

OCTOBER

Open Door 2026

The only mention of “autumn” in the Bible is in Jude 1:12, where false teachers are compared to “autumn trees without fruit.” This implies that autumn should be a fruitful season, the most abundant of the year. How can we take advantage of the “autumn of life”?

The autumn of life is a great time to focus on God’s wonderful blessings—family, friends, strength, shelter, provision, guidance, care, fruitful ministry, opportunities to serve, more time to pray and study His Word, and eternal life still to come.

During life’s autumn, we have a richer perspective and can count more blessings than ever before.

Autumn is a good time to renew our commitment to God. Some of the saddest words in the Bible are in Jeremiah 8:20, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” Pay attention to the ways that God continues to work in our lives. Grow. Question. Learn.

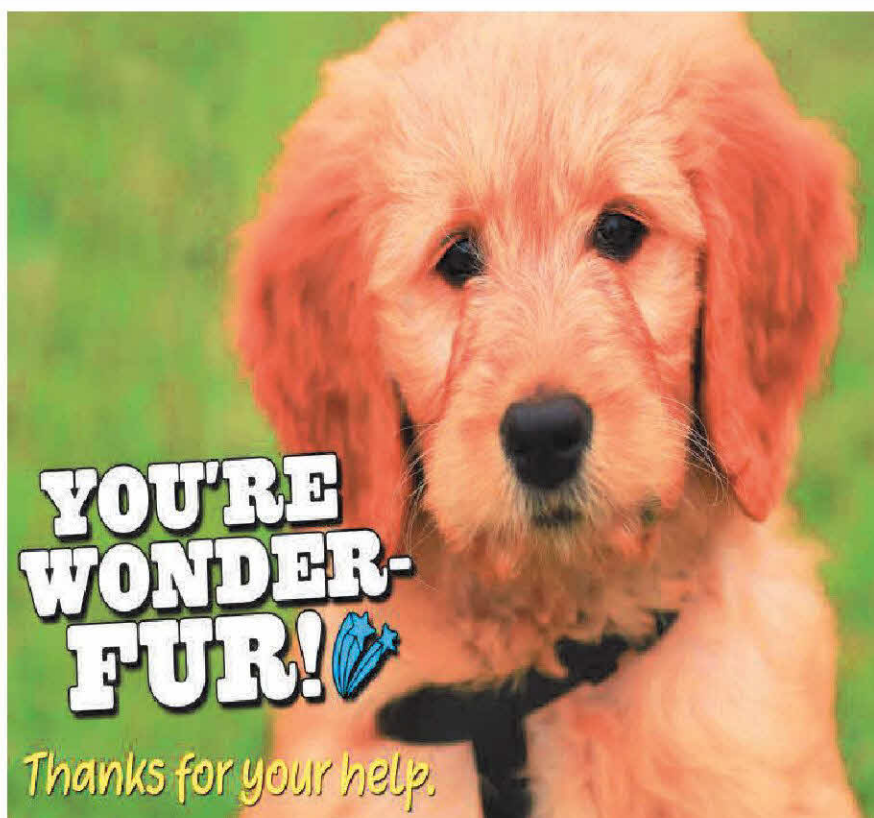
Are you ready for God to show you a new way?

Pastor Ray



It's October. You know what that means. Sweet Street on Halloween.

Please bring some candy for the kids. If you'd like to volunteer to hand out candy on Halloween, please let Ross or Pastor Ray know.



*A great big
THANK YOU
to everyone who
volunteered to help
while Ross & Tim
were on vacation.*





October 4	Who Are the Wicked Tenants?	Matthew 21:33-39
October 11	Nothing to Wear	Isaiah 25:6-9, Matthew 22:1-14
October 18	It All Belongs to God... All of It	Matthew 22:15-22
October 25	Paycheck to Paycheck	Leviticus 19:1-18, Matthew 22:34-40

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 7	Learning from Judaism
October 14	Learning from Islam
October 21	Learning from Hinduism
October 28	Learning from Buddhism

Adult Sunday School

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

October 4	Isaiah 24-27
October 11	Isaiah 28-35
October 18	Isaiah 36-39
October 25	Isaiah 40-48

BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful to Dave Foster for leading our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. The Backpack program resumed in September. We would like to thank all of you who have already signed up to pack backpacks. We have been packing backpacks for roughly 23 families since September 1, 2026.

