

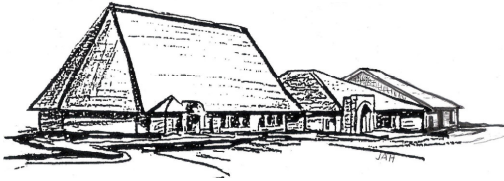
# FIRST FOCUS

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS A  
LIFELINE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE  
TO FIND, LOVE AND SERVE JESUS.



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**OCTOBER 24**  
Worship  
8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.  
Church School - 9:45 a.m.

**OCTOBER 31**  
Worship  
Consecration Sunday  
8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.  
Church School will not meet

**NOVEMBER 7**  
Worship/Communion  
8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.  
Church School - 9:45 a.m.  
Daylight Saving Time ends

**NOVEMBER 14**  
Worship  
8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.  
Church School - 9:45 a.m.

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## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

10/10 – 314  
10/17 – 311



**Dear Friends,**

In this season of harvest, we give thanks for the food we eat, and for those who grow it, process it, transport it, sell it and prepare it for us.

We are also aware of those who turn to helping organizations for the food they need. In these days that are difficult for many, we know that there is an ongoing need for this most basic element of life.

Please remember to bring nonperishable groceries to the church regularly. Simply place them in the main entry way. This is one way we can respond to the food needs of fellow human beings.

**Blessings, Larry**

**PS:** Please be sure to get your reservations in for the all-church brunch which will be served on Consecration Sunday, October 31. Brunch will be served following the 8:30 a.m. service **and** following the 11:00 a.m. service. You can make your brunch reservations in church this coming Sunday.



**ART KIMBALL**  
May 22, 1932 – October 10, 2010

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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
BAPTISM**

for yourself or your child(ren),  
please contact  
Pastors Gaylord or Bruner

from : www.clipartbackgrounds.net

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**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINE**  
**OCTOBER 27**



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**BOOK STUDY GROUP**  
9:00 A.M. THURSDAYS

**MEN'S' BIBLE STUDY**  
SATURDAYS - 8:00 A.M.  
COFFEEHOUSE  
UPTOWN NORMAL



**CHILDCARE**  
is available at worship services  
through kindergarten age.

**WORSHIP BAGS**  
are offered for children in worship and  
located in the main hallway desk.



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
**6:30 - 7:15 A.M.**  
**LOUNGE**

**THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL MEN AND  
MEETS EVERY TWO WEEKS TO DISCUSS  
VARIOUS TOPICS.**

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 8**



**DETAILS OF PRAYER REQUEST  
BY PERMISSION ONLY**

**Andy Sadoun**, deployed to Iraq, Kehl Family friend

**Bill, Pat, & Rob Laughlin**

**Lucy Dunbar**, post surgery complications, friend of the Wolters

**Travis Frame**, son of Terry & Penny Frame

**The McMorris Family**, as they transition from foster care into adoption of Halie, Brice, & Jasmine

**Pat Parsons**

**The Family of Art Kimball**

**Bud Satchwell**, cancer, father of Gary

**Maria Herren**, cancer, cousin of Wendy Satchwell

**Cindy Bobrytzke's father**

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22  
5:30 - 9:00 P.M.**

Parents, have a night out while their children play at church supervised by our great childcare workers.

Fee is \$5/family. RSVP to Carol:

[welcome@firstpresnormal.org](mailto:welcome@firstpresnormal.org)

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**PLAYMATES PRESCHOOL** currently has the following openings:  
2 openings in Pre-K,

3 openings in 3 year old afternoon class

For more information contact Elaine Holthe (309-862-3216)



## Sunday Morning Adult Study

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES**

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

*Brochures of class details available at the adult discipleship table*

### **BODY BUILDING: Strength Training**

*Seeking a Just Peace in the Middle East: In progress through November 21, Lounge, led by Bob Hunt, Dave Eaton, Chelsea Pokrzywinski*

The focus of this course is to attempt to understand: Presbyterian mandate for peacemaking, Palestinian and Israeli perspectives 1947- 1967, Six-day war [1967] and occupation of West Bank; Settlements, restricted movement, the Wall, Resistance to occupation; Economics of conflict, Gaza War, Christian engagement for change; Options for resolution.

### **Cross Training**

*Living the Lord's Prayer: In progress through Nov.21, Great Hall, led by Steve Yahnig and others*

We recite it every week during worship. Sometimes we recognize it as part of a song. But what influence do these words have on the way we live; these words of Jesus, spoken to One he knew intimately?

### **Quench Café**

*Raising Children of Faith: In progress through Nov.21, downstairs kitchen, led by Sheila Melzer & others*

Learn some specific ways to be more purposeful in growing your kids' faith. Gain confidence as a parent & grow in friendship with other parents as you participate in this study together!

