

 **AUGUST**

Open Door

2022

In Genesis 16:11 God tells Hagar to name her son Ishmael. This name is a combination of the Hebrew “El” and “Shama” and means “God hears”, or “God listens”. There were many times in her life that Hagar needed to be reminded that God is a God who hears.

Listening is a wonderful gift that we can give to others. It is also a gift that we can give back to God.

Kay Lindahl writes about listening as a sacred art.

“Three qualities that are essential to this deep listening context are silence, reflection, and presence.

- **Silence** creates the space for listening to God. It provides time to explore our relationship to Source. The practice of being in this silence nurtures our capacity to listen to others.

- **Reflection** gives us access to listening for our inner voice. The practice of taking a few breaths before responding to a situation, question, or comment gives time for your true wisdom to reveal itself. It’s a slowing down, waiting, practicing patience.

- **Presence** is the awareness of listening to another, of connecting at the heart level. The practice of taking a mundane, ordinary activity and giving it your full attention, for example, washing your hands or brushing your teeth, trains your concentration and your ability to be in the present moment with another.

Pastor Ray



That's Right! Backpack and Shoe Ministry time!

It won't be long before the kids are back in school. Let's be diligent to provide these children with the food and the shoes that they will need through the school year.

Be the building blocks and support system to allow these kids to be successful and needed members of society.





August 7 Home Is Where the Heart Is

August 14 A House Divided

August 21 Keeping the Sabbath Holy

August 28 Who Are You Following ?



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:

August 3 I Timothy 6

August 10 II Timothy 1

August 17 II Timothy 2

August 24 II Timothy 3

August 31 II Timothy 4

Adult Sunday School

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

August 7 Matthew 25 Challenge

August 14 The Heidelberg Catechism

August 21 The Second Helvetic Confession

August 28 The Westminster Confession of Faith

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.

As we break for summer with backpack 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 May 17, 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 Mercy Corp.

For the entire year, the Mission Committee has made gifts of \$800.00 to Global Missions and \$600.00 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. 155 food pantry bags and 783 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.

August 1st we will be celebrating two of our youth group members as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. They will be leaving in mid-August to start their college experience. We wish them good luck and Godspeed. We know that you will do great things and be a light where ever you go. You will be in our thoughts and prayers through this college experience.

Study hard, make new friends, and have a little fun!!



Matthew 25 in the PC(USA): A bold vision and invitation

Matthew 25 church!

The PC(USA) has invited us to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31–46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one or more of these three areas of focus:

Building congregational vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share **the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed**

Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color

Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor

To learn more and for ideas on how to get involved and do your vital part as a member of a Matthew 25 church, please visit **pcusa.org/matthew25**.

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Matthew 25

Presbyterian Mission



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10-12 Food Pantry 6:00 4States 4 Equality	2 10-12 Food Pantry	3 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KumBaZoom	4 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 GA	5 10-12 Food Pantry	6
7 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 11:30 Choir	8 10-12 Food Pantry	9 10-12 Food Pantry	10 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KumBaZoom	11 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 GA	12 10-12 Food Pantry	13 5 pm Brice Mayfield Piano Concert
14 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 11:30 choir 11:30 Deacons mtg	15 10-12 Food Pantry 6:00 4States 4 Equality	16 10-12 Food Pantry 11am Mission Com- mittee Mtg 7pm Session Mtg	17 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KumBaZoom	18 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 GA	19 10-12 Food Pantry	20
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Ghost Gray.....8/1 Kathy Prince.....8/5
Irene Waylan.....8/3 Summer King8/5
John Gray.....8/3 Bill Hancock8/8
John Lomax.....8/4 Autumn Fuhrman8/21
Curtis Everhart.....8/4

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

Servers in the Lord's House			
	Coffee Host	4 States Youth 4 Equality	
August 7	Open	August 1	Open
August 14	Open	August 15	Open
August 21	Open		
August 28	Open		
	Open		

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



In the original Roman calendar, August was first called Sextilis, Latin for the sixth month. It was renamed in honour of Rome's first emperor, Caesar Augustus. Later, January and February were added to the calendar, making August the eighth month.

In a standard year, no other month starts on the same day as August. But in a leap year, August begins on the same day as February.

The first sandwich was made on August 6, 1762, when the Earl of Sandwich asked for a dish with meat between two pieces of bread. Legend has it that he ordered the meal in the middle of a gambling game and didn't want to interrupt it.

The birth flowers of August are the gladiolus, representing calmness, infatuation and integrity and the poppy, whose red ones signify peace, while the white and yellow express consolation and wealth and success respectively.

Whether it's a standard year or leap year, August always ends on the same day of the week as November.



brice mayfield, piano

august 13th, 5 pm
miami first presbyterian church

1410 east veterans rd, miami, ok 74354



Choir Resumes

THE CHOIR

NEEDS YOU!



**CHURCH
CHOIR**

The choir will resume practice in August.
It's not too late to join.
All are welcome to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

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Daily Events:

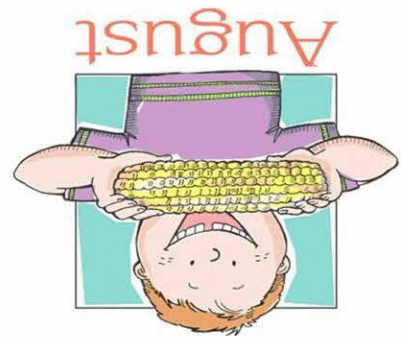
Month Events:

Family Fun Month
National Catfish Month
National Eye Exam Month
National Golf Month
National Picnic Month
Peach Month
Water Quality Month
Admit Your Happy Month
International Pirate Month
Romance Awareness Month

Weekly Events:

Aug 1-7 International Clown Week
Week 1 - National Simplify your Life Week
Week 2 - National Smile Week
Week 3 - Friendship Week
Week 4 - Be Kind to Humankind Week

Aug 1 - National Mahjong Day
Aug 2 - Find A 4 Leaf Clover Day
Aug 3 - National Watermelon Day
Aug 4 - U. S. Coast Guard Day
Aug 5 - International Beer Day
Aug 6 - Wiggle Your Toes Day
Aug 7 - International Forgiveness Day
Aug 8 - International Cat Day
Aug 9 - Book Lover's Day
Aug 10 - National S'more's Day
Aug 11 - Son & Daughter Day
Aug 12 - World Elephant Day
Aug 13 - Left Hander's Day
Aug 14 - National Creamsicle Day
Aug 15 - Relaxation Day
Aug 16 - National Tell a Joke Day
Aug 17 - Neighbor Night
Aug 18 - Bad Poetry Day
Aug 19 - Aviation Day
Aug 20 - National Radio Day
Aug 21 - Senior Citizen's Day
Aug 22 - Be an Angel Day
Aug 23 - World Daffodil Day
Aug 24 - Vesuvius Day
Aug 25 - National Banana Split Day
Aug 26 - National Dog Day
Aug 27 - Just Because Day
Aug 28 Stuffed Green Bell Peppers Day
Aug 29 - International Bat Night
Aug 30 - Frankenstein Day
Aug 31 - National Trail Mix Day



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