If you have not previously assisted with this ministry and would like information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Dave Foster or the office.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission program is partly sustained by gifts from the Myers Sisters' bequest and gifts from members. You can designate gifts to "Local Mission" or "Global Mission." For Global Missions in September, we gave \$300 to Ferncliff and \$100 to World Central Kitchen

The Deacon's Shoe Ministry: The Deacons have delivered 17 pairs of shoes in 2026.

Food Pantry: The food pantry served 38 households and 105 individuals From September 1st Through September 20th.



FPC Miami Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

In September the ladies enjoyed a lovely spaghetti dinner.



Next Luncheon: Tuesday, October 13 at 11:30 am



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10-Noon Food Pantry 2:30pm Backpack 7:00pm GA	2 10-Noon Food Pantry	3 Pride Fest
4 World Communion Sunday 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	5 10-Noon Food Pantry	6 10-Noon Food Pantry	7 10-Noon Food Pantry 7:00pm KBZ	8 10-Noon Food Pantry 2:30pm Backpack 7:00pm GA	9 10-Noon Food Pantry	10
11 Pastor/Denry Association 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Deacons Mtg	12 Indigenous Peoples Day 10-Noon Food Pantry	13 10-Noon Food Pantry 11:30am Ladies Luncheon	14 10-Noon Food Pantry 7:00pm KBZ	15 10-Noon Food Pantry 2:30pm Fall Break 7:00pm GA	16 10-Noon Food Pantry	17
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25 Reformation Sunday 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	26 10-Noon Food Pantry	27 10-Noon Food Pantry	28 10-Noon Food Pantry 7:00pm KBZ	29 10-Noon Food Pantry 2:30pm Backpack 7:00pm GA	30 10-Noon Food Pantry	31 Reformation Day



Joanne Tomlinson Oct 8

Ray VandeGiessen... Oct 25

Melissa Bekemeier ...Oct 11

John Elmburg Oct 27

Celeste Rector Oct 13

Patrick Carden Oct 28

Meredith MacQueeney.. Oct 24



Ray,

Thank you for your leadership, teaching, preaching, prayers, and Godly example to us here at FPC Miami.

If the truth be told, words can't express how we feel for you.

Emergency Cleanup Bucket

- One 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Brand labels on the outside acceptable.)
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight cleaning towels (Not paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 16-34 oz. bottle of liquid dish soap (antibacterial preferred)
- One 12-40 oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner (No spray bottles.)
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred. No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free preferred. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of heavy-duty, reusable work gloves (Nitrile, cotton with leather, or leather.)
- 20-28 heavy duty 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)

Oklahoma Presbyteries' Golden Bucket Challenge (August 1st to November 13th)

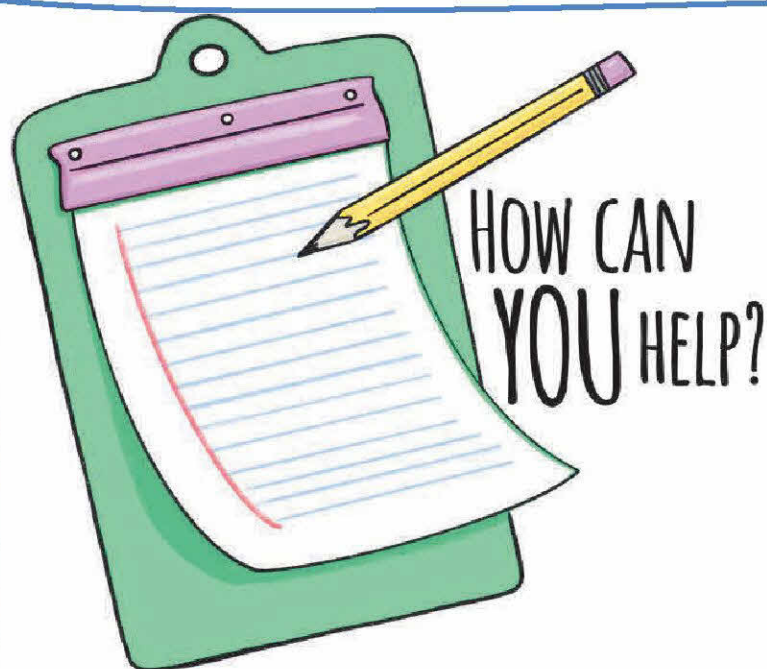
- 1) **Gather** supplies
- 2) **Host** a bucket-filling mission event & **pray** over the buckets for the families who will receive them.
- 3) **Report** to the Oklahoma Disaster Recovery Team (OK-DRT) how many buckets your church has.
- 4) **Store** buckets in a church supply closet or basement, or request OK-DRT assistance to move buckets to a church with storage.
- 5) **Inform** the OK-DRT two emergency contacts who can be reached by the OK-DRT so buckets can be deployed locally within 24-48 hours of a disaster, once roads are safe.
- 6) **Celebrate** the collective efforts of Oklahoma churches preparing to help neighbors in need! The church that fills the most buckets by **November 13** wins the *golden bucket*!



