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*The Earth Has Yielded its Increase;
God, Our God, has Blessed Us.
Psalm 67:6*



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Bits and pieces . . . from Pastor Kent

Sunday evening at the Lake

Once again, this summer, we will be gathering at Clinton Lake for an informal time of worship, fellowship and East Hampton S'mores. For four Sunday evenings, July 20, 27, August 3, 10, we will come together at Overlook Park (*above the dam*) to enjoy the beauty of nature. Our campsite is reserved each week, so families could plan to have an early picnic dinner before a short time of worship begins at 7 p.m.

Look for more information in your Sunday Morning bulletins and look for the “Flying Fish” out at our picnic site at Clinton Lake.

New Children and Youth Choir Director

Daniel Ogle has been selected as our new choir director for our children's ministry. He will be adding to his responsibilities as the director of the Westminster Ringers (*our chancel bell choir*). Amy Green, who had been the children's choir director, has returned to Texas where she will be teaching in the fall.



A Study of the Letter to the Romans

This summer, our pastors are focusing on Paul's great letter to the Church in Rome. This sermon series, which will go into early September, will be supplemented by a Bible study class in the chapel during the Sunday School hour. Join us for an opportunity to explore the themes of an upcoming sermons.

Grace and Peace,

Kent Winters-Hazelton

Worship Schedule

July

July 6 **Romans 7:15-25a**

Phyllis Stutzman, preaching

July 13 **Romans 8:1-11**

Kent Winters-Hazelton,
preaching

July 20 **Romans 8:12-25**

Kent Winters-Hazelton,
preaching

July 27 **Romans 8:26-39**

Kent Winters-Hazelton,
preaching

The church office will be closed in observance of Independence Day on July 4. Have a safe holiday weekend.

See you in church!

Mission Initiative moments

During July worship, we will take time in our Moments for Mission to highlight some of the initiatives FPC is involved with as part of the larger Presbyterian denomination and part of the larger, ecumenical Body of Christ.

Each Sunday we'll highlight a different way we, at FPC, participate with brothers and sisters across Northern Kansas, throughout the USA, and around the world in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions about these programs please talk to either Pastor Phyl or Pastor Kent, or take a moment to visit with the person presenting each Sunday's Moment for Mission.

Highlights will include:

1. PDA – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
2. Atitsohoe Presbyterian Church – home church of Elder Ruben Afagla
3. PNK Youth Programs – Presbytery of Northern Kansas Youth Council, Camping, and other programs
4. Ethiopia Readers – project founded by member Jane Kurtz

Financial Report

	RECEIVED	NEEDED
May	\$43,459.12	\$53,064.24
06/01	\$14,837.59	\$13,266.06
06/08	\$9,875.00	\$13,266.06
Year to Date	\$262,908.21	\$305,119.38

In the past month we have downsized our church staff to help us reach our goal of a balanced budget for the church. We have hired a new Sexton and have redesigned the job from a full-time position to one that will work 15 hours a week. This will cut roughly \$10,000 from the budget for the remainder of the year. In addition, the new children's choir director will be paid approximately half the salary of the previous director. These two changes will balance the church's portion of the 2008 budget. KWH

Thinking about joining the Nicaragua trip?

This is a great opportunity to experience another culture. Nicaragua is an extremely impoverished country and we can learn much during our time there. (See Insert)

Summary of Session actions

Regular Meeting June 10, 2008

The following actions were taken:

- Received monthly reports: Clerk, Financial, Deacons, Trustees, Staff, and Pastoral Staff.
- Approved the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to renew the Parish Associate contract with Reverend Carolynn Winters-Hazleton through December 31, 2008. *(A Parish Associate is a volunteer position, and the only remuneration is for appropriate mileage and occasional sermons.)*
- Approved Dave Hemphill's request to sell seedlings to raise funds *(a small amount)* to replace one of the trees that has been cut down in the parking lot.
- Approved a request from the Welcome Committee to allow a free will offering, a table for CD sales, and parking for an RV in the church parking lot at the time of the Nathan Clark George concert on June 29, 2008.
- Approved a request from the Communication Committee to allot \$100 for a church ad in the Lawrence Visitor's Guide.
- Approved the request of the Personnel Committee to shift \$12,000 of Pastor Kent's cash salary to his housing allowance. *(The total salary will remain the same.)*
- Approved a request from the Communication Committee to proceed with planning for a new church sign and logo with Luminous Neon, Inc. and to raise money for a new church sign. *(Approximately half of the anticipated cost has already been donated.)*
- Received Ministry Area reports.



