

Open Door

2022

We celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. It is a time to remember that God's love reaches across all nations, all denominations, and all languages. It is a time to lay aside our petty differences and share the bread and the cup as visible tokens of God's all-inclusive love.

I will be celebrating in Barcelona...perhaps even worshipping in another language. I'm not sure I have learned enough Spanish to carry on a theological debate, but I have learned enough to declare that God loves us! (Dios nos ama!) And sharing bread and wine does not need language. It IS a language that we can understand together.

The Rev. Debbie Chase will be celebrating here with you. Debbie spent 14 years serving in Malawi. Perhaps she will include a word or two of Chitumbuka. Her presence will certainly be a reminder of the global nature of the church!

Isn't it amazing, that in this little church in the small town of Miami Oklahoma, we will have so many attachments to the whole church in the whole world. Give thanks!

*Pastor Ray*

## NEO names outstanding retired faculty honoree

**D**r. Richard  
"Hank"  
Coiner Jr.  
has been named the  
recipient of this year's  
Outstanding Retired  
Faculty award at  
Northeastern Oklahoma  
A&M College.

NEO will formally  
honor Coiner during  
the Outstanding  
Alumni Banquet on  
Saturday, Oct 1, at 11  
a.m. in the Calcagno Family Ballroom.

All alumni and friends of the college are invited  
to attend the event. Tickets are \$25 and \$15 for  
children 12 and younger. Purchase tickets at the  
door or through [neo.edu/homecoming](http://neo.edu/homecoming).

NEO homecoming festivities will take place Sept  
30-Oct 1.

Coiner grew up in Tulsa and graduated from  
Booker T. Washington High School, where he was  
a member of the Voluntary Integration Program.  
Coiner graduated from the University of Oklahoma  
with high honors before attending the University of  
Tulsa Law School. He was inducted into the Order



Coiner



John and Sarah Wilson and son, Sam,  
worshiped with us September  
25. John was our minister during a  
very difficult time, when the 1926  
church burned and during the build-  
ing of the new church. Their children,  
Sam and Emily, were born when they  
lived here. It was a joy to see the Wil-  
sons again.



Pastor Ray and the twins during the  
children's sermon on Sunday,  
September 25th.  
It was a great feeling to have children  
back in worship!

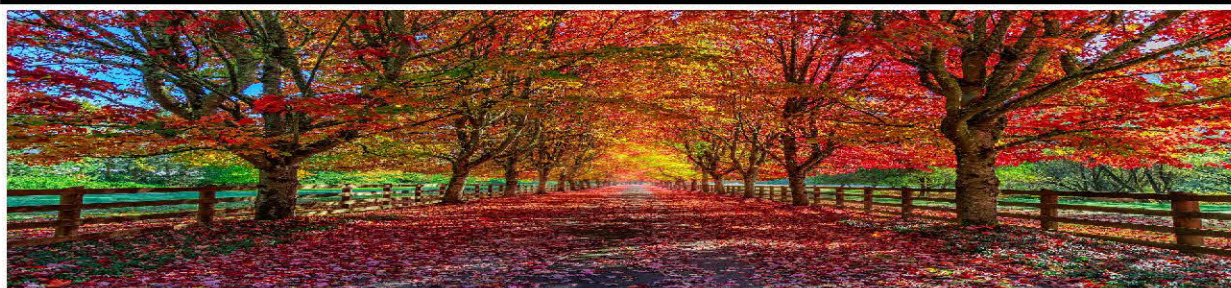
Congratulations Hank!!

Way To Go!!!





**October 2** Debbie Chase is Preaching  
**October 9** First, Give Thanks  
**October 16** The Post-Truth Era  
**October 23** Loving Everyone  
**October 30** Sought and Saved



#### **Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom**

**We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail each week.**

#### **Kum Ba Yah topics:**

**October 5** James 3  
**October 12** James 4  
**October 19** James 5  
**October 26** Philemon

#### **Adult Sunday School**

**Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!**

**October 2** The Confession of 1967  
**October 9** Hymn History  
**October 16** The Belhar Confession  
**October 23** A Brief Statement of Faith  
**October 30** What is Important for Us to Confess?

## BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. We are currently serving 47 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food.

From January 1 to the end of School (May, 20 2022) we gave out 783 backpack bags.

I would like to express my appreciation for the support we have received from the congregation. These are the folks that do the job of packing 10 food items into each of 47 bags that we are delivering to Roosevelt school on a weekly basis: Janice Johnson, John and Melinda Thiesing, Nancy Gee, Betty Lou Ankenman, Kathy Prince, Cindy Holt, Frank Denny, Charles, Kit, and Berkeley Ulrey. Thanks also to our stalwart community partners who provide food items and financial assistance: Quapaw Tribe, Community of Christ church, and Friends church. Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

Dave Foster



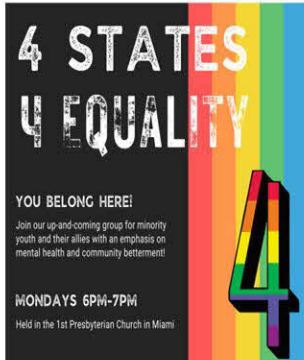
The Mission Committee met on August 16, 2022. Those present discussed some different places and organizations that may benefit from our donations. This month the committee decided to donate \$300.00 to Teachers Toolbox and \$300.00 to Goodland Academy.

