

September 17 & 24, 2017

MARK'S MESSAGE

## We Have One Job

You had one job. The Internet is filled with examples of work projects that fell short: misspelled words, mislabeled products and highway direction signs that appear to beckon drivers the wrong way. You had just one thing to do. And if you mess that up, everybody will know it.



The Bible's version of "you had one job" appears in 1 Corinthians 13. That's where the apostle Paul writes that no matter what circumstances we face today, there's only one right response. That response is love. Our call is to love God from dawn until dusk, and love everyone who crosses our path the way God loves us. That's why our church motto reminds us to "Love God. Love People."

There's something in human nature, however, that pushes back against that simple directive. We can think of a lot of things that seem more important. Even if the Holy Spirit should gift you or me with an extraordinary ability, it will turn out to be worthless if we flunk our "one job" – that is to love.

How about superior insight? This is the central temptation of our day. We love to be right. Superior insight seems like an awesome thing. But without love, it turns us into spiritual zeroes. How about supreme commitment? That should top everything, right? Commitment matters. But it's not Job One.

If we love God and love others everything else will take care of itself. We have one job. If we get that right, everything else will be right. Otherwise, we'll all need to go back to "shcool."

In Christ,

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## OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

### Communities That Care

Circles of Hope is coming to Hutch High during the 2nd and 3rd trimesters. Communities That Care will hand-pick 10 students to participate in the program and new students will be picked at the new trimester. We are going to meet on Thursdays during our 2nd hour from 9:26-10:46am.

CTC is looking for community volunteers to help mentor during this time. Volunteers would need to participate in the one-hour Communities That Care training which includes a background check. Jim Unruh, leader of Circles of Hope, would also be looking at a one-hour training to describe the class goals.

Second tri would start November 13 and ends February 22. Third tri would start February 26 and ends on May 23. This would be a weekly commitment except during holidays or days school is not in session. Anyone who volunteers in the 308 district must go through the training and then could volunteer in any school once they receive their badge. We can also set up a training at the church at a different time if needed. Please call Nikkee Byard at (620)615-4356 with any questions .

## PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

October 1 is the Sunday for our third Special Presbyterian Offering of the year: Peace and Global Witness. This offering promotes ministries of reconciliation and peace within cultures of violence and conflict.

25% of the money collected goes to linking congregations in ministries of peace and reconciliation. 50% of the offering will go to peacekeeping projects of education and Christian witness. 25% STAYS WITH US!! (more on this later).

## PW FALL GATHERINGS

### “Communities of Faith”

**Tuesday, September 26, 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. — First Presbyterian Church, Wichita**

**Tuesday, October 3, 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. — First Presbyterian Church, Coffeyville**

Contact Annie Gajewski at (620) 662-5256 or switz44@yahoo.com for more information.

## CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

### *Chimes* Note

Deadline for next issue of *Chimes* will be **10:00 a.m. Monday, September 25**, for the issue covering October 1-14.

### Chancel Flower Calendar

**September 17, October 1, 8 and 29** 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@fpchutch.org, or 665-5549, ext. 106 (afternoons), by the preceding Monday.

# GIVING GOD YOUR ALL

Can I suggest a different way of thinking about our relationship with God? We always say that God should be our top priority but I believe God is much too important to be just our first priority. Here's the trouble with priority lists: the things on them are all supposed to be different, distinct, competing for your time. That's why they have to be ranked. If you say, "I prioritize family, then friends, then my job," it's because your family and your friends and your job are all different things. So if God is #1 on your priority list, that means there are a bunch of other things on the list that have nothing to do with Him. When God is your first priority, you're at church every Sunday and Bible study every week. You make time for devotions each morning or evening. You join service projects. You go on mission trips. But since God is only your first priority, you've got other priorities, too. You've got to earn a living, care for a family, maintain friendships, get exercise or fit in a school and sports schedule. We start to think that all those things, because they're lower than God on your priority list, must somehow be not of God. But we also need to remember that being disciples of Jesus is about more than our devotional lives or the time we spend at church or service projects. You see giving God 30 minutes or three hours a day simply isn't enough. He wants all 24 hours.

