



First Press

Weekly Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church

June 9, 2024

Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

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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** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you.

Prayers

Cares, Concerns, and Celebrations

- **Marshall Crowther** died on June 1 at Brandon Woods. He is survived by his wife, Sandee Crowther and daughters, Carrie Crowther and Cherie Hoover Elo. Service plans are pending.
- **Nora Wallace** asks for prayers for her father, Bill Wallace, who is recovering. Hoping for rest for her mother and sister as well.
- **Earl Huyser** has moved to the nursing floor at Presbyterian Manor. Please note that his phone is only available for family use. Cards and letters are welcome!
- **Jean Givens** is home and doing well. She looks forward to moving in July. Prayers for an easy transition.
- **Loren Dolezal** is home at Meadowlark Estates.
- **Kathryn Roblee** is back in her apartment and doing well following knee replacement surgery.

- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.

Birthdays in the Congregation

June 14

Jeff Southard

Amber Luckie

Care

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		

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Jim Rumsey, Charles and Jennifer Tuttle

Greeters: Carol Smith, Linda Burton, Sandy Groene

Securing the Offering: Mark Shiflett and Jan Roth

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Mugger: Margie Dyck

Finance

	Budget	Actual
Gifts – May	\$37,500.00	\$45,100.00
Gifts – 2024 – YTD	\$238,907.00	\$245,701.00

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.

Calendar

June 9

9:15 am	Wired Word Adult Class
10:30 am	Worship
11:45 am	Lunch on Sunday Group
11:45 am	Presby Pickers Rehearsal

June 10

9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp
10:00 am Music Search Team
1:15 pm Staff Meeting

June 11

9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp
6:00 pm Kay Valley Fiber Guild Meeting
6:30 pm Session Meeting

June 12

9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59

June 13

9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp

June 14

9:00 am First 5 Years Summer Camp
10:00 am Men's Group

June 15

8:00 am Den Leader Training
10:30 am CM/ACM Scout Training

June 16

9:15 am The Wired Word
10:30 am Worship

Children and Youth

- **The Family Ministry committee is hosting three Family Fun Nights** throughout the Summer! This will happen once per month on Thursday evenings throughout the Summer months. These fun nights will be Olympic themed so come ready to compete in our very own Olympic Games! Families, singles, couples, grandparents, friends....ALL are welcome!!

Adult Sunday School Classes

- **The Wired Word** is the summer offering for Adult Sunday School. Please join us at 9:15! The class will discuss current topics around a current issue and scripture relating to the issue. Each week new topics will be available for discussion. Come one, come all – to each meeting or those you can attend!

Adult Offerings during the week

- **Pastor Helen's Monday class** is taking a break during the month of June. Watch here for updates!
- **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library for a time of fellowship (pun intended). Come join the discussion which can cover almost anything! Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at cftuttle@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women



Save the Date for the PW Rummage Sale in August! Presbyterian Women will hold their Rummage Sale on August 16 and 17. They will be collecting your items August 12 – 15 in Fellowship Hall. Funds from the sale will be used for updating Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support!

Thank you!

At the Congregational Meeting last week, the congregation approved the installation of solar panels on the roof of the church. Our process has begun! It is exciting to be one of the first churches in Lawrence to have solar panels. It is exciting to participate in something that will help the planet, the church, our people and more! Stay tuned for updates!



The National Parks – A Summer Series of Sermons talking about the gifts we have, the lessons we can learn, and how we can grow from the messages of the different parks. Pastor Helen will talk about faith, joy, care, and much more. You will not want to miss any of them this summer! June 2 through August 4. Don't forget they are available anytime on our YouTube Channel

We are hiring!

Please help us get the word out so we can find the right people to work with us in ministry to each other and to the community. If you know someone who might be interested in any of our open positions, please ask them to check the position descriptions on our website: www.firstpreslawrence.org or call the church office for more information at 785-843-4171. We are looking to fill the following positions as soon as possible! Thank you!

Director of First 5 Years Preschool Program
Assistant Teachers for First 5 Years
Music Director
Organist

News from the Mission Committee

Justice Matters –

A Celebration of 10 Years for Justice in Lawrence!

We have so much to celebrate! Because of you, in the past 10 years, we have had the Treatment and Recovery Center open and operational (and no jail expansion!), more than 700+ affordable housing units, and restorative practices in our USD 497 schools. This year, we also heard resounding yeses to every ask we had for our elder care workforce and ending chronic homelessness initiatives.

Douglas County is lucky to have a loving faith-based community of justice seekers! You deserve to be celebrated!

Please join us on Monday, June 10th from 6 to 8 pm at Flory Hall to celebrate 10 years of Justice Matters. Please [RSVP here](#).

We hope to see you there to celebrate Justice Matters' past successes and to make investments to ensure continued success!

Matthew 25

Because the world would die without it, we go with God's love.

seventeen members of our congregation joined the other walkers in the Pride Parade last Saturday. It was an amazing and affirming experience to walk down Mass street and see folks of every age and background on the sidewalks cheering on the people they love. They were just ordinary Kansans affirming that we are all in this together and love is the only response to hate.



First Presbyterian Church
Family Ministry Committee
presents

SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

FPC members and friends are invited to join the Family Ministry committee for three FAMILY FUN NIGHTS throughout the Summer! We'll have a time of educational fun, activities, games, and snacks!

THURSDAY JUNE 6

6:00PM-7:30PM

THURSDAY JULY 11

6:00PM-7:30PM

THURSDAY AUGUST 8

6:00PM-7:30PM

JOIN US!

For More Information Please Email
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