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Introducing our Interim Pastor, Rev. Kati Collins

The Personnel Committee is thrilled to update you with the news that Reverend Kati Collins has accepted our call and been approved by FPC Session and Cimarron Presbytery as our Interim Pastor. Pastor Kati will be moving to Stillwater with her husband Robbie and daughters Sammi (3 years old) and Abigail (one year old) next month. Pastor Kati and her family will be in worship with us on November 13 and her first day in the office will be November 14.

Pastor Kati comes to us from St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Amarillo TX where she has served as Solo Pastor for the last four years. Prior to that she served as Interim/Designated Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, KS and Solo Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in St Paul, NE. Her educational credentials include a Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur GA and a Bachelor of Music degree in Flute Performance from Oklahoma State University. She is currently working on her Doctor of Ministry at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and expects to graduate December 2024.

Pastor Kati is already familiar with our congregation. She preached at Stillwater FPC in 2011 between her graduation from seminary and her first call. When she was a student at OSU, she worshipped with us and played in and assisted with the bell choir. She has been active in mission trips to the Czech Republic that included some of you over the years. She speaks Czech and has published a journal of her experiences in the Czech Republic (July 2006-July 2008) at <http://czechmyblog.blogspot.com/>. She has roots in Ponca City where her parents still reside.

In conclusion, we share a paragraph she wrote in her Personal Information Form (PIF) in response to the narrative question "Describe the ministry setting to which you believe God is calling you." Pastor Kati wrote--"God has called me to be a co-creator of healing. As a mother, wife, and community member I engage from a posture of wonder, playfulness, courage, and encouragement. As a pastor I interact with a collaborative leadership style, watching for the movement of the Holy Spirit and responding to conflict with honesty, flexibility, and grace. This calling drives my ministry to focus on worship, mission, and practical theology as avenues for healing in our personal and communal lives."

Thanks be to God for bringing Pastor Kati to us! Alleluia! Amen!



Together for Joy 2023 Stewardship Campaign

NAME THREE THINGS THAT MAKE OUR CHURCH SPECIAL OR UNIQUE.

Have you ever stopped to think about how life works at FPC? There are many pieces that allow FPC to share the good news and live out Jesus' call to discipleship. We have a talented, dedicated staff that inspires, teaches, leads, and supports us. Volunteers too numerous to count who give of their time and amazing talents to see that classes are led, events are planned and executed, our beautiful building is maintained, our church family is supported and strengthened, and the Stillwater community is enriched. Each year many

members serve as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees to insure that FPC works for good - for the good of members, for the good of humankind as God asks us to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

Traditionally this is the time of year when each of us is asked to consider how we can be part of this instrument - FPC Stillwater - with the gifts we have received from God: our time, our talents, and our financial resources.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider all that you have received from God and how you can share with the church so that FPC can be a beacon of hope, joy and comfort not only to members but to the community and the world.

Sunday, October 30 is Commitment Sunday

- Please consider how you will help financially in 2023. Complete a pledge card so the Session is able to develop a budget to further God's plan for FPC.
- Access the Discovery Tool at www.stillwaterfpc.org/getinvolved. Even if you completed it last year, take a few minutes and do it again. Maybe your answers to the questions have changed. Maybe you will discover a new talent or gift. See what opportunities come up. (See below for another way to access this tool!)
- Continue to pray for FPC during this time of transition - that we may live out Jesus' call to discipleship.

By pulling together and each returning a portion of the blessings we have received from God, FPC can continue to be the hands and feet and hearts of God in Stillwater and beyond.

"From the small to the great, and from the great to the small, sing to God, for God has done marvelous things."

Thank you for all that you do and give.

Your Stewardship Committee

VOLUNTEER ACCELERATOR DISCOVERY TOOL

WHAT IS THIS TOOL?