For the entire year, the Mission Committee has made gifts of \$1,100.00 to Global Missions and \$900.00 to Local Missions. In addition to a founding bequest from the Meyers Sisters, other church members supplement these gifts each year. Consider a gift to the Mission giving of your local congregation!

FPC Miami Church ministries of the Backpack program and the food pantry have been a blessing to our community. 217 food pantry bags and 1003 backpacks have been handed out so far this year.

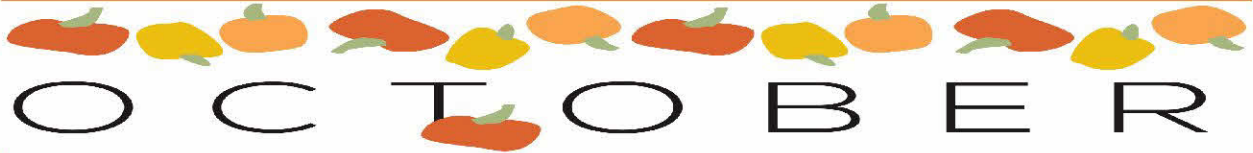






## 4-State Youth 4 Equality

A group has formed to provide a safe place for area teens to explore their uniqueness as created and loved by God. First Presbyterian is happy to offer space for this group. The first vision for this group came from the story of a young gay man who has experienced bullying in an area school and rejection by his local church. We look forward to learning and growing together.



- The name for the month of October originates from the Latin word “octō”, which means “eight”. In the Roman calendar, October was the eighth month of the year. When January and February were added to the calendar after the Julian calendar reform, October became the tenth month of the year as we know it now. □
- Every year, October ends on the same day as February. So yes, in 2020, February ended on a Saturday and so will October.
- The Anglo-Saxons called October “Winterfylleth” — it means “fullness of winter”. The reason they called it that? It's because October has the first full moon of the winter season. □
- The birthstones for October are the tourmaline and the opal. Tourmalines are believed to help you stay calm while under pressure, bring peace and tranquility, and defeat negative emotions like jealousy and anger. On the other hand, opal gemstones are believed to cure eye infections, strengthen memory, calm nerves, and enhance creativity. □
- The traditional flower of October is the calendula — it symbolises comfort, healing, protection, and grace. □
- Halloween is celebrated in a number of countries on October 31, the eve of All Hallows’ Day. On this day, it is believed that spirits can wander the earth freely. People tend to take this opportunity to disguise themselves in various costumes. □

The famous “October Revolution” led by the Bolsheviks in Russia in 1917 actually happened in November but until then, the Russians hadn’t started using the Gregorian calendar. It is a landmark in Russian history as it marks the inception of the first communist government in Russia.



# OCTOBER 2022

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- Jeff Stevens.....10/3
- Melissa Bekemeier.....10/11
- Kay Condren.....10/13
- DeMaris Celeste Rector.....10/13
- Karissa Whalen.....10/15
- Linda Elmburg.....10/16
- James Stevens.....10/22
- Meredith MacQueeney.....10/24
- Ray VandeGiessen.....10/25
- John R Elmburg.....10/27
- Patrick Carden.....10/28

*Should your name be here?  
Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!*

