

May 13 & 20, 2018

MARK'S MESSAGE

## Twins Abby and Ann

When it comes to tandem bicycle rides, playing catch, and being twins, it takes two. Esther Pauline Friedman and Pauline Esther Friedman excelled at being twins right up to their twenty-first birthday.

Born to Russian Jewish immigrants who lived in South Dakota, Esther was born 17 minutes before Pauline. Growing up, they were inseparable. They wore the same clothes, followed the same schedule of classes, played the same violin, and shared the same purse – with one comb, one set of keys, and one lipstick. They slept in the same twin bed for years.



They attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa where they both studied journalism and psychology and co-wrote a gossip column for the school newspaper. Esther and Pauline finally parted company on July 2, 1939, two days short of their twenty-first birthday, when they were married in a double-wedding ceremony.

Then Esther (on the left in the picture above) decided to become an advice columnist. *The Chicago Sun Times* hired her to replace the original Ann Landers. Within 60 days Pauline (on the right in the picture above) decided to do the same thing. *The San Francisco Chronicle* took her on as Abigail Van Buren. Her column became known as Dear Abby.

That was too much for Esther. For the next eight years, the twins, who could not be separated, wouldn't even speak to each other. Two women who were revered by millions for their advice on solving problems couldn't rise above their own sisterly quarrels. I guess the people we love the most and who are ideally positioned to offer us the greatest love are often those through whom we experience the deepest hurts.

So, don't demand action from another person and don't let years go by as you await an apology that may never come. Choose to go first! Where will you ever find enough humility, forgiveness, kindness, and grace to pull that off?

God has a never-ending supply of everything we need. Just ask Him. Then be patient. Don't expect deep wounds to be healed overnight. Ask God to help you be a non-anxious presence. Stay in the midst of the pain and the chaos longer than you think you possibly can. That's been great advice for centuries now – even for advice columnists.

In Christ,

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## HALLELUJAH CORNER

- Congratulations to Jordan Gajewski and Amanda Leeper who were united in marriage on April 28. Jordan is the son of Annie & Kent Gajewski. Hallelujah!

*Hallelujah*

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

Please contact Rita in the church office — [rita@fpchutch.org](mailto:rita@fpchutch.org) or (620) 665-5549, ext. 101 — with your college graduate's information (name, school and degree) by **Monday, May 14.**

## PENTECOST OFFERING

## Fire Up For Pentecost Sunday

### Pentecost Sunday and Senior Sunday.....They go together! Why?

The second of our four Presbyterian yearly offerings is the Pentecost Offering received on Pentecost Sunday, and ALL the monies from this offering support youth.

- 60% Presbyterian Mission Agency
  - 50% ministries with youth and young adults
  - 10% supports child advocacy/children at risk
- 40% remains with our congregation



PENTECOST

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Our FPC family and friends believe in supporting our local youth through a variety of programs. Please consider prayerfully and joyfully the Pentecost Offering. It will be received on May 20.

## CARE PORTAL

This week marks the 96<sup>th</sup> case we have answered in the 2 1/2 years since FPC became a part of the Care Portal. This time we partnered with another church who had the two twin mattresses and we purchased another set of bunk beds. They went to a grandmother who has taken on her 11- and 5-year-old granddaughters in a kinship foster placement here in Hutchinson.

Another case in April was for a gift card to a high school student who needed new clothing for an academic competition she was to be in this spring and she had nothing appropriate to wear. And then there was the used dresser for a family with three girls of their own who had opened their home to the mom's four teenage nephews. The plastic bins were overflowing with the belongings of seven children! Another church also provided a second dresser for them.

Thanks to all the Portal Presbys who continue to support this outreach. It won't be long until we hit Case 100!



Please take a moment to think about how much time do you spend on your cell phone, social media and your laptop? Scary, isn't it? We have to get the best plans with unlimited messages so that we can have access to friends, family and colleagues at all times. We live in this world that operates on instant access — it seems we cannot get by without that capability! It seems the world will end if we don't have a signal! I find it funny however that for each of us we have instant and unlimited access to God our Father yet we don't use it to the same extent that we do our cell phones or social media. I wonder, why is that? Now you can draw your own conclusions from that but it a statistic that we shouldn't be proud of.

You see we have forgotten that God is interested in our whole life. The big and small stuff, the things we think no one cares about but you yourself. We worry about our Facebook privacy and have no thought about the fact that God sees and knows everything we think, do and say. I know for me, when I realize that, I know it's vital for me to talk to God, to say sorry, to ask for help and guidance. We turn to Google for answers before we turn to God. There is something very wrong with the way society tells us to think and operate. There is something really wrong when we actually go along with it!

I love this passage from Mark 11 (The Message): "That's why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from small to large. Include everything as you embrace this God-life, and you'll get God's everything. And when you assume the posture of prayer, remember that it's not all *asking*. If you have anything against someone, *forgive* — only then will your heavenly Father be inclined to also wipe your slate clean of sins." It reminds me that God is interested in me, yes all of me, the good and the bad.

