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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

Snippets from Pastor Matt

Personal Money Autobiography

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We all have feelings about money. Our lack of it causes a fist to tighten in our stomach; ask anyone who has ever been evicted from an apartment. Our history with money determines how much we worry about it; ask anyone who lived through the depression. People who carry lots of debt, or the young man who saved and saved for the new car and paid cash for it all have a different understanding of and feeling about money. These feelings affect our church giving. We give differently if we come from a theology of abundance (my cup runneth over) or from a theology of scarcity (my cup is always empty).

The following Personal Money Autobiography, which I borrowed from the Lutheran stewardship resources, can be a useful tool in helping us understand the sway money has (or doesn't have) on us. Understanding more about what motivates or informs our feelings about money, and helps us harness those feelings.

As our church's stewardship season approaches, writing a personal money autobiography could be an important step in invigorating your stewardship journey. Ponder these questions and tell me what you learn about yourself. I'll buy us a pot of tea.

- Describe the role of money in your childhood. What is your happiest memory in connection with money?
- What is your unhappiest childhood memory? What attitude did your mother have about money? What attitude did your father have? What was your attitude toward money as a child? Did you feel poor or rich? Did you worry about money?
- What was your attitude about money as a teenager? What are your memories of this period?
- What role did money play in your life as a young adult? As a parent? At age 45, 50, 65? Did your attitude or feelings shift at the different transition stages in your life?
- How do you feel about your present financial status? What is your present financial status? What is your monthly income? What are your other assets? What will your income be at age 65, 75, 80? Will you inherit money? Do you think about that?
- Are you generous or stingy with your money? Do you spend money on yourself? If so, do you do it easily?

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ONE Service Sunday, October 7

Celebrate with us
World Communion
Sunday, October 7

ONE service at 9 AM in the
Sanctuary

We'll gather for a joint service of
worship at 9 AM.

All our choirs and bands will play.
The organ and piano will help us.
Matt will preach.

Sunday School and adult education classes
will be held as usual following the service.

- Do you feel guilty about the money you have? Do you count your money? Do you take risks with your money?
- Do you gamble with your money? Do you ‘throw it away?’
- Do you worry about money?
- When you eat out with friends and there is a group check, are you the one to pick it up? Do you make sure that you pay your share and that it includes tax and tip?
- Do you tend to be more on the giving end of things, or on the receiving end?
- If you lacked money, how would you feel about others helping you pay your rent, or treating when you went out, and you were not in a position to reciprocate?
- If you have money, how would you feel about subsidizing a friend’s rent, or paying more than your share of things? What would you want in return? How would you feel if that friend spent money on something that in your value system seemed ‘extravagant?’
- Do you tithe, or strive to give a percentage of your income? If so, how do you really feel about it? Do you tithe because this is how you want your money used, or do you tithe because you want to belong and are willing to pay this cost of belonging?
- Have you made a will? If not, why not? Did you include anyone in your will besides your family? Did you include your church? If not, why not?
- Did you include some oppressed segment of society or any needy members in your community?

Blessings to you all.

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The Big Event Hearts, Hands & Voices A Community Together

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“Big Event” = Big Success!

- It was estimated that approximately 200 people attended the “Big Event”. People of all ages spent time worshipping together, serving together, singing together and generally enjoying themselves and each other.
- 425 bags were packed to impact over 600 people in the community.
- We helped people in various groups: women recovering from substance abuse, women recovering from addiction, children who are at risk of abuse or neglect, women escaping domestic violence, men and women experiencing homelessness, individuals and families in poverty, at-risk seniors, and children whose parents are incarcerated.
- Approximately 15 letters were written to our world mission co-workers.
- Three Mission Possible members hand-made a beautiful hope chest for DREAAM project and we placed 25 journals and 31 books in it.
- Between 35 and 40 volunteers worked together to ensure that this event came together successfully.
- We consumed 70 pizzas, 24 salads, 23 hot dogs, 44 chicken wraps, 43 Italian beef sandwiches, and 173 Kona Ice desserts!

A big “thank you!” to everyone who volunteered time, talent and treasure to make this event a big success. Without you, we could not have pulled this off.

A special thanks to our planning committee (members **Gary and Linda Peterson, Betty Hollister, Judi Geistlinger, Bill and Ann Stout**) and our wonderful staff who worked very hard to plan and execute the day.

