



News and Reflection from the First Presbyterian Church  
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### From the Youth Director

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need. The cross reminds us of the good news that through Jesus Christ crucified there is forgiveness for all sins!

#### Children's Ministry

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to visit our new "Family Worship Area" of our sanctuary. It is a wonderful place for children and their parents to worship together and start forming family faith traditions from a young age. It has been a big hit with the worshipping children!

As an outreach to our community, I am currently leading a seven-week study for Cub Scouts in 4-6<sup>th</sup> grades on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm titled "God and Family".

#### Sustainable Youth Ministry

This month, the youth focus will be about Lent. Many of the attending youth have never heard of Lent or what it means. This is an excellent opportunity to speak to them about God's love and Jesus Christ's forgiving grace for us. We began an eight week confirmation class on January 31 which corresponds with Lent and our focus on our baptism.

We had a fun-filled time at our annual January youth lock-in! With 40 youth attending, it kept the awesome adult volunteers hopping. Thanks to Valerie Smith, Christopher and Cathleen Wyatt, Jeanie Foster, Laura Southard, Chip Whipple, John and Sheryl Kline, and parents Phyliscia Kimbrel and Lona Rush for all their help!

#### Upcoming February Youth Events:

- 03: Dessert Auction
- 07: Souper Bowl of Caring
- 07: Confirmation Class
- 10: Ash Wednesday
- 14: Confirmation Class
- 21: Confirmation Class
- 24: Worship in youth room
- 28: Youth in charge of Sunday fellowship
- 28: Confirmation Class

Please join us on Wednesday, February 3 at 5:30 pm for our semi-annual

**Dessert Auction** Youth Fundraiser.  
The youth will provide dinner and ask that members bring baked goods to be auctioned for dessert.

Blessings,  
*Annette*

### Czech Mission Teams needs your help!

We are having another Murder Mystery  
Dinner Fundraiser.  
Help us find the murderer and enjoy a wonderful dinner.



Famed Actress dies as audience watches.  
Find out what really happened before the curtain went up.

Join us at the Landmark Theater on Killarney Lake  
(a.k.a. - Youth Center)

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

At 5:30 p.m.

(Green attire or costumes are encouraged)

Price: \$20 for 1, \$10 for the second

(other donations will be accepted)

Tickets will be sold Sundays during fellowship time

### Women Making a Difference

God Outreach Love Devotion Encouragement Nurture

#### Come, Join the Presbyterian Women

Thursday, February 11th at 1:00 p.m.

"Come to the Waters"

By Judy Record Fletcher

Lesson Six: Waters of Justice and Righteousness  
— Justice

Focus Text: Amos 5:21-24

Lesson Focus: Because of their shallow worship and sinful living, Amos calls the waters of justice and righteousness to roll down on the Israelites. What places in our world need the cleansing waters of justice and righteousness?

Led by Laura Southard  
For more info: call Margaret Smith  
762-6800



# Souper Bowl Sunday

**Be a part of the Souper Bowl movement that is sharing God's love with those in need!** This Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2016, please give generously. Encourage people to bring cans of soup and other canned goods, as well as monetary donations to help battle hunger in the Ponca City area. Every dollar donated goes to our local charity of choice, The New Emergency Resource Agency. Even the smallest donations make a huge difference to those in need!



You are invited to the presentation of

## "Our Father"

*A musical journey through the Lord's Prayer*

Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

At First United Methodist Church, Ponca City

Presented by choral members from many different churches in Ponca City.

Choir members participating from our church are Bonita James, Joe Lessert, Lisa Lessert, Ed Nanni, Ann Salmons, Jacque Salmons, Margaret Smith, and Iris Peterson.

## SESSION REPORT

Your Session met on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, and, following a devotion and prayer by Rev. Scott Foster, received reports from the Clerk of Session, the Treasurer, and the committees of session. The following items of business were conducted:

- Heard expressions of concern regarding acceptable dress from Harold and Barbara Younger.
- Approved, with correction, the minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Session on December 8, 2015.
- Approved a request for use of the building on February 20, 2016, for the Annual Junior Music Festival.
- Received the transfer of membership of Jack and Marylinn Coryell from Heritage Presbyterian Church in Cypress, TX.
- Approved a contract with Rev. Robert Montgomery as Stated Supply Pastor for one year beginning February 1, 2016.
- Approved the nomination of Laura McVay as treasurer.
- Approved scholarship awards as submitted by the Scholarship Committee.
- Approved a motion from the Mission Committee for disbursements from the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to be made through the Mission Committee.
- Approved the nomination of Annette Newcomb as Elder Commissioner to the February 9, 2016, meeting of Cimarron Presbytery in Perry, OK.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk of Session

## February Lectionary

February 7th - Transfiguration of the Lord  
Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20;  
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1: (1-9) 10-18

February 10th - Ash Wednesday  
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

February 14th - 1st Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

February 21st - 2nd Sunday in Lent  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

February 28th - 3rd Sunday in Lent  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

## Midweek Meals & Programs

3rd	Lasagna	Youth Dessert Auction
10th	Vegetable Soup	Ash Wednesday Service
17th	Mexican Bar	Music—TOP 10
24th	Ham	Lenten Study

## Invitation to join us...



Sunday, February 7th  
to welcome  
Reverend Robert Montgomery  
to First Presbyterian Church  
as he will be leading the  
church for the next year.

