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OCTOBER



Faith & Film

October 6 ♦ 5:30 p.m. ♦ Room 7

(Note earlier start time)

October's Faith and Film selection is *The Shack* (2017), with Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer, and Tim McGraw.

A man is invited to spend a weekend with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. His notions of the Trinity and his preconceptions about religion and Christianity are challenged, and he begins the process of healing several traumatic emotional wounds he has sustained in his life.



Mark your calendars!

FPC Hour of Prayer

First Monday of each month: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Church Sanctuary

October 7 ♦ November 4 ♦ December 2

On the first Monday of each month, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., the Monday Emmaus Group invites everyone to gather with them in the church sanctuary for corporate prayer. Bring a friend, too. Corporate prayer is absolutely necessary for a Christ-led church like FPC.

Matthew 18:19 – Jesus said, “Again, I assure you – If two of you on earth agree about any matter that you pray for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.” Jesus deliberately chose to emphasize a group gathered for prayer. This focus of Jesus on more than one praying indicates that there is a design of God’s in such gatherings, through which He uniquely and powerfully works. Scripture records again and again the mighty works of God for and through His people and connects them to unified, corporate prayer.

Let’s take one step forward in our participation and confidence in prayer, not just as individuals but with others, gathered together with the purpose of seeing God’s glory manifested. Let’s join together to pray for our families, our church, our cities, our nation, and our world.

For more information or questions, please contact Sherry Knighton-Schwandt at skschwandt@gmail.com.

Outreach Committee

Area 10 Food Drive

On Sunday October 6, we will conduct a food drive to benefit Area 10. Please bring your donation with you on that Sunday and put it by the MCUM food box in Lyman Hall. As I am sure you are all aware, all of the local agencies involved with providing food to the needy are struggling to have enough donations. Your generous contributions are very much appreciated by the Outreach committee and Area 10.

Area 10 is particularly in need of **canned meats** (tuna, chicken,), small jars of **peanut butter**, cans of soup and low sugar cereals. They would prefer low sodium soups. Please make sure that none of the food is past its expiration date. They can't use expired foods.

Of course, all gifts of cash are also appreciated. If you give cash, please write in the memo line on your check "Area 10 Food Drive." **The gift of cash will give Area 10 the flexibility to buy the food most needed. Please give consideration to a cash gift.**

Your donation will be used to serve the Area 10 clients helped by our mission project.

- 10/1 - Gary Crow
Sherry Middleton
- 10/2 - Mary Beth Novy
- 10/3 - Linda Zager
Ann Edmonds
- 10/4 - Judy Fulford
- 10/5 - Karen Watts
- 10/6 - Aidan Johnson
- 10/7 - Isabel Schneider
- 10/10 - Peg Creech
Enid Richards
Sarah McKenney
- 10/13 - Mary Bohenkamp
- 10/14 - Sandra Santos
Nancy Nelson
George Strycker



- 10/16 - Rich Van Doren
- 10/17 - Paul Rothrock
- 10/19 - Dan Watts
- 10/20 - Leah Johnson
- 10/23 - Boyd Hahn
Linda Potter
- 10/25 - Isabelle Rauh
- 10/27 - Sophie Giedroc
- 10/28 - Elias Bobo
- 10/29 - Judy Holy
Nick Blackwell
- 10/31 - Jim Ernest



Bicentennial Task Force

A final major event in FPC’s Bicentennial year is the return visit from Rev. Rachel Pedersen (our Associate Pastor from 2008-2014) who will preach Sunday, November 10. Since this is Heifer Market Sunday, a reception for us to visit with Rachel will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 9.



Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate

The FPC Coffee Cart will be on the last Sunday of the month - October 27. Find the coffee cart in the narthex after both worship services. Stop by and check out the delicious, fairly-traded products – coffee, tea, and chocolate.

All profits go toward First Presbyterian Church’s mission work in Posoltega, Nicaragua.



Save the date

to be photographed for the new First Presbyterian directory

Photography dates
October 23 - 26

Lifetouch

Photos for the new directory will be taken in Lyman Hall, October 23-26.

Please reserve your appointment time by using this link.

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b1dldbnv/>

If you don’t have computer access, call the church office (812) 332-1514 to schedule your appointment.



Adult Education Opportunities for October

Sunday mornings at 9:50 a.m.

Lectionary Bible Study

This class discusses Bible passages based on the weekly Revised Common Lectionary and uses a new curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*, to enrich the study. Volunteers take turns leading the spirited discussion.

October 6	Faith in Discouraging Times	2 Timothy 1:1-14
October 13	The Grateful Leper	Luke 17:11-19
October 20	No Class (Congregational Meeting)	
October 27	Divine Mercy	Luke 18:9-14

Lectionary Bible Study meets in Room 5.

Parents of Young Children

This new adult education offering provides an opportunity for parents of young children to share their concerns, resources, celebrations, and ideas with other parents as they guide their children in their faith journeys. The format of each session is an informal conversation on topics that arise organically from shared conversations. Emily and Kevin Bobo will facilitate the group.

Parents of young children meet around a table in Lyman Hall.

Faith Forum

This popular opportunity includes presentations and discussions over a range of issues and concerns that we face as Christians in our faith journeys. The schedule for October Faith Forums includes:

October 6: **Science and Faith--Part II.** This is the second in a three-part series involving high school youth and adults in a conversation of how science and faith relate. This session will bring together a panel of local applied scientists (doctor (Chris Holmes), pharmacist (Megan Williams), engineer (Nathan Ernest) as well as a youth member (Addie Schmucker) to stimulate our conversation on how faith influences scientific practice. Both youth and adults confront controversies around beginnings, e.g., creation, that present questions and perspectives for all of us on how science is practiced within the context of faith. Don't worry if you missed Part I; you are still welcome.

October 13: **Science and Faith—Part III.** This is the final session and will focus on Presbyterian beliefs and perspectives that helps us address the science and faith controversies of our lives. Panelists will include: Rev. Doug Tracy, Rev. Carol Barrett, Karen Watts (biochemist) and two high school youth, Andrew Swank and Addie Schmucker.

October 27: **Come and See What God Is Doing.** We will look at what the church is called to in its 201st year and how stewardship relates to that call.

Faith Forum is held in Room 7.

Following the congregational meeting on October 20th, Session and the Stewardship Committee invite you to a lunch in Lyman Hall. Besides sharing a meal together, members of Session and the Stewardship Committee will be available to share their vision on the church's calling for 2020 and how that vision affects the finances of FPC.

Heifer Market

SAVE THE DATE FOR HEIFER MARKET!! Please mark your calendar for Sunday morning, November 10th for this wonderful annual event in our church! This is our 31st annual Living Gift Market (complete with live farm animals in Lyman Hall!), where shoppers can buy gifts of animals or ‘shares’ of animals in honor of friends and family members. All proceeds from this event go to Heifer International, a non-profit, ecumenical organization committed to alleviating hunger and poverty in all parts of the world by providing food- and income-producing animals and related assistance to those in need. (To learn more, go to www.heifer.org.) Get your Christmas shopping done early by buying “living gifts” in honor of your family and friends, gifts that will change the lives of hungry families all over the world.

Also taking place will be our annual Global Gifts market, with beautiful handicrafts made by artists from around the world. A selection of items from the Global Gifts fair trade store in Bloomington will be for sale in Lyman Hall.

Heifer Market and Global Gifts will take place instead of Sunday School from 10:00–11:00 a.m. Be sure to come during that time to visit the booths prepared by the children and youth and learn more about the wonderful work of Heifer International. The Market will also continue after the second service.

Interested in helping with Heifer Market this year? Please contact Mary Beth Novy, mbnovy@icloud.com or (812) 219-9309, for more information or to volunteer.



Report of Accounts August 2019

General Fund	\$18,679.34
Special Funds	\$52,786.00
Reserve Fund	\$11,388.00
Endowment (New Covenant Funds)	\$81,324.07
Capital Campaign Fund	\$55,180.37
Capital Campaign Mortgage	\$(288,469.45)
Parking Lot Fund	\$41,539.86
Parking Lot Mortgage	\$(242,244.78)
CDs	
93222825 (exp. 2/7/2020) @ .25%	\$50,729.75
IUCD (13 month APY: 2.5%)	\$10,089.72
IUCD (13 month APY: 2.5%)	\$30,269.17

Notes:

First Presbyterian Church owes \$15,560 (or \$40/ active member) for per capita in 2019. Thank you to each of you who has already contributed to defray this expense. If you have not contributed, but would like to please contact Mary McClellan at (812) 332-1514 or mary@fpcbloomington.org.

What we are able to accomplish in 2019 will depend on how close we are able to get to our pledge goal of \$561,817. If you have not made a pledge or are not sure if you submitted a pledge card, please contact Mary McClellan. Cards are available in the pews and the narthexes.

A Waterborne Experience by Pat Stackhouse

The day was sunny with no signs of rain. The lake below was serene and peaceful. John was looking forward to putting his boat into the water for one last time as fall was setting in. He had brought his seven-year-old son Zachary along with him.

Zachary was playing nearby while John kept an eye on him. In order to launch the boat, John planned to push it down a hill into the water. He started down the hill behind the boat, pushing it gently. Then without warning, the boat ran into the side of a heavy barrel, pinning John beneath the barrel and the boat. He couldn't call for help as he could barely breathe. Zachary, busy playing, didn't see his dad in danger.



John tried with all his might to move the heavy barrel, but it was impossible. He didn't want to die especially with the responsibility of three children. John tried with all his might to move the heavy barrel enough to free himself. He turned his eyes to the sky and prayed, "Dear God, if it be your will please let me move this heavy barrel enough to free me."

John struggled and pushed the barrel. Mercifully it moved just enough to free him. He fell to the ground and began to breathe easier, and although he determined he was hurt, he was grateful to just be alive. Already in a prayerful position he bowed his head and thanked God for saving his life.

John went to the emergency room of the hospital where doctors determined his lung wasn't damaged, but badly bruised.

Although it had been a week since the accident, John still had some trouble breathing, but he was able to witness to others how God saved his life and how his faith was strengthened through this experience that turned tragedy into triumph.



Earth Stewards - Hurricanes in the Bahamas

The people on the Bahamas Islands struck by hurricane Dorian face tough choices. Should they rebuild homes and businesses or abandon them? If they abandon, do they go to other islands within their country? Or do they try to immigrate?

If they seek to come to the USA, they will encounter immigration difficulties. If, on the other hand, they choose to rebuild, to what standard should they rebuild? Current building codes for withstanding 150 mph winds were clearly not an adequate safeguard.

Storms will almost surely intensify in the future as the seas warm further. Would a 200 mph requirement be adequate?

A bigger problem is storm surge. A storm surge of ten feet covers the islands. With 20 foot waves on top of that, what kind of structure will survive?

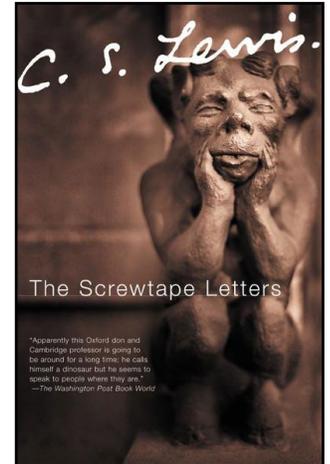
Even worse, at some point the oceans will cover all the Bahamas. That might be 150 years off, but it might happen much sooner. Is it worth rebuilding? Tough choices indeed.

People all around the world will be facing similar impossible choices in the coming years. We need to be thinking seriously about these issues now.

By Norm Holy and Allan Edmonds

SCREWTAPE LETTERS

Perhaps you have heard of the “Tales of Narnia”; however, C. S. Lewis wrote much more that enlivens our Christian walk. Beginning in late October, Laura Gardner will lead a 6-part series on his 1942 classic entitled “The Screwtape Letters.” Those of us who participated in her earlier series discovered that Laura is both enthusiastic and remarkably conversant in the writings of C.S. Lewis. To make participation really easy, Laura will start each session with a 15-minute dramatization from “Screwtape” starring Andy Serkis. In case you are unfamiliar with the satirical tale, Screwtape is an experienced devil instructing his young charge, Wormwood, on how to tempt and lead his human astray. Come find out how sly the strategies can be! MARK YOUR CALENDARS: an organizational meeting for Laura’s series will be held on Sunday, October 20. Contact Paul Rothrock prothro73@gmail.com if you have questions or cannot make it to the organizational meeting.



Food Bagging and Delivery Help Needed



Our Area 10 Food Delivery team is searching for a few good men and women. Once a month we pack and deliver two bags of groceries to approximately 85 older folks in need in our community. We could use a few new volunteers to help with bagging or taking on a new delivery route. The time commitment is on the order of 1 or 2 hours, usually in the morning or early afternoon on the 4th Wednesday of the month. This is a simple but great way to make a small contribution to good in our community, while connecting with some of your church friends.

If you’re new to the church or just looking for a new way to plug in, contact Gail Dunning, gdunning45@sbcglobal.net or Allan Edmonds, allan.edmonds@gmail.com for more information or to be added to our volunteer pool.



Fall 1969: Lou Watson was head coach for the Indiana University men’s basketball team, Jack Hooker was Bloomington’s Mayor, Bonanza was on TV, “Sugar, Sugar” by the Archies was on the radio and the Rev. Paul Miller was our pastor here at FPC. Was this also the same year you became a member of First Presbyterian Church? If so, the Deacons would like to recognize you as a 50 year member. To be recognized, please contact Nate Nickel at (812) 336-4274 or nickeln@bloomington.in.gov.

Get Out & Get Involved

10/14 & 10/23: The Fiber Arts Group (knitters, crocheters, weavers, spinners, quilters, cross-stitchers, sew-ers, et al.) meets the second Monday of each month from 1:30-4:30 p.m., and on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the parlor. New members are welcome. Contact Sue Connell, (812) 339-8768, or suerconnell@gmail.com for information.

10/15: The Women of FPC are invited to enjoy a relaxing breakfast at Wee Willies Restaurant in Ellettsville on Tuesday, October 15. The address is 4618 W. Richland Plaza and is located between Bloomington and Ellettsville. We will meet there at 9:00 a.m. and if you would like to carpool, please contact Lou Moir at moirl@indiana.edu or (812) 332-0472.

10/18: Our monthly **Men's Breakfast** will meet at Village Deli at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, October 18th. This will be our usual time for a Dutch-treat breakfast and conversation. We have no formal program and no advance sign-up. We hope you will join us on the 18th and all third Fridays for this time of fellowship.

10/21: Theology on Tap: This monthly, informal fellowship opportunity takes place at Chili's on East 3rd Street. Our conversation includes a current practical theology topic. The next meeting is October 28 at 6:00 p.m.; the topic is the pluses and minuses of "passing of peace"

(<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/are-you-glad-when-passing-the-peace-ends/>)

For more info, contact Paul Rothrock at prothroek73@gmail.com.

10/21: Schedule those meetings today! The November First Press **newsletter deadline** is Monday, October 21st. Please send all announcements to Karla in the church office at karla@fpcbloomington.org.

10/26: Kids' Night In. Halloween Party From 5:00-8:00 p.m. This is a ministry for children birth-2nd grade. Come hang out with our nursery staff for a fun night of games and creating! Please RSVP with nursery coordinator Crystal Ritter at crystal@fpcbloomington.org, so that she can plan for your child's participation.

10/27: FPC Book Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs activity room in the main building at the Bell Trace Retirement Community off of East 10th Street. This month's book by Liza Mundy is *Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II*. Leader: Ginny Coombs. Recruited by the U.S. Army and Navy from small towns and elite colleges, more than 10,000 women served as code-breakers during World War II. While their brothers and boyfriends took up arms, these women moved to Washington and learned the meticulous work of code-breaking. Their efforts shortened the war, saved countless lives, and gave them access to careers previously denied to them. A strict vow of secrecy nearly erased their efforts from history; now, through dazzling research and interviews with surviving code girls, author Liza Mundy brings to life this riveting and vital story of American courage, service, and scientific accomplishment.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30p Deacons Meeting	2 6:30p Committee Night	3 1p PW Circle Mary 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Emmaus Group 2 7p Choir Practice	4 1p Minor Prophets Study Group	5 9a Choir Retreat
9/11a Worship & Communion 9:50a Christian Education 12p Fellowship Time & Children's Choir Practice 6p FPC Youth	7 11:30a Congregation Hour of Prayer	8 7p PW Koinonia Circle	9	10 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Choir Practice	11 1p Minor Prophets Study Group	12
9/11a Worship 9:50a Christian Education 12p Fellowship Time & Children's Choir Practice 6p FPC Session	14 1:30p Fiber Arts Group	15 9a FPC Women's Breakfast 4:30p Membership Committee Meeting	16 6:30p Missing Peace	17 2p Pat Riggins Blood Drive 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Emmaus Group 2 7p Choir Practice	18 7:30a Men's Breakfast 1p Minor Prophets Study Group	19
Bell Choir Sunday						
20 10a Worship 12p Session & Stewardship lunch 6p FPC Youth	21 11:30a Emmaus Small Group	22	23 6:30p Fiber Arts Group	24 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Choir Practice	25 1p Minor Prophets Study Group	26 5p Halloween Party
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Congregational Meeting	First Press Deadline		FPC Directory Pictures			
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