22 years this tour has grown into the largest Christian Event on the planet and has brought the gospel to millions of people. We all left looking forward to what Winter Jam 2018 would hold in store for us.

Last Wednesday night at youth group we welcomed our local firefighters to the group. A big shout out to Zac Heath for coming along and bringing some of the crew and the fire truck down to church. Zac and his wife Shannon became new members at FPC a month or so ago and he offered to come and visit with us after he read the cards our young people had written to him and the other firefighters after the wildfires. It was brilliant to see and hear about all the equipment and working of the fire truck. We even timed Zac getting dressed in all his gear. He did it in an amazing 38 seconds. It was funny to hear the comments from the youth that there was no way they could get dressed that quick; quite true.

Zac and the crew shared about what a normal day is like at the fire station and the training and discipline they need to have. They also shared about the wildfires and how everyone came together to fight the fires. Everyone was challenged by their commitment and passion to just simply serve and we certainly felt humbled to be with these local heroes. It was our pleasure to thank them and the crews at their station in a small way, for all that they do for our community, by giving them lots of homemade cookies and Olive Garden gift cards for the 18 crew members at their station from FPC Youth. Please remember to pray for all our first responders as day by day they are willing to put themselves at risk to keep us safe.



**Sunday, April 16, 2017—Easter**

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Misti McLain, 259-6977

*Preacher Mark Miller: John 20:1-10*

8:15 am	Worship service	Chapel
9:00 am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Christian Education	
9:30 am	Easter breakfast	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Worship service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Butterfly release	Outside
11:30 am	Fellowship time	Parlor
11:30-12:00	Book store open	Parlor

**Monday, April 17**

8:30 am	Exercise class	Calvin Hall
6:30 pm	Session meeting	Large Conference Rm
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 301	Fellowship Hall
	Eagle Scout ceremony	Sanctuary

**Tuesday, April 18**

9:00 am	Yoga	Parlor
9:00 am	Koinonia Women	Lg Conference Rm
1:30 pm	Bible study	Brown's

**Wednesday, April 19**

8:30 am	Exercise class	Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Staff meeting	Large Conference Room
7:00 pm	Youth group	The Basement

**Thursday, April 20**

7:00 am	Men's Bible study	Parlor
2:00 pm	Prepare and serve meal	Soup Kitchen

**Friday, April 21**

9:00 am	Walk-a-mile class	Calvin Hall
5:00 pm	Wedding rehearsal	Sanctuary

**Saturday, April 22**

11:00-2:00	Community Day	George Pyle Park
4:30 pm	Wedding	Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 23**

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Beth Southern, 669-1270

*Youth Sunday*

8:15 am	Worship service	Chapel
9:00-10:15	ReFresh Café open	
9:30 am	Christian Education	
10:30 am	Worship service/Kidz Church	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship time	Parlor
11:30-12:00	Book store open	Parlor

**Monday, April 24**

8:30 am	Exercise class	Calvin Hall
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 301	Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, April 25**

8:30 am	Yoga	Sunflower Studio
9:00 am	Koinonia Women	Lg Conference Rm

**Wednesday, April 26**

8:30 am	Exercise class	Calvin Hall
9:00 am	Staff meeting	Large Conference Room
7:00 pm	Youth group	The Basement

**Thursday, April 27**

7:00 am	Men's Bible study	Parlor
TBA	Grand Staff Ministries set-up	Calvin Hall

**Friday, April 28**

9:00 am	Walk-a-mile class	Calvin Hall
All day	Grand Staff Ministries set-up	Calvin Hall

**Saturday, April 29**

All day	Grand Staff Ministries banquet/auction	Calvin Hall, Kitchen
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**Sunday, April 30**

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Marj Johnson, 663-5697

*Preacher Mark Miller: 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Heb. 10:19-24*

8:15 am	Worship service	Chapel
9:00 am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Christian Education	
10:30 am	Worship service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship time	Parlor
11:30-12:00	Book store open	Parlor
2:00 pm	Communion	Wesley Towers
5:00 pm	"Inside FPC" dinner	Refresh Café





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## "INSIDE FPC" DINNER

### "Inside FPC" Dinner

First Presbyterian Church is grateful for the worship guests and friends who are attending worship services and/or are involved in the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. In order for you to enjoy even more of what First Presbyterian Church has to offer, you are invited to a free three-course dinner in the church Refresh Café on Sunday, April 30, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Enter the east entrance of the church, go down a few steps and turn left.

At the catered dinner Pastor Mark and Keith will share with you "*Inside FPC*" – the ministry and mission of FPC, how the church is making a difference in people's lives, and how you may want to be a part of it. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office at (620)665-5549, email the church at [fpc@fpchutch.org](mailto:fpc@fpchutch.org), or indicate your interest on a Connection Card by Sunday, April 23.

If you have questions about First Presbyterian Church or about this special dinner, please contact Pastor Mark at (620) 665-5549, ext. 102 (church), (620) 259-9488 (cell) or [mark@fpchutch.org](mailto:mark@fpchutch.org). We hope to see you on April 30 at 5:00 p.m.

