

First Presbyterian

Ministers in Leadership

Ministers (the entire congregation)

First Presbyterian Session

Class of 2029	Linda Grant	Kay Grant	Sharon Uhlig
Class of 2028	Bill Salmons	Ann Salmons	Joe Lessert
Class of 2027	Lisa Lessert	Dawn Spaulding	
Gay Norris: Clerk of Session	Moderator: Mark Southard		
Treasurer: Rick Norris			

October Birthdays



1st Ernie Jantz	1st Sey Jones	2nd Beverly Poet
5th Joe Lessert	8th Bill Elliott	8th Carol Moore
11th Lyric Pameticky	13th Virginia Lessert	14th Carroll Rue
14th Lily Strickland	17th Rodney Kutz	
17th Goldie Brandt	24th Vicki Stokke	
25th Barbara Bridwell	25th Lynn Varner	26th Brett Hightower
27th Stan Long	29th Genita Swanson	
30th Park Nelson		

Monday Night Bible Study

Monday night Bible Study with Mark Southard
7:00pm FPC boardroom @ FUMC

To Join the Bible Study by Zoom, use the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82796429487?pwd=SY2db8EOFKWerFLYSbbY1pPEyNvRN6.1>



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First United Methodist Church

One Faith Family



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Call Maureen at office or email: maureen@fpcponc.org

Worshiping at: FUMC

JOIN US 9am Sunday School and 10am Worship

At: 200 South 6th St, Ponca City, OK 74601

with Pastor Leon Veazey

Our YouTube channel Livestream link is:

[Ponca City FUMC - YouTube](#)

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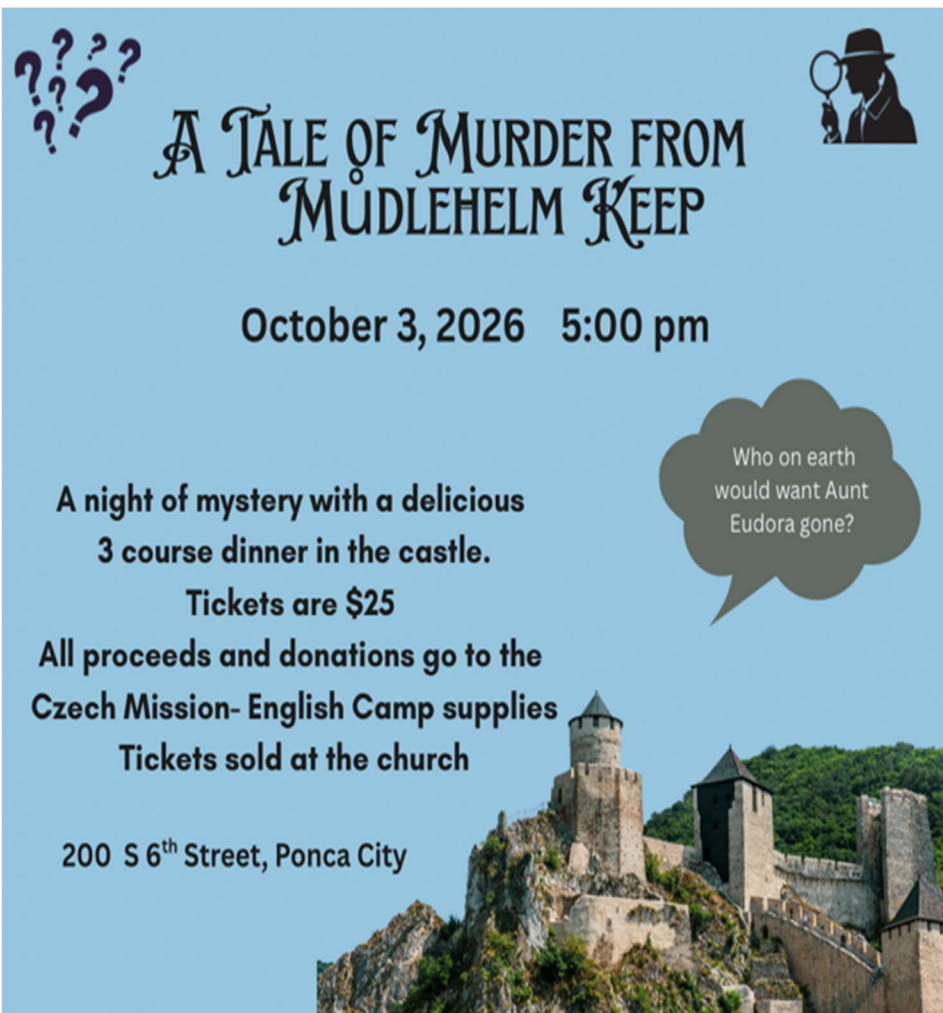
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Alana White, Youth Director: fumcpc.students@gmail.com

Brenda Stephenson, Ministry Assistant: fumcpc.admasst@gmail.com



**A TALE OF MURDER FROM
MUDLEHELM KEEP**

October 3, 2026 5:00 pm

A night of mystery with a delicious
3 course dinner in the castle.

Tickets are \$25

All proceeds and donations go to the
Czech Mission- English Camp supplies

Tickets sold at the church

200 S 6th Street, Ponca City

Who on earth
would want Aunt
Eudora gone?



CORYELL CUPBOARD

The Coryell Cupboard would like to Thank All who
give and volunteer to the Cupboard.
A Very Big Thanks to
First Presbyterian Church for giving so generously!

**It is the peak season for the cupboard, back to school, holiday season soon
approaching, your donations would very much help our community.**

Tuesdays 8am to 10am and 4pm to 6pm If you are interested in helping call:

Kerry Ebbert 580-716-3280

Please bring your plastic bags, we will use them.

October Communion Servers

Pastor Leon Teri Harris Adrian Luna Jan Matheson Ron Matheson
Johnathan Kirchner Gay Norris Linda Grant Kelsey Baichtal
Travis Harris - Serve to seated congregation
Elaine Costello - Altar Steward
Substitutes: Mike Vanderburg Dixie Kuehny Lisa Lessert Kerry Ebbert Marlys
Cervantes Carol Rodgers

October Ushers

Matt Biery Sue Lunsford Josh Harbeson Mary Ann Holt

Substitutes are:

Krista Harbeson Todd Harbeson Kerry Ebbert
Claire Scott Warren Mencacci

*If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and let the FUMC office know
ASAP, to add correct name to the bulletin.*

October Door Monitors

4th Matt Biery 11th Travis Harris 18th Bill Salmons 25th Ron Matheson

Liturgists for October

4th – Teri Harris 11th – Ann Bandy 18th – Mary Ann Holt 25th – Deb Layton



Oct. 4th 19th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)
Semicontinuous: Ex. 20:1-4,7-9, 12-20 & Ps. 19,
Complementary: Isa. 5:1-7 & Ps. 80: 7-15; Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

Oct. 11th 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)
Semicontinuous: Ex. 32:1-14 & Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23;
Complementary: Isa 25:1-9 & Ps. 23; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

Oct. 18th 21st Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)
Semicontinuous: Ex. 33:12-23 & Ps.99;
Complementary: Isa 45:1-7 & Ps. 96:1-9 (10-13); 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22

Oct. 25th 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25)
Semicontinuous: Deut. 34:1-12 & Ps. 90 1-6, 13-17; Complementary: Lev. 19: 1-2,
15-18 & Ps. 1; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46



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HOLIDAY CRAFT WEEKEND

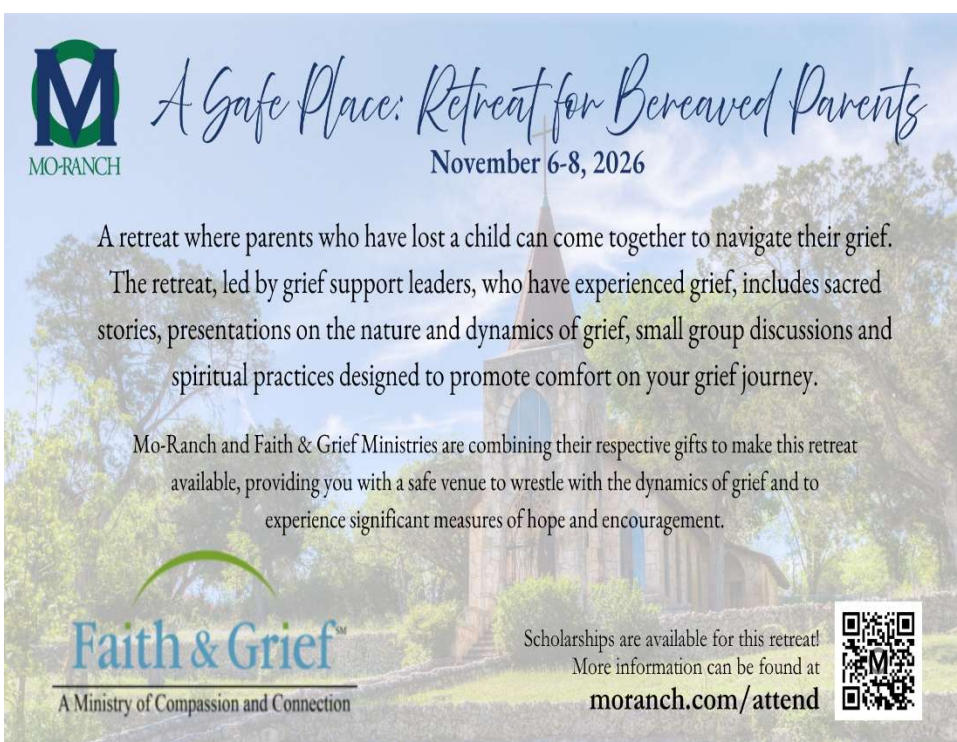
Join us for a fun, art-filled weekend before the holiday season gets too busy! This is the perfect opportunity for you to make some creative Christmas gifts and/or holiday decorations.

Our retreat leadership will guide you through hands-on Christmas craft workshop courses.

There's literally something for everyone, regardless of your artistic skill or ability. All supplies will be provided... just bring yourself and a willingness to learn and have fun.

Register Now    moranch.org/attend
Scholarships are available.

November 6-8, 2026

M MO-RANCH

A Safe Place: Retreat for Bereaved Parents

November 6-8, 2026

A retreat where parents who have lost a child can come together to navigate their grief. The retreat, led by grief support leaders, who have experienced grief, includes sacred stories, presentations on the nature and dynamics of grief, small group discussions and spiritual practices designed to promote comfort on your grief journey.

Mo-Ranch and Faith & Grief Ministries are combining their respective gifts to make this retreat available, providing you with a safe venue to wrestle with the dynamics of grief and to experience significant measures of hope and encouragement.

Faith & Grief™
A Ministry of Compassion and Connection

Scholarships are available for this retreat!
More information can be found at moranch.com/attend




YOU'RE INVITED TO

Thanksgiving at Mo-Ranch!

**THE TABLE IS SET,
AND WE'D LOVE FOR
YOU TO JOIN US!**



**CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING
WITH GOOD FOOD, GREAT
COMPANY, AND A BEAUTIFUL
HILL COUNTRY SETTING.**

**THIS EVENT SELLS
OUT QUICKLY!**

Make Your Reservation Now!

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MULTIPLE SEATINGS AVAILABLE:
11:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. | 1:00 p.m. | 2:00 p.m.

To make reservations, call **800.460.4401**.
Please visit moranch.org for the menu and pricing.



Friendship Feast



2nd Thursday in: February April June August October December
If you are interested in helping please contact the church office.

A Note From Your Treasurer

August 31st, 2026

First Presbyterian Church ended the month of August 2026 with a bank balance of \$57,370 compared to \$33,070 at the end of August 2025.

Income from all sources in August 2026 totaled \$17,570 of which \$9,000 was transferred from TPF investments. One year previously, August 2025, our total income was \$12,930 of which \$9,000 had been transferred from investments.

Expenses for August 2026 totaled \$10,133 while for the same month in 2025, expenses totaled \$12,280. First Presbyterian Church supports the Coryell Cupboard financially through quarterly payments from the annual Missions Committee budget but also through the efforts of our Financial Secretary, Maureen Chamberlin. At the present time, Maureen devotes about 20 hours (on average) each month to record keeping for The Coryell Cupboard.

Below are the year-to-date numbers through the month of August 2026 compared to the same period one year previous.

	YTD August 31, 2026:	YTD August 31, 2025:
Receipts:	\$164,437	\$187,105
Expenses:	<u>\$160,520</u> (\$5,083)	<u>\$174,068</u> \$13,037

As you know, First Presbyterian's building and property at the corner of Grand Avenue and 14th Street has been listed for sale for almost three years. We have recently reached agreement with the Diocese of St. Anthony (DOSA), part of the Communion of Evangelical Episcopal Churches (CEEC). We are excited that the property will continue as a Christian based facility for training and education as an abbey for the denomination. We understand that their plan includes several physical upgrades to the property inside and out. It is also expected that a small staff will be relocating to Ponca City. Closing is scheduled for September 29 here in Ponca City. You can read about both entities here: [CEEC - International](#) [DOSA](#)

The result of the sale of the property will be reflected in our budget going forward. Insurance, utilities, and property maintenance expenses will either disappear or greatly diminish. I fully expect that our focus on mission will be able to expand.

For submitting weekly offerings in the worship service, use the blue envelopes in the pew rack. As always, you may mail your offerings to the church office to the address above. If you choose, you may go online to the church's webpage (www.fpcponca.org), click on the green "Give Now" button and present your offering using your credit or debit card. You may also donate using your smartphone or tablet, once again using your debit or credit card, by pointing your mobile device's camera at the QR Code appearing here.



First Presbyterian Church continues its commitment to its historic focus on mission and your continued faithful support through your offerings is encouraged and greatly appreciated.

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If you are unable to attend Sunday worship services, you August follow online at <https://www.fumcpc.org> and click on the "Watch on Facebook Live" button. There are also links on our homepage, <http://www.fpcponca.org>, for YouTube videos of each Sunday's worship service at First United Methodist Church.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Peace and Grace,

Reck Norris

Treasurer



Mission Basket News

October is just around the corner... As I write this, we have had some rain and the temperature is in the 80's! I love it!! A lot is going on in Ponca City, and this month we are highlighting the **Child Development Center**.

Last month was an exciting month at the Child Development Center. Currently 73 children are being served and they still have openings available in the 3-year old classroom. On September 30, the Center participated in the United Way Agency tour. *Everyone is encouraged to remember the importance of supporting United Way through donations.* The Child Development Center directly benefits from funds raised through United Way, helping them continue to provide quality care and educational opportunities for local children and families.

They are also excited to announce that January 30, 2027 has been selected as the date for their annual Mac and Cheese Fundraiser. The special event will also celebrate the Child Development Center's 60th anniversary making it an occasion you will not want to miss.

The Center has received a grant from Rotary International, which will provide Frog Street Curriculum materials for our 3 and 4 year old classrooms. This is a tremendous opportunity for our

children and teachers and will further strengthen the educational experiences that are offered every day.

The Church Committee (that includes you and me☺) continues to support the staff and classrooms by providing monthly treats for employees and stocking the supply room with materials needed to create engaging learning experiences for the children. **As always, each month the staff loves donated items... Items for October include washable markers, playdough, Kleenex, fragrance-free wipes and snacks.**

Again, Thank You... each one of you for your continued support of the Child Development Center and the children and the families that are served in our community.

You and me... working together... do make a difference in our church and in our community!

Jan, Gay, Betsy, Mary Ann ☺☺☺☺



Prayer List

Eleanor Allemand	Melissa MacCloud	David (heart) Mary Ann's brother
Kay Anthony	Alica Mayne	Emma 8 months old
C.W. Barber	Wayne Moore	Wayde Cranke
Earl Behara	Maddie Newcomb	Jackson Criner
Rosemary Overton	Fran Clark	Alyssa Criner
Sue Boettcher	Shirley Dunster	Jackson Criner
Jim Bowen	Robert Pound	Dan Flewelling
Sharon Campbell	Clair Scott	Mitch Garrity
Shirley Dunster	David Scott	Vern Gildhouse
Glenda Gartside	Delilah Rae Scott	Bonnie & Paul Harper
Juliana Grace	Peter and Sharon Uhlig	Bobbie James
Dick Jacobson	Ruth Wetzel	Ernie Jantz
Ernie Jantz	Barbara Younger	Joe Locker
Cody 3year old Autistic child withLeukemia		Chip Whipple
Ken Jones	Deanna Varner	Donna Miller
Hallie Larue	Paul Tubbs	Jill Varner
Joe Locker	Emma 8 months old	
Diane Cavett	Wayde Cranke	Kurt Vincent

Cancer Patients: Jane Balfanz, Rebecca McAnderson, Beckham Caffey, Laura Ross, Troy Capps, Diane Cavett, Sandi Hedinger, Arleen Jacobson, Stan Paynter, Ryan Shelton, Randy Watkins, Margaret Blackstar

Grieving Recent Deaths: Tom Burton's 63-year-old son Roger who lived in Farmington, New Mexico passed unexpectedly 8/11/2026, the families of: Jeremy Knight, Dennis Poulsen, Roxie Johns, Carl Renfro, and many of our congregants grieving recent and not-so-recent losses.

Ministries: Intercessory Prayer Team, Homebound Communion Team, Czech Republic Mission Team, Stephen Ministry, Coryell Cupboard, Project Transformation, Getting Ahead, Friendship Feast, United Women in Faith Missions, and Mission Baskets.

And we also pray for Pastor Mark Southard and the Newkirk First United Methodist Church in Newkirk.

October 2nd: Set-up for Czech Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner
Time still to be determined

Saturday, October 3rd: 5pm Czech Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner
Murder From Mudlehelm Keep

Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

October 4th Children's Advisory Meeting 11:30 am on 3rd floor, the room next to Nursery.

October 11th Children's Sabbath 9:30am rehearsal with the service starting at 10:00am

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10am Women's Bible Study 1pm UWF	2 Office Closed	3 <i>Murder from Mudlehelm Keep</i> 5:00pm 200 S 6 th Street
4 World Comm/Peace/Global Witness 9am Sunday School 10am Worship/Communion 4pm TYT 11:30am Children's Advisory Meeting	5 1pm Chancel Bells 3:30pm Tops Weight Loss 6:30 pm Carillon Bells 7pm Bible Study with Mark Southard 6:30pm Scouts	6 Coryell Cupboard 8am to 10am & 4pm to 6pm 8:30 Mems Coffee 9am Intercessory Prayer 5:15 Prairie Carillon Hand Bell Choir	7 11am Mission Comm. Mtg 3:30 JAM 4pm Lay Servant in Parlor 5:15 WNL 5:30pm Youth WOW 7pm Choir Practice	8 10am Women's Bible Study 4pm Lay Leader & Nomination 5pm Friendship Feast	9 Office Closed	10
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