Outreach

BY GARY PETERSON, CHAIR
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Outreach was happy to be a part of the Big Event’s Hearts, Hands and Voices. Much singing, laughing, praying and getting to know each other. The missions we supported and all that was accomplished was amazing and the food wasn’t bad either.

We enjoyed an evening of playing Euchre and eating pizza on Saturday evening, September 29. Be on the lookout for a Trivia Night coming soon in October as well as Trunk or Treat.

If anyone would like to join our committee and share their ideas on how we can reach out to the community, please contact Gary Peterson at amer_swede@yahoo.com

Worship Committee Notes

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Your worship committee has been busy planning for the new hymnals, combined worship services and more. You might notice a new evacuation chair housed by the elevator, in case the elevator fails during worship.

We are trying out a new translation system, so live translators can share what happens in worship into French on Sunday mornings and into English on Saturday evenings, so we can share more fully in worship.

We have scheduled the Christmas Eve services, repeating what we did last year with 10 AM for travelers, 4 PM for families, and 8 PM Traditional candlelight. One more combined service is planned for December 30 at 9 AM.

Eric's Installation

October 21 will be a celebration of the ministry of **Eric Corbin**, who will become our installed Associate Pastor. Eric has served for three years in a time of transition and we will mark this time in his more permanent role serving here in Champaign. Sunday afternoon 4 PM will be the Service of Installation with a reception to follow. Rumor has it there will be chocolate!



Friday, November 16

9 AM-1 PM

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II

Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Dr. Nelson will share with us how we can put our faith in action, being Christ's hands and feet in the transformation of the Presbyterian Church.

We will work together under his direction to develop an action plan for ourselves and our congregation. Detailed information will follow.

Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk of our denomination will be visiting our congregation in November to talk with us about Transformational Change. We hope you will take the opportunity to attend one or both events: Presbytery meeting on November 15 and an educational forum on Friday, November 16. Volunteers are needed as greeters throughout the Presbytery meeting and hosts on Friday. Because our Presbytery is so large, several guest rooms are being offered for Thursday evening, November 15, in case people who attend the Presbytery meeting wish to stay over for the Educational Forum; anyone willing to share a guest room should contact the church office.

World Communion

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday (begun in 1933), which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration.

We will be celebrating with one combined service and music from our choir, the Elect of God and the contemporary band. It will be good to be gathered in one time and space to celebrate our oneness in Christ.

Look for the international flags to be placed in the sanctuary; we strive to represent all countries of origin for those in attendance, and please let us know if we missed yours so we can add it next year.

We will have one combined service at 9 AM. Sunday School will continue as normal at 10:15.

In order to make room for our new **Glory to God** hymnals, we are retiring *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (our old blue hymnal) on Sunday, October 14. The retired hymnals will be returned, as best as we are able, to the families who donated them. Our new hymnals will be dedicated on Sunday, October 21. God has given us a song to sing! Alleluia!

Financial Update

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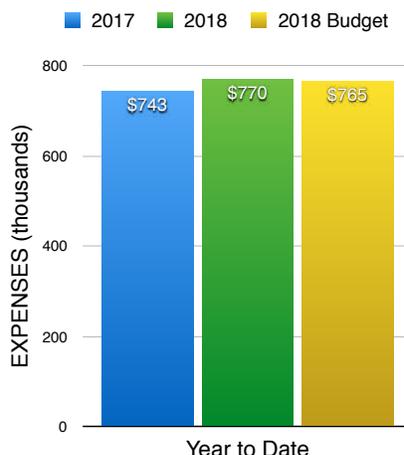
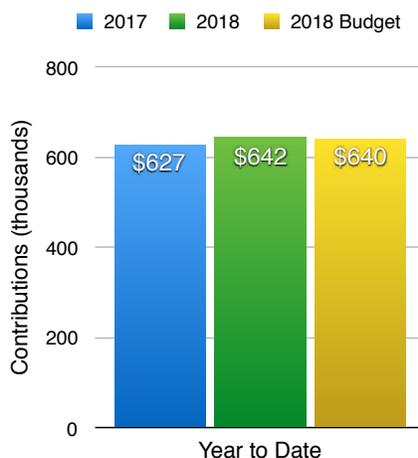
Contributions

Contributions in September were \$31K more than in 2017 and \$19K above the budget at \$90K. The Year to Date total is above last year by \$15K and is above the budgeted amount by \$2K. These figures include prepaid pledges (those paid in the year prior to the budget year) that are prorated over the year with 1/12 added to each month's contributions.

