



The Chimes

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First Presbyterian Church

November 2021

**We will remember these women during
Worship on All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 7th**



Kay Eckwert

9-13-1934 to 5-7-2021



Jane Smith

11-15-1935 to 5-25-2021



Irene Meredith

6-26-1931 to 10-15-2021



SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, November 7, 2021**, when the clock will “fall back” one hour. Don't forget to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday night!

There will be a Congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church officers following worship on November 7th.

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



Our deepest sympathy to:

The family of **Irene Meredith**, who died October 15, 2021. Funeral services were held at the church on October 19th.

Mary Kulhanek and the family of **Robert L. "Bob" Bonner, Jr.** (Mary's cousin) who died October 14, 2021 in Lincoln.

We want to thank Jack for delivering the lovely bouquet of flowers this past week. We are so glad to be able to attend church again.

Dean & Alma Gaeth



The volunteers who worked on the Habitat House on September 11th wish to thank you for your generous donation of food for our lunch! Working together, we can provide simple, decent housing for God's people in need. We appreciate your faithful participation.

Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for supporting the United Way Coat Drive. Many of our students benefit from this event. Our students will be prepared for the changing weather!

Thank you!

Chelsea Feusner
Director of PK-5

*Dear FPC Funeral Committee,
Thank you so much for the lunch you served following Mom's funeral. This committee is very special, according to Mom. She loved working with you all! She especially would have loved the "real" plates! You know she always said, "it shouldn't look like a picnic". We very much appreciate you!*

Irene's daughters—

Dana, Nancy, Marcy, Susan, Libby



November 22nd Matt & Beth Miller

November 26th Lissa Woodruff
& Evan Kinney

November 28th Jim Rohrer
& Yasuyo Ikeda



HONEY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

The Arc of Buffalo County will be selling honey on Sunday, November 7th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. They will be outside their office door here at the church, so you can drive through the parking lot and purchase your honey bears from your car. They are \$6 each, so exact change would be appreciated.



Happy Birthday to:

November 2 nd	Gary Smith Daniel Hinrichs
November 3 rd	Jon Abegglen
November 4 th	Pradeep Barua
November 5 th	Gary Murphy
November 6 th	Mary Beth Ailes
November 7 th	Jennifer Nicol
November 8 th	Karen Diestler
November 9 th	Paul O'Connell
November 14 th	Steven Fish Judy Fish Sandy McKirahan
November 15 th	Jill Hibbs Amanda Badgley
November 16 th	Mark Nelson
November 18 th	Scott Matteson Bradley Donovan
November 20 th	Cedric Vollmer
November 21 st	Joseph Allen
November 22 nd	Bill Oldfather
November 25 th	Allie Moore
November 26 th	JoAnn Lilly Lorraine Feind Jacob Hild
November 28 th	Georgia Byrn Jill Hurt
November 29 th	Molly Hoback
November 30 th	Ruth Slominski Beth Johnson

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.



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 S.A.F.E. Center during October. No doubt, the victims appreciate the generosity of each of us as we reach out to support them as they begin healthy living and promote healthy relationships.

Our mission project in November will be the Salvation Army. Since it is Thanksgiving, perhaps they would want something special besides the canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, and baby items like shampoo, lotion, washcloths, diapers.

Dates in November

November 10 Introduction of Lesson Three with Pastor Clint at 1:00 p.m. in the church classroom 4

November 17 Circle meeting, 2:00 p.m. in the church classroom 4

*"We make a living by what we get;
we make a life by what we give."
-Winston Churchill-*

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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CLINT

As we come to the last quarter of 2021, a new year sits just around the corner. We are planning a change of committee structure in the coming year; we've been talking about this for quite some time within the Session. With the exception of the Nominating Committee, all church committees are an extension of the Session; that is, committees are the way that Session has chosen to organize areas of deliberation and ministry that are the responsibility of Session. Our current structure is five Session committees (Christian Education, Finance & Memorials, Personnel, Property & Grounds, Worship & Music), three Deacon committees (Congregational Life, Membership, Mission in Motion) and two joint committees (Communications and Nominating). Of the ten committees we currently have, only six are actually meeting and have ongoing work. While Session can choose to organize its work in any manner it deems appropriate, the *Book of Order* makes it clear that even the committees that currently exist as Deacon Committees or Joint Committees are actually extensions of the life of the Session. The single exception to this is the Nominating Committee which is an expression of the congregation and lies outside the authority or oversight of the Session. Several committees will continue with their current scope and description: Property and Grounds and Worship and Music (renamed the Worship Arts Committee). The Finance & Memorials Committee will be merged with the Personnel Committee into a new Administration Committee. The rationale here is that 2/3 of our expenses are personnel related and combining the two committees will shorten decision-making loops. The Christian Education Committee will broaden into a Nurture and Discipleship Committee responsible for what would broadly be called "spiritual formation.: Within First Pres, this committee will take up the responsibilities of both the current Christian Education committee and the non-meeting Congregational Life Committee. Mission in Motion will expand its already excellent work to oversee how First Pres expresses its faith outside the walls of the church. The new domain of this committee will be local and non-local missions as well as church growth and outreach.

The Deacons will continue to organize and lead our Pastoral Care groups which have been incredibly helpful over the last year. Benevolence (both within our church and within the larger community) will also fall within the scope of the Deacons.

So, next year we will have six committees, down from our current 10:

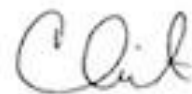
- Administration
- Property & Grounds
- Worship Arts
- Nurture & Discipleship
- Mission & Outreach
- Nominating

I would encourage every stakeholder in the life of First Pres Kearney to find one committee into which they can invest themselves and make that part of your spiritual journey. Find the thing you are passionate about and become part of the conversation about how that area of the church moves ahead.

In the next few months, we will have a couple of open conversations where you can ask questions about the upcoming structure (or anything else that is on your mind). The first of these will be on November 17th. One will take place at 3 p.m. followed by an evening session at 7 p.m. Bring your questions!

I look forward to our journey together. Let us have the courage to ask the two most fundamental questions in the life of any faith community: what is God doing in our world, and how can we play a part in what God is doing in our world?

Grace and Peace.
Pastor Clint



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Greeters: (prefer 2 persons each Sunday)

November 7th—Paula Lytle

November 14th—Barb Friskopp

November 21st—

November 28th—

Flowers provided by:

November 7th—Karen Diestler

November 14th—Worship Arts

November 21st—Worship Arts

November 28th—Poinsettia's

Liturgists:

November 7th—Julie Tye

November 14th—Ingrid Orsted

November 21st—

November 28th—

December 5th—Lissa Woodruff

Acolytes:

November 7th—Rowan Miller

November 14th—Fulton Moyer

November 21st—Fulton Moyer

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

November 23

Rt 1. Fia and Phil Feese

Rt 2. Sue and Bob Wallace

Rt 3. John and Sandy McKirahan

UPDATE ON DONATIONS

We are pleased to report that we had additional donations of \$120 in October for RYDE tickets for the Head Start children. This brings the total to \$620.00!! Our congregation supports mission work with an abiding love and generosity that is amazing. Thank you!

**RYDE BUS
TICKET
\$20**

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 \$49,000 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.



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 880 labels so we are 120 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!

Good news should be shared!

I recently made an exciting discovery! The Presbyterian Giving Catalog is packed with opportunities to make an impact with your holiday giving. Copies of the catalog are available in the office. Please consider joining me in honoring someone on your gift list with a donation to one of these worthy projects.

**Peace,
Julie Tye**



MISSION IN MOTION OCTOBER PROJECT

Our October Mission Drive focused on the Iturisho 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 of **\$2750** for this school will help them in their mission!



