

August 6 & 13, 2017**MARK'S MESSAGE**

Building A Bridge

In 1848 a young engineer from Philadelphia named Charles Ellett Jr. was contemplating a difficult task: to build a bridge across the gorge of the Niagara River just below the falls. Local politicians – both Canadians and Americans – believed that a bridge linking their two countries would revolutionize the economic prospects of the area.



Dozens of engineers surveyed the setting and agreed, however, it couldn't be done. The Niagara Gorge is 800 feet across, the cliffs on both sides are 225 feet high, and the water, churned by its 300-plus foot drop over the falls, is so turbulent that it's barely navigable.

However, Ellett was fascinated with suspension bridges. Suspension bridges are capable of bearing enormous weight – including the simultaneous passage of carriages, pedestrians, and fully loaded trains. More important, Ellett knew the secret of how suspension bridges are constructed. To get started, all you need is one cable, one wire, or a sturdy piece of string. If you can anchor just one strand on each side of the gap, everything else can be added gradually, building upon that single cord. But how would Ellett get that first strand across the Niagara Gorge?

Using a boat (with mid-19th century technology) was unthinkable. What about attaching a cable to a rocket or a cannonball and shooting it across? Interesting ideas, but not very realistic. Then someone came up with a novel idea: Fly a kite over the canyon, trailing a long string. Bring the kite down on the opposite shore and *voila* – the connection would be made.

So, on January 31, 1848, an American boy named Homan Walsh successfully landed his kite on the Canadian side of the gorge. Just six months later, on August 1, 1848, the bridge was completed and open to the public. Building a bridge that would allow a train to cross the Niagara River seemed like Mission Impossible. Actually, the real task turned out to be surprisingly humble and attainable: figuring out how to get 800 feet of string across the water.

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NEW MEMBERS

From Yuma, Arizona, to Tulsa to Hutch — **Rosalea & Roy Sudlow** found their way to First Presbyterian Church in Hutch! That took some travels and it seems God's leading.

Rosalea was born and raised as a Presbyterian. Moving to Hutch in 2014, they attended First Pres and stayed because they liked it and felt welcome. They recently became members and Roy was baptized. "He was anxious to do that."

Roy loves the Praise Band. Rosalea appreciates the Bell Choir and the Worship Choir. And they both like Pastor Mark.

Rosalea wanted to be closer to family. She has a sister who lives here and another in California. She likes to quilt, crochet and knit. Plus, in visiting with Rosalea, I found she has a great sense of humor.

Roy works at Tyson and he likes to build things with wood and iron. Plus, according to Rosalea, "He tinkers with his guitar."

Welcome! What a joy to have Roy & Rosalea in our church family. God seems to have had a plan and as usual, His plan is working.

1 BIG DAY



We are excited to let you know that our 1 Big Day is coming up on August 20. So we are calling on all our members to "ACTION."

We want to encourage you to bring families, friends, neighbors and people you work with along to worship and our pancake feast with Chris Cakes of Wichita straight after our 10:30am contemporary worship.

Our Refresh Café will be open after our 8:15am worship as normal for great food and fellowship.

Our 1 Big Day will kick start our programs for all ages for the new season. People can check out our Logos and Children's ministry programs, or our Confirmation and Youth program, as well as Scouts, Adult Christian Education, Mission, Choir and much more.

So start asking and then bring them along to be part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Hutchinson.

CARE PORTAL

Purchase of Care Portal mattresses continued in July. We provided two twin ones for young children at The Clusters Apartments. Then last week several Hutchinson churches worked together for an emergency case in Lyons that was just too large for the one participating Rice County church. FPC bought one mattress set and Pastor Mark donated a chest of drawers he no longer needed.

More monetary contributions by FPC members are always appreciated and are always used! Thanks to those who participate in this ongoing mission.

When we talk about faith, trust, and belief to carry you through your trials and troubles, we mean it in a very specific way. We're not talking about warm religious feelings or an exercise in positive thinking. No, Faith is grounded in a relationship with God. Some people think that relying on God is a weakness, that God is a crutch for those who can't make it on



their own. The fact that you need God so much in your life is not a weakness any more than your need for air or for food is a weakness. We were designed for dependence on Him. The term "self-made person" is a huge lie. No one is self-made. We did not create ourselves to begin with, nor were we designed to find our own way in life. Rather, God wired us to depend on Him. When you exercise faith in Him, you are doing the one thing you can do to accomplish superhuman feats: You are reaching beyond your own human strength and knowledge and tapping into God's infinite strength and knowledge.

What do you do in a difficult or painful situation when you don't know what to do? The sad truth is that many people do one of two things. First, they repeat what didn't work before. They try harder to make a relationship work, to succeed in a career, or to overcome a difficult personal problem, pattern, or habit. Chronic dieters, for example, convince themselves that "this time it will work." If you have done everything you know to do without success, trying again with your own limited knowledge and strength is not the answer.

