

November



Open Door

2021

Episcopal Bishop and Choctaw elder Steven Charleston, in his book, The Four Vision Quests of Jesus says that he “walks two paths”: that of his Native American tradition and that of Christ. Our understanding of God is deepened by his insightful description of Jesus, who experienced his own visions from God and was called to bring healing to his people.

“I have come to understand what caused the pain and death that was visited on my nation, and I know that it was not the will of a loving God. The Messiah I knew as a child, the Jesus of my ancestors, walked the long Trail with my people. He was there. He suffered with them. He is not the white man’s god, but a Native healer who made his own vision quest, not once, but four times. He went out to make his lament and he was given visions. He was not afraid of the silence. He was not afraid to speak about what he saw and heard and felt, and consequently, he changed the world.”

Now you and I are called to do the same. . . .

“The Jesus of the Trail of Tears, the Jesus of the Lakota and the Choctaw, the Jesus who went to a lonely hilltop and made his lament is the One who shows us the way. He found his vision, changed his name, and saved his people. He was purified. He was with his trusted friends. He made himself open to the sacred. The more we come to know him, the more we come to understand ourselves. In the end, his vision and ours are intimately connected. His path and ours are one.”

Pastor Ray



November 7 Love Never Fails

November 14 Giving Everything to God

November 21 Thanksgiving Sunday

November 28 Active Waiting

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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:

November 3 Philippians 2

November 10 Philippians 3

November 17 Philippians 4

November 24 No KBZ

Adult Sunday School

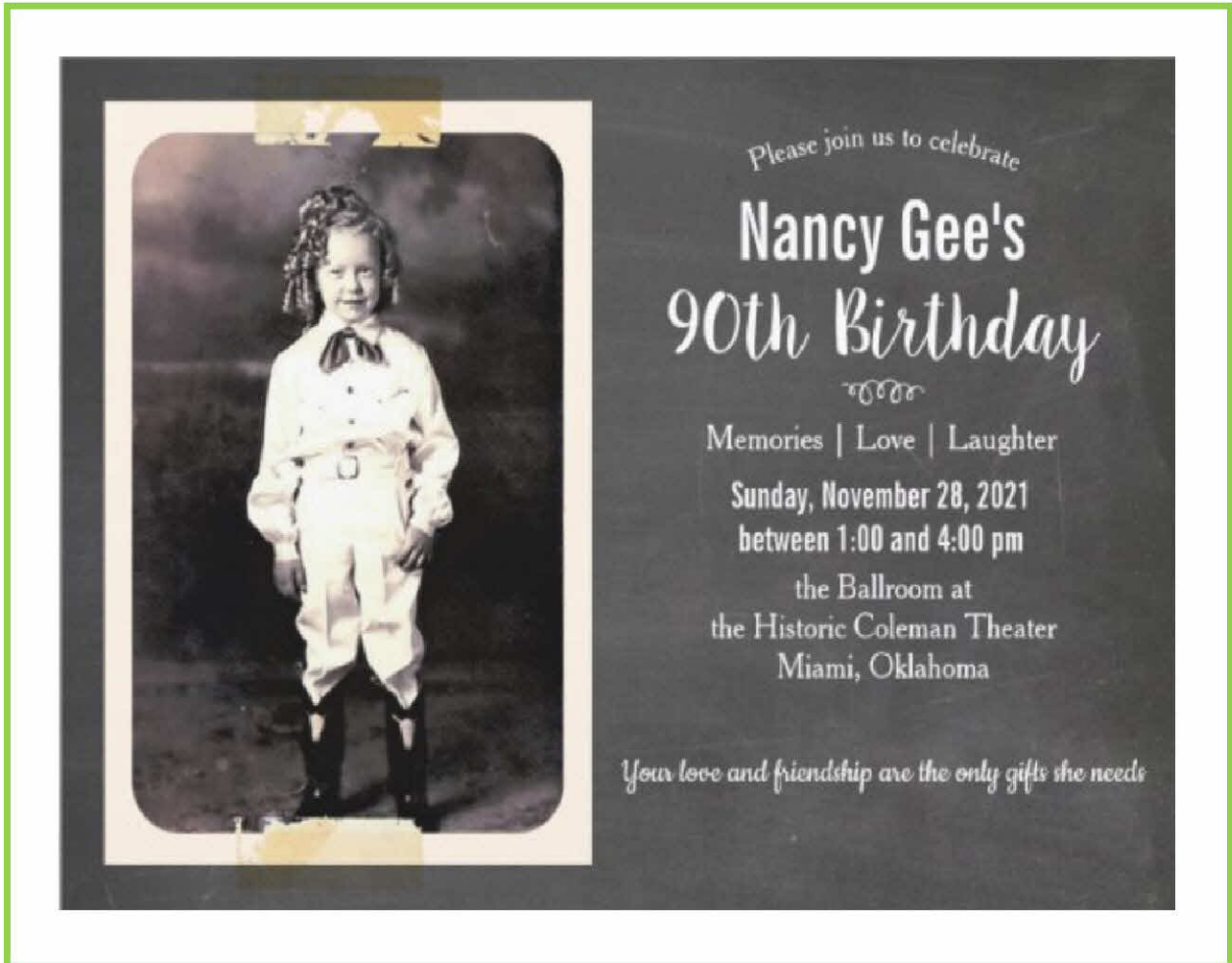
Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!