It's time for Vacation Bible School 2008

July 7 -11 9-11:45 a.m.

Join us for this *Rainforest Adventure* in air conditioned comfort at FPC! We'll meet Shari, Bill, Esme, Tad, and Cleo. We'll study stories of Ruth and Boaz, Elisha, and Jesus.

We'll have time for crafts, music, snacks, stories, recreation, worship, and science. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 25.

Bread for the World/ Farm Bill passes

Many of you wrote letters and made telephone calls last legislative session encouraging Congress to make changes in the 2008 renewal of the Farm Bill.

The nearly \$300 billion bill finally has cleared Congress despite a debacle in leaving out a section allocating foreign aid the first time through. As described by BFW President, David Beckman, the victory of the farm bill was like gaining a “half loaf.”

He went on to say, “We’re pleased with the stronger nutrition programs for which we and many others fought so hard for and applaud the authorization of the *Hunger Free Communities* grant program.” The other half, yet to be addressed, is reform in the agricultural commodity programs along with an effective foreign aid program.

According to Elise Young, BFW Regional Organizer, the Washington offices of our Congress members received a significant number of letters and calls from Lawrence.

**Thanks to all of you who
supported this advocacy effort!**

Mission and Witness Committee



Attendance for the Summer Classes at FPC has been good and there are classes for all ages.

If you'd like to come as a family, then the “**Jerusalem Marketplace**” is our intergenerational class and families are encouraged to attend together (*parents, kids, grandparents, everyone!*)! We are exploring what it meant for Jesus to be Jewish and how the Jewish traditions of Jesus' day influence our New Testament stories. This class meets in North Fellowship Hall immediately after first service and the happy faces you see in South Fellowship Hall for refreshments are those people who have just come from that class, so give it a try.

Our pastors are teaching a 12-week **study of Romans using the Kerygma series**. Each class will be a preparation for the following Sunday's lectionary and sermon. This is planned so each class can stand alone and even attending sporadically during the summer will be beneficial. They are being held in the chapel while Dr. Huyser's Bible Study is on summer break.

The Korean Fellowship still meets in Room 11 for their study of “*The Purpose Driven Life*.” *continued* →

And finally, if you were sad to see the Care for Creation series end—a group of participants continues to brain storm “green ideas” during the Sunday School hour in the Fireside Room. This will continue until August 5 and it is an open meeting so everyone is welcome to attend.

The care for creation class went very well. At the conclusion of class, there was unanimous decision to continue, not as a class, but as a group that would be supportive of the affirmation/ suggestions made regarding the church as well as each other in following through on ways to be more “green.”

This group will continue meeting weekly until we have more understanding of who we are as “First Presbyterian Eco Team.” The plan is to go to the session with a proposal for support of this “team.”



The earth is the LORD's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. Psalm 24.1

An Interfaith Dialogue: moving toward mutual appreciation

The Faith Club

On Thursday, June 5, those who registered to continue in dialogue met at Milton's on Massachusetts for a *Mingle and Match* to begin to form ongoing dialogue groups.

People of all faiths attended. Approximately 30 people indicated their interest and met for conversation and coffee. Unfortunately, the storm hit before dialogue groups were recorded so individuals are contacting Vicki Penner at vickipenner@sunflower.com to identify their partners. The challenge to the group continues to be attracting those from other than Christian faiths. Welcome all your friends of other faiths to join in the dialogue.

Anyone who is interested in becoming involved with interfaith conversations is invited to attend or to contact Dru Sampson, dsampson@sunflower.com for more information.

Another gathering is scheduled for **Thursday, September 18 at 7 p.m.** at the Lawrence Jewish Community Center for those who may wish to begin dialogue in the fall.

FPC Summer happenings

“Throw Open the Doors” at Montreat Youth Conference

July 19-26, Elder Andrew Schoneweis and Pastor Phyl will be traveling to Montreat, North Carolina to attend the Montreat Youth Conference (Week 5). Each year, Montreat Conference Center hosts six week-long youth conferences nestled in the beautiful North Carolina mountains. Each week, Montreat engages approximately 1200 youth (plus adults) who seek to deepen their relationship with God, explore God’s Word, wander in God’s creation and connect with Presbyterian youth from across the country.

Originally established in 1897, Montreat has been Presbyterian since 1905 and an official conference center of the PC(USA) since reunification of the northern and southern churches in 1983.