Offering time, talents, and spiritual gifts is an important way we live out Jesus' call to discipleship. With the Discovery Tool, you can connect your particular gifts with the needs of the world, our community, and one another! This survey takes just 3-5 minutes to complete, and you will see the results immediately. Our prayer is that the Discovery Tool helps you pledge your time and talent to Christ's mission through First Presbyterian Church in ways that are joyful and spiritually enriching for you.

HOW DO I ACCESS IT?

Scan the QR code below or visit www.stillwaterfpc.org/getinvolved to access the tool. If you would rather use a paper copy of the survey, please contact the church office.

SCAN HERE:



Questions/Concerns?
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www.stillwaterfpc.org



Earth Care Tip

Nearly everything with a power cord or an on-switch (toasters, tvs, cell phones, computers, tablets, printers, cameras, power tools, microwaves, etc) should be properly disposed of. Do not put these in your collection bins. That goes to the land fill and leaches chemicals into the soil. If properly disposed of, valuable metals in some items can be removed and reused. Recycling properly is one small way you can help our earth stay clean. Call the Stillwater Recycling Center at 405.533.5439 for more information.

Officer Training for new and returning church officers will be Sunday, November 13th, in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00am service. A light lunch will be provided before training kicks off and childcare will be provided. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. More information will be coming soon.

Update on Stephen Ministry Training

Stillwater's Stephen Minister Training began earlier this month. Eight members of the Stillwater community are in training, although this year none are from FPC. Your Stephen Leaders are excited that our community will continue to be able to reach out to people who are hurting and benefit from this Christian caregiving program. What are these eight individuals learning in training? This week was focused on feelings—why they need to be expressed, how to share their own feelings and listen to others' feelings, and creating a safe space for care receivers to recognize and express their feelings. Later training topics this month are the art of listening—how to be an active listener—and distinctively Christian caregiving which includes our most important mantra--God is the curegiver, and we are the caregivers.

Several of you expressed interest in training at some point. Rest assured you and your interest will not be forgotten by your Stephen Leaders at FPC. If others of you feel called to be a Stephen Minister or have questions about being a Stephen Minister please visit with one of our Stephen Leaders, Kay Stewart, Carolyn Caldwell, Linda Burks, or Linda Good. Although training has begun for this year, the conversation continues.



UKIRK

We are thrilled that students are joining us for worship and life together. See below for upcoming fellowship opportunities. You are always welcome, even if we haven't seen you for a while!

- Sundays, immediately following the 11:00am service - Snacks and devotional time in the Hospitality Area
- Sunday, November 6 - Fellowship Lunch, immediately following the 11:00am service. Location TBD.

Questions?

Please get in touch with Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin (jenny.hardin@stillwaterfpc.org), UKirk Assistant J Jones (ukirk@stillwaterfpc.org), or Elder Ken Belanus (kbspinswood@hotmail.com)





From the Organ Bench

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:15pm in the Westminster Room (choir room) and Sunday mornings at 10:15am in the choir loft. For more information, please speak with Becky te Velde at (405) 762-6212.

Upcoming Sundays of Musical Note:

- October 30 Reformation/Commitment Sunday 8:30 & 11:00: Bagpipe Prelude, and "Highland Cathedral" with bagpipes, flute and organ; Organ Postlude: Bach's famed Toccata and Fugue in D minor (8-1/2'), 11:00: trumpets and choral anthem.
- December 4 Service of Lessons and Carols at 8:30 and 11:00 am (identical worship services): the prophecy and proclamation of Christ's coming in word and music with special anthems and congregational carol singing

Fall Choral Scholars

Our talented and spirited Choral Scholars sing in the Chancel Choir, assist Becky in various ways, help with SpiritLink music, and serve as cantors for the 8:30am services and for any live-streamed services when the choir is not present. Our volunteer singers are supported and encouraged by the Choral Scholars' trained voices (all sing with the OSU Chorale), and the students are supported by the choir family as they navigate their college careers. "Choir Mom" Nedra Segall even supplies them weekly with treats! These students also anchor our choral sections so that volunteer singers can be absent when necessary, without guilt. We are thankful for these wonderful young people in our midst, and they are grateful for the support of this community of faith!