November 7 Jesus' Vision of Right Relationships

November 14 A Model for Prayer and Acting

November 21 TBA

November 28 The Cherry Tree Carol



New Directories!!!

It is almost time for a new phone directory!
Be sure to let the office know of any changes,
additions or corrections!

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 42 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food. Your support is essential and appreciated.

The foods we give are single serving, easy open containers, no cooking required, and without nut products. The food can be divided into two breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners.



Come ready to deck the halls!!

The hanging of the greens will be on
the last Sunday in November

The Mission Committee met on October 19, 2021. Those present discussed some different places and organizations that may benefit from our donations. This month the committee decided to donate from their Local Mission Funds: \$100.00 to Efforts of Hope & \$300.00 from their Global Mission Funds to Doctors without Borders.



They discussed the upcoming Christmas Joy Offering season. The literature for the mission work the Christmas Joy Offerings provide has arrived and will be placed in the bulletins soon.

Thank you everyone for your continued support, we do great things here at First Presbyterian, Miami!

Resourcing Conversations:

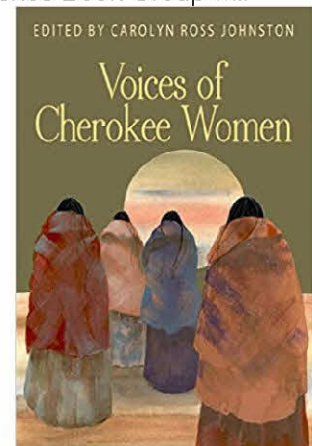
Encountering the Native American Experience

In June, Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery voted to join congregations and mid councils from across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the [Matthew 25 vision](#). Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convinced by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.

One facet of that work is "Dismantling Structural Racism." To begin to dismantle structural racism in our hearts, churches, and communities, we must first encounter it. This fall, we will be reading *Voices of Cherokee Women* edited by Carolyn Ross Johnston as an entry point into the broader work of the Matthew 25 vision. *Voices of Cherokee Women* is "a compelling collection of first-person accounts by Cherokee women. It includes letters, diaries, newspaper articles, oral histories, ancient myths, and accounts by travelers, traders, and missionaries who encountered the Cherokees from the 16th century to the present." "In her spirited and well-sourced collection, Johnston...unfolds history through the voices of people who remembered terrible events....An academic account that respectfully resurrects long-dead voices from a people who still have a lot to tell us." - Kirkus Reviews"

The Resourcing Conversations: Encountering the Native American Experience Book Group will meet the first and third Thursdays of the month beginning in October at 1:00pm (October 7 and 21, November 4 and 18, and December 2 and 16). General Presbyter Tim Blodgett will moderate the conversation.

Voices of Cherokee Women can be purchased on [Amazon](#) or through your local book seller.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10-12 Food Pantry 6:00 4States 4 Equality 7:00 Gamblers Anon	2 10-12 Food Pantry	3 10-12 Food Pantry 12-1 AA 2:30 Backpack 7:00 KumBaZoom	4 10-12 Food Pantry	5 10-12 Food Pantry 12-1 AA	6
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Janice Johnson... 11/3
Doris Jean Price ... 11/6
William Fullbright... 11/13
Judith Abel ... 11/19
Pat Landers.....11/20
DeMaris Gaines... 11/20

Ashley Lomax-Walker ... 11/21
Marcia McManigal ... 11/23
Kathy Wenzel ... 11/23
John Thiesing. ... 11/27
Rebecca Cardin 11/29
Emily Carden11/29
Nancy Gee11/30

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



4-State Teens 4 Equality

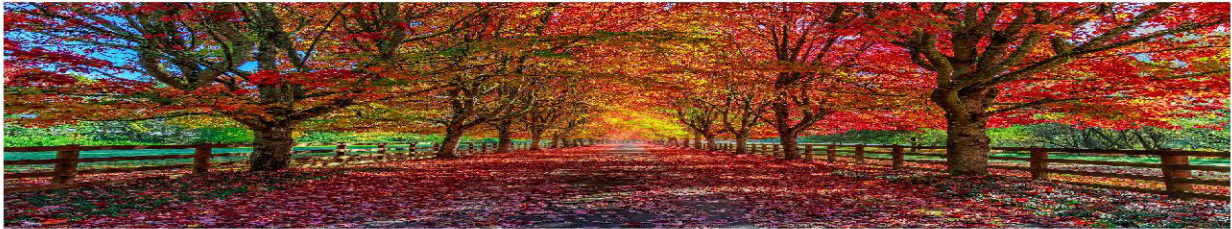
A new group is forming to provide a safe place for area teens to explore their uniqueness as created and loved by God. First Presbyterian is happy to offer space for this new group. The first vision for this group came from the story of a young gay man who has experienced bullying in an area school and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