Including all prepaid pledges, at 75% through the year we have received 78.6% of the expected 2018 revenue.

Expenses

Year to Date expenses are \$5K above the budget at \$770K and more than in 2017 by \$27K. Considering all sources, revenue exceeds expenses by \$2K which is \$16K more than at the end of September in 2017. At 75% through the year we have experienced 75.4% of the expected 2018 expenses.



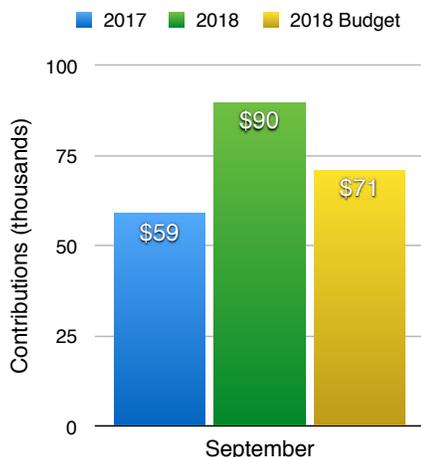
(our church, for example) for your RMD (or more, up to \$100,000). The QCD is not reported as income so there are no taxes on it.

In general, if you itemize deductions, the tax advantage of a QCD relative to deductions is minimal – you either get a deduction for the contribution or the equivalent of a deduction for a QCD since the income is not reported. If you do not itemize deductions then you get the full tax benefit of not reporting the distribution as income in addition to the standard deduction. For example, if you contribute \$5,000 to the church annually and are in the 30% tax bracket, a QCD to the church for the \$5,000 could save you \$1,500 in taxes.

The relevance of the new tax law is that many people who have been itemizing deductions may no longer do so. The new law caps the deduction for the sum of real estate, local, and state taxes at \$10,000 and about doubles the standard deduction (\$24,000 for couples). The combined effect is that many people who have itemized deductions in the past may be better off taking the standard deduction for 2018. If you are one of those people, you may want to take advantage of a QCD to make your contribution to the church.

There are other potential benefits to both itemizers and non-itemizers for making a QCD to the church. Since the contribution is not reported as income, your adjusted gross income is reduced. The decrease in income may keep you below thresholds that trigger increased taxes such as those that affect taxing of social security benefits; cost of premiums for Medicare, Part B; the minimum alternative tax; the net investment income tax; and others. These considerations are dependent on your specific financial situation so professional advice should be obtained to determine if they apply to you.

Remember the IRA QCD has to be paid directly to the charitable institution so check with your financial advisor or IRA custodian about the correct procedure and whether it is to your advantage to make a QCD.



New Tax Law - Ira Qualified Charitable Distributions

Disclaimer: The author of this article is not a tax or financial professional. The intent is to provide information and a tax advisor or financial advisor should be consulted before making any financial decisions based on this information.

If you are over 70.5 years old and have a traditional IRA (or a SEP- or SIMPLE-IRA account to which you no longer contribute), you are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD) each year, which is taxable income on your federal return. You can avoid paying taxes on the distribution by making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) directly to a charity



Fear Not

Today's news of violence, serious financial problems and mistreatment of people leaves us with a need for reassurance. God's answer is "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10) This promise was given to the Jews when they were in exile in Babylonia. It promises God's presence with his people to give strength in times of need and to steady them when they are ready to fall.

Today let us pray that this promise gives us the strength to bring God's love and righteousness to the world around us.

7 Day a Week Church

BY PATTY FARTHING

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A number of years ago I attended a workshop on strategies for reaching out to our neighbors and our community lead by Lyle Schaller, a notable church consultant and speaker. He was very engaging, astute in his observation of our church, and wise in his recommendations for plans to protect the future of First Pres. While he noted that we had many great ministries, he challenged us to do more. He encouraged us to be a "7 Day a Week Church."

It has taken awhile, but our church calendar now confirms that we have accomplished that goal. Also take note that members of our congregation are serving in additional ways that do not show up on this calendar. I have been blessed to be a part of the staff and connected to many of the ministries here for almost 20 years and things here have never been busier!

