

# The OCTOBER Leaven 2023

## FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION (F&A) COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance & Administration (F&A) Committee is following up on our promise in the August Leaven to keep you informed as to how we are doing in meeting our 2023 Budget revenue goal. Below is a summary of the budget and pledges for the first 9 month:

2023 Budget .....	\$297,470
2023 Pledges .....	<u>(177,990)</u>
2023 Non-pledged contributions needed to meet budget	\$ <u>119,480</u>

The 2023 Budget above includes two items that are one-time expenses: \$20,000 for recruiting, travel, and relocation for a new Pastor (PNC), and \$7,500 for media/communications – the Church’s new sound system.

Below is a summary of pledge activity to date:

Pledges received .....	\$137,450	(77% of total 2023 pledges above)
Non-pledged contributions received	<u>36,998</u>	(31% of non-pledged needed to meet budget, above)
Total .....	<u>\$174,448</u>	(59% of 2023 Budget above)

Again, FPC has never had an approved budget, where pledges covered the entire approved budget expenses. We have always relied on non-pledged contributions to fill that gap and have done so through 2023. Based on our year-to-date total for 9-month non-pledged contributions received, we are facing a potential shortfall.

To meet this challenge, the Session has directed committee moderators to closely monitor their expenses and ensure that they are not spending more than what is necessary through the end of the year. However, more than 90% of the budget expenses consists of personnel costs, utilities, and church insurance, which could be reduced if necessary but that is not preferable.

The F&A Committee has coordinated with the Endowment Committee and has identified some budgeted expenses that are now covered by existing endowments.

It must be noted that we have had an interim pastor at  $\frac{3}{4}$  time and a bridge pastor at  $\frac{1}{2}$  time thus far for 2023. As a result, we have operated with reduced personnel costs and will continue to do so during much of the remainder of the year.

So that we are prepared for the October 15 Called Congregational Meeting, the terms of call are reflected below and will be included in the 2024 Budget:

Salary* and housing .....	\$65,500	
Medical, pension, death, and disability (at Presbytery required 39%)		25,545
Reimbursable expenses (mileage, phone, etc.) .....	2,250	
Continuing education .....	<u>2,000</u>	
Total per terms of call .....	95,295	
Payroll taxes (estimated)* .....	<u>3,000</u>	
Total .....	<u>\$98,295</u>	

\* FPC pays standard payroll taxes (approximately 8%) on taxable salary, but not the housing portion.

We are entering the 2024 budget and pledge time of the year and therefore it is important that you be aware of our 2023 pledge progress and increased costs, especially as we transition to a full-time pastor.

## **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting after the worship service Sunday, October 15 for the purpose of calling an installed pastor for the church and voting on the proposed Terms of Call. Members of the church are highly encouraged to be present for this meeting, which represents the culmination of a months-long effort on the part of the Pastor Nominating Committee (Rodney Schwatken, Tom Stovall, Pam Crume, Carol Beall, Cindy Scircle and Chris Flynn). Members are also highly encouraged to be present for the service itself, as the pastoral candidate will be delivering the sermon that morning.

Rick Nichols, Clerk of Session

## **2023 HALLOWEEN CONCERT**

**FPC**

**Sunday, October 29**

**7:00 p.m.**



## **A Little Fright Music Just Around the Corner**

A mix of spooky instrumental numbers and scary vocal numbers awaits members and friends of the church who will be attending the free pre-Halloween concert scheduled for the evening of Sunday, October 29.

The seven o'clock concert in the sanctuary will showcase the diverse talents of Music Director Freda Proctor and members of her family, the Bell Choir, the First City Flute Choir, a woodwind quintet, a men's ensemble and a women's ensemble.

The program calls for Freda to perform J.S. Bach's "Tocatta and Finale in D Minor" and Boellmann's "Gothic Tocatta" on the organ and MacDowell's "Witches' Dance" on the piano. Still seated at the piano, she will team up with her granddaughter, Jordan Proctor, who plays the cello, and Ilhom Muhiddinov, who plays the violin, to entertain concert-goers with Schubert's "Erlkonig."

Two more Proctors will get into the act when Pete and Ben appear up front to play "Ghostbusters" on their trombones.

The Bell Choir will be featured on Chopin's "Funeral March."

Horsley's "Midnight Carousel," Agioritis' arrangement of the traditional piece "Incy Wincy Spider," Gounod's "Funeral March of a Marionette," and Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Music of the Night" are to be performed by the First City Flute Choir.

The woodwind quintet will tackle "The Sorcerers' Apprentice" by Saint-Saens.

The men's ensemble will be singing the traditional piece "Dry Bones," the women's ensemble "Dark Vespers" by Maddux.

According to Freda, the concert also may include Rossini's "Cat Duet," a piano duo arrangement of Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King," and a performance of Henry Mancini's "The Pink Panther Theme" for the piano, trombone and double bass.

## PWC

Presbyterian Women met on Aug 30th for their Fall Gathering. The program was on Sanctuary--a sacred place; a place of refuge or safety; a place of peaceful tranquility or introspection. After listening to Dulcimer Music by Sally we were sent off to find a sanctuary among the flowers on the deck, the front porch rockers or the rope swing in the front yard. The Koi ponds were a favorite as were the horses and dogs. After a Salad dinner we learned about Cairns and chose rocks to build our own Cairns at home.

