



# The Chimes

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING

The Wednesday night multi-GENerational nurture program begins at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship and learning stations for ages preschool through adult. To better accommodate busy family schedules, these educational stations will serve as our new children's classes. Meals will be provided when it becomes safer to eat together. For questions or to learn how to help, contact our Curriculum Coordinator, Stephanie Unick, at [stephanie.unick@fpckearney.org](mailto:stephanie.unick@fpckearney.org), or call the church office at 234-4543. Bring your family and friends to grow in faith together!



The deadline for submissions to the November 2021 newsletter is October 15<sup>th</sup>. The editor reserves the right to edit for content and space. **Lori O'Brien, editor**

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CLINT

One of my favorite metaphors for the church is that it is “the body of Christ” (1 Cor. 12:27, Eph. 4:12). One of the things that metaphor has always meant to me is that the church does as Christ would do, those who proclaim Jesus is Lord are Jesus’ hands and feet and arms and voice in the here and now. There is a lot of anxiety about the church at this moment. I’m writing this during a conference in Denver where story after story pours out about how churches are learning to repurpose, to go into communities again, to find their place in a world that has clearly changed. It can all be overwhelming, but we need to remember a simple truth: when Jesus’ followers are the expression of Jesus in their world, something transcendent takes place.

Almost six months ago, the Ratcliff family found themselves dealing with a devastating combination of circumstances. Will was dealing with a recurrence of the brain cancer he had battled earlier as a teenager, the family was facing mounting medical bills, and they had lost about forty percent of Will’s income as a result of going on long-term disability. A series of churches combined to help the family financially. First Pres Kearney was one of those churches. You loved and supported a family that most of you had never met. You realized that Jesus would have engaged this family in their need, and so that is what you did.

I was concerned about whether this collection of supporting churches could sustain their support of the family this fall. When the idea of a walk-a-thon was raised,

it was an obvious God thing. It did the very thing that was needed: to remind the supporting churches of the ongoing need and our commitment to respond even with the fall church programming starting, even with the holidays right around the corner.

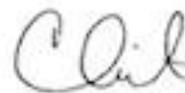
You engaged by making calls, pledging dollars, offering prayers, organizing events. A community event like the *Walk for Will* is difficult to organize. There are so many people involved, so many details to cover. You organized, you planned, and you executed. You worked through a huge mountain of details one piece at a time.

Last Saturday’s walk-a-thon went off without a hitch. The funds raised (a little over \$11,000 right now) will help the family with their immediate needs. The event also reminded supporting people and churches about the need for ongoing care and support. Last week’s walk will extend beyond just these dollars and this fall and hopefully will mean continued support this coming winter.

The best part of being a pastor is that I get to see incredibly holy moments. They don’t happen every day, but every now and again I get to glimpse something holy and sacred. Last Saturday’s *Walk for Will* was one of those moments for me. A combination of churches were Jesus’ feet and arms and lips. You embraced a family and expressed your love in tangible ways. You did as Jesus would have done. It was for me a holy moment.

Thank you for your work, your gifts, your concern and your love.

Pastor Clint





## Bible Study for Women

Greetings ladies, What a beautiful season as we watch the changes in leaves on shrubs and trees. It is a reminder that change is beautiful.

Thanks for your support of the School Emergency Fund during September. I am sure the school staff and the students are grateful for the help we provide.

Our mission project in October will be the S.A.F.E. Center. They need hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner, hairbrushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, all sizes of diapers, laundry soap, sets of dishes, glasses, silverware, and pots and pans.

### Dates in October

**Oct. 13** Introduction of Lesson Two with Pastor Clint at 1:00 p.m. in the church classroom

**Oct. 20** Circle meeting, 2:00 in the church classroom

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

**--Margaret Mead**

**Peace and grace,  
Annabelle Wells  
Martha Circle Moderator**



### Happy Birthday to:

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Paula Lytle  
Bev Gustafson
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> Rodger Payne  
Hewitt Moyer  
Addison Miller
- October 6<sup>th</sup> Ann Walker  
Amber Eaton
- October 8<sup>th</sup> Steve O'Brien  
Kenneth Slominski
- October 13<sup>th</sup> Julia Tye
- October 16<sup>th</sup> Fia Feese
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Sean Nicol
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Kelley Jordan  
Sierra Nonhof  
Claire Dennis
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Annabelle Wells
- October 25<sup>th</sup> Dean Gaeth
- October 28<sup>th</sup> Gary Lambert
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Yasuyo Ikeda



