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Open Door 2025

At the end of October we remember the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517. One of the slogans of the Reformers has been “ecclesia semper reformada” (the church always being reformed).

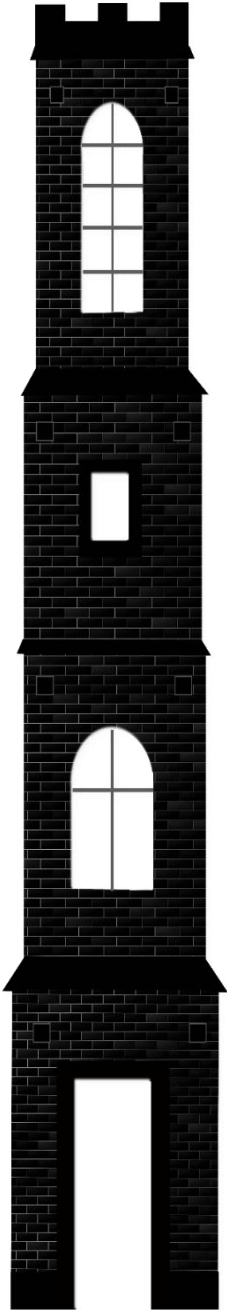
Theologian Karl Barth reminds us that this slogan should not be separated from the rest of the phrase: “According to the Word of God.” Progress for the sake of progress is not helpful or faithful. Our call as Christians is to listen with fresh ears to what scripture is saying. But we need to listen to scripture.

That’s why we spend so much time and energy at First Presbyterian working to understand the Bible’s message to us. On Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights we listen to the words. But we also learn about the culture, the language, and the literary styles.

Barth observes that, “singing a new song” and “always being reformed” are only commendable goals if they are invitations to courageous and obedient faith rather than simply following the spirit of the age. It means that the church is always being reformed, not reforming itself, submitting itself to the judgment of God’s Word and asking anew whether its confession and practice are in accord with Scripture.

Hope you will join us as we continue to learn and grow.

Pastor Ray



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October 3rd & 4th Deacon's Rummage Sale

Pictures from this sale will be featured in the November Newsletter, along with the total amount raised for the Deacons.



On the 3rd Sunday of the month, Demaris Celeste plays the harp for the prelude and offertory, accompanied by the choir. This 3rd Sunday, Pastor Ray joined in with his recorder.

Abbey was the lay reader this week as well.

"Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6



October 5	Wait for it	Habakuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
October 12	Where are the Nine?	Luke 17:11-19
October 19	The Power of Persistence	Luke 18:1-8
October 26	It's a Trap	Luke 18:9-14

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 1	Philemon
October 8	Ruth 1
October 15	Ruth 2
October 22	Ruth 3
October 29	Ruth 4

Adult Sunday School

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

October 5	Habakkuk
October 12	Zephaniah
October 19	Haggai
October 26	Zechariah

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. Since school started its 2025-2026 year, we have delivered 16 backpacks in the first week of September.

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. We are grateful to all of you who volunteered to pack backpacks this year.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee did not meet in August.

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."

The Deacon's Shoe Ministry: AS of the beginning of the 2025-2026 School Year we have delivered 2 pairs of shoes.

Food Pantry: The food pantry served 62 households and 177 individuals in August 2025.



FPC Miami Presbyterian Women's Luncheon
Tuesday, Sept 9, 2025

Ross brought a delicious meatloaf and his famous mac & cheese for dinner. All the ladies brought sides to accompany the main course. There will not be a luncheon in October.



Next Luncheon: Tuesday, November 11th at 11:30 am

Offertory Collection Schedule



October 5	Open & Open
October 12	Open & Open
October 19	The Shaffers
October 26	Open & Open

Servers in the Lord's House

	Coffee Host	Backpack Packers
October 5	Tim & Ross	Thu Oct 2 – The Schmiedekes
October 12	Cari & Shawn (B-day Sun)	Thu Oct 9 – Open & Open
October 19	Open	Thu Oct 16– Fall Break
October 26	David F.	Thu Oct 23– Open & Open
		Thu Oct 30– Open & Open



October 5	Tim Keith
October 12	Ross Tomlinson
October 19	Clyde Shaffer
October 26	Karin Shaffer
November 2	Linda Gates
November 9	Diana Schmiedeke
November 16	John Lomax
November 23	Abbey Ankenman
November 30	Grace Goodeagle



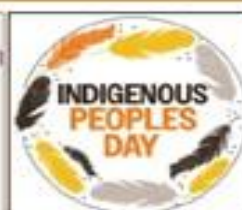
Melissa Bekemeier 10/11	Meredith McQueeney 10/24
DeMaris Celeste Rector 10/13	Ray VandeGiessen 10/25
Kay Condren 10/13	John R Elmburg 10/27
Linda Elmburg 10/16	Patrick Carden 10/28