So I want to encourage you to "keep in touch" with God. Try to:

- Make space each day to pray and tell Him about your life, the ups and downs, your hopes and dreams.
- Take time to listen. Stop talking and let God talk to you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to readjust your priorities and put them in sync with God's.
- Spend time each day in God's Word and seek His guidance for your life.

I always say that if the Son of God needed to pray and talk to His Father, then so do I. Jesus knew that talking to God the Father would help Him make the right decisions and face the challenges that each day would bring. I want you to spend this week praying more and listening more than you usually do. Try to take the time each day to ask God to reveal His purpose for you, to open up new opportunities to help others or to share your faith story with someone. Keep a record of answered prayer, of opportunities, of how God has helped you or stirred your heart and reflect on the changes that come in your life when you give God unlimited access to your life.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



## First Presbyterian Church

Large Conference Room

Tuesdays, June 5 – July 31, 2018

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

This summer you have the opportunity to learn how to use your money God's way and end up in better financial shape than you ever thought possible. Pastor Mark Miller and Terri McQueen will co-lead nine weekly sessions of *Financial Peace University* taught on DVD by best-seller author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey. *Financial Peace University* takes knowledge from Scripture and turns it into real action steps in our lives. The sessions will be held Tuesday evenings, June 5 – July 31, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church large conference room.

Each family (a single adult through a married couple with high school students) attending will need to purchase a membership kit. The kit includes membership to attend classes anywhere, anytime at no additional cost, a workbook containing all nine lessons, Dave's book *Complete Guide to Money*, online assess to countless resources, and much more. Join the five million people who have taken control of their money.

For more information please click on [www.DaveRamsey.com](http://www.DaveRamsey.com) or contact Pastor Mark Miller in person, 620-665-5549, or [Mark@fpchutch.org](mailto:Mark@fpchutch.org). To register online for the class click: [www.fpu.com/1063850](http://www.fpu.com/1063850).



### KEEP IN PRAYER

*For those in the hospital or hurting*

*For all FPC shut-ins*

*For Westwood Presbyterian Church, Wichita*

*(5/13/18)*

*For First Presbyterian Church, Lyons (5/20/18)*

### BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Helen Unruh
- 15 Brandon Schuessler
- 17 Kamryn Keast
- 21 Barbara King
- 21 Diane Lee
- 22 Pat Hopengardner
- 26 Terry Edwards



## Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities — 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Come and join us for *"The Wired Word"* in the Cornerstone Room

*"Witnesses of the Faith"*, Facilitated by Pastor Mark Miller, Large Conference Room

### Philippians Study

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. at Linda Chandler's house. We will continue our study of Philippians with the 3rd and 4th chapters. The next meeting after that will be Tuesday, May 29, at Chery Lackey's house. All are welcome.

### YOUTH NEWS



We so enjoyed Youth Sunday on May 29 and the opportunity to share with everyone at all three of our worship services. Our theme was "Jesus is..." and we had Libby Schultz, Payton DeMeyer and Elizabeth Lane sharing what Jesus means to them during 8:15 and 9:00 a.m. worship. Libby could not share at 10:30 due to work commitments but Maggie Epp stepped up to join the other two girls and inspire us all through their stories.

Maggie led us in prayers at the three services and at

W@9 we had Will Jackson playing the piano before worship and Libby Jackson read the scripture passage for us. Lawson Schultz and Emily Fee received the offering at 9:00 a.m. So a huge thank-you goes out to these guys and to the all the other youth who make FPC Youth Group so special.

Our young people bring so much energy to the life of the church and they challenge each of us at First Presbyterian every time we hear them speak. It is so evident to everyone that what they are sharing comes from their hearts and I hope makes us all think about how we as adults need to share our faith with others as well.

We are looking forward to our Graduation Sunday at W@9 on May 20 and our Graduate Breakfast following the worship. Please continue to pray for our youth as they come to the end of another school year. For some it will mean moving to middle school or high school and of course some will be moving away to college or graduating from college and thinking about stepping into a career. Pray for wisdom, pray that they will know the support of the members of our church and that they know God's presence in their lives each and every day.

## *Chimes* Note

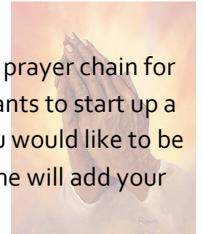
Deadline for next issue of *Chimes* will be **10:00 a.m. Monday, May 21**, for the issue covering May 27-June 9.

## Chancel Flower Calendar

**June 24, July 1, 15, August 5 and 19** are open on the Chancel Flower Calendar. If you would like to provide flowers for worship one of these days, please contact Janice in the church office: 665-5549, ext. 106 (afternoons) or [janice@fpchurch.org](mailto:janice@fpchurch.org), by the preceding Monday.