The second common response to a hopeless situation is to stop trying altogether. These people just give up, believing the relationship will never work, they will never lose weight, they will never get over their depression, etc. Trying to get through life on your own limited strength, knowledge, and resources leads to a loss of hope. When you realize that you are poor and helpless without God, you are ready to ask Him for help. The moment you ask God for help, you rise your own limitations and find that God's resources are available to you. No matter what limitation or circumstance you are struggling against, God can empower and equip you to go beyond what you thought possible. He can get you through a painful or tragic event, help you deal with a difficult relationship, and even make a long-held dream come true. Whatever it is, God will make a way for you, perhaps in very unexpected ways. He does His best work when you are ready to let go and you admit you can't do it.

The Bible promises, and millions of people have discovered that God's power and resources are available to everyone. They cannot be earned; they can only be received as a gift when we, in humility, acknowledge our need of our Creator. Throughout the Bible, God says repeatedly, "Come to me and I will provide what you need." He's ready to get totally involved in your life. All you have to do is say yes to Him. When you do, He will provide what you need to find the way and when God makes a way, it is real, meaningful, and enduring.



HALLELUJAH CORNER

- Pearl Jane Heath, daughter of Zac & Shannon Heath, was born July 12. Congratulations and Hallelujah!
- Congratulations on 100 years of Boy Scout Troop 1 as they celebrate with a reunion dinner and ceremony on Saturday, August 5!

PARISH PERSONALS

- July 20 FPC served 117 folks at the Soup Kitchen. Pastor Mark helped us prepare and cook the meal. Servers were Donna Kelley and Bob Callahan. Driving the three delivery routes were the Jackson family: Kory, Amanda, Will, Libby, Kate and Luke; Don & Linda Graves, Anne Sellers and Dianne Coons. Thank you Deacons and volunteers who came out on a blistering hot day to serve those in our community with hunger needs. — Gene & Arlene Becker
- Dear First Presbyterian Church [Five Loaves and Two Fish Mission Store]:
On behalf of the Hutchinson School Board of Education, I would like to convey our thanks and appreciation for your donation to Lincoln Elementary School for student shoes and socks. As state and federal funding for schools continues to shrink, we are especially grateful for the generosity and support of our patrons. Thank you for your continued support of our schools. Sincerely, Dr. Shelly Kiblinger, Superintendent of Schools
- Dear Mark and the First Presbyterian Church Family:
Thanks so much for your additional gift directed toward Salthawk Community Support! Your continued support is so important as we work together to preserve this important program at Hutchinson High School.

To date, we have reached our initial goal of raising sufficient funds to continue this program for the 2017-18 school year. You have been such an important part of making that happen! Now our task is to continue raising funds to solidify this program well into the future and to find volunteers to serve as mentors and tutors to the students.

We believe strongly that changes made to the lives of these youth *now* will have a lasting impact as they graduate high school. Providing a solid foundation upon which they can stand as they take those first important steps into the future will have a positive impact, not only on their lives, but on our community.

Again, on behalf of all the churches, organizations and individuals who are working so hard to keep these efforts alive at Hutchinson High School, please accept our sincere thanks for your dedicated leadership. Your actions are a true example of your faith.

Most sincerely, Faye Summerville, Church Administrator, Trinity United Methodist Church

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

"The Wired Word", Facilitated by Bob Fee, Fellowship Hall

"The Psalms — Glorifying the Lord", Facilitated by Pastor Mark Miller, Large Conference Room

"The Parables of Jesus"

Our next small group meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, at Gene & Arlene Becker's house. We will continue our study and discussion on the Parables of Jesus. All are welcome.

CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

Chimes Note

Deadline for next issue of *Chimes* will be **10:00 a.m. Monday, August 14**, for the issue covering August 20-September 2.

Chancel Flower Calendar

August 20, September 17, October 1 and 8 are open on the 2017 Chancel Flower Calendar. If you would like to provide flowers for worship one of these days, please contact Janice in the church office: janice@fpchurch.org, or 665-5549, ext. 106 (afternoons), by the preceding Monday.

KEEP IN PRAYER

For those in the hospital or hurting

- Roy Sudlow

For all FPC shut-ins

For Southwest Presbyterian Church, Wichita (8/06/17)

For First Presbyterian Church, Coffeyville (8/13/17)



"The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer."