## Financial Picture for December

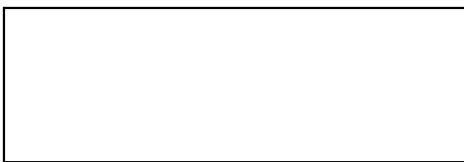
Year to date, income has exceeded expenses by  
\$ 39,345.40.

	December 2014	December 2015
Receipts:	\$ 27,355.22	\$ 18,339.69
Disbursements:	\$ 48,057.92	\$ 34,556.21
Net Receipt (Net Loss)	(\$ 20,702.70)	(\$ 16,216.52)
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Year to Date Receipts	\$ 419,865.56	\$ 396,783.55

# FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3 Youth Dessert Auction Bells 5:00 pm Midweek Meal 5:30 pm Youth & GOLD 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm	4 TOPS 9:00 am Finance 1:00 pm	5 OFFICES CLOSED	6	
7  <b>Communion</b>  Church School 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:30 am	8 TOPS 5:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	9 Election Day  Session 6:30 pm	10 Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm Missions 4:00 pm Bells 5:00 pm Midweek Meal 5:30 pm Youth & GOLD 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm	11 TOPS 9:00 am	12 OFFICES CLOSED	13	
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21 Church School 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:30 am	22 Annette Off TOPS 5:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	23 CLC 5:00 pm CE 7:30 pm	24 Bells 5:00 pm Midweek Meal 5:30 pm Youth & GOLD 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm	25 TOPS 9:00 am	26 OFFICES CLOSED  <b>Cub Scouts Blue &amp; Gold Banquet</b>	27  <b>Amber Fox Baby Shower 2 pm - 4 pm</b>	
28 Church School 8:45 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:30 am	29 TOPS 5:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm		<div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PRESBYNEWS DEADLINE</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The deadline for information going into the March newsletter will be the 19th of February before 5:00 p.m. We would prefer newsletter articles to be submitted using email in Word format one week before the newsletter is published. The March newsletter will be mailed and emailed by February 29th.</p> </div>				

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Join us....

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

We're on the Web too!

You may listen to the sermons on our website



Weekly Link: All information and articles need to be in the church office by Wed. at 1:00 p.m.

Questions?

Contact the church office.  
580-762-2431 ext. 101

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## First Presbyterian Ministers in Leadership

**Guest Pulpit Pastor:** Rev. Robert Montgomery

**Financial Clerk/Administrative Assistant:** Christy Aday

**Youth Director:** Annette Newcomb

**Interim Choir Director:** Ann Salmons

**Custodian:** Dave Kurtz

### Ministers (the entire congregation)

#### Officers:

**Session:** Chip Whipple, Laura Southard; John Cool, Joe Lessert, John Kline, Cecil Nanni, Christopher Wyatt, Marilyn Sherrod, Galen Miller, Valerie Smith, Margaret Smith, Mark Southard, Rick Norris (Clerk of Session)

**Board of Deacons:** Jolene Ebbert, Sandy Flegler, Dick Jones, Mary Ann Holt., Gay Norris,

Floyd Sherrod, Donna Miller, Ed Nanni, Pat Tebrinke, Cathleen Wyatt, Nancy Cool, C.W. Barber

### What is your Favorite Hymn?

Hymns help shape our relationship with God. With different experiences, certain hymns seem to connect with us more than others.

From now until Sunday, February 14, we want you to think of your favorite hymns. You can pick one or ten.

We will tabulate the top ten favorites and have a

#### TOP 10 COUNT DOWN

during the Midweek Program

**Wednesday February 17.**

We will also sing the **#1** Favorite the next Sunday.

If you haven't filled out a form at worship or midweek, you can always send your favorites to

[music\\_lady@fpcponca.org](mailto:music_lady@fpcponca.org) or bring your list to the church.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Autumn Wofford
6th	Amber Fox
8th	Don Hile Stan Jones
10th	Daniel Ebbert Dennis Poulson
15th	Alice Evens
17th	Bayard Casey
18th	Zandel Conover
20th	Sheryl Kline
21st	Mackenzie Gales
22nd	Carter Wyatt
25th	Earl Sutton
26th	Levi Wofford
28th	Jacque Salmons

### Pak-A-Sak

Pak-A-Sak Sunday will be **February 7th**. Remember to bring your non-perishable foods and place them in the cart at the back entrance.

**Happy Anniversary**

Bill & Rosalie Majors

Feb. 11th, 1961