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- Nov. 1 Willa Whitworth, Deb Scybert, Marilyn Townley, Wayne Nice, Tim Rink, Will Ewan
- Nov. 2 **Luci Rice, Pastor Becca Bruner**
- Nov. 3 **Chris Anderson, Miriam Zappa**
- Nov. 4 **Chris Shaw**
- Nov. 5 **Kathy Tosh, Deb Hanchett, Scott Tippy**
- Nov. 6 **Jennifer Ewan**
- Nov. 7 **Joyce Reinmann**
- Nov. 8 **Shelley Bruning, Melissa Pish**
- Nov. 9 **Al Bussone**
- Nov. 10 **Morgan LaPrade**
- Nov. 11 **Lynn Litwiller, Jeff Mousty**
- Nov. 12 **Trisha Dowd, Matt Stombaugh**
- Nov. 13 **Jane Turley**
- Nov. 14 **Ray Cunningham**
- Nov. 15 **Susan Smith, McKinley Pate**
- Nov. 16 **Mark Sherman, Greg Frankowiak**
- Nov. 17 **Avana Nice**
- Nov. 19 **Marilyn Hargesheimer, Brian Oughton, Heidi Kim, Tyler Gatto**
- Nov. 20 **Clint Kruger, Grace Henderson**
- Nov. 21 **Carol Campbell, Corinne Attwood, Maddy Woodward**
- Nov. 22 **Pastor Larry Gaylord, Kyle Pott, Ben Henderson**
- Nov. 23 **Jake Leamer**
- Nov. 24 **Dan Cobert, Glenn Kinley**
- Nov. 25 **Scott Henderson, Dave McMorris, Cari Fairchild**
- Nov. 26 **Ella Cryer**
- Nov. 27 **Allen Melzer, Alexis Schumm**
- Nov. 28 **Laura Gowdy**
- Nov. 29 **Claire Koh**
- Nov. 30 **Luke Jun**



**Thursday, October 28  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

All children, with their parents, are invited to put on their costumes and come to the FPC parking lot for trick or treating and dinner (hot dogs, chips, drinks and s'mores).

Sign-up at the newly designed FPC Youth Information Station right outside the elevator on the main level.

**ADULTS:** We need your trunks! This is a great chance to spend some time with the children at FPC. Please let Kelley Becker ([kbecker@firstpresnormal.org](mailto:kbecker@firstpresnormal.org) or 452-4459 x205) know if you are able to help.

All you need to do is buy some candy, decorate your trunk and park your car in the parking lot! The kids will come to you and trick or treat your trunk. There will be a prize for the best decorated trunk!



## NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

FPC has a wonderful Mom's Group that is meeting on Mondays, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

We currently have 2 paid staff members and one awesome volunteer who provide childcare for the children of the moms in the group.

We could really use an additional volunteer to work a couple of Mondays each month. Please let Kelley Becker know if you would like to help out (452-4459 x205 or [kbecker@firstpresnormal.org](mailto:kbecker@firstpresnormal.org))

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Food  
Pantry  
Ministry



## OCTOBER HOME SWEET HOME MISSION

Please leave **NON-PERISHABLE** donations  
in the containers between the sets  
of double doors at  
either entrance of the building.

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## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 7

Set your clocks back one hour before you  
go to bed Saturday, November 6

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Become  
Part of  
*Our*  
Church  
Family

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Wednesday, November 10 & 17  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Lounge

Interested in learning about membership?  
Call Carol in the church office to sign up  
or sign up in the main hallway  
Dinner & Childcare provided

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## ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

**Uptown Normal Marriott**  
**Saturday, December 4**  
**8:00 -10:00 a.m.**  
**Tickets: \$20/person**



Come celebrate Christ's birth with other  
women in the First Pres family by attending the  
annual Christmas breakfast sponsored by the  
Immanuel Bible Foundation, featuring  
singer/speaker **Cheri Keaggy**.

**Only 30 tickets have been purchased;**  
**available on a first-come basis.**

Call the church office (452-4459) or sign up in  
the main hallway to purchase/reserve your  
tickets.

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**MARIANNE CIRCLE** is a  
study/fellowship for women of the  
congregation. Presbyterian  
Women has changed  
through the years, and this  
circle is standing in the line  
of women who have  
gathered in this  
congregation for over 60  
years to nurture faith through  
prayer and Bible study; support the mission of  
the church world-wide; work for justice and  
peace; and build an inclusive, caring  
community of women that strengthens our  
denomination and witnesses to the promises  
of God.



Fellowship begins our meeting, bible  
study follows; the study this year is "*Journeys  
Through Revelation*"; written by Barbara  
Rossing, a Lutheran pastor and professor of  
New Testament. It is challenging, and  
possible! We invite other women who are  
interested in study, prayer, mission, and  
justice to join us as we come together every  
third Wednesday of the month, 1:30 p.m.  
You will be welcomed!

**Submitted by Anne Eaton**

# PREACHING SCHEDULE FALL 2010

## THE LORD'S PRAYER: "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"

DATE	THEME	TEXT	TEXT
10/24	Christ's School of Prayer: Praying Dependently <i>"Give us this Day Our Daily Bread"</i>	Psalm 34:1-9	Matthew 6:19-34
10/31	<b>Consecration Sunday</b>		
11/7	Christ's School of Prayer: Praying Honestly <i>"Forgive us Our Debts as We Forgive Our Debtors"</i>	Psalm 51	Colossians 3:12-17
11/14	Christ's School of Prayer: Praying Humbly <i>"Lead Us not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil"</i>	Psalm 46	1 Corinthians 10:6-13
11/21	Christ's School of Prayer: Praying Confidently <i>"For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever"</i>	1 Chronicles 29:10-13	Ephesians 3:14-21



### FREE LECTURE

Dr. Meyers, senior minister of Mayflower Congregational UCC Church, Oklahoma, and author of several books, will be presenting a free lecture **October 29**, Heartland Community College, 7:00 p.m.

He will also be facilitating a workshop for pastors and lay people Saturday, **Oct. 30** at Heartland, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



### CONGO WEEK CELEBRATION POTLUCK Saturday, **October 23** 5:00 p.m. Great Hall

The Congolese community invites the American community to a potluck in the Great Hall at our church. There will be Congolese music and dancing. Bring a dish to share and join the fun.

Submitted by Judy Stone