- Amanda Barber, soprano, master's student in choral conducting from Ft. Worth, TX
- MaryEllen Bush, alto, political science major from Sapulpa, OK
- Sam Markmiller, tenor, mathematics major from Jones, OK
- Henry Marshall, bass, psychology major from Plano, TX
- Jack Moffatt, bass, music business and industry major from Edmond, OK
- Vanessa Washburn, soprano, vocal music education major from Trophy Club, TX

First Friday Peace Jam

6 PM Potluck Supper
 7-8:30 PM Music Jam
 Sing along, play along (bring any instrument you like), or simply relax, watch, and listen. Lyrics and chords are projected on the screen. We have tambourines, djembe (hand drums) and maracas, too! This is an open and public event for everyone--all ages are welcome. We had a wonderful time on October 7 with a variety of participants from our congregation and from our community. Please join us next time on November 4!



Questions? Please contact
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L-R Vanessa, MaryEllen, Amanda, Henry, Sam, Jack

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Prayer Concerns

Lavon Alexander (Howard)
 Gary Allen
 Nick Amidon (Garoffolo)
 Shea Arnett (N. Thomas)
 David Awtry
 Baker
 Betty Bays
 Steve Bender
 Mandy Blackburn
 Rose Marie Bligh
 Rita Breuninger
 Helen Britton
 Belinda Bruner
 Wayne Cartwright (Koepp)
 Paula Cavett (te Velde)
 Nancy Chapa (Fagan)
 Allison Christy (Breuninger)
 Abby Clapp (Clapp)
 Darlene Collyar (Silver)
 Conrado and Miriam (Hardin)
 Andee and Kannon Cooper (Hrachovec)
 Heather Davidson
 Sara Davies
 Martha Dearing (Meinke)
 Matthew Durham (Shawley)
 Eva Elassi (Mulvey)
 Lori Fagan
 Mike Flowers
 Bob Freeman
 Joyce Freeman (Osborn)
 Ed Gallegos (Wilkinson)
 Omar Garcia
 Dorothy Gibbons (Holland)
 Bob Gregersen
 Lauren Glynn (Stewart)
 Halana (Leffingwell)
 Alana Harding (Redburn)
 Ben Harris (Wilkinson/Frohock)
 Kendall Harvey (Shaw)
 Mary Ann Henley (Henley)
 Charla Hilger (Roscoe)
 Charity Hitch (Plum)
 Nikki Hoffman (Matthews)
 Carolynne Hopkins
 Linda Houck
 Sandy Ives
 Patty Jacobs
 Paul Dean Jenkins (Nipp)
 Brenda Johns (Taylor)
 Larry Johnson (te Velde)
 Ted Joy (Taylor)
 Patty Keys
 Mary Jane Kirchenbauer (Breuninger)

Margy Knox
 Pauline Kopecky
 Dottie Kraemer
 Karen Krehbiel (Breuninger)
 Heather Lanners
 Hank Lett
 Judy Lewis
 Tracie Lively
 Alyssa Matal (Krehbiel)
 The McCoy Family
 Larry McDonald
 Stephanie McMillan (Taylor)
 Philip Meadows
 Tresa Miller (Miller)
 Jean Moore (Stangl)
 The Moore Family (Campbell)
 Anne Mullen (Mullen)
 Nora Nagaruk (Stangl)
 Susan Nance (Mulvey)
 Chancey Nickerson
 Michelle Nicholson
 Priscilla Nkem
 Our Service Men & Women (Kraemer)
 Frances Phillips (Taylor)
 Jean Potts (Bills)
 Daniel Powell
 Paul Quarles (Bobo)
 Tim Rains (Silver)
 Lisa Reavis (Stewart)
 Larry & Margaret Redburn (McCarley)
 Jack Reeves
 Sara Roberts (Osborn)
 Retha Schlais (Schlais)
 David Schmidly (Shaw)
 Frank Schull (Hrachovec)
 Karen Shippey (Swim)
 Jeffrey Silver
 David Smith (Cooper)
 Ted Smith
 Perry Sneed (Johnson)
 Jamie Stephens (Burgoon)
 Christine Stone (Fairbanks/Cornelius)
 Debbie Stout
 Phyllis Taylor
 Teresa te Velde
 Upendo Kids (Shawley)
 Nettie Vick
 Emily Walker (Walker)
 Nelda Wallace (Blosser)
 Darrell Warren (Silver)
 Marilyn Waters-Seig
 Lynda Williams
 Scott Williams
 Jim Wise
 Jackie Young (Osborn)