In Matthew 22, the Pharisees ask Jesus to make a priority list. "Teacher," they say, "which is the greatest commandment in the law?" In other words, which priority is number one? But Jesus gives them an answer that breaks the rules of their list. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," he says. "This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

To the Pharisees, this answer must have felt like a bundle of contradictions. First, Jesus tells them to make their top priority into their only priority. They need to love God with everything, holding nothing back. There can be no second priorities. But then Jesus keeps talking, and things get even more confusing. "Love your neighbor as yourself" is *also* on Jesus' list of greatest commandments. *How could that be true* the Pharisees must have wondered? If we love God with all our heart and soul and mind, how could we have any love left for our neighbors?

The secret the Pharisees never understood is that God designed us to love Him by loving others. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples," says Jesus in John 13:35, "if you love one another." Following God wholeheartedly is supposed to change the way you do everything else. If you love God with all your heart and soul and mind, you'll love Him in the way you serve your family, the way you build friendships, the way you earn your paycheck.

God wants more than just the top line of your priority list. He wants the whole list. He doesn't want to be sequestered to a single part of your life. He wants to be the substance of every part, the logic behind every choice you make. Whether you're singing a worship song or taking a nap, God wants His kingdom to be your ultimate goal. In 1 Corinthians 10:31 Paul says "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." So stop making God your first priority. Live a life that's more radically Biblical than that. Give Him everything.

## SOCIAL EVENT

Join the Social Committee for a fun get-together on Saturday, October 14, at the Tech Art Gallery from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and bring your friends! There will be appetizers, desserts, wine and tea plus lots of great art to admire and friends to visit with. Whether or not you are attending the Fox Theater show "Illuminate", join us for fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Rita at (620) 665-5549, ext. 101, or rita@fpchutch.org. A goodwill offering will be received. Please enter the gallery through the 1st Street entrance.

## DINNER GROUPS

### Looking to Meet Other Adults of the Church in an Informal, Casual Atmosphere? D-Groups (Dinner Groups) are Coming!

**WHAT IS IT?** Small dinner gatherings for 6-8 adults for the sole purpose of fellowship and becoming better acquainted with fellow adults in our church family. Each group will be multigenerational and will meet once a month from October thru May.

**WHO IS IT?** Open to all adult couples or singles (significant others are welcome).

You need not sign up with a partner. Group members take turns hosting, with the host providing the main course and beverages, and other members bringing salad, vegetable, bread, or dessert. And yes, Dillons can do your cooking! Worried about lack of space in your home? Then a restaurant is a great alternative!

**WHEN IS IT?** A kick-off potluck gathering will be held **Sunday evening, October 1**, in Fellowship Hall. At this time, you will find out the individuals in your group. Bring your calendar because your group will set its dinner dates and locations for the upcoming months. If you cannot be present for the kick-off, someone in your group will contact you.

**HOW DO I SIGN UP?** Please complete the registration form below and **return it to the church office by Friday, September 22**. You will receive information prior to the potluck, designating a type of dish to bring.

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Terri McQueen at (620) 664-7731 or maxandlil@yahoo.com.




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### D-GROUP REGISTRATION – please return this form to the church office by Friday, September 22.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

How many will be attending the kick-off potluck dinner on Sunday evening, October 1? \_\_\_\_\_

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities — 9:30-10:15 a.m.***"The Wired Word"*, Facilitated by Bob Fee, Cornerstone Room*"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, September 26. We will continue our study of the Parables of Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

## HURRICANE RELIEF

**Give Today to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hurricane Relief***"My God, my rock in whom I take refuge." (Psalm 18:2)*

As the floodwaters in Texas and Louisiana begin to recede from Hurricane Harvey, new devastation has arrived in the Caribbean and Florida with Hurricane Irma. PDA response teams are in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and the Gulf region providing aid, assisting damage removal, and offering spiritual and emotional care for those impacted.

In this season of devastating storms – the likes of which are rarely seen – will you help expand our witness of the compassionate Christ by standing in the gap? Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is calling on Presbyterian churches and individuals to respond. PDA supported us in Hutchinson last March in the recovery efforts due to our wildfires. They need your support more than ever.

Please make a generous donation, by writing a check to First Presbyterian Church, and earmark it "PDA" and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it off in the church office. 100% of your donation will go to those in need.

Offer this prayer: "God, our Shelter, in the challenging days to come, work through us to bring relief and respite, comfort and hope to those who grieve the loss of family, home, and safety. Give us and those we serve faith to walk on through weary days of cleanup and rebuilding. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than hurricane winds and floodwaters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. Amen."

