

First Presbyterian Church, Salina

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hello
OCTOBER



40+ years of marriage:

Jamie & Brigid Hall will celebrate their **43rd** wedding anniversary on October 9.



WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON SOME IMPORTANT ESSENTIALS AND COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP!

WE ESPECIALLY NEED...

- Mens's Belts
- Deodorant (Men & Women)
- Shaving Cream
- T-Shirts
- Mens and Women's Jeans
- Free & Clear Laundry Detergent

THESE SIMPLE ITEMS MAKE A BIG IMPACT - HELPING OUR GUESTS FEEL CLEAN, CONFIDENT, AND CARED FOR.

DONATION DROP OFF:

Salina Grace Community Resource Center
315 S. Broadway Ave.

MONDAY-THURSDAY

7:30AM - 4PM

FRIDAY

7:30AM - 2PM



YOU CAN ALSO SHOP FROM OUR AMAZON WISHLIST TO SEND ITEMS DIRECTLY TO US!



MATTHEW 25

DON SCHROEDER is turning...

90

Help us Celebrate with an Open House and Cake!

Friday, October 3rd from 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Presbyterian Manor's Ivory Keys Dining Room
2601 E Crawford St, Salina KS 67401*

No gifts please. Cards and well wishes graciously accepted.
* If not in attendance, please send to 632 Wind Song Court, Salina KS 67401

AROUND THE CHURCH



Fill the
FREEZER

Saturday
October 4th
2:00 – 4:00PM
Kitchen



ANNUAL **COLLECTING** for all ages

- New and gently used coats
- Hats
- Gloves

salina coat drive **Thru October 5!**

Questions? Contact Jan Denning

2026
Stewardship
we give with
grateful hearts
and generous
spirit.



Ladies Watercolor Paint Party
A Butterfly Card



OCTOBER 9
6:00PM
BLAIR HALL

RSVP BY OCTOBER 7TH
\$10

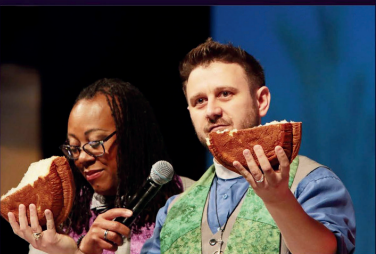
Bring a friend!
Bring a snack!



PEACE
is active,
not passive.

PEACE
is doing,
not waiting.

50%
of this offering
unites us
with peacemakers
around our nation
and the globe.



 **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

9/7-10/5 2025



25%
of this Offering stays with
our congregation to support
peacemaking and reconciliation
in our own community.

25%
of this Offering goes to
our mid-council to join with
other congregations to support
peacemaking work in our region.

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AROUND THE CHURCH

SUNNYSIDE PATCH FAMILY POTLUCK SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



PARLOR UPDATE

FROM PACKING



TO CLEARED OUT



TO DEMOLITION



Stewardship 2026



faith in action



What do I have to give?

With a posture of plenty, wisdom, and faith I offer back to God.

What I have is not mine to store up and hoard.

What I do is not meant for acknowledgement and affirmation.

What I believe is not meant to remain stagnant and stale.

What I have, what I do, what I believe come from God,
with a spirit of hopeful joy,
with a posture of abundant generosity,
with trust in God that the world would deny.

*we give with
grateful hearts
and generous
spirit*



I return all that I am and all that I have to God.

Time. Talent. Treasure.

Energy. Expertise. Wealth.

Presence. Passion. Privilege.

I choose generosity because God has been generous to me.