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Have you ever seen a stack of rocks while hiking and wondered what their meaning was? A stack of rocks is known as "cairns", and they have been used since ancient times. The [term](#) comes from the Scottish Gaelic word càrn, meaning "heap of stone" in English. The first theory about the meaning of stacked rocks centers around spirituality. Some believe that by building a cairn, individuals can leave behind their worries and find balance in life. This is because balancing rocks on top of one another is considered an activity where individuals must learn how to balance the energy around them, as well as their own internal energy in order to make the stones lay still on top of each other. If you succeed, this in turn balances you, too. In many cultures, the meaning of stacked rocks is used to honor ancestors and mark sacred sites. Japanese Zen gardens will have stacked stones too. This is because Zen gardens often incorporate the idea of grappling with the chaos of nature to create a more ordered space. In doing so, they emphasize the harmony and balance between humanity and the natural world. Stacked rocks are also present in some Native American cultures. Used for ceremonial purposes and to share information such as dangers, threats, food sources, and water sources. Many Buddhists believe that stacking stones is a gesture of good luck, not only for the stacker but also for their family.





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Each fall Presbyterian Women sponsor Christmas Shoe Boxes for Samaritans' Purse. Boxes and brochures will be available in the Narthex beginning the First Sunday in October. Instructions and gift ideas are in the brochure and boxes are to be returned the First Week of November. This is a fun way to teach children and grandchildren the art of sharing and giving. Please pick up your box today and fill it by November 5th.

## The "Building Brigade"



Equipped as needed for the task at hand, five men who belong to the church joined forces on Wednesday, September 13 to give at least a portion of the exterior of the church a pretty thorough (and probably much-needed) cleaning while they had some favorable late-summer weather to work with. The accompanying photograph, which was taken

in the morning, shows this "building brigade" hard at work on the south side of the church. Pictured on the left from left to right are Jim Garrett, Bill Geiger and George Morton. Carl Johnson is easily visible on the right, and next to him laboring down in the "well" is a not-so-visible Tom Stovall.



**Above is Before Cleaning the wall and After Pictures**

## **DEACONS HAPPENINGS**

**OCTOBER 15**

**The Ice Cream Social**

**Sign up on the main bulletin board to bring either ice cream, cookies or brownies.**





## BINGO!!!

Members and friends of the church gathered in Fellowship Hall following the worship service Sunday, September 24 for the monthly potluck dinner and then a few rounds of that entertainment staple that can be enjoyed by young and old alike, BINGO. Dinner consisted of hot dogs cooked by Claude Wiedower complimented by side dishes and various dessert items that had been provided by congregants. Afterward, pulling "double duty," so to speak, Claude positioned himself behind a table at the east end of the room and proceeded to oversee the playing of some BINGO with the occasional assistance of Cathy Corley. Dressed in a Kansas City Chiefs jersey, Claude is seen here as he calls out another letter-and-number combination.



## PRAYERS

**Immediate:** PNC, Edwin Mwirabua, Susie Williamson, Carolyn Anderson, Anna Hurt, Jami (Tom & Becky), Lisa Rees, Brianna Hoffman and Family (Cindy S)

**Ongoing:** Jim and Lorna Mathison, Cathy Tillotson, Michael Brock (Cindy S.), Dana Guancia (Ginnie S.), Patricia Siblee (Cindy S.), Dale (Cindy S), Scott Williamson (Cindy S.), Abby (Cindy S.), Rick Nichols, Margie Holland, Maria Gordon (C. Tillotson), Barbara-Sue Rose, John Garner (Carolyn T.)

## OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP TREATS

**October 1** – Session

**October 8**– Choir & Bell Choir

**October 15**-Ice Cream Social Sign up to bring ice cream, cookies, brownies

**October 22** – Circle 3

**October 29** – Circle 4

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**10**- Sally Azbill **11**-Katie Hathaway **12**-Bobbie Snyder **14**-Barbara-Sue Rose  
**15**-Brittney Maddux **18**-Chuck Allen **19**-Carolyn Anderson **22**- Candi Humphrey  
**30**-Chris Aus

## October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Fellowship Treats-Session Mission Committee Meeting 9:00am Adult Study 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	<b>2</b> 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 4:45pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Church Office Closed 1:00pm ESL	<b>7</b> 10:00am Flute Practice
<b>8</b> Fellowship Treats-Choir & Bell Choir 9:00am Adult Study 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	<b>9</b> 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers	<b>10</b> 10:00am Circle 3 11:45am Endowment Committee Meeting 5:30pm Finance & Admin. Meeting 6:00pm Circle 5	<b>11</b> 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 4:45pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice	<b>12</b> <i>6:00pm Session Meeting</i>	<b>13</b> Church Office Closed 1:00pm ESL	<b>14</b> 10:00am Flute Practice
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<b>22</b> Fellowship Treats-Circle 3 9:00am Adult Study 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	<b>23</b> 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 6:00pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 4:45pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed 1:00pm ESL	<b>28</b> 10:00am Flute Practice 5-8 Special Needs Party
<b>29</b> Fellowship Treats-Circle 4 9:00am Adult Study 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. Halloween Concert	<b>30</b> 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>