



# First Press

Weekly Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2024

## Our Pastor

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Helen will be in the office Monday through Thursday.

## Our Mission

We are a community of Christ's disciples who celebrate God's inclusive love by ministering to one another and the world.

## Church Office Hours

9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday.

## Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and create a community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in-person; as a long-time member or a first-time guest, we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded please **email us at [firstpreslawrence@gmail.com](mailto:firstpreslawrence@gmail.com)** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership at FPC please talk with Pastor Helen.

## Prayers

### Cares, Concerns, and Celebrations

- **Tim Dutcher**, son of **Lois and David Dutcher**, has found a kidney donor and we celebrate! The surgery will be November 15th at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN
- **Kelly Grube** is continuing with chemotherapy following her trip to the Mayo Clinic recently.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.
- **Tanja Rounds** is dealing with a brain tumor and is looking at treatment options. Prayers appreciated.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **Nora Wallace** asks for prayers for her parents and sister who are dealing with the effects of long covid.

- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **Jane Golden**, a teacher in First 5 Years, is being treated for cancer.
- **Linda Wilson**, **Carol Fleeger's sister-in-law**, is coping with a complicated cancer diagnosis and surgery next week.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.
- **Prayer for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.
- **Prayers for those** quietly and privately in need. Those facing surgery or treatments, waiting for more information, living with addiction or mental health issues, and for the caregivers supporting them.

## Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Jim Rumsey, Charles and Jennifer Tuttle  
 Greeters: Carol Smith and Nancy Rumsey  
 Securing the Offering: Henry Johns, Jeff Southard  
 Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson  
 Bag Brigade Volunteer: Linda Longino

## Birthdays in the Congregation

October 14	October 16
Adam Rounds	Diana Schoneweis
October 15	Naima Nganga
Sandee Crowther	October 18
Pat Masten	Joan Kastner
Carly McAlister-Harms	Jayne Savage
Mac Boyd	Chase Hofer

## Deacon Family Groups - 2024

A-Ca	Charles Tuttle	N-Q	Peggy Southard
Ce-Do	Janet Adams	Mc-Mz	Becky May
Dr-F	Diana Schoneweis	R-Si	Linda Longino
G-Ha	Larry Schlosser	Sl-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

## Calendar

### October 13

- 9:15 am Children and Youth Sunday School
- 9:15 am Kerygma Class on Mark
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am OktoberFest!
- 2:00 pm Girl Scout CPR Training

### October 14

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
- 1:15 pm Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Pastor Helen's Class
- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Den – Schwaller
- 6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm First 5 Years Staff Meeting

### October 15

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes

2:00 pm

Parkinson's Support Group

6:00 pm

Deacon Meeting

### October 16

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
- 2:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting
- 5:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### October 18

- 10:00 am Men's Group
- 4:00 pm Boy Scout Hunter Education

### October 20

- 9:15 am Children and Youth Sunday School
- 9:15 am Kerygma Study
- 10:30 am Worship

## Children and Youth

### Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 9 – Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges
- 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Room 12 – Anne Emert and Nikki Barcomb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 14 - Chris Heider and Linda Longino
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 11 – Lois and David Dutcher – “How Can I Know God Accepts Me?”

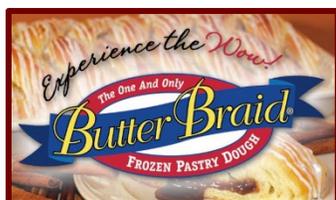
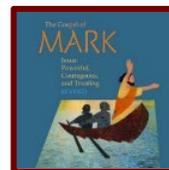
## Youth Activities

Friends, we have some wonderful plans for 6-12 grades. Please add to your calendars and invite your friends to join us.

- **October**
  - Trunk or Treat HALLOWEEN FUN on October 27<sup>th</sup> – Sign up in the Narthex to host a trunk or provide candy!
- **November**
  - MISSION on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will serve lunch at LINKS
  - MISSION: the youth will be shopping to provide Christmas gifts for families in need on November 17<sup>th</sup>. More information coming soon.
- **January**
  - Youth Winter Retreat – January 4<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 6 pm. Watch for more information!

## Adult Sunday School Classes

- **The Adult Sunday School class will be studying the Gospel of Mark.** Pastor Helen's messages are using the book of Mark. The Kerygma study of Mark will be the text. The class will be facilitated by Rod Nitz. Thanks to Rod for being willing to lead the study.
- **Adult Offerings during the week**
  - **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library. Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at [cftuttle@gmail.com](mailto:cftuttle@gmail.com).
  - **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** - For October 14<sup>th</sup> we will watch the Bill Moyers video called *The Apocalypse* about Noah and the flood. The class meets at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room.