In Memoriam



Bettie Todd

Joined First Presbyterian Church
 January 31, 1969

Entered the Church Triumphant
 September 10, 2022

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me shall never die."

MILITARY MEMBERS

Members & family members of our church family who have been deployed in service to our country:

- Jordan Buterbaugh, Marines (Case)
- Justin Fowler, Navy (Fowler)
- Col. James 'grata' Greenwald, Air Force
- Matt Krehbiel
- 1st Lt. Eric Murphy, Army (Fairbanks)
- Miles Smith, Recruit Division Commander, Department of the Navy (Schlais)
- SGT Bryn JT Williams, Army (Williams)



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Adult Education & Fellowship



Adult Sunday School Classes - Sundays @ 9:45am

- "Feasting on the Word" - led by Denise Rex, this class follows the Revised Common Lectionary (the Scripture readings we hear on Sunday mornings) and meets in the Upper Room (south end of 2nd floor).
- "Faith & Fellowship" - facilitated by Tim Hardin, Faith & Fellowship decides as a class on their course of study. They are beginning a study of *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopal priest. In this book, she recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places. This class meets in the Multipurpose Room.
- "Celebrating Sabbath". Led by Rev. Jenny Hardin, this class is using the 2022-2023 Horizon's Bible Study to explore the themes of Sabbath. Meets in the Library.

Faith on Tap

Meets at Stonecloud Stillwater Patio & Taproom (917 S. Husband St.) at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of the month (November 3, December 1)

You are invited to join us for fellowship, conversation, and games at Stonecloud once a month! Stonecloud does not serve food and you are welcome to bring your dinner or snacks.

PRESBYTERIAN • YOUTH • GROUP



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Youth Group

Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday School

From 9:45-10:45am - in the Youth Suite.

Our Sunday school curriculum is intentionally designed for youth to explore their faith from a variety of perspectives through their years in Youth Sunday School.

For ALL 6th-12th graders on Sundays, 5:00-6:30pm in the Youth Suite. PYG is a time for connection, fellowship, discipleship, and living our faith. We play, laugh, pray, study scripture, serve, ask big questions, and grow as faithful disciples.

October

- 23 - PYG (5:00 - 6:30pm)
- 30 - PYG (5:00 - 6:30pm)

November

- 6 - PYG (5:00 - 6:30pm)
- 13 - PYG (5:00 - 6:30pm)
- 20 - PYG (5:00 - 6:30pm)
- 27 - No PYG - Happy Thanksgiving!





Children's Ministry



Nov. 6 @ 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 Bible Presentation in Worship

Nov. 13 @ 9:45 a.m.
 Parent/3rd grader "Exploring My Bible" class



Children & Worship

Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to come to Children and Worship each Sunday in the Westminster Room following the Time with Children at the 11:00 am worship service. Just follow the banner and the volunteers will be waiting at the back of the sanctuary!

This age-appropriate worship time includes singing and signing, praying and scripture story-telling. There is also a time to respond to the sacred stories using art, books, puzzles, or working with the stories they have just seen and heard. As we respond to God's love, we also have a time for children to offer their coins or talents. Parents may pick up children in the Westminster Room immediately following worship.



