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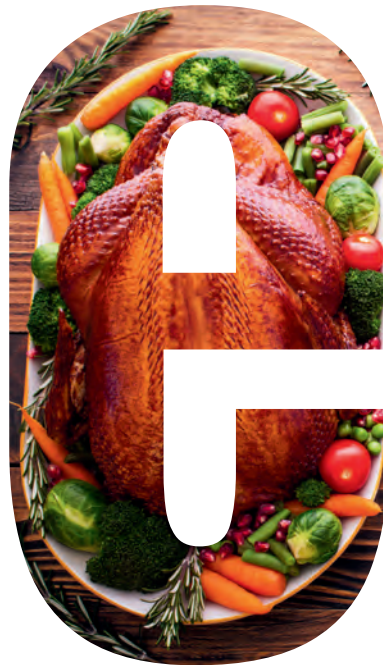
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2023

JOY IS A LIGHT THAT FILLS YOU
WITH HOPE AND FAITH AND LOVE.

Adela Rogers St. Johns



A custom painting, done by **Meghan Hessman**, representing the United Building will be given to the woman of achievement honorees.



Salina Urologist **Ryan Payne, M.D.**, has completed 1,101 surgeries using the da Vinci Robotic Surgical System since 2009.

50 years of membership in 2023:

Cheri Parr & Craig Renfro
Both joined April 19, 1973



Salina Central Finishes Runner-Up in 5A Tennis

Battling through adversity, injuries and 40 mph wind gusts, the Salina Central girls tennis team...

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Trey Cullins was Central High School's teacher of the month for October 2023!



Cross Country State Qualifier

Katelyn Rupe
Colin Rupe



Katelyn Rupe back to back 5A state title!



Golf

State Qualifier

Cindric White



thank you

Phil & Staff greatly appreciate the snacks given by committees throughout October!

AROUND THE CHURCH

Israel/Palestine Study - Sunday's at 9:00 & 11:15 am

The subject of Israel and Palestine raises the emotional level for almost all Christians no matter what opinions they presently hold. Two studies on the same piece of land, written from two different perspectives, will be covered during the four Sunday's in November. The study, "Understanding Israel" is written by an Israeli Jew living in Israel. The study, "Understanding Palestine," is written by someone familiar with the Palestinian situation. Both authors attempt to help thoughtful Christians understand that there is more than one position held by Israeli Jews and Palestinians.

Women's Bible Study

August 28 - December 11

12:00pm



Lesson Six
A Person with a Physical
Disability Encounters Jesus
Scripture: Acts 3:1-10

November 13
FPC



Lesson Seven
An Ethiopian Eunuch
Encounters the Good
News of Jesus
Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

November 27

For more information contact
Kathy Price or Becky Cram.

Coffee & CARD MAKING



November 6
9:30 - 11:00am
FPC Conf Room

Fun & Fellowship while making
birthday cards for our congregation!

Faith & Flour

11/11/2023 (Flatbreads)
2/17/2024 (Scones)
6/1/2024 (Dill Rolls)

9:00 - 12:00

Church Kitchen

Making breads and exploring our faith



Salina Grace

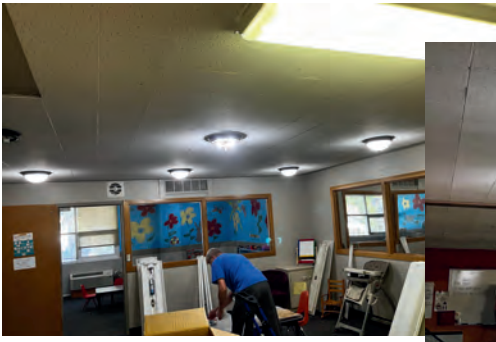
Wednesday Lunch
prep & serve



9:00 am
&
10:30 am

AROUND THE CHURCH

Nursery, FBI and Youth Room light updates - from the long florescent to the small LED!



City Go Bus Stop



Removing the sand to get rubber mulch!



Family room



Ceiling fixed and painted!



Painted and caulked exterior

Outside of building



Painted fencing



Cut down a dead tree

PASTOR'S POSTS

Phil Price

VISUALIZING "OUR MONEY STORY"

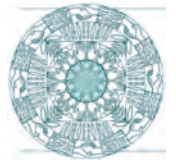
The best stories captivate and transform us—they change how we live. Through October we have reflected on stewardship through both Holy Scripture and four "R" words: remember, release, reimagine, and restore. We have set forth on this journey to begin thinking about how God wants us to relate to money.

We have not only listened for God's Word, we have also worked through a spiritual practice of creating a mandala mosaic. In Sanskrit "mandala" simply means "circle." Mandalas are used in Buddhist and Hindu traditions for meditation and prayer.



As our completed mandala mosaic resides in our church's narthex and parlor please look at it as an opportunity to pray and reflect on how we continue to live into the money story God hopes we embody at First Presbyterian Church, Salina. To help further reflection on this group art-project consider some explanations for the imagery found within its four rings.

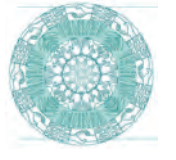
The inner most ring is inspired by Luke 22:1-23 (the Last Supper and Judas' betrayal) and Exodus 16:1-18 (manna in the desert). The tear drops represent the sadness of Judas' betrayal that leads to Jesus' death, as well as the struggle of the Israelites as they wander the wilderness. The circles represent both the silver coins Judas receives as payment to betray Jesus, and the manna that was Israel's food in the wilderness.



The next ring of open hands is inspired by Matthew 19:16-22 (a wealthy man seeking eternal life) and Deuteronomy 15:1-11 (the year of canceled debts). The open hands represent how Jesus invited the rich man to let go of all he owned, as well as our release of debts.



The next ring out is inspired by Mark 12:38-44 (the widow's mite). The seeds represent the coins the widow offered to the Temple treasury. In this ring, we are encouraged to avoid creating systems that impoverish and leave the vulnerable without the resources and support they need to thrive.



Finally, the outer ring of the mandala is inspired by John 21:1-19 (Jesus' final post-resurrection appearance to the disciples) and Genesis 33:1-17 (Esau forgives Jacob). The hands clasped represent the reconciliation of Esau and Jacob—brothers who lived like enemies. The fish represent the abundant feast Jesus offered the disciples after his resurrection. In this final ring of the mandala, we are reminded of words through which we experience God's restoration: how our broken hopes and fractured relationships are made whole.



Throughout the month of November please consider how your money story intersects with God's money story represented in our collaboratively created art-project. As you remember, release, reimagine, and restore your own perceptions of time, abilities, and financial resources within God's story of generosity, abundance, and love please consider how all of our gifts will serve God's purpose at First Presbyterian Church, Salina in 2024 as we are led by Christ, together in faith and love, to joyfully think, question, grow, and serve as the Spirit leads.

"In 1870 the congregation of a few more than 50 members started the construction of a Church on 8th Street. With the help of the Board of Church Erection it was finished and dedicated April 2, 1871. This church was a frame building with a seating capacity of 200 and costing about \$4,000. In 1872 the ladies of the congregation bought a bell which was transferred to the two later buildings and for approximately sixty years rang out, calling the faithful to worship."

Information from the Church Directory on History with input from Smoky Hill Museum



SESSION SNIPITS

OCTOBER 23, 2023 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcomed Rev. Kelli Pittman and Executive Presbyter Melanie Hancock from the Presbytery of Northern Kansas to the meeting. This was the triennial visit from the Committee on Ministry to our Session, as well as, an opportunity to visit about the one year anniversary of Phil Price's ministry with our congregation.
- Received the September financial report and other reports of standing committees and the endowment trustees.
- Learned that Interim Stated Clerk Bronwen Boswell and her husband, Howard (FPC associate pastor 1986-1989) will attend the November 4 Presbytery of Northern Kansas meeting in Ellsworth.
- The congregation will be asked to help make special Christmas decorations for the Sanctuary following worship on November 19 and then help decorate the tree after worship on November 26. The choir will have its Christmas Cantata on December 10 and our children will be part of the service on December 17.
- Approved worship services on Sunday, December 24 to be held at 10 a.m. (regular worship) and 5 p.m. (Lessons, Carols, Story and Candlelight).

October

FBI and FBI-In-Training

Nursery News!



Haley

Please welcome Haley Lindenmuth. She will be working in the nursery on Sundays and leading FBI-In-Training on Wednesdays. We are so excited to have her as part of our team. Haley also is a paraprofessional for USD 305 and has two sons, Hunter and Brody, at home. Brody has joined our FBI group as well.

Things are running amazingly well in the nursery under the expertise of both Haley Lindenmuth and Kirsten Lilak! If you have any questions about nursery care on Sundays or FBI-In-Training, please reach out to Heidi Paquin at heidi@fpcsalina.org or call at 785-825-0226.



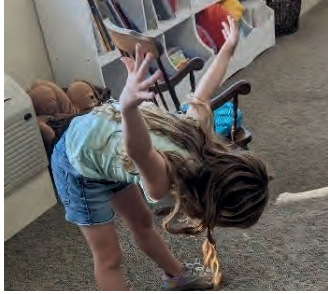
FBI-In-Training

We have been so thankful for Ruth Asher's assistance in FBI-In-Training while we were hunting for a replacement. Haley will be taking over leadership duties and Ruth has done a fantastic job setting her up for success. David and Megan Dupy serve as volunteers for FBI-In-Training as well. Our youngest learners have been learning about practicing joy and rejoicing in God's creation.

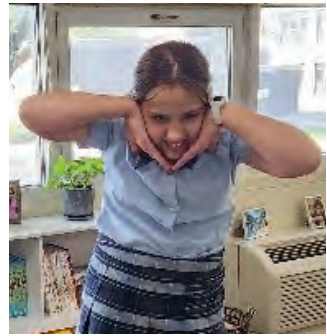


FBI (Faithful Bible Investigators)

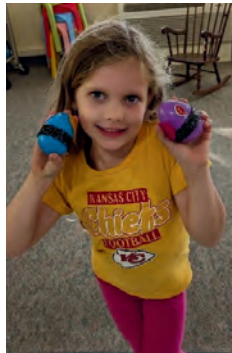
While learning how to practice joy in our faith, we sang a song, repeatedly, titled, Rejoice in the Lord Always which comes from Philippians 4:1. We have discussed how important it is to practice joy no matter what else is happening in our life by finding joy and giving thanks for God's blessings. Practicing joy demonstrates a recognition of God's steadfast love in the past, present, and future.



During this unit, our class has started each session with a silly game. We had a lot of fun playing Sculpture Garden which involved partners serving as either the sculptor or clay. The sculptors positioned the clay and the clay relinquished control to pose as they were positioned. The kids had a great deal of fun! Enjoy some of our fun poses. Thanks to Meghan Hessman, our volunteer assistant for FBI, for all she does for us!



In addition, we also created shakers, music makers, and painted rocks to demonstrate joy. The class will be placing their rocks in the courtyard near the east entrance among the rocks in the rock bed. Finally, we have practiced joy by praying together for the people and things that bring us joy.



Save **THE** Date
Sunday December 17, 2023
Christmas Pageant

God Squad:

October saw the group gather at IHOP on a strange evening when it appeared as though the restaurant had closed early. Other than parents dropping off their kids and Trey & Makenzi Cullins' cars, it did not look like anyone was there! As a result we received top-notch service until other customers started to arrive. Our second gathering was at the church, on a "cold and dreary night." We enjoyed Jimmy John's sandwiches and then played indoor disc-golf on several floors of the church.



Hebrews:

Our Thursday morning coffee group continues to be a time of hearing all about Central High School's sports programs and predictions about college and NFL football. There is a lot of laughter and intense side-conversations before the school day starts. Getting together with these exceptional older youth remains one of the highlights of the week for Pastor Phil!



Happy
Birthday!

1 Madi Carlgren
1 Melinda Hoffman
1 Shelby Dickson
4 Will Putzier
6 Jordan Murphy
7 Addison Justus
8 John Shetlar
8 Katie Stephenson
8 Stephanie Weckel
9 Tom Jett
9 Molly Zuccarelli
11 Rosalie Short

13 Marshall Zuccarelli
15 Terry Bakker
15 Chandra Cooper
15 Jeff Cooper
15 Morgan Stephenson
15 Bret Wallace
15 Marty Mills
17 John Hogarty
18 Maysin Griffith
19 Linda Salem
19 Glen Dickson

22 Sandie Montre
22 Sandy Mills
23 Annie Hayes
23 Will Hayes
23 Tina Baringer Styles
24 Kristy Yenkey
25 Tom Gates
26 Jack Jarvis
26 Cyndy Knutson
27 Connie Neuburger
29 Lauren Wood
29 Molly Michaelis

November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31 	1 FBI, 3:45 WORSHIP CMT, 4:00 MIDWEEK MANNA, 5:15	2 HEBREWS, 7:00 BUILDING & GROUNDS, 12:00	3	4 
5  ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 FELLOWSHIP, 11:00 ADULT ED, 11:15	6 COFFEE & CARD MAKING, 9:30 SOCIAL JUSTICE & MISSION, 12:00	7 PERSONNEL, 3:30 FAITH FORMATION, 5:00	8 FBI, 3:45 MIDWEEK MANNA, 5:15 GOD SQUAD, 6:30	9 HEBREWS, 7:00	10	11  FAITH & FLOUR, 9:00
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November 19

*Christmas
Ornament
Decorating*
in Parlor

November 26

*Decorate
the
Sanctuary*
After Worship