One of the groups that I have the privilege of supporting is our hospital visiting deacons (Pastor **Chuck Carlson** lovingly labeled them CareBears). When Pastor Pinkowski and Pastor Tutje retired in 2008, lay deacons were trained by Pastor Snyder and Pastor Carlson to make hospital visits. The members who now faithfully serve in this ministry are **Nancy Bell, Katharine Jones, John Muirhead, Naomi Rempe, Jeannie Snoeyink** and **Ann Webbink**. This is a special service they are providing to those in our congregation who are hospitalized.

Since this is a "behind the scenes" ministry, I asked these hospital visiting deacons to share with the congregation how they find out when church members are in the hospital and the process that they follow for visiting them. Here are their collective responses...

◆People may want to know what training we have received. All of us have met with pastors concerning our responsibilities. Some of us were trained as Stephen Ministers.

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Joys & Concern

Congratulations to...

- **Timothee Pukuta and Jolina Ntambwe Mujinga** on the birth of a son, Celest, on September 5, 2018.

Would you like to join the 100 participants of our weekly **Prayer Chain**? Just send your e-mail address to either **Jane Seiler** at seilerjh@aol.com or **Marcia Franks** at marcia@firstpres.church.

◆Our visits are made Monday through Friday, but not on weekends or holidays.

◆The pastors are available whenever they are requested.

◆We get NO information about patients from the front desk at the hospital.

◆We go to the chaplain's office at Carle on our scheduled days and use an individual security code that Carle has assigned each of us to check the computer in the this office to see if any of our parishioners are in the hospital. For privacy reasons, we only have access to information of patients who are attending First Presbyterian Church of Champaign.

◆When patients register at Carle they need to indicate that they are members of First Presbyterian Church of Champaign and that they want visitors. We no longer receive information if patients just put down "Presbyterian". The patient's info is put into Carle's computer and those of us who do hospital visits will see their names and room number on the computer in the pastoral care office when we check in.

◆Depending on the time of day the patient checks in, there have been occasions when the patients info has not yet been processed and available to us if we had already visited the hospital that day.

◆When we visit with the patient we typically ask if they would like for us to pray with them, if they want to be put on the church prayer list, and if they want to be visited by a pastor. There are discretionary times when we may not be able to ask these questions. Some of these times might be who else might be in the room. Is there a doctor, nurse or staff member working with the patient when we walk in? Is the patient waiting for a ride home? Is the patient sleeping?

◆If a patient is out of the room, having a procedure or is asleep we leave a note that we have visited.

◆We are not always able to see patients who are in ER.

◆We are not always able to see church members who are having an out-patient procedure as they are there for a short period of time and are typically released in a few hours after the procedure.

◆After we have made hospital visits, we call the church and report to the staff if any of our church members are patients there and if with their permission they want to be on the prayer list. We also pass along other request the patient may ask us to share with the staff or pastor.

◆We do not usually visit Rehab Centers because we are not given info about where a patient is going when they are discharged from the hospital. Nor do we visit people who are in the hospital for psychiatric care and who are placed on a list that is not available to us.

◆If a church member is at a hospital other than Carle, we have no way of knowing this information unless someone (usually the patient or family) calls the church office and tells us. However, even if a church member is at Carle, it is very helpful for the church to receive a call letting us know that one of our members is in the hospital and would like a visit.

◆Even if we go directly go to OSF, we cannot find out if someone is in that hospital unless we know the name of the person who has been admitted as a patient there. So if you or a church member you know is a patient at OSF, the only way the church will have this information is if someone calls and tells us.

While this outlines what is involved in hospital calling, more importantly we want the congregation to know the reason for these visits. In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Paul gives this instruction: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

We make these visits to bring comfort to our members and to let them know that our church cares about them.

Interested in Serving the Immigrant Community?

BY JEANETTE PYNE, ESL COORDINATOR
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Are you a native English speaker who loves people? Do you want to know more about other cultures? Do you want to have a positive impact on the lives of others? Consider volunteering with one or more of the following programs:

- **First Pres ESL Program:**

Our very own church has a thriving ESL Program that provides quality English language instruction to immigrants and international visitors in an inclusive, safe community. Classes are on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 to 11 AM. Tutors teach classes consisting of 7-12 students. Volunteer tutors would receive a 2-hour face-to-face training session. No previous ESL teaching experience required. For more information contact the ESL Coordinator, **Jeanette Pyne**, at jeanette@firstpres.church or (217) 356-7238.