— F.B. Meyer

BIRTHDAYS

6	Fiona McLain	13	Berna Davis
6	Haley Nurnberg	14	Andy McMahan
7	Heidi Schultz	15	Lily Newton
8	Linda Banz	16	Jack Proett
8	Winston Johnson	17	Brad Dillon
9	Gail Barnes	17	Butch Dillon
9	Will Ediger	17	Colton Fee
9	Jenny McClenahan	17	Madison McClenahan
10	Graham Barnes	17	Memphis Newton
10	Rob McLain	17	John Showalter
10	Will McLain	17	Judy Trimmell
11	Gary Banz	18	Lillie McQueen
11	Brett Barker	18	Brayden Witthuhn
11	Trevor Cox	19	Jeanette Hallman
11	Rosalea Sudlow	19	Andrew Small
12	Mike Sunner		

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Early Learning Center

The Early Learning Center at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has position openings. Some current staff will be going back to school soon, so full and part time help is needed for the ELC, working with children from infants to preschool age. If you are looking for something to do and love small children, please call ELC, (620) 259-7111, or stop by the church or call (662-5642) during office hours, 9:00-4:00, and ask for JoLyn or Brenda.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation

For students 7th grade and older

August 23, 2017 – March 25, 2018

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm, Large Conference Room

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Presbyterian Confirmation

The confirmation experience will begin soon for those students starting 7th grade and older who are interested in journeying through the basics of the Christian faith in a brand new way. Students will explore together their questions about the Bible, Presbyterianism, and what it means to be a Christian.

Each session will dive into a topic with content appropriate for our youth including Bible verses, theological background and lots of creative ideas. Confirmation students will meet in the Large Conference Room beginning Wednesday evening, August 23, 6:15 – 7:00 pm. Confirmation Sunday will be on Sunday morning, March 25, 2018 (Palm Sunday). To register your student for confirmation, or for more information including a complete schedule, please contact Pastor Mark Miller at (620) 665-5549, ext. 102, or at mark@fpchutch.org.

YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group New Time:

Wednesday Evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm

7:00pm Wednesday, August 16, will kick off this year's Youth Program at Hutch Putt & Freddy's. We would really love to see all our middle & high school students and their friends joining us for what promises to be an exciting and fun journey as we grow our faith and enjoy hanging out together in The Basement and other great events.

We will have a Parents Evening on Wednesday, August 9, from 6pm to 6:30pm to give out our program outline for the year.

Sunday, August 6, 2017

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Beth Southern, 669-1270

Preacher Mark Miller: John 4:25-42

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

Monday, August 7

- 8:30 am Exercise class Calvin Hall
- 9:30 am Book study Large Conference Room
- 12:00-7:00 Blood drive Calvin Hall
- 4:00 pm Music staff meeting Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Worship Committee Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Worship practice Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 8

- 9:30 am Presbytery mtg Westminster Woods
- 11:00-6:00 Blood drive Calvin Hall
- 1:30 pm Bible study Becker's home
- 7:00 pm Financial Peace University Lg Conf Rm

Wednesday, August 9

- 7:00-1:00 Blood drive Calvin Hall
- 8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
- 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Youth/Parents meeting The Basement

Thursday, August 10

- 7:00 am Men's Bible study Parlor
- 1:30 pm Police department Large Conf Room

Friday, August 11

- 9:00 am Walk-a-mile class Calvin Hall

Sunday, August 13

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Marj Johnson, 663-5697

Preacher Mark Miller: Acts 1:1-9; Matthew 28:18-28

- 8:00 am Mission Day, cookout Lincoln School
- 8:15 am Worship service Chapel

Monday, August 14

- 8:30 am Exercise class Calvin Hall
- 5:15 pm Mission Committee Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Deacons' meeting Lg Conference Rm

Tuesday, August 15

- 10:00 am Finance Committee Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Financial Peace University Lg Conf Rm

Wednesday, August 16

- 8:30 am Exercise class Calvin Hall
- 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Youth group/Confirmation Hutch Putt

Thursday, August 17

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

Friday, August 18

- 9:00 am Walk-a-mile class Calvin Hall

Sunday, August 20—1 Big Day

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Terri McQueen, 663-5719

Preachers Mark Miller, Keith Neill

- 8:15 am Worship service Chapel
- 9:00-9:45 ReFresh Café open
- 9:30 am Adult Christian Education
- 10:30 am Worship service/Kidz Church Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Chris Cakes Calvin Hall

FOOD BANK/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 August 6. We also will collect donations for New Beginnings. Suggested items are: **laundry soap, dish soap, tall kitchen trash bags, 33-39 gallon trash bags and magic erasers.**

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."*



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Today you may be facing a responsibility so big and so complicated that you can hardly breathe. You need to finish your education. Or finish remodeling a part of your house. Or finish that make-or-break project. Or finish making arrangements for the long-term care of a family member. As you lie awake at night, it feels as if you're facing an unbridgeable canyon.

So go fly a kite! Do the one small thing you know you need to do to get started. Get the string over the gorge, and everything else will follow – one small step at a time. Or as Jesus puts it in Matthew 6:34, don't worry about tomorrow. Just keep your eyes on today. If you trust God today with what needs to happen today, then after a long string of "todays" something remarkable will have happened. The bridge will be built.

Serving Christ With You,