W E L C O M E

Servers in the Lord's House		
	Usher	Coffee Host
November 7	Deanna Duvall	Open
November 14	Shelly Thomas	Open
November 21	Abbey Ankenman	Open
November 28	Open	Open

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

Backpack Helper Schedule		
Wednesday 11/3	Melinda Thiesing	John Thiesing
Thursday 11/11	Kate Prince	Open
Thursday 11/18	Open	Open
Thursday 11/25	No Backpacks	Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday 12/1	John Thiesing	Melinda Thiesing



SINGERS!!!

PSALMS 96:1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.



We will begin practice for the choir on the first Sunday in November, after service.

Come and make a joyful noise!!!

	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
November			
11/01/2021	Isa. 26:1-4, 8-9, 12-13, 19-21	Rev. 21:9-11,22-27	Matt. 5:1-12
11/02/2021	Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47	Rev. 11:1-19	Matt. 13:44-52
11/03/2021	Neh. 13:4-22	Rev. 12:1-12	Matt. 13:53-58
11/04/2021	Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26	Rev. 14:1-13	Matt. 14:1-12
11/05/2021	Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36	Rev. 15:1-8	Matt. 14:13-21
11/06/2021	Ezra 9:1-15 or Ezra 6:1-22	Rev. 17:1-14	Matt. 14:22-36
11/07/2021	Ezra 10:1-17 or Neh. 1:1-11	Acts 24:10-21	Luke 14:12-24
11/08/2021	Neh. 9:1-15 (16-25)	Rev. 18:1-8	Matt. 15:1-20
11/09/2021	Neh. 9:26-38 or Neh. 4:1-23	Rev. 18:9-20	Matt. 15:21-28
11/10/2021	Neh. 7:73b-8:3, 5-18	Rev. 18:21-24	Matt. 15:29-39
11/11/2021	Neh. 6:1-19	Rev. 19:1-10	Matt. 16:1-12
11/12/2021	Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47	Rev. 19:11-16	Matt. 16:13-20
11/13/2021	Neh. 13:4-22	Rev. 20:1-6	Matt. 16:21-28
11/14/2021	Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26	Acts 28:14b-23	Luke 16:1-13
11/15/2021	Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36	Rev. 20:7-15	Matt. 17:1-13
11/16/2021	Ezra 9:1-15	Rev. 21:1-8	Matt. 17:14-21
11/17/2021	Ezra 10:1-17	Rev. 21:9-21	Matt. 17:22-27
11/18/2021	Neh. 9:1-15 (16-25)	Rev. 21:22-22:5	Matt. 18:1-9
11/19/2021	Neh. 9:26-38	Rev. 22:6-13	Matt. 18:10-20
11/20/2021	Neh. 7:73b-8:3, 5-18	Rev. 22:14-21	Matt. 18:21-35
11/21/2021	Isa. 19:19-25	Rom. 15:5-13	Luke 19:11-27
11/22/2021	Joel 3:1-2, 9-17	1 Peter 1:1-12	Matt. 19:1-12
11/23/2021	Nahum 1:1-13	1 Peter 1:13-25	Matt. 19:13-22
11/24/2021	Obad. 15-21	1 Peter 2:1-10	Matt. 19:23-30
11/25/2021	Zeph. 3:1-13	1 Peter 2:11-25	Matt. 20:1-16
11/26/2021	Isa. 24:14-23	1 Peter 3:13-4:6	Matt. 20:17-28
11/27/2021	Micah 7:11-20	1 Peter 4:7-19	Matt. 20:29-34
11/28/2021	Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Luke 21:5-19
11/29/2021	Amos 2:6-16	2 Peter 1:1-11	Matt. 21:1-11
11/30/2021	Amos 3:1-11	2 Peter 1:12-21	Matt. 21:12-22

Take One/Give One

A member donated 10 pumpkins to start a fun project for the fall. Take a pumpkin if you need one (and can't afford it!) or leave a pumpkin to share with someone else. It's a great way to begin our lives in many other ways as well!



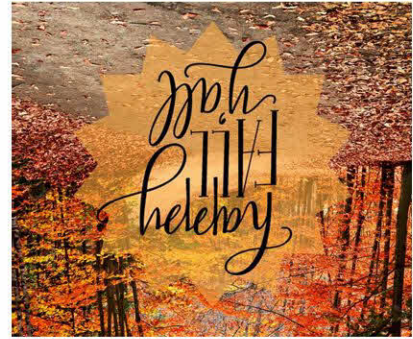
The second day the pumpkins were out and we're down to 2 at noon





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