## Phone Prayer Chain

Barb Lappin has faithfully taken prayer requests and sent them out on the church email prayer chain for a number of years now. Thank you for this valuable ministry, Barb! Now the church office wants to start up a phone prayer chain for those who are willing to be prayer warriors but don't use email. If you would like to be included on this list, please contact Janice in the church office — 665-5549, ext. 106 — and she will add your name to the prayer chain list.



## PARISH PERSONALS

- Your donation of fans and bbq grill helps SADVC continue its life-saving services in Reno, Rice, Kingman, and Harper counties. With your help, SADVC will remain strong and consistent in its advocacy for victims and survivors. The fans will keep us all “cool” — thanks! Sincerely, Donna Davis, Executive Director
- Thank you for helping the Deacons spread God's love at the Soup Kitchen on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Eighty-nine people were served at the Soup Kitchen and 85 meals were delivered at a cost of \$192.34. Cooks were Denise Hallman and Kirk Johnson. Servers were Donna Kelley, Julia, Lydia and Winston Johnson. Delivery drivers were Gene & Arlene Becker, Martin Miller and Ann & Ron Sellers. Sincerely, Melody Cole
- Dear Friends:  
Thank you for your kind donation of hygiene kits to Church World Service. Your compassion has given individuals and families touched by disaster the tangible evidence that they matter. That someone cares. And they are not alone. Here at home or overseas, when tragedy strikes your donations ensure that help is never far behind. With deepest gratitude, Rev. John L. McCullough, President and CEO, Church World Service
- Dear Mark:  
Thank you so much for your generous donation. Through you support, we are able to lend a hand up to people in their time of need. Your generosity will continue to help people who have fallen through the cracks and need a little help to get back on solid ground. You make miracles happen for the people of this community, and we are so grateful. With sincere gratitude, Rebekah Starkey Keasling, Interfaith Housing & Community Services, Inc.

**Sunday, May 13—Mother's Day**

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Denise Hallman, 921-0444  
*Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Matthew 12:46-50;  
 John 2:1-5, 19:25-27*

*Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): Luke 1:26-38*

8:15 am Worship service Chapel  
 8:45-10:15 ReFresh Café open Refresh Café  
 9:00 am Worship service/Kidz Church Sanctuary  
 9:15 am Chancel Choir Chapel  
 9:30 am Adult Christian Education  
 10:30 am Worship service Sanctuary  
 11:30 am Fellowship time Parlor

**Monday, May 14**

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave  
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall  
 5:15 pm Mission Committee Conference Room  
 6:30 pm Deacons' meeting Large Conf Rm  
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 301 Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 15**

9:00 am Koinonia Women Large Conference Rm  
 1:30 pm Bible study Chandler's house  
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall

**Wednesday, May 16**

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave  
 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room  
 5:30 pm FPC Bells Choir Room  
 7:00 pm Youth group The Basement

**Thursday, May 17**

7:00 am Men's Bible study Parlor  
 10:00 am Finance Committee Conference Room  
 2:00 pm Prepare and serve meal Soup Kitchen  
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall

**Friday, May 18**

9:00 am Walk-a-mile class Kids' Cave

**Sunday, May 20—Graduation Sunday**

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Carol Weidensaul, 669-8661  
*Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Acts 2:1-12, 42-47*  
*Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): Acts 2:1-8*

8:15 am Worship service Chapel  
 8:45-10:15 ReFresh Café open Refresh Café  
 9:00 am Worship service/Kidz Church Sanctuary  
 9:15 am Chancel Choir Chapel  
 9:30 am Adult Christian Education  
 9:45 am Graduates' breakfast Fellowship Hall  
 10:30 am Worship service Sanctuary  
 11:30 am Fellowship time Parlor

**Monday, May 21**

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave  
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall  
 6:30 pm Session meeting Large Conference Rm  
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 301 Fellowship Hall,  
 Sanctuary

**Tuesday, May 22**

9:00 am Koinonia Women Large Conference Rm  
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall

**Wednesday, May 23**

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave  
 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room  
 5:30 pm FPC Bells Choir Room

**Thursday, May 24**

7:00 am Men's Bible study Parlor  
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall

**Friday, May 25**

9:00 am Walk-a-mile class Kids' Cave

**Sunday, May 27**

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Amanda Jackson, 474-2286  
*Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Luke 19:1-10*  
*Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): 2 Samuel 7:4-17*

8:15 am Worship service Chapel  
 8:45-10:15 ReFresh Café open Refresh Café  
 9:00 am Worship service/Kidz Church Sanctuary  
 9:15 am Chancel Choir Chapel  
 9:30 am Adult Christian Education  
 10:30 am Worship service Sanctuary  
 11:30 am Fellowship time Parlor



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