- **Opportunities with Parkland College:**
Parkland College Project Read ESL Drop-In Center

Parkland College Project Read wants to start an ESL Drop-In Center at First Pres, but they need people from the congregation to volunteer to tutor. A Project Read ESL Drop-In Center is an open time for English language learners to come and practice speaking English with a Project Read Trained Tutor. Project Read Staff would be present with materials. Training will be provided by Parkland College Project Read, which will consist of a 2-hour face-to-face training session and additional training to be completed at home. Contact **Bob Kirby** at rwk3213@gmail.com or (217) 621-5915 for more information.

Parkland College Project Read Conversation Partners

Prefer to meet someone one-on-one? Mentor and tutor an immigrant individually. Help them build their conversational skills in English. Training will be provided by Parkland College Project Read, which will consist of a 2-hour face-to-face training session and additional training to be completed at home. This program would meet in a public space, off of the church campus.

Contact **Bob Kirby** at rwk3213@gmail.com or (217) 621-5915 for more information.

News from the First Pres ESL Program



Field Trip to the Library

In order to make learning meaningful and authentic, sometimes the First Pres ESL Program goes on field trips. On September 18, the students and tutors met at Champaign Public Library at 9:30 AM to learn about the library. The librarians were very accommodating and gave the students an hour-long tour showing them the new business center, updated teen and children's areas, and the bookstore. The students expressed that they really appreciated learning about the different resources and events the library has to offer. At the end, several students got library cards, so they can use the resources on their own.



Mid-Autumn Festival

Students are encouraged to share their cultures and customs with the program. Because Mid-Autumn Festival was on September 24, some of our Chinese students gave presentations about the history, the customs, and the food of the festival in China. Mid-Autumn Festival is a day for families to reunite, marvel at the moon, and eat moon cakes. To celebrate, our Chinese students brought in moon cakes, wontons, and fried rice for their ESL family.

Jeanette Pyne, ESL Coordinator

Easy English Fellowship

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Easy English Fellowship meets each Sunday from 10-11 AM in room 204. We make new friends, practice English and learn about the bible. We sing and we pray. Native English speakers are welcome to stop in to enjoy this time together. We even have snacks.

Contact **Bob Kirby** at rwk3213@gmail.com or (217) 621-5915 for more information.

Face to Face



Judi & Jay Gestlinger

What brought you to First Presbyterian? Judi brought me here. She was raised Presbyterian and I am a practicing Catholic and also active in the ministries of First Pres. I go to early mass at Holy Cross then head across West Side Park to spend the rest of the morning with Presbyterians. It works well for us.

What has been the highlight of your church experience? We have most loved working with youth. Jay helps now with our high school. In the past we have enjoyed our many Go and Serve trips. We took our son Ted at age one on a Go and Serve. He is now 22 years old. Both Ted and our daughter Beth, age 20, were baptized here and loved going on mission trips through their high school years.

What do you do in your free time? We enjoy running 5Ks on Saturdays. We also enjoy dinners for 7, 8 or 9 and are active in our Cuba Partnership. Jay still plays on our softball team. Ask Jay about the history of First Pres softball. The team name is now “The Remnants”.

What are your favorite Bible characters? Judi: Barnabas, the “son of encouragement”. Jay: Mary. As a Catholic I must say Mary. Right? But Mary in the wedding at Cana trusted Jesus to solve the problem

of no wine and then told the servants, “just do what he says.” Good advice for us. Trust him and do what he says.

What advice can you give on how to do church? Judi: I find great joy in serving God with others through our church and making friends who are doing good work in our world. Jay: I have always felt completely welcome here.

Judi is a ruling elder and a lay pastor. She is moderator of our Worship Committee, participates actively in our Spiritual Formation (Adult Education) program, and can be found running the sound board in the back of the sanctuary. Jay works with our high school class. Both are active in our Cuba Partnership.

YoungLives

YoungLives is a worldwide, nondenominational Christian outreach ministry to teen moms and their children. Mentors share the love of Christ with teen moms as they try and navigate the ups and downs of adolescence while also raising a child.

