



## SECOND PRES IS GETTING BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS!

We are so excited for a new month of programs beginning once again, new friends in the building, and another month of worshipping the Lord together!

### FOX CREEK ELEMENTARY - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you aren't aware, Second Pres partners with Promise Council to support Fox Creek Elementary School in many ways including offering lunches for teachers, mentoring within the classroom, and attending events for student support. Continue reading below to see how YOU can support Fox Creek Elementary students and staff:

#### 100 Caring People (Clap In) Event:

Join us Friday, September 5 at 7:15 a.m. for the annual Fox Creek Elementary School 100 Caring People Event, formerly known as the Fox Creek Elementary Clap In. Bring your best attitude, and be ready to cheer for students as they walk into school for the day! No background check is required for this event, however they are requesting people sign up at [bit.ly/FCEClap](https://bit.ly/FCEClap) so they can gauge how many people plan to attend.



#### Mentoring Program:

Caring adults with one free hour each week are needed to mentor our Fox Creek students! After completing a background check, you will be matched with a student you will spend the school year connecting with and building a relationship of trust. You may help them read a book, complete homework, play a game, or simply chat!



If you are interesting in learning more about mentoring, registering for 100 Caring People, or completing the background check to begin mentoring, Ministry Administrative Assistant Michele Southerd will be helping do so on Sundays after worship service at the Connection Point! You may also contact her at [ministryadmin@secondpres.com](mailto:ministryadmin@secondpres.com).

### KICKOFF THE YEAR WITH US ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7!

Sunday, September 7 will be a day full of celebration and looking forward to an exciting year at Second Pres! The annual Fall Kickoff will be held where we will once again hear the wonderful sounds of our Chapel Choir, look forward to our Kids and Youth programming's first 2025-2026 meeting just days later, and hear a special message from Rev. Trey Haddon.

September 7 will also hold our annual Stewardship Sunday, where we will learn more as a congregation all the ways our pledges positively affect the operations of Second Pres. We are asked to think of the parable of the Sower, and reflect on the seeds we scatter throughout the world. If you have questions about your yearly pledge or anything finance related, please contact Finance Manager Joanne Randolph at [joanne.randolph@secondpres.com](mailto:joanne.randolph@secondpres.com).

Finally, we are excited to support Hospitality and Membership's ministry showcase: Hearts in Action. This event is more than a volunteer fair — it is a celebration of the many ways our ministries bring God, love and service to our church, our community and the world. Ministries will be at tables in the Fellowship Hall after worship service, waiting to showcase their impact, connect with new volunteers who feel called to serve, and celebrate the efforts they give in their respective area throughout the year with the whole church. Each ministry is a vital part of our church's heartbeat. We hope you will take the time to learn more about each one, and visit with the dedicated volunteers that share the word of God through their time, talents, and efforts.







Do you sew, knit, or  
crochet—or have you  
always wanted to learn?  
If so, we'd love to  
welcome you into a  
ministry that wraps  
others in warmth, one  
stitch at a time.

Easy Stitches, founded in 2023 as a ministry of Second Pres, brings handmade love to those in need—locally, globally, and everywhere in between. In just a few short years, this small but mighty group has created and donated over 2,500 handcrafted items to organizations including Sunday Brunch friends, Home Sweet Home Ministries, Life Long Friends, Salvation Army, Hammitt School, Bright Point, and the international Pads Project. Each piece is a tangible reminder that someone cares. Whether you're a seasoned stitcher or just curious to try, you are wholeheartedly welcome. We meet quarterly at Second Pres to share ideas, encouragement, and a few laughs—then work on our projects at our own pace between gatherings. It's flexible, fulfilling, and full of heart.

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, November 12**

**9:30 am, Green Room, Grace Hall**

Come see what we're all about—we'd love to meet you and share the joy of stitching with purpose.

For more information, contact: Karen LaVoie at 928-713-6996 or [karenlavoie41@gmail.com](mailto:karenlavoie41@gmail.com). Better yet – stop by the Easy Stitches table at the Ministry Showcase on Sunday, September 7th and see samples of our projects!



We have shared the remaining Group Sale donations with the following Mission Partners:

- Abundant Life
- Habitat for Humanity
- Navajo Nation
- Witt Corporation
- Books to Benefit
- Bicycle Library
- West Side Revitalization
- BroMenn Thrift Store
- Spare and Share in Gridley
- Serendipity
- 2 Frugal Gals
- Worn Again 2 in Heyworth
- The Flea Thrift Store

The Group Sale continues to give and share long after the sale is over.