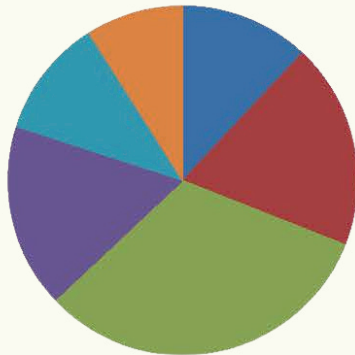
**taken from Bruce Reyes-Chow "Everything Good about God Is True"*

First Presbyterian Church

we give with grateful hearts and generous spirit

2025 Budget

Expenses



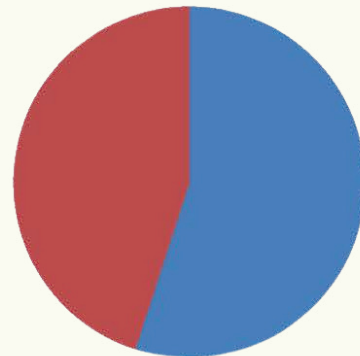
- Faith Formation
- Worship
- Facility
- Mission and Presbytery
- Finance and Technology
- Outreach and Communications

*As each has received a gift,
use it to serve one another,
as good stewards
of God's varied graces.*

1 Peter 4:10

Income

- Congregational support
- Trusts and Endowments



*Stewardship is about the joyous
discipline of thanking God with the
way we live our lives and spend
and share our money.*

Pledging Households

73% of our active member households pledged
to make a contribution toward FPC ministries in 2025

God, what I have is yours, not mine.

Bruce Reyes-Chow

Our combined resources make a significant impact in our lives,
for our congregation and our neighbors, both in Salina and beyond.

Opportunities On the Horizon

November 2nd – 9th

Social Justice & Mission together with **Faith Formation** are pleased to be hosting two very special guests during one very special week of Fellowship and Discipleship Development for **First Presbyterian Church!**

This November, FPC will be welcoming back long-time mission partner, **Mirna Pérez** of **Juntos Guatemala**. We'll get to hear updates from Mirna on the evolving work Juntos has been coordinating in the remote region of Ixcán, as well as exciting new developments underway in San Antonio Aguas Calientes.

In conjunction with Mirna's visit, we have also invited her brother, **Gerber Pérez**, as guest speaker. Gerber is an experienced educator and leader in community development and collaborative cross-cultural mission. He has been an effective guide and teacher for multiple North American groups and service teams over the past 15 years, including several of our first service teams. We are very excited to bring Gerber's engaging presence and nuanced awareness of outreach to our larger FPC family, and into the broader community.

- During their visit, Mirna and Gerber will also get to spend some dedicated time with both our Youth and Midweek kids. Then on Wednesday evening, Gerber will serve as our guest speaker during a Midweek Fellowship Dinner in Blair Hall (childcare will be available). On Sunday, Nov. 9th, the Pérez siblings will conclude their time with us by leading us through Sunday Worship.
- While in Salina, Mirna and Gerber will also be speaking to Salina Rotary, engaging with local healthcare professionals during a Lunch-n-Learn, exploring our local partnership with Salina Grace Resource Center, and touring the facilities of both Salina Grace and the Emergency Aid Food Bank, and joining us in celebrating Salina's Women of Achievement.



This visit from our ministry peers and longtime friends will be an energizing series of special engagements and learning events for the congregation and our broader community, don't miss out on the shared memories!



GENESIS 12:1-9

We read **The call of Abram**. In this passage, God commands Abram who is 75 years old and living in Haran, to leave his home, his relatives, and his father's house to go to an unspecified land that God will show him. While reading, we followed along, on a map,



STEPPING OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Just like we talked about different ways to cross a border, we also learned about a border we can cross in our own lives: our comfort zone. God wants us to be brave and try new things, even when they're hard. When we do, amazing things can happen! To show this, the kids drew pictures on coffee filters of ways they can step out of their comfort zones. Then, we sprayed them with water and watched the colors bleed together, creating a beautiful new design, just like the wonderful things that can happen when you're brave enough to try something new.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS...



FBI IS HAVING A BAKE SALE!