October 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Food Pantry 10am - Noon K&Z 7pm	2 Food Pantry 10am - Noon GA 7pm	3 Food Pantry 10am - Noon	4
5 World Communion Sunday 8:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	6 Food Pantry 10am - Noon	7 Food Pantry 10am - Noon	8 Food Pantry 10am - Noon Bridge 12:30 K&Z 7pm	9 Food Pantry 10am - Noon GA 7pm	10 Food Pantry 10am - Noon	11
12 8:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Devotion Mtg	13 Indigenous Peoples' Day Food Pantry 10am - Noon	14 Food Pantry 10am - Noon Asian Mtg 11am Ladies Luncheon 11:30am	15 Food Pantry 10am - Noon K&Z 7pm	16 Food Pantry 10am - Noon GA 7pm	17 Food Pantry 10am - Noon	18
19 8:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	20 Food Pantry 10am - Noon	21 Food Pantry 10am - Noon Session Mtg 7pm	22 Food Pantry 10am - Noon Bridge 12:30 K&Z 7pm	23 Food Pantry 10am - Noon GA 7pm	24 United Nations Day Food Pantry 10am - Noon	25
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**MENTAL ILLNESS
AWARENESS WEEK**
1st full week of October





NEOK Miami Pride Committee
September 25, 2025
The Pride Committee
organized an Indian taco sale in
our kitchen to raise money for
the Pride Festival





Pastor Appreciation Day
Sunday, October 12th, 2025

Thanks, Pastor Ray, for all you
do for FPC Miami and its
congregants.

It doesn't go unnoticed!

*Deacon's Rummage Sale: Thank you to everyone who has
donated items for the rummage sale.*

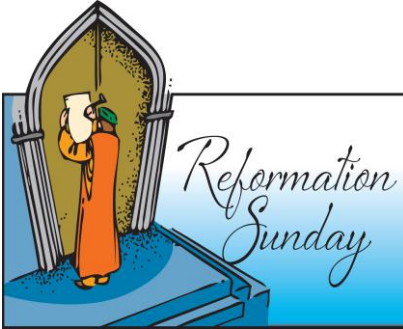


Wednesday at Windridge

We were contacted by the activity director at Windridge Nursing Center to see if we would like to volunteer to sing hymns and deliver a brief message to the residents. She had done it once before, and the response by the residents was overwhelming.

We have committed to the first Wednesday of each month at 10 AM.
Please contact Ross or Pastor Ray for more information.

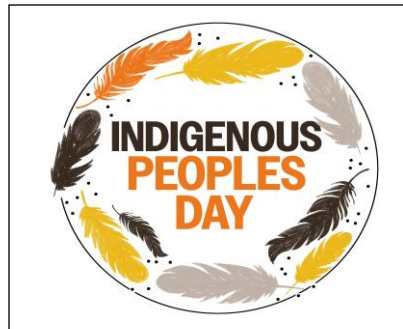
Reformation Sunday 10/26/2025



Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.



World Communion Sunday falls on Sunday, October 5. This day is observed on the first Sunday of October to celebrate the unity of Christians worldwide in Jesus Christ, symbolizing our connection and fellowship as one body in Him. Many denominations, particularly Presbyterians and United Methodists, participate in this observance by sharing in communion.



Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday in the United States that celebrates and honors Indigenous American peoples, commemorating their histories and cultures. It is celebrated across the United States on the second Monday in October and is an official city and state holiday in various localities.



Themes for 2025: Bridging Awareness with Action
Mental Health America (MHA) has selected the theme "Turn Awareness into Action," urging individuals, organizations, and policymakers to take meaningful steps to address mental health needs.



YOU ARE INVITED TO



BOOK CLUB MEETING



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A LITERARY ADVENTURE AWAITS! JOIN NANCY GEE'S BOOK CLUB MEETING WHERE MINDS UNITE, PAGES COME TO LIFE, AND DISCUSSIONS SPARK THE MAGIC OF READING TOGETHER.

3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1:30PM

7410 E VETERANS RD, MIAMI, OK 74354 - PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

918-542-5183

Are you an avid reader?

Do you enjoy reading a good book?

Does your imagination run wild as your mind pictures what is happening in the book you're reading?

Then join Nancy and the rest of the ladies in a book club.

Book club meets on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.



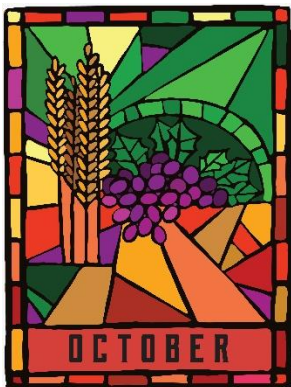
SHOPPING WITH PURPOSE

We are so grateful that Dr. John Gray joined us at Kum Ba Zoom a few weeks ago to talk about his experiences on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. One of the big problems in that country is child trafficking. There are programs that are rescuing children and providing safe places for them to grow. We can help support them by buying products made by the local people.

Check out:

www.bateygirls.org
www.aotk.org

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Galatians 6:9

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."