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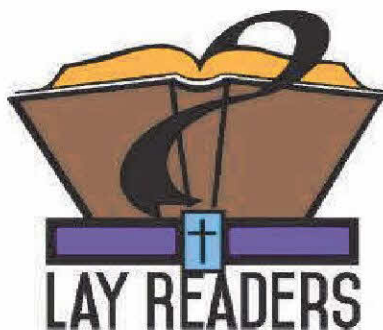
It's been wonderful to have Zellalyn join in the singing.

We appreciate you for sharing one of the gifts God has given you.



Looking for volunteers to help with:

- Backpack packing
- Fellowship hour
- Ladies Luncheon
- Food Pantry
- Memorial Garden

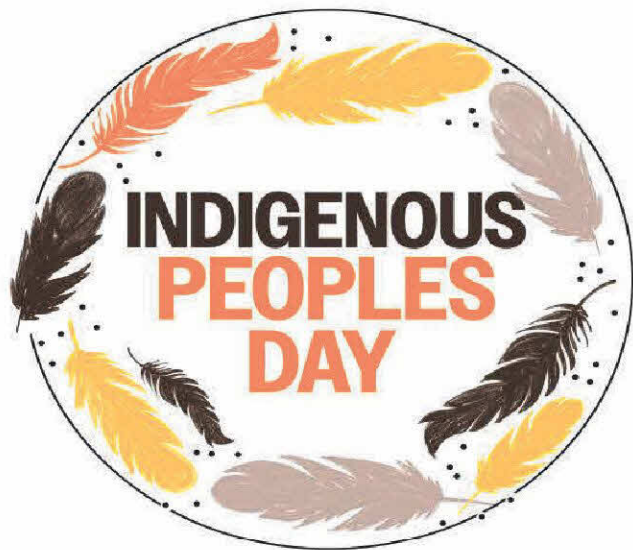


Oct 4	Abbey Ankenman
Oct 11	Hiram PrairieChief
Oct 18	Grace Goodeagle
Oct 25	Tim Keith

Servers in the Lord's House

Coffee Host	Backpack Packers	
October 4	Open	Thurs Oct 1 – Janice
October 11	B-Day Sunday Cari	Thurs Oct 8- Kit Waters
October 18	Open	Thurs Oct 15 – Fall Break
October 25	Open	Thurs Oct 22 - Open
		Thurs Oct 29 - Open





MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

first full week of October



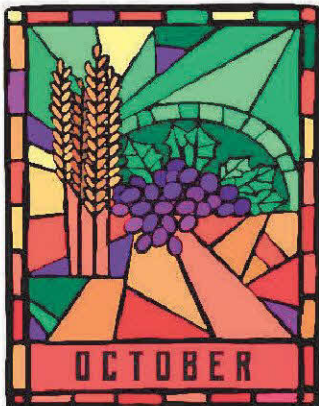
Reformation Sunday



WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

TRUNK or TREAT

The First Presbyterian Church
1410 N.E. Veterans Blvd.
Miami, OK 74354



*With all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one
another in love*

~ **Ephesians 4:2**