Andrew and Pastor Phyl will be traveling with First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, Missouri. FPC-Jefferson City is in Missouri Union Presbytery, and we are connected both through our

synod ties as members of the Synod of Mid-America and by Pastor Phyl (*this is her home church*).

This year’s Montreat theme is *“Throw Open the Doors.”* Leadership for Weeks 5 and 6 include key note addresses from the Revs. Bill Buchanan and Aimee Wallis Buchanan, worship leadership from the Revs. Blake and Laurie Spencer, music leadership led by Jorge Gonzalez, and recreation events led by Lindsey Wells Peery and Barry French, all of whom are respected leaders within the PC(USA).

Keep Phyl, Andrew, the youth, and the adults of FPC-Jefferson City in your prayers as they trek to North Carolina and back (it’s a long drive).

PNK Youth Council applications Due

Applications to serve on the Presbytery of Northern Kansas Youth Council are due in to Pastor Phyl **no later than June 29.**

Youth: Want to plan lock-ins and rallies? Want to travel the great state of Kansas? Want to learn more about God and share your faith with others? The PNK Youth Council is for you! Go beyond FPC and join with other Presbyterian youth to plan exciting events, and fun, faithful fellowship across Northern Kansas. Youth (grades 7-12) are encouraged to apply. *continued →*

Applications are available on the youth board. **Adults:** Know a youth you think would benefit or be a good fit? Talk to them. Encourage them to apply.

For more information see Pastor Phyl or Jana Tuttle.



Nathan Clark George Concert: June 29

**5 p.m. in our sanctuary
The Welcome Committee is
hosting a free concert!**

Nathan Clark George is an accomplished musician, he received *Acoustic Artist of the Year 2006 and 2007* by Indie Heaven.

He travels the country with his wife and five children putting on concerts from coast to coast, including performances at General Assembly.

Nathan says that his goal is “to encourage a multigenerational vision for the family and the Kingdom of Peace through a truly musical presentation of the scriptures...”

Join us for an evening of music and fellowship, light refreshments will be served following the concert.



Sunday

July 13

5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Plan now to attend

Fellowship Events is hosting our annual FPC Ice Cream Social. We are asking those who can, to bring a gallon of homemade ice cream, or cookies to share. We will provide toppings.

Don't have a freezer, or a clue how to make ice cream even if you did?

COME ANYWAY!

Indicate your desire to attend, and if you plan to bring your favorite flavor, on the Pew Friendship pad, or call the church office at 843-4171.

Church Calendar

**BULLETIN DEADLINE 12 NOON
EVERY TUESDAY**

Tuesday, July 1

- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 Ministry Area Moderators Meeting**
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 2

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:30 Troop 59 Scout Meeting
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, July 3

- 4:00 pm University Ministry Team**
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, July 4

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- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6:00 Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 Korean Fellowship Bible Study
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, July 5

VBS All Day Setup

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, July 6

Communion Sunday

VBS Afternoon Setup

- 8:00-11 am Fellowship Time
- 8:15 Blood Pressure Readings
- 8:15-11:15 Gardener's Market
- 8:30 Sunday Morning Childcare
- 8:30 Service of Reflection**
- 9:40 Sunday School
- 10:40 Fellowship Time
- 11:00 Service for the Lord's Day**
- 12:00 pm Korean Fellowship
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous



**Bring Main Dish
Meals for
First Fruits**

Monday, July 7

- 9:00-12 am Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous



Tuesday, July 8

- 9:00-12 am Vacation Bible School
- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 APNC Meeting**
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 9

- 9:00-12 am Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting**
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 Trustee Meeting**
- 7:30 Troop 59 Scout Meeting
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, July 10

- 9:00-12 am Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 Adult Ministry Committee**
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, July 11

- 6:30 am Early Morning Christians
- 9:00-12 am Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6:00 Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 Korean Fellowship Bible Study
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, July 12

VBS Take Down

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, July 13

- 8:00-11 am Fellowship Time
- 8:15-11:15 Gardener's Market
- 8:30 Sunday Morning Childcare
- 8:30 Service of Reflection**
- 9:40 Sunday School
- 10:40 Fellowship Time
- 11:00 Service of the Lord's Day**
- 12:00 pm Korean Fellowship
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 5:30 Ice Cream Social**
- 3:30 Girl Scout Daisy Group
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous



**Bring Main Dish
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Monday, July 14

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 15

- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 2:00 Parkinsons Support Group
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 APNC Meeting**
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 16

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 Personnel Committee**
- 7:30 Troop 59 Scout Meeting
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