Help supports our kids' summer camp! Join us every Sunday in October after worship for a delicious bake sale hosted by our FBI (Faithful Bible Investigators) kids. Grab a sweet treat to enjoy or take home, with all donations going directly to our Summer Day Camp fund. Any goods remaining will be donated to **Salina Grace**. Thank you for your support!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING BAKED GOODS FOR THE FBI BAKE SALE,
PLEASE LET HEIDI KNOW!**



COTTONWOOD ELEMENTARY DONATION TOTALS

Regular Pencils- 1098

Jumbo Pencils- 184

Expo Dry Erase Markers- 176

Sweatpants- 43

Underwear- 210

Lice Kits - 21



*Thank
you*



COLLECTING PILL BOTTLES

Our FBI is collecting both prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles (any size). We will be accepting both pill bottles with and without secure caps (child resistant). We prefer the labels be removed, but we will remove them if sent in with labels still attached. Thank you for supporting the children. Please leave with Heidi or deposit them with the other containers we are collecting.



FBI BAKE SALE

a fundraiser for Heartland Day Camp

Don't Miss It
SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER!
RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP

For a Donation...take home a
sweet treat and support
FPC Summer Camp 2026!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE
BAKED GOODS CONTACT HEIDI
HEIDI@FPCSalina.org

Any unsold baked goods
will be donated to
Salina Grace!



YOUTH NEWS



Phil, Liam Hessman, Molly Zuccarelli and Trey Cullins at La Curva for God Squad

As the outside temperatures continue to move into more fall like weather, the youth of our congregation are settling into the rhythms of school and extracurricular activities, including God Squad for Junior Highs and HeBrews for Senior High School youth. Thanks to Makenzi and Trey Cullins we have been, once more, making our way to area restaurants both for evening meals and Thursday morning coffee at Mokas.



Collin Rupe, Tommy Payne, Ryan Dupy, Gannon Cole, Phil, Stratton Cole, and Marshall Zuccarelli at Mokas for HeBrews

I am grateful to Trey and Makenzi, as well, for taking a few pictures at the Central High School Homecoming parade where they captured some of our youth enjoying the start of the 2025/2026 School Year:



Gannon and Stratton Cole



Aunt Sara Johnston & Uncle Peter with their nieces Danielle and Hannah Peckham



Cross Country Coach Trey Cullins and Marshall Zuccarelli

As the temperatures cool and school continues, please keep our youth, Trey and Makenzi, and our area school staff and faculty in your prayers. Also, please look forward to a joint Junior and Senior High activity evening later in Autumn!

"WE GIVE WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS AND GENEROUS SPIRITS."

Our 2026 Stewardship Season is making use of what we learned from Bruce Reyes-Chow's book Everything Good about God Is True, specifically the chapter titled "Generous". While Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines "generous" (characterized by a noble or forbearing spirit, liberal in giving, marked by abundance or ample proportions), Bruce Reyes-Chow centers generosity in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. *"Simply put,"* he writes, *"we can be generous because God has been generous to us."*

Bruce goes on to say, *"that the abundance of life that we are given by Jesus' life, death, and resurrection can change how we live. Out of the gift of new life, humanity is compelled, commanded, and convicted to be generous: generous beyond our imagination and beyond the expectations of the world. Radical generosity flows out of the idea that there are enough resources for all of us to thrive. ... Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were acts of generosity that push us to reimagine abundance, scarcity, and what is enough."*

When I think about abundance, scarcity, and what is enough I think about how our congregation has responded to the needs of our community, both those who are part of our congregation and our neighbors throughout Salina and outside of Kansas. I think about how we have spent the past few years growing in relationships by coming together for Dinners for Eight and this summer's activities when Bruce Reyes-Chow visited. One of the repeated responses was how good it felt to be doing something together as a congregation.

We have also been responding to the scarcity with which the wider culture tempts us by finding new ways to be led by Christ, together in faith and love, as we look forward to a November visit from our mission partners from Guatemala and have partnered with area farmers to fill our freezer with our neighbors' needs in mind. Together we are pushing back against a mindset that says there is never enough by witnessing to the abundance of new life in Christ as we generously offer our time and abilities through our congregation's ministry and mission.

As our Stewardship Season unfolds, I hope you will see how we are witnesses to God's abundance in Jesus Christ both in worship and through the different materials that have been created to help us all think about what it means to be generous.