## KEEP IN PRAYER

*For those in the hospital or hurting**For all FPC shut-ins**For those recovering from hurricanes**For Presbyterian Church, Kingsdown (9/17/17)**For Presbyterian Church, Arlington (9/24/17)*

## BIRTHDAYS

17	Doug Armstrong	22	Ryan Klamm
17	Carol Brown	22	Abby Lee
17	Tom McAuley	25	Madison Horbotowicz
18	Linda Graves	25	Kaitlyn Maschler
18	Dave Mencl	27	Laura Weidensaul
18	Barbara Withrow	28	Erika Klosterhoff
19	Skip Wilson	28	Gannon Veh
20	Jim Kirkpatrick	29	Darrin Cox
20	Maren Lackey	30	Evan Gamber
21	Zach Schmitt		

## NEW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION



### New Membership Orientation

Sunday, September 24, 5:00 pm

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 catered dinner in the church Refresh Café on Sunday, September 24, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

At the 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 contact the church office, (620)665-5549, [fpc@fpchurch.org](mailto:fpc@fpchurch.org), or indicate your plan to attend on a Connection Card by Sunday, September 17.

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@fpchurch.org](mailto:mark@fpchurch.org). We hope to see you on September 24 at 5:00 p.m.

## YOUTH

Wednesday night Youth Group has begun with a bang! Last week we moved out of The Basement and onto the streets around First Presbyterian. Our idea was to share God's love with our neighbors and give them a bag of donuts. So we had tables lined up in the gym loaded with 300 fresh donuts. We packed five donuts in clear bags and then put a tag on each one saying "DONUT FORGET THAT GOD LOVES YOU." Divided into six groups we headed down Sherman and started to ring doorbells.

We had rejection, people surprised, people grateful but after spending almost one hour walking several blocks we headed back to The Basement to talk about our experience and to pray for the people we visited. We did not reach our goal of 100 houses; we actually got to give our donuts to about 72 homes but that was 72 homes that have been told that Jesus Loves Them and we prayed that God would start to do a work in their lives. The rest of our donuts went into our schools with our students for staff the next day. I love the way our young people are willing to get out of their comfort zone and go talk to strangers. They do it with a smile on their faces and they just shine for Jesus.

## LOGOS

### Kids Helping Kids at LOGOS

Lincoln Elementary can use new or "gently-used" items in their Clothing Closet. Help the 6<sup>th</sup> grade LOGOS class in collection.

**Delivery will be November 8.**

Collection boxes are at the bottom of east stairs.

**Drawstring Pants — Shirts — Coats — Hats — Scarves — Mittens/Gloves — Socks — Underwear**



# CALENDAR — SEPTEMBER 17 - OCTOBER 1

## Sunday, September 17, 2017

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Carol Weidensaul, 669-8661

*Preacher Keith Neill: 1 John 3:1-2*

- 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, September 18

- 8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
- 6:30 pm Session meeting Large Conference Rm

## Tuesday, September 19

- 9:00 am Koinonia Women Large Conference Rm

## Wednesday, September 20

- 8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
- 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room
- 3:30 pm LOGOS
- 6:15 pm Confirmation class Large Conf Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Group The Basement

## Thursday, September 21

- 7:00 am Men's Bible study Parlor
- 11:30 am Police dept Large Conference Room
- 2:00 pm Prepare and serve meal Soup Kitchen

## Friday, September 22

- 9:00 am Walk-a-mile class Kids' Cave
- 9:00 pm Scout troop overnight

## Sunday, September 24

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Dianne Coons, 669-9258

*Preacher Mark Miller: Romans 12:1-8*

- 8:15 am Worship service Chapel
- 10:30 am Worship service/picnic Sellers' Farm
- 5:00 pm New members' dinner Refresh Café

## Monday, September 25

- 8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave

## Tuesday, September 26

- 9:00 am Koinonia Women Large Conference Rm
- 1:30 pm Bible study

## Wednesday, September 27

- 8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
- 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room
- 3:30 pm LOGOS
- 6:15 pm Confirmation class Large Conf Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Group The Basement

## Thursday, September 28

- 7:00 am Men's Bible study Parlor

## Friday, September 29

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

## Sunday, October 1

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Denise Hallman, 921-0444

*Preacher Mark Miller: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22*

- 8:15 am Worship service Chapel
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Sanctuary
- 9:00-10:15 ReRefresh 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
- 5:30 pm Dinner groups potluck Fellowship 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 October 1. 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."*

## World Communion Sunday

October 1

8:15 and 10:30 a.m.



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We hope that you will join us and bring a friend for this very special morning.

Cost: \$5/person or \$20/family of five or more.