RADEMACHER'S NAMED KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR

Earl and JoAnn Rademacher were recently awarded the Golden K Kiwanian of the Year Award. Earl has been a Kiwanian since 1962, and JoAnn joined in 2016. They have been very active members, helping with many projects, including the Coats for Kids, which members of this church donated \$1,002.00 toward in the last year. Congratulations, Earl & JoAnn!

NEWS FROM THE MISSION IN MOTION COMMITTEE

Mission in Motions has once again chosen the Head Start Children for the last opportunity for giving this year. Head Start serves 80 children in Kearney ages 3-5 years. The families must qualify either by income (being at the 100% poverty level), being homeless, in foster care, or under guardianship. We are hoping to make the holidays a little brighter by providing a gift for each child to have this holiday season. If you can bring an unwrapped gift to the church for a boy or girl. We are also accepting monetary donations that will be used to purchase gifts for the children. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our church family and hope to spread a little love and generosity to others this Christmas season.

Thank you from your MIM Team

Gift ideas include but are not limited to: Trucks, Trains, Baby Dolls, Barbie Dolls, Play-doh toys, Matchbox Cars, Dinosaurs, Books, Animal figures



REFLECTING ON PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October was designated as “Pastor Appreciation Month”, but it seems as though every month should be. Less than a year ago Clint and Cathy Cozier arrived called by God to serve our church. Think about it... Covid was just getting going strong and about to turn all of our lives upside down. What would it be like to be a new minister in a new congregation trying to serve it well? You wouldn’t know the people; you’d be caught in the swirl of politics that colored this public health issue. You wouldn’t have your feet firmly planted on the ground before the entire country shut down.

How did Pastor Clint handle it? With grace and thoughtfulness, he moved forward and helped our congregation to move forward. His past experience with technology enabled us to get even better at sharing our services online, offering both Zoom and Facebook opportunities to participate in the service. He worked hard to get to know members who were unable to be present by donning a mask and going with Deacons to meet them in their homes. Wednesday afternoons became his “meet and greet” time. When decisions had to be made about our lockdown, he brought the factual information to the Session and asked that they steer the church forward. He has been our reliable “shepherd” during this dark time.

If you didn’t know October was the month, or you weren’t able to get a note written or personally thank Clint and Cathy, it’s not too late. This year was hard for pastors who knew their flock, but it must have

been a nightmare to begin leading a congregation during this year of madness. Appreciation is appreciated any time of the year, so, in your own way, say a special thank you to Pastor Clint!

The Personnel Committee



Session Notes

SESSION REPORT

Session met on September 28, 2021, and October 19, 2021.

The following actions were taken:

- Accepted the resignation of Matt Miller from Session and committees.
- Approved the transfer of membership of Jean Johnson to Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha
- Called for a Congregational Meeting on Nov. 7, 2021 for the purpose of electing church officers.
- Approved Bob Scriven’s application to be a Commissioner from Central Nebraska Presbytery to General Assembly, June, 2022.
- Approved the week of December 26, 2021 as study leave and the week of April 24, 2022 as vacation for Pastor Cozier.
- Elected Bob Scriven as our Commissioner for the Presbytery meeting to be held Oct. 23, 2021 via ZOOM.
- Finance and Memorials presented the Expenditure Policy for the first reading to be acted upon at the next regular Session meeting.

ORDER FORM FOR POINSETTIAS



I would like to order _____ poinsettias.
(Cost is \$15.00 each – Payable to the church in advance)

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Given in Honor of _____

or
Given in Memory of _____

_____ I will deliver a poinsettia to _____

_____ I would like my poinsettia delivered to _____

_____ I will take my poinsettia home after Christmas Eve services

Please place orders for poinsettias by Wednesday, November 17th.

Orders received after November 17th will not be guaranteed due to the high demand for poinsettias.

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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, or call the church office at 234-4543. Bring your family and friends to grow in faith together!

Pictured are the pumpkin creations and their creators from October 20th





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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 & Mikayla Cole, Nursery Attendants

Hewitt Moyer, Sunday morning audio and Facebook Live producer

Cathy Cozier, Sunday morning Zoom producer

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

8:30 am to Noon, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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