- October 7<sup>th</sup> Tyler & Elizabeth Allen
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Bobby & Rachel Fox
- October 16<sup>th</sup> Gary & Ruth Smith

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### **Greeters: (prefer 2 persons each Sunday)**

Oct. 3—Paula Lytle & JoAnn Lilly  
Oct. 10—  
Oct. 17—  
Oct. 24—  
Oct. 31—

### **Flowers provided by:**

Oct. 3—Charlie & Bev Pickens  
Oct. 10—Mary Kulhanek  
Oct. 17—John & Sandy McKirahan  
Oct. 24—Paula Lytle  
Oct. 31—Mary Kulhanek

### **Liturgists:**

Oct. 3—Julia Tye  
Oct. 10—Earl Rademacher  
Oct. 17—Annabelle Wells  
Oct. 24—Rodger Payne  
Oct. 31—

### **Acolytes:**

No acolytes needed Oct. 3-24<sup>th</sup>  
Oct. 31—Keagan Miller

## **MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS**

### **October 26**

Rt 1. Fia and Phil Feese  
Rt 2. Bob and Sue Wallace  
Rt 3. Lorraine and Gary Feind

Hymnals are available to check out if you would like to borrow one to use while watching the worship service on Facebook or Zoom. Contact the church office.

**RYDE BUS  
TICKET  
\$20**

We are pleased to report that we had donations of \$500 for RYDE tickets for the Head

Start children. This will purchase six days of rides for 25 children to and from school. Our congregation supports mission work with an abiding love and generosity that is amazing. Thank you!



## **MISSION IN MOTION OCTOBER PROJECT**

Our October Mission Drive will focus on the Ilturisho Primary School in Narok, Kenya that started in 2010. Pastor Clint and his previous congregation provided funds that built the first permanent classroom and the started the lunch program of maize and beans. The school has since grown to 500 students and money is needed to support the lunch program, to build more toilets since there are currently only 3 pit latrines, and to provide additional desks to reduce the ratio of four students per one desk. The school's mission statement is: **To create a haven for academic excellence, restoration of hope, and self-reliance.** Our financial support for this school will help them in their mission!



**ONE NURSERY POSITION FILLED  
ONE STILL AVAILABLE**

We are pleased to announce that Mychaela Fegter has been hired to fill one of the nursery positions.

We need one more person to help staff the Nursery during worship. Our Safe Gatherings commitment requires that there always be two people present to take care of the children. The online Safe Gatherings Training is paid for by the church. The paid position is for each Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to Noon. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older. Interested persons should contact Kit Alff, Personnel Chair, at 308-440-5898 or [alff.kit71@gmail.com](mailto:alff.kit71@gmail.com)

**SAVE YOUR FAMILY FRESH  
RECEIPTS**

The Deacons are collecting Family Fresh Receipts. When we have collected \$150,000 worth of receipts, the company will give us \$1,000, which we can use toward a project. **We currently have \$45,000 in receipts!**

Please drop off your receipts in the pink box just inside the front door. **We need the entire receipt** with the “Direct Your Dollars” portion that indicates the amount earned.



*Dear Church Family  
Thank you very much for the thoughts and prayers. Thank you to Kay and Rodger Payne for the beautiful flowers. I am recovering from my surgery and feeling better and look forward when I can join you at worship services.*

***Blessings,  
Richard Elliott***

*A big thank you and round of applause for the Walk for Will committee! I appreciate your hours and hours of service devoted to this successful event. You are a truly a blessing to the Ratcliff family and this congregation.*

***In Christ's love,  
Julie Tye***



**SAVE YOUR BEST CHOICE UPC CODES**  
Please save your UPC codes from Best Choice products (available at Apple Market and Boogaarts). When we collect 1,000 UPC codes, the company will send us \$30. **We currently have 830 labels so we are 170 from our goal!**  
The collection box is in the church office, or you can put them in an envelope and leave them on the table inside the front door of the church. Thank you!

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

10:30 am Worship Service

**Minister: Every Member of this Church**

Pastor Clinton Cozier, Senior Pastor

Lori O'Brien, Administrative Secretary/Bookkeeper

Stephanie Unick, Curriculum Coordinator

Barb Lewison, custodian

Sandy McKirahan, Music Director

Clayton Moyer, Chancel Choir Director

Angela Wright, Bell Choir Director

Connie Moon & Susan Wallace, Organists

Susan Wallace & Beth Mattingly, Choir Accompanists

Mychaela Fegter, Nursery Attendant

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Friday

8:30 am to Noon, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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