YoungLives teen moms, their children and mentors meet in Centennial Hall every other Thursday at 6 PM. We begin each meeting with a meal so moms and mentors can catch up and get to know each other better. Please consider providing dinner, beverages and paper products for 30 on December 6, February 7 and April 4. Please be in touch with Pastor Matt at Matt@FirstPres.Church or 864.386.9138. Thanks.

DREAAM Youth Center: Mission Expansion

BY TRACY DACE, DIRECTOR
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Have you looked at your bulletin and wondered what is the DREAAM Youth Center? Have you thought, “What is Tracy up to now?”

The DREAAM Youth Center is a funded initiative through the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice to provide a daytime program for youth involved in the juvenile justice system. These youth are 16-18 years old with tremendous potential, yet they have also faced many challenges in life.

The DREAAM Youth Center is their second chance and opportunity to complete their high school education, gain life and work skills, and receive other supports to increase their life opportunities. Since July 9, DREAAM Youth Center has served 12 youth (majority are African American males), and they have participated in church activities and have assisted with yard work as community service projects.

Thanks for embracing them and welcoming them as young brothers and sisters. They are happy here at First Presbyterian! Special thanks to church staff, **Bob Kirby, John Muirhead, and Sabrina and Carissa Hwu** for your volunteer support of the DREAAM Youth Center. If you would like to volunteer or ask questions, please contact Tracy at tracy@dreameam.org or (217) 560-2194.

Children, Youth & Family

Children, Youth & Family Update

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Sunday School Notes

Sunday School is in full swing. In September, our elementary students studied a unit on respect and the golden rule. We spent time getting to know each other within classes to build our sense of Christian community. The preschool class explored what it means to be part of a family. The Middle School students studied the question, "Does God still create stuff today?" The High School class is delving into discussion about the lectionary texts through *Feasting on the Word for Youth*.

October will bring a focus on the story of Exodus for the Elementary students. Middle School students will study Noah, Abraham & Sarah, Moses, Rahab, and Samson. The preschool will explore the concept that 'God gave me a place to live' and 'God is with me all the time.' The High School class will continue to explore the lectionary through the *Feasting on the Word for Youth*.

Pew Partners needed

I hope you will consider being a pew partner for the academic year. We need more caring adults who are willing to have unaccompanied children sit with them in worship and guide the children through the worship hour. Pew partners meet the children in the children's corner of Westminster Hall and invite the children to sit with them in the sanctuary.

During worship, the pew partners encourage the children to participate in worship

and help them understand what is occurring. At the end of worship, pew partners make sure that the children go forward to meet their teachers at the baptismal font.

Please prayerfully consider if you would be able to give of your time ministering to our children in this way. Contact **Mindy Watts-Ellis** at mindy@firstpres.church to volunteer or for more information.

Trunk-or-Treat

Mark your calendars for this year's Trunk-or-Treat community event October 28! Our event will begin with the decorated cars and candy open from 5-6 PM in the east side of our parking lot and a soup supper offered from 6-7 PM in Centennial Hall.

This is a great opportunity to show Christian hospitality to our neighborhood families. Look for the sign-up sheets for bringing a decorated car to the event and/or donating candy to the cause soon.

Not the creative type? Our youth can decorate your trunk for you with some materials the church owns. Volunteers will be needed to man the game stations, cook soup, serve guests, set up, and clean up.

You can always contact **Mindy Watts-Ellis** directly to volunteer for any portion of the event at mindy@firstpres.church. The First United Methodist Church and CU Church have partnered with us to have our events coincide to draw a larger part of the community.

Young Lives will also be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event for their participating young single moms and children on October 25 (Thursday) in our parking lot in the evening if you would like to get two uses out of your decorating efforts!

Youth Group

High School Youth Group started in September. We kicked off with a scavenger hunt downtown where we got to explore our neighborhood and meet the neighbors of our church.

In October we are looking forward to more fellowship together. We would love to have your help. We are looking for people to pray for our kids, help provide meals, being a volunteer with us for youth group or to help with transportation.

To get involved contact **Lizz Pippin** by email at lizz@firstpres.church or by phone at 314-620-5901.



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Sunday:

8 AM Contemplative Service

9 AM Traditional Service

10:15 AM Sunday School and Adult Education

10:10 AM Adult Education & High School Class

11:15 AM Contemporary Service

Saturday:

6 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering
(French-English Service) Centennial Hall