# OCTOBER 2022

Oct 1 - World Smile Day

Oct 2 - International Day of Non- Violence

Oct 3 - World Communion Sunday

Oct 4 - National Taco Day

Oct 5 - World Teacher's Day

Oct 6 - Random Acts of Poetry Day

Oct 7 - World College Radio Day

Oct 8 - World Octopus Day

Oct 9 - International Beer & Pizza Day

Oct 10 - World Mental Health Day

Oct 11 - International Day of the Girl Child

Oct 12 - World Arthritis Day

Oct 13 - Navy Birthday

Oct 14 - National Dessert Day

Oct 15 - National I Love Lucy Day

Oct 16 - National Dictionary day

Oct 17 - Boss's Day

Oct 18 - National Chocolate Cupcake Day

Oct 19 - National LGBTQ Center  
Awareness Day

Oct 20 - National Chicken & Waffles day

Oct 21 - National Mammography Day

Oct 22 - National Make a Dog's Day

Oct 23 - National Boston Cream Pie Day

Oct 24 - United Nations Day

Oct 25 - National Greasy Food Day

Oct 26 - National Pumpkin Day

Oct 27 - World Occupational Therapy Day

Oct 28 - National Frankenstein Day

Oct 29 - National Trick or Treat Day

Oct 30 - National Cany Corn Day

Oct 31 - National Knock-Knock Jokes Day





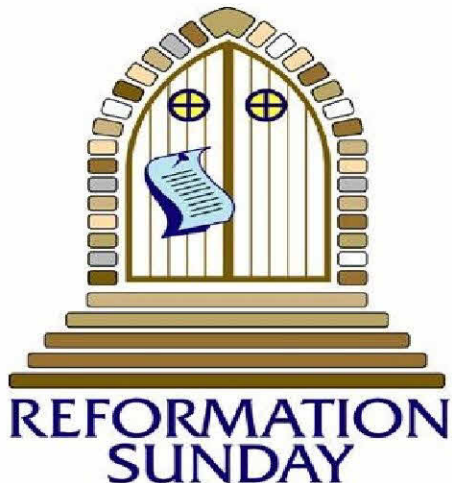
Servers in the Lord's House			
	Coffee Host	4 States Youth 4 Equality	
October 2	Open	October 3	Open
October 9	Open	October 17	Open
October 16	Open		
October 23	Open		
October 30	Open		

Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for servers slots!



October is Clergy Appreciation Month

October 2 - World Communion Day



October 9 - Pastor Appreciation Day

October 30 - Reformation Sunday





# Ottawa County 4-H attends state 4-H roundup

Oklahoma 4-H'ers attended the 101st state 4-H roundup — "A Universe of Endless Possibilities" — that took place on the Oklahoma State University campus.

Delegates from Ottawa County 4-H were Breanna Alexander, Berkeley Ulrey, Taylor Fry, Lane Young, Jarin Cox, Jacey Holcomb, Jamie Foster and Haleigh Barnes.

Members, extension educators, volunteer leaders and state staff were on hand for the state's largest 4-H conference.

"State 4-H Roundup provides the backdrop for club members to hone their life skills, showcase their many talents and recognize the achievements of their fellow



Members of the Ottawa County 4-H who attended the 101st State 4-H Roundup were (at front, from left) Jarin Cox, Haleigh Barnes, Jamie Foster, Breanna Alexander, Jacey Holcomb, (at back) Lane Young, Taylor Fry and Berkeley Ulrey.

4-H'ers, all while making new lifelong friends," said Jamie Foster, 4-H volunteer.

"Roundup features several educational workshops dealing with topics ranging from health and wellness, technology and team building, to digital media, animal care and water and solar power. We work hard to ensure the workshops are both educational and fun," said Barnes. "We also continued this year with various competitive events, including the 4-H Food Showdown, land judging, Clover Quiz Bowl, Livestock Quiz Bowl, FCS Skill-A-Thon, as well as communication and vocal contests."

Holcomb, a member of the Wyandotte 4-H, took third place in her division of the vocal contest. This was her first time competing.

Not only is State 4-H Roundup a time to learn new things, it also is a time to recognize the hard work and achievements of club members from across the state.

The group of 4-H'ers recognized as state record book winners and scholarship recipients during the honor night assembly walked away with scholarships sponsored by many generous donors.

Miami 4-H'er Berkeley Ulrey won a level 1 scholarship with his State Record Book Conservation of Natural Resources project. He was also inducted into the Oklahoma 4-H Key Club.

"We are very proud of our 4-H members and their achievements, these kids do a lot of the work on their own, and we offer assistance to help achieve their goals," said Foster.

Those interested in enrolling in 4-H should check with



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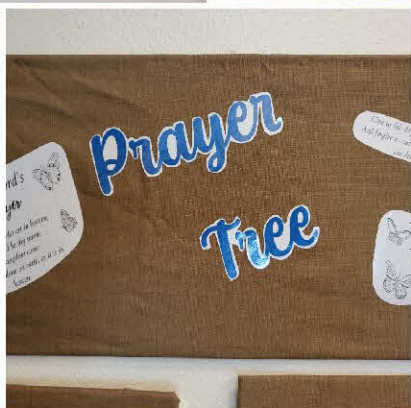
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the Ottawa County Extension office to see what they have to offer. Enrollment costs \$20 for the year, and many different project areas are covered.

Enroll at [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org).

Way to go Ottawa County 4-H Members!

A Great big CONGRATS to our very own Berkeley!



## PRAYER TREE



Hanging on the wall just outside of the sanctuary is a new “Prayer Tree”. We are offering people an opportunity to post prayer requests for themselves and others. And if you are led to pray, we invite you to take one of the requests from the tree and lift up the person and/or the situation in prayer.

As a part of our “Matthew 25” challenge from the presbytery, we are making a commitment to congregational vitality by urging one another to pray and to share our burdens with one another. Please join us on this prayer adventure.





May the God of hope fill you with all  
joy and peace in believing, so that by  
abound in hope. ~  
Romans 15:13



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