**Butter Braid Bread – First 5 Years Fundraiser coming October 14<sup>th</sup>** Watch for order forms on the table in the Narthex! They have sweet and savory flavors as well as braid loaves or pastry puffins and cookie dough. Help our First 5 Years students and enjoy some fabulous treats for the holidays! You can purchase your bread on October 20<sup>th</sup> – payment with check or cash. You can go online to purchase the bread too. Use this link and select “FPC First 5 Years F” as your seller. Orders will be delivered to FPC November 18th <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/9bb05303-eed1-484d-b142-4d3838896792>



Watch your mail for your 2025 Stewardship Pledge Card. Together we can do amazing things!

**Finance**

	Budget	Actual
Gifts – September	\$36,000.00	\$24,779.00
Gifts – 2024 – YTD	\$382,906.00	\$382,796.00

Thank you for your continued support of our work and ministry together. It is never too late to make a pledge or gift to First Presbyterian Church! Go to Online Giving at [www.firstpreslawrence.org](http://www.firstpreslawrence.org).



**Save the Date for the Oktoberfest FPC style!** We will have a lunch of brats and hot dogs and all the fixin's you bring to share on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us for some good food, good music and great fellowship! Bring a friend to church on Sunday!

**Come and join the fun on October 27 for Trunk or Treat.** Wear your costumes and come have a great time at our Trunk or Treat. You can sign up to host a trunk on the table in the Narthex. You can bring candy to hand out. Or come share in the fun! Many thanks to Family Ministry, the Boy Scouts, our Youth, First 5 Years, and everyone who is helping make this a great time at FPC! It will be spooktacular!

**We are pleased to announce that we have hired Claire Boyette** to join our FPC Staff as our Mission Coordinator. Claire is a KU Student pursuing a degree in Social Welfare. She was active in her UMC in Ft. Worth, TX in a variety of ways, including as a Youth Delegate to Central Texas Conference in 2023 and 2024. Claire will be providing us with Mission opportunities and much more! Please join the staff in welcoming Claire to FPC.

## News from the Mission Committee

*Because the world is seldom fair, we go with justice.*

### Matthew 25

The general election is less than a month away and we want to make sure our congregation is ready to participate. Please check out the **Prepare to Vote** table in the Narthex after service to find resources to help you cast your ballot. On the table you will find

- 2 handouts describing key ballot issues for Lawrence residents including the sales tax increase and reorganization of the city commission.
- A resource handout on how to ensure you are registered to vote, cast your ballot and track your ballot.
- A resource handout for 18-year-old first time voters from Loudlight. The handout describes how to register to vote and handle any challenges that may occur when casting your vote on election day. If you have a first time 18-year-old in your family, please share this handout with them or direct them to [www.loudlight.com](http://www.loudlight.com)

**REMEMBER October 15<sup>th</sup>** is the last day to register to vote in the election

*Because the world is seldom fair, we go with Justice*

**Community Problems Assembly** – Thursday October 24 at 6:30 pm at St. John's Catholic School Gym (1208 Kentucky St.)

Justice Matters is nearing the end of this year's listening sessions. We have heard powerful and moving stories about problems in our community. We look forward to the Community Problems Assembly (CPA), where we will lift up these concerns and decide as a community what issue we will tackle next.

In case you haven't received our postcard at a house meeting, here are the dates, times and locations of other major assemblies for 2025.

**Solutions Briefing** – Thursday, April 10, 2025, 6:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church (1245 New Hampshire St.)

**Nehemiah Action Assembly** – Monday, May 5, 2025, 6:30 pm at Douglas County Fairgrounds (2120 Harper)

**Celebration** – Monday, June 16, 2025, 6:00 pm at First United Methodist Church West Campus (867 Highway 40)

Mark your calendars now – Your presence matters!

**Remember that on November 5<sup>th</sup> you can Vote for Affordable Housing** – Justice Matters has worked to get affordable housing and to end chronic homelessness. The current affordable housing sales tax has created more than 700 affordable apartments and houses, but Lawrence continues to need more! This November 5<sup>th</sup>, additional dedicated funding for affordable housing will be on the ballot. Together, we can be a part of making our community a more affordable place to call home. Vote YES for Affordable Housing!

**We also welcome new members to FPC!** Roger and Joyce Carroll joined by Session action on August 13, 2024 and Joshua Vincent Bryant and Nancy Bousman joined by Session action on October 8, 2024. Roger and Joyce transferred their membership from FPC Lee's Summit as did Nancy Bousman. Nancy and Joyce are sisters! Joshua is a KU student from Virginia. Please welcome them (there will be pictures of some on the bulletin board just south of the Sanctuary soon!) and invite them to join you in activities. Please wear your name tags so we can all call each other by name!

## Art and Mission – A Youth Project