How have you witnessed our congregation approach giving based on the new life we are offered through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ? How would you finish the sentence, "I choose generosity...?" Hopefully your answer reflects the Gospel, as Bruce Reyes-Chow puts it, *"We give because we are grateful, and because it brings us joy to give."* May this be a season when we all, with our time, talents, and treasure, help bring the abundance of God's love in Jesus Christ to fullness in and through the life and ministry of Salina, First Presbyterian Church!

ADULT EDUCATION



As a congregation who desires to be led by Christ, together in faith and love, as we joyfully think, question, grow, and serve, it is my hope that you will consider joining me on Sundays in early October making use of articles from the November 2023 Special Issue of the Presbyterian Outlook, titled “Gun Violence: How people of faith can stop this uniquely American epidemic”.

- **October 5th “Presbyterian Gun Owners Address the Complexities”** – For gun-owning Presbyterians, control is—and isn’t—a cut-and-dried issue.



- **October 12th “From Despair to Hope: Mobilizing Your Church to End Gun Violence”** – Gun violence prevention minister Deanna Hollas unmasks the powers behind the gun violence epidemic in the United States and provides proven actions we can take to help save lives.

SESSION SNIPPETS

SESSION SEPT 15, 2025 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Received reports from the Clerk and standing committees including a financial report from the Treasurer. The report of the annual financial review for 2024 conducted by Varney & Associates was accepted.
- Approved the recommendation to continue the Board of Pension health insurance plan for 2026 for eligible employees.
- The Building & Grounds committee has accepted a bid for installation of new lights that will focus on speakers in the pulpit and lectern areas and power switches for the sanctuary. Work is nearly complete on installation of sound suppression units that are attached below the sanctuary pews to help eliminate echoing and distortion of sound.
- The all-church picnic is Sept 28 at a local pumpkin patch. Planning has begun for the 2026 Heartland Day Camp.
- Long time mission partners from Guatemala will visit in early November. Gerber Perez will be a guest lecturer on Sunday, Nov 9. Several community engagements are also arranged.
- The annual FPC stewardship campaign will begin Sept 28. Church leaders have been asked to consider their financial commitment and respond before October 1.
- Offered support to Pastor Phil and his family as they begin to deal with his father’s recent cancer diagnosis.

1 Britton Zuccarelli
 3 Don Schroeder
 4 Carolyn Exline
 5 Robert Justus
 5 Elizabeth Klaassen
 6 Ann Payne
 8 Heather Smith
 9 Charley Jarvis
 10 Steve Fowler
 12 Jeanne Norton



13 Toni Renfro
 16 Jennifer Peckham
 21 Graham Norris
 23 Maralyn Williams
 24 Charlie Zizumbo
 28 Becky Cram
 29 Megan Dupy
 29 Ryan Dupy
 30 Scott Knox

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Pastor Appreciation Month	29	30	1 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 WORSHIP, 4:30 CHOIR, 6:30	2 BUILDING & GROUNDS, 3:30	3	4 FILL THE FREEZER, 2:00-4:00
5 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 ADULT ED, 11:15	6 COFFEE & CARD MAKING, 9:30 PERSONNEL, 3:30	7 FAITH FORMATION, 5:15	8 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 GOD SQUAD, 6:30 CHOIR, 6:30	9	10	11
12 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 ADULT ED, 11:15	13 SOCIAL JUSTICE & MISSION, 2:00	14	15 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 CHOIR, 6:30	16 HAPPY BOSS day HEBREWS, 7:00	17	18
19 WORSHIP, 10:00	20 STEWARDSHIP CMTE, 4:00PM SESSION, 5:15	21 DEACONS, 5:30	22 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 GOD SQUAD, 6:30 CHOIR, 6:30	23 HEBREWS, 7:00	24	25
26 WORSHIP, 10:00	27	28	29 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 CHOIR, 6:30	30 HEBREWS, 7:00	31 	



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Youth Volunteer Leaders: Makenzi & Trey Cullins

Music Director: Dr. Richard Koshgarian

Musician: Parker Freeland

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