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Thursday, July 17

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 Cub Scout Pack 3059 Committee Mtg.
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, July 18

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- 6:30 am Early Morning Christians
- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6:00 Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 Kansas Flute Festival
- 7:00 Korean Fellowship Bible Study
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, July 19

- 9:00 am FPC Quilting Project
- 2:30 pm Kansas Flute Festival
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, July 20

- 8:00-11 am Fellowship Time
- 8:15-11:15 Gardener's Market
- 8:30 Sunday Morning Childcare
- 8:30 Service of Reflection
- 9:40 Sunday School
- 11:00 Service for the Lord's Day
- 12:00 pm Korean Fellowship
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6:30 Mission and Witness Committee
- 7:00 Worship at the Lake
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

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Monday, July 21

- 4:00 Communications Committee
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 22

- 8:00 am Presbytery Meeting in Manhattan
- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 Quarterly Committee Chairs Meeting
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 23

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:30 Troop 59 Scout Meeting
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, July 24

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, July 25

- 6:30 am Early Morning Christians
- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6:00 Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 Korean Fellowship Bible Study
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, July 26

- 9:00 am FPC Quilting Project

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, July 27

- 8:00-11 am Fellowship Time
- 8:15-11:15 Gardener's Market
- 8:30 Sunday Morning Childcare
- 8:30 Service of Reflection
- 9:40 Sunday School
- 11:00 Service of the Lord's Day
- 12:00 pm Korean Fellowship
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Bring
Main Dish
Meals for
First Fruits

Monday, July 28

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 29

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- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 APNC Meeting
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 30

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:30 Troop 59 Scout Meeting
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, July 31

- 6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous



Gardner's Market

In the Narthex Sunday mornings 8:15-11:15

You can support youth mission activities each Sunday now through September by checking the Gardner's Market every Sunday for fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and plants to take home.



Birthdays

- 1 Marjorie Schepoiser
Leann Gross
Rob Scott
- 2 Cindy Murray
Jennifer Allen
- 3 Sharon Rankin
Norma Hubbard
Meredith Johnson
- 4 Marge Nevius
Rowan Banker
- 5 John Diehl
Hank Bohanon
- 6 Ross Freese
- 7 Alex Laughlin
- 8 Lucas Campbell
Donovan Brown
- 9 Laurel Hunsinger
Larrie Scott
Jan Vaughn
Sunhyoung Lee
- 10 Mary Remus
Zelma Funston
- 12 Gene Banker
Larry Flottman
Lorraine Haricombe

- Mark Stone
Gwen Bohling
Darin Seidel
- 13 BJ Allen
Natasha Hurt
Yusun Jung
- 14 Morgan Saylor
- 15 Matthew Waegelein
Olivia Morgan
- 17 Bud Larson
Bob Banks
Thomas Murray
- 18 Claris Hunsinger
- 20 John Stewart
Deborah Hwang
- 21 Sue Suhler
Jade Jung
Lesley Johnson
Katy McCabe
Karl Olson
- 22 Mi-Sun Lyou
- 23 Michael Stigman
Regan Postma
- 24 Thelma Evans
Carl Rasmussen
Daniel Ogle
- 25 Dee Skie
Jack Ziegler
- 26 Phyllis Talmadge
Lorna Allen
Mary Parkinson
Steve Miller
Geoff Bohling
Kendra Resseguie
Paul VanderVelde
- 27 Betty Lessenden
Jane Barber
Sven Alstrom
- 28 Mark Heider
Neal King
- 29 Donald Bailey
Larissa Maranell
- 30 Bobbie Figgins
Kathryn George
- 31 Lois Ames
Warren Corman
John McDonald

Auction Items needed



ARTS & CRAFTS

First Presbyterian Church women will host a potluck dinner and auction on **Sunday, November 9** immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. Donations for the auction will be needed, so please consider how you can help.

**Art
Paintings
Antiques
Jewelry
China
Silver**

Handcrafts

Tickets to special events

Any goods and or services will be appreciated! Proceeds from the auction will benefit the PW scholarship fund and **Warm Hearts**, an organization that provides warm winter clothing for those in need.

Please call one of the following for information or to make a donation: Rachel Lindbloom, 841-7690; Barbara Lacks, 312-7725; Susan Wright, 841-9468; or Carol Kyner, 856-1683.

Return Service Requested

PUBLICATION DEADLINES:
July 18 - Last day to submit articles
July 29 - Folded and mailed

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