EXPLORING MY BIBLE

Exploring My Bible Class

Nov. 13, 9:45-10:45 in the Multipurpose Room

For 3rd graders and their parents/grandparents. Please have 3rd graders bring their Bibles they receive in worship on November 6th for this special class to discover all the tools their Bible has to help them study God's word. Parents/grandparents, please plan to attend with your 3rd graders!

Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:45-10:45am - begins and ends in the Worship Center. For children 4yrs - 5th grade.

Faith Kid-nection (4-5yr olds):



Play, sing, grow in faith, and learn to share God's love with others. This class meets in room 122 in the preschool wing.

SpiritLink (1st-5th graders):



SpiritLink continues their study of Matthew 25 in October and November with an in-depth look at "I was a stranger, I was sick, I was poor (naked), and I was imprisoned."



FPC kids enjoying the corn box at Pumpkin Palooza in early October

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All Church Fellowship - Save the Date!

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Sunday, December 11
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Outside Only!

MEAL TO-GO LIVING NATIVITY CAROL SING LIVE ANIMALS



Gentle Yoga is back!

This is a class for everyone and everybody. We welcome novices and experienced yogis alike. It is a gentle breath with movement class with modifications offered to help everyone be able to practice. This session will be on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00pm for 7 weeks (normally 6) in the upstairs Youth Suite. The dates will be 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13. With the extra class, the fee for this 7-week session is \$85. Please contact Courtney O'Malley at (303) 625-3458 or email climbingcourtney@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions. Scholarships are available.

Giving Tree 2022



It's time to prepare for the Giving Tree! We have contacted the various agencies (Community Action, DHS - Adult Services, Mission of Hope, Payne County Youth Services, and Wings of Hope) and they have indicated that gift cards are better suited to meeting the needs of their clients. Gift cards will be in \$35 increments. The Giving Tree will be up in the Narthex by mid-November, and will be decorated with the gift request cards. Look for more information in November.

As Advent approaches, let us prepare our hearts and minds to be compassionate with and generous to those who need that from us and, in doing so, to send God's Love and Grace into the world.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Bennett (sharon.bennett33@gmail.com) or Teresa Ansley (tjansley@yahoo.com).



Deacon's Corner

Little Free Pantry & Red Pantry

The Little Free Pantry is a community "Leave What You Can, Take What You Need" ministry of FPC. Modeled after the Little Free Library program, the Little Free Pantry provides a food resource for those who have need and a place to give back for those who have plenty.

Popular items include: Vienna sausages, canned veggies, soups, and fruit. Personal care items such as toothbrushes/paste and toilet paper are also welcome (individually wrapped items only, please). The Red Pantry, located in the lower half of the LFP, addresses the growing need of 'Period Poverty' by providing menstrual products. Again, individually wrapped items only, please.

If you aren't able to shop, a monetary donation can be made directed to the Little Free Pantry or Red Pantry. Questions? Contact Deacon Tim Hardin or Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin.

Mission of Hope Life Skills Classes

Stillwater's Mission of Hope is a shelter for those in our community with the needs of short-term emergency housing and/or long-term housing assistance. The FPC Deacons have a long history of supporting this community service by providing a variety of Life Skills Classes. Over the years, volunteers have signed up to teach supportive classes on topics such as Budgeting, Legal Issues, and Problem-Solving

In past years, classes have been held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at the Mission of Hope (1804 S. Perkins Road). Currently, your Deacons are inviting volunteers to sign up to be a Life Skills Class teacher. As a volunteer, you will pick the class topic you would like to teach, be provided a pre-planned class outline for that topic, and scheduled to present over 2 one-hour class periods in a given month.

This very rewarding volunteer service to our community is one of our essential outreaches as a PC(USA) Matthew 25 Congregation. If you would like more information about how to support this FPC outreach mission as a volunteer Life Skills Class teacher, please contact Stan Waugh at (405) 880-4394.



Our Daily Bread Bus Stop Dedication

On Saturday, September 17, we dedicated the new bus stop shelter and bench to the glory of God, with thanksgiving for the life and gifts of Leone List. Pictured with Rev. Jenny Hardin are Our Daily Bread's Assistant Director, Melissa Tuck and Operations Manager, Zack Wilson.

Food Bank Order Pickup

Each month, we place an order with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma for food and other supplies to supplement our Saturday Brunch Ministry. We are responsible for picking up our order when it is delivered to Our Daily Bread on the third Thursday of the month, and we are seeking volunteers with pick-up trucks to help. Sign up using the following link <https://bit.ly/foodbankpickup> or contact Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin to sign up.

Can you help us pick up our order from the food bank?

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Mission Co-Worker Visit Recap

Thank You from Chenoa Stock

Thank you to everyone who helped make Chenoa and Leandro feel welcome and at home during their visit to Stillwater! We received a thank you note from them that is now hanging on the bulletin board between the Narthex and the Hospitality Area. In it, Chenoa expresses their gratitude for our hospitality and notes the wonderful things she sees our congregation doing. It is a joy to have partners in mission and ministry around the world, and we couldn't keep these connections without commitment from all of you, so thank you!



Chenoa and Leandro work on a craft at the Wildflower Festival at St. Francis of the Woods.



Julie Bills talks with a small group during Sunday school about Fair Trade, highlighting products that come from Peru.



Intergenerational Sunday school during Chenoa's visit.

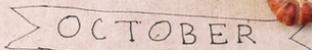
Fair Trade Store

The Fair Trade Store is selling advent calendars filled with Divine chocolates this year. I am taking pre-orders and will order from SERRV the end of October. You can sign-up for the calendars in the FTS or with Jenna Campbell. They are \$6.50 each and will arrive in early November. You will need to pay when the calendars are delivered. I will order a few extras in case someone needs a few more.

With cooler temperatures, I will be ordering chocolate at the end of the month. If you have a favorite chocolate bar, let me know. I will order some special flavors just for the holiday season. New merchandise has been arriving to fill the shelves in the Fair Trade Store. New jewelry is in, new scarves, kitchen and baby items, baby books, hacky sacks, wallets, and the list goes on. Come in and check out all the new fun gift items.

The Fair Trade Store is open on Sundays from 10:30 to 12:30. If Sunday is not convenient, contact me and I will be happy to meet you by appointment.

~ Store Manager Julie Bills (jbills2007@hotmail.com/(405) 880-4072).



Session Organization

The Session is organized into the following areas of responsibility. If you have an interest in serving in a certain area or for a specific event, please reach out to one of the elders assigned to that ministry or contact the Church Office.

Clerk: John Gelder
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Adult Ministry: Judi Baker (chair)
Kelly McCarley

Worship & Music: David Conway (chair)
Nate Ingram

Children's Ministry: Nancy Beckstrom (chair)
Jean Aresco

Youth Ministry: Rusty Rex (chair)
Belinda Bruner

Communications & Connecting: Kiah Butcher (co-chair)
Jill Stoutzenberger (co-chair)

Trustee Liaison: Cathy Fairbanks

Personnel: Kiah Butcher (co-chair)
Rusty Rex

Fellowship & Family:

Endowment Liaison: David Conway

Stewardship & Finance: Tim Krehbiel (chair)
Cathy Fairbanks
Ken Belanus

Nominating Committee: Tim Krehbiel (co-chair)
Rusty Rex (co-chair)

UKIRK (University): Ken Belanus (chair)

COVID Response Task Force: Rusty Rex

World Mission & Denominational Concerns: Donna Koeppe (chair)

Session Summary

The September stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church took place in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:30pm, with the option to join via Zoom. A quorum was present and Rev. Gordon Edwards moderated. Elder Kathy Essmiller opened the meeting with an opening thought and prayer. Highlights of Session action:

- Approved Trustees to sign a contract for roof repair work.
- Approved FPC's portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering to support Wings of Hope.
- Received the August 31, 2022 membership report, indicating 516 members.
- Received a report from the Personnel Committee about the process of hiring an interim. Voted to hold a closed Session meeting to interview the final candidate once terms of the contract had been agreed upon by the candidate and the Personnel Committee.
- Received resignation of Elder Charlie Johnson who is moving out of state.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Gordon Edwards at 7:19pm. The next stated Session meeting is Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room with a Zoom option*.

*location and time have been changed to allow Session members the opportunity to vote prior to the Session meeting.

Monthly Income / Expense Report			
	September	Year to Date	% of Budget
Giving	\$ 52,894.19	\$ 503,037.56	76.01
Other Income	\$ 7,981.68	\$ 78,087.51	81.07
Total Income	\$ 60,875.87	\$ 581,125.07	76.66
Expenditures	\$ 56,010.30	\$ 544,367.00	71.91
Net	\$ 4,865.57	\$ 36,758.07	

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Scout Updates

- **Troop 820** held a troop camp with sister troop 888 at Will Rogers Scout Reservation in September where we worked with scouts from both units to complete the canoeing merit badge. We are proud to announce the addition of Matthew Schmidt, Alex Hanson, and Jonathan Szabo, and Bruce Greenshields to the Order of the Arrow after successful completion of their ordeal at the end of September. The membership of Troop 820 is up to 25 registered scouts supported by 21 registered leaders that make everything we do possible. We would like to thank the church for allowing us to continue using the west parking lot for game day parking. Revenue from this fund raising helps fund the operation of the troop and give the scouts some funds to help pay for their camp expenses throughout the year.
- **Troop 888** is growing: since March we have doubled in size! Since our last update, the Scouts have assisted a church member who was moving, been busy fundraising and selling popcorn, completed the Canoeing Merit Badge, and explored Robbers Cave State Park. They continue to improve their outdoor cooking skills, fire building skills, outdoor ethics, and navigational skills. At Robbers Cave they set out on a 5 mile hike using a topographic map and compass and learned about and practiced the Principles of Leave No Trace. Each and every scout has begun to develop leadership skills and taken on more responsibility for troop activities. One scout in particular has exhibited exceptional servant leadership and has been recognized by her fellow scouts by being elected Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) for the Troop. Vivy Bobo is Troop 888's first SPL. She consistently guides and mentors younger scouts with kindness and has done so selflessly, with joy, and without complaint. If you'd like to keep up with Troop 888's Scouting journey, feel free to visit our Facebook Page at BSA Troop 888 Stillwater, OK. If you know a girl age 11-17 who is interested in joining us please contact Melissa Huber at troop888gbsa@gmail.com.
- **Pack 3842** held their Open House at the end of August. We added 9 new scouts, growing to 24 scouts. We had nearly every scout join for a fun day at Lake McMurry for hiking and adventures. Troop 820 joined to help the older cubs learn Dutch oven cooking and assisted with the hike. We held a Bobcat ceremony for some of the scouts and several others earned their Whittling Chip. The cubs are excited to meet the OSU Health Services staff to learn about First Responders this month. If you know of any boy or girl in grades K-5 who may be interested in Cub Scouting, please contact Kelli Black at pack3842@gmail.com. Fall is a great time to get to know the Pack.



The October Ambassador
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Worship at First Presbyterian

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Hybrid Worship Service

Midweek Prayer

Wednesdays 12:10pm via Zoom



2022 FPC Block Party

Thank you to everyone who came out for our 3rd Annual Block Party! We had a wonderful time with Code Shirley providing the entertainment, BABs and PurdyQ providing dinner, and local businesses providing door prizes. We

are grateful to everyone who helped make this community fellowship event a success and we are already looking forward to next year!