# Choir Dinner & Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
**6:00 PM**

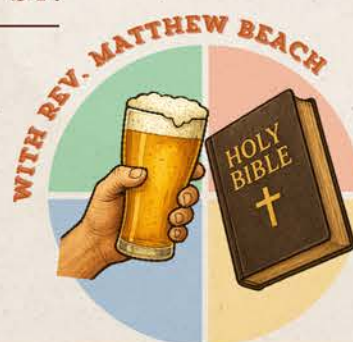
## THEOLOGY SEP | 4 ON TAP

**PAXTON BUILDING**  
**207 E WASHINGTON ST.**

**6-7:30 PM**

**FREE CHILDCARE**  
**AT SECOND PRES**

**PARKING CAN BE FOUND**  
**ON THE STREET,**  
**IN THE PNC LOT,**  
**OR AT SECOND PRES**



**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL CLASS:**

**PRODIGAL SON**

**THROUGH THE EYES**  
**OF KARL BARTH AND**  
**JULIAN OF NORWICH**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**  
**9-10:30 A.M.**

**SPEAKER**



**Rev. Matt Beach**

**THEOLOGIAN AND DOCTORAL STUDENT**  
**OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY**

**NEED HELP CONNECTING**  
**YOUR HEARING AIDS TO**  
**OUR ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEM?**



Robotics students will be available on Sunday, September 7 to help set up the app on your phone!

Please make sure you have all your necessary passwords if you plan to visit the Robotics students for help.





**LOCAL MISSIONS** invites our members to support community families in need of a Thanksgiving meal. In collaboration with Midwest Food Bank, Home Sweet Home Ministries, and Thrivent in cooperation with Hy-Vee, we present THE BIG GIVE. Interested members can go to Hy-Vee and follow a shopping list to purchase Thanksgiving meal items either online or in-store. When shopping in-store, inform the cashier that your purchase is for the Big Give, and they will pack it for later pick-up. There is no need for delivery; simply leave the items at the store. These contributions will then be distributed to designated families in our community.



**SHOPPING LIST**

- 1 Box of Stuffing Mix
- 2 Cans of Corn
- 2 Cans of Green Beans
- 2 Cans of Cream of Mushroom
- 1 Box of Mashed Potatoes
- 1 Envelope of Gravy (no jars, please)
- 1 Regular Pouch of French Fried Onions
- 1 Can of Cranberry Sauce
- 1 Box of Pie Crust Mix
- 1 Can of Pumpkin Pie Mix
- 1 Can of Evaporated Milk
- 1 Turkey

**SECOND HALF**

**FALL HELPING HANDS**  
*Cleanup Day*

**NOVEMBER 8 (RAIN DATE: NOVEMBER 15)**

People needing yard work can call Kim Pare at the church or Gene Gant at 309 - 963- 4361.



**KIDS & YOUTH  
PROGRAMMING  
IS BACK  
AT SECOND PRES!**

*Join us Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.*



*Presbyterian Women*  
**FALL GATHERING & DINNER**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**COST: DONATION AT EVENT**



You're invited to the Presbyterian women to the Gathering of Women! This fellowship dinner will feature an inspirational message from Rev. Lori Bultemeier titled "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ". RSVP outside the Sanctuary on August 31 and September 7 or by contacting Kim Pare at [kim.pare@secondpres.com](mailto:kim.pare@secondpres.com) or by calling 309-828-6297.



A new Adult Christian Education class will be beginning on Sunday, September 14! We invite you to join this class studying David Anderson's Practicing the Way. This class will be held in the Chapel every Sunday September 14 through October 5 following worship service. For questions, contact Scott Hamilton.

**Westminster Village  
Fellowship Morning**

**Wednesday, September 10**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Club Room**





# SECOND PRES LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP CHECK-IN

## SESSION ELDERS:

David Kaeb, *Trustees*  
Martha Everman, *Foundation*  
Sarah Palmgren, *Human Resources*  
Mark Wylie, *Finance & Stewardship*  
Sandy Groves, *Leadership Development & Nominating*  
Rich Schroeder, *Deacons*  
Cheryl Chrisman, *Youth & Family*  
Scott Hamilton, *Adult Christian Education*  
Barb Meek, *Hospitality & Membership*  
Jan Harrell, *Local Missions*  
Mark Ulbrich, *Global Missions*  
Gene Gant, *Second Half*  
Mike Ireland, *Worship & Music*

## TRUSTEES

David Kaeb, *Elder*  
Stu Frankeberger  
Janet Schroeder  
David Marquardt  
Jan Harrell  
Mark Sprague  
Carol White  
Barb Booth

## FOUNDATION

Martha Everman, *Elder*  
Dