

# The Chimes

of First Presbyterian Church

October 2016

A monthly newsletter for friends and members of our church...



## Stand Still...

**I Chronicles 16:15 "He remembers his covenant forever, the promise He made, for a thousand generations."**

In May, I lost my wallet in LA right before coming back to Alliance. I looked everywhere, but couldn't find it. All of my credit cards, debit cards, and my driver's license were gone. It means I was not able to take a flight, and I was not able to drive. My parents were coming from Korea. Everything would have been messed up! Then I told my mother on the phone, and she told me to go and look in the kitchen, like in the cupboard, or the oven. I was snickering at her on the phone, and annoyingly saying, "Mom, there was no way for me to put my wallet in an oven or cupboard." So I didn't really buy my mom's ridiculous "counsel".

But guess what? When opening the oven to cook a frozen pizza, I found my wallet right there in plain sight. I had no idea how my wallet ended up there. "Who put my wallet in the oven?" I brusquely asked my kids with a suspicious look. They seemed not to care about my turmoil, because maybe it was not the first time for them to be asked that question. Well, it turned out to be me who put it in there while cleaning the oven the other day. Why did I do that? That's a good question - I don't know.

My mother later told me that she remembers I often misplaced my belongings when I was little. Whenever I took my toys to my friends' house or playground, most of the time I came back with empty hands and began to look for them later.

Unlike myself, God carefully and thoroughly pays attention to us - who we are, and what we have gone through, and what we have done, and He never forgets. Our Lord remembers the time when we took our first step as a toddler. He remembers the first day that we walked into our classroom, the times that we got our first jobs, married, and had our first child. He never forgets the times when we struggled alone or felt left out. Even the moment when doubted His existence in our lives is clearly registered in our Lord.

All those events and moments recorded in the heart of God are used to make us who we are now and who we will be. God has been there all the way through, and He will continue to be there and remember where we will be, and what we will do. That's His promise. His presence will never leave us.

Jay Kim

# It Takes a Lot of People

Wk	Flowers For Month	Elders Communion	Deacons	Ushers For Month	Greeters	Liturgist	Prayer Team	Children's Message
10/2	Tanner and Hannah Weisgerber	1) G. Gatti 2) P. Dobry S. Fry	S. Nelson N. Green S. Kammerer	B. Krejci G. Krejci F. Colwell M. Colwell	John and Diane Prella		B. Kendle K. Toedtli	Hannah Weisgerber
10/3	Communion Highland & Crossroads							
10/9	Open			Same	Larry and Sherrie Curtiss		S. Kammerer P. Dobry	Amanda Mittan
10/16	Bruce and Pat Dobry			Same	LeRoy and Sherrie Fry		K. Hielscher P. Dobry	Manda Clarke
10/23	Open			Same	Tanner and Hannah Weisgerber		B. Kendle K. Toedtli	Kim Hielscher
10/30	Open			Same	Karla Kutschke		R. Hielscher P. Dobry	Pat Dobry

## **\*\*Men's Breakfast\*\***

Our Men's Life Group will have their next breakfast on Saturday, October 8th in the Fellowship Hall. Make sure to bring a friend to breakfast.



## Statement of Receipts - Fin'l Secretary -

Offerings	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25			Monthly Total	Bal. Fwd	YTD - 2016
Pledged Offerings	3,067.50	6,041.75	331.00				9,440.25	70,705.12	80,145.37
Un-pledged Offerings	1,015.00	600.00	140.00				1,755.00	16,135.00	17,890.00
Loose Offerings	39.50	14.50	10.00				64.00	1,109.42	1,173.42
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,122.00</b>	<b>\$6,656.25</b>	<b>\$481.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$11,259.25</b>	<b>\$87,949.54</b>	<b>\$99,208.79</b>

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- Website: www.alliancefpc.com - Reverend Jay Kim, Pastor -

## October Soup Festival

Attention all of you chefs! Have you been trying soup recipes so you will have something to share for **Soup Festival 2016** coming on October 16th, immediately following worship? Remember, it should be something soothing for the stomach as well as the soul, and should be a type of soup that freezes well. The challenge is on! Who will make the soup that gets top votes?



The children and youth will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, October 16th. Funds generated from the bake sale will assist the youth of the church in their annual mission giving through the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry. The date for the children and youth to shop for items for their boxes hasn't been set yet, but will be before the week of November 14th, when the boxes are due to be turned in.

## Circle Meetings

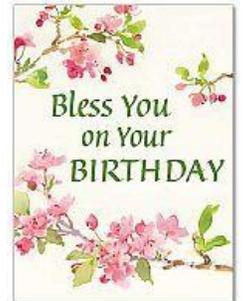
**The October Meeting for Good Morning Circle will be on the 5th, at 9:00 a.m. Hostesses will be Diane Prella, Doris Kuhn and Diane Foland. Circle will meet at the Church.**

**Serendipity Circle will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m., on October 5th. Hostess is Sue Kammerer.**

**C.T. Board will be meeting on October 19th, at 9:00 a.m. at Crossroads with Linda Johannes and Connie Hansen as Hostesses.**

## October Birthdays

- 5 Moose Walker
- 13 Nancy Brunner
- 14 Katie Hughart
- 19 Pat Dobry
- 19 Logan Kim
- 21 Julie Redecker
- 23 Sue Kammerer
- 26 Joshua Nason
- 29 Sherrie Curtiss



## October Anniversaries

- 11 Vic and Jane Krause
- 16 Bruce and Pat Dobry
- 17 Howard and Shirley Watson



## Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale

**Sale Days: October 14th—8am-6pm**

**October 15th—8am-noon**

**Set-Up: October 11th-October 13th**

**While doing your Fall cleaning bring unwanted treasures to the church for the sale. All donations are welcome!**





## Children and Youth News — October 2016

Autumn is here! Sunday School classes began on Sunday, September 11th. Thank you to Jill Green for starting out the Sunday school year in the elementary Classroom. Gayle Redecker will lead the lessons in October. Barb Kendle teaches in the Teen Classroom.

Thank you to all our Sunday School volunteers this year. Being a Sunday School Teacher is a special calling from God. Being a teacher requires energy, patience, commitment, hard work, and a heart for God's Word and His children. Sunday School teachers guide the children in their study of God's Word with the Holy Spirit's help and encourage them to grow in their faith. God bless you in your willingness to share His Word with our children and youth. This year's Sunday School Teachers are Manda Clarke, Misty Nollette, Helen McConnell, Hannah Weisgerber, Gayle Redecker, Colleen Hood, Jill Green, and Barb Kendle. There is still room for a couple more teachers in the Spring—February and May. Is our Lord calling you to help teach our children?

With the congregation's help, we celebrated the beginning of Sunday School on September 11th, with "Cider on the Sidewalk," after the worship service. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day for this outdoor gathering. Weren't the apple cider donuts delicious? A special thank you goes to Gene Gatti who secured the donuts and Jill Green for sharing and making her delicious recipe for the hot apple cider.

The children and youth will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, October 16th. Funds generated from the bake sale will help assist the youth of the church in their annual mission giving through the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry. All funds will be used for mission giving. Members of the Spiritual Formation Team, Sunday School Teachers, and parents of the children are asked to consider donating baked goods for the bake sale. The bake sale will be held with the Soup Tasting Festival on Sunday, October 16th.

The date for the children and youth to shop for items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes has not been set yet, but it will be before the week of November 14th. The date selected for this event will be announced in the November Chimes.

Please offer special prayers for the Sunday School Teachers and the children of the church as they begin a new year.

The CYM Team will meet next, as part of the Spiritual Formation and Outreach Teams on Sunday, October 2nd, after worship and fellowship.

Barb Kendle  
CYM Director

### Bible Studies and Times:

**Sunday—Morning Star—8:00 a.m. (Agents of Babylon)**

**Sunday—Adult Sunday School —9:00 a.m. (Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World)**

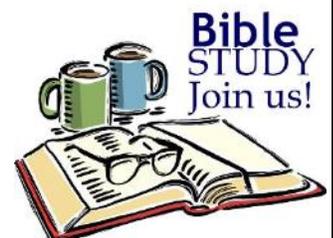
**Tuesday—Early Morning Bible Study—6:30 a.m. (Escape the Coming Night)**

**Tuesday—EWG Bible Study—9:00 a.m. (Encounter With God)**

**Wednesday—Young Family Bible Study—6:30 p.m. ( Restless—Because You Were Made for More)**

**Thursday—Women of Faith—9:00 a.m. (Armor of God)**

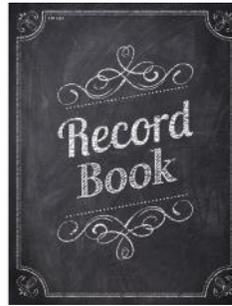
**Thursday—Living Stones—6:00 p.m. (Ten Questions Christians are Asking)**



# This and That . . .



A note to the Moderators of all ministry teams of the church. Please remember that you will need to submit your Annual Reports to Pat in the office in December, in preparation for the Annual Meeting Booklets. December seems like a long way off yet—but it really isn't. Also, if you haven't submitted budget requirements to the Trustees yet, please do so. Thank You!



**Does anyone know the whereabouts of the Church Register for the years 1944 through 1948? It is missing from the Workroom. If you might have it at home, would you please return it to the Workroom? Thank you!**



## Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Trustees would like to extend a big "Thank You!" to everyone who showed up to help with the Church Clean-Up Day on Saturday, September 24th. It is true that many hands make short work and we were able to accomplish a lot in a very short time.

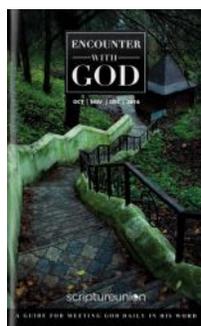
We appreciate your willingness to help keep our church looking its best. We anticipate another work day in the Spring and hope that we can count on all of you once again to help us with this ministry.

Thanks again!

Your Trustees

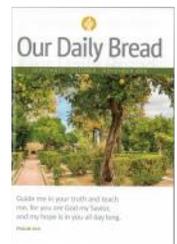
## Prayer Chain . . .

If you are not receiving prayer requests via e-mail and would like to, please give Pat a call and let her know so she can add you to the list. We also have a Prayer Chain via telephone for those who don't have e-mail, so if you would like to be on this list, please tell Pat and she will pass your name to the individual who initiates those calls.



The next issue of *Encounter With God* is available in the Narthex or through the church office. This is the resource that Tuesday morning's group uses for its weekly Bible Study. A suggested donation of \$4.00 helps with costs, but is not necessary.

Also available is the newest copy of the Large Print *Our Daily Bread*, and there are a number of the current copies of *Our Daily Bread* in the regular size that can be used through November, that are available as well. Please be sure to make use of these wonderful tools to learn more about our Lord and His Word!



# Experiencing the Joy of Generosity!

## Experiencing the Joy of Generosity

In a couple of weeks, we will begin a three-week stewardship emphasis titled *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity*. This will be an exciting and beneficial three weeks of sermon messages and lay presentations. We believe this program will be a blessing to those who already are experiencing the joy of being generous with the gifts God has given to them, and we hope and pray that this effort will help many more experience the joy that comes from giving faithfully and generously.

When we give to God through giving to our church and others, we experience one of the true joys of being Christians. Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). God doesn't need our gifts, but he asks us to give them. God accepts and uses them and gives us joy in sharing them. As we respond to God's love for us by giving back to him part of what he's given to us, he reacts by giving us even more. *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you"* (Luke 6:38). Although we don't give so that we will receive God's blessings, God's Word promises us that, when we give faithfully and willingly, we will receive an abundance of spiritual blessings and, for some, material blessings as well.

Have you ever wondered why you are left with such a joyful feeling when you are able to give a gift to your church or to help a person in need? The answer to that question may be rooted in us as Christians who are being recreated in the image of God. To be made in God's im-

age means we are made to be like him whose nature is to give. Giving helps us feel fulfilled as we reflect God's nature. Although the image of God was lost by sin, as those converted by faith in Jesus, we *"have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator"* (Colossians 3:10). Our Creator empowers us to give joyfully to our church and others according to his will. With this attitude of joyful gratitude, God keeps us close to him, and others see his image through us.

We hope and pray that the emphasis *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity* will be a blessing to you and your family! Our Session is hoping to put up a new sign in front of our church. We need to increase our visibility within the community. Many people know that there is a beautiful church on Emerson Avenue, but they do not know that it is a Presbyterian Church. We need to do something about that. Also the Session is hoping to increase or create a budget item for resources for our active Bible Study Groups. It is one of the best things we have going at First Presbyterian Church. We have seven Bible Study groups and they are finding that materials to study are expensive, especially the video lessons that are so popular. Session would like to be able to provide more financial support for these groups and also to grow a lending library of resources that can be used by all groups and also by other churches in our community. These things will only happen if our giving is strong and generous. Your giving will be so helpful and it is our prayer that it will also give you Joy!

Our pursuit for fulfillment and joy culminates in the discovery that we receive those things when, by God's grace, we respond with eagerness to God's directive to give. Like David, we exclaim, *"But who [are we]...that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we give you"* (1 Chronicles 29; 14).

Larry Curtiss, Stewardship Chairman



### A Note From the Financial Secretary . . .

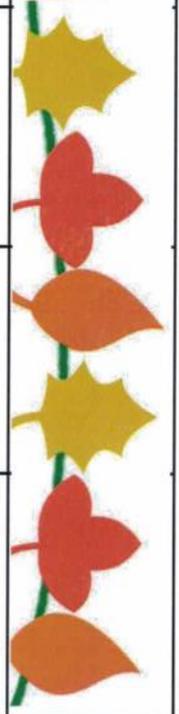
I will begin distributing the End of Third Quarter Statements beginning the first Sunday in October. If you have any questions, please contact me in the office at 308-762-1775. Pat Dobry

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship, Communion -11:45 CYM, SPF, Outreach Meeting	3	4 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads -9:00 Missions Meeting	5 -9:00 Good Morning Circle-Hostesses D. Prelle/D. Kuhn/D. Folland-At Crossroads 1:30p Serendipity Circle-Hostess S. Kammerer -6:30p Family Bible Study	6 -9:00 Women of Faith -6:00p Living Stones	7	8 -8:00 Men's Life Breakfast
9 DOVES Sunday -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -10:30 Worship Take Tables Down in Fellowship Hall for Rummage Sale	10 -7:00p Session Meeting	11 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads -6:30 Trustees Meeting	12 -6:30p Family Bible Study	13 -9:00 Women of Faith -6:00p Living Stones	14 Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale 8:00am-6:00pm	15 Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale 8:00am-12:00 noon
16 -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -10:30 Worship -11:45 Deacons Meeting Annual Soup Festival and CYM Bake Sale After Worship	17	18 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads	19 -9:00 CT Meeting at the Church Hostesses L. Johannes/C. Hansen -6:30p Family Bible Study	20 -9:00 Women of Faith -6:00p Living Stones	21	22 Presbytery Meeting Broomfield, CO
23 -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship	24 -7:30p Prayer and Worship Meeting	25 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads CHIMES DEADLINE	26 -6:30p Family Bible Study -7:00p Choir Practice	27 -9:00 Women of Faith -6:00p Living Stones	28	29
30 -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship	31 -Ladies Lunch at Arbys					

Rummage Sale Set Up



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*Return Service Requested*



# October 2016

## **Thoughts for the Journey—How We Worship...**

THE WORSHIP OF GOD IS THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND CENTER OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH. The Westminster Shorter Catechism affirms that our chief end in life is “to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” This places the worship of God at the very center of what it means to be God’s people and makes worship the highest expression we can render to our God-given humanity. Christian worship is a corporate act of the people of God where we gather to realize God’s presence and respond with praise to God’s gift of love to us in Jesus Christ.

The next several months this column will focus individual acts of worship that take place each Sunday.

3. **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**—takes place early in the service, suggesting that both the individual and the corporate body need to be cleansed in order to hear and receive the Word and Sacrament. To come into the presence of God dramatizes how far we fall short of God’s intended glory; so together we openly acknowledge our need for repentance, forgiveness and grace.
4. **THE KYRIE**—IS SUNG EXPRESSING OUR NEED FOR God’s mercy and forgiveness.
5. **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**—reminds us of God’s promise that forgiveness follows the sincere confession and repentance for our sins. Drawn most often from Scripture, this declares the amazing grace God in Christ offers to each of us who truly are sorry for our sins and desire to live a more faithful life.

**Let’s begin to approach our morning of worship as we enter the Sanctuary—directing our hearts and minds towards our gracious God in order to glorify Him and give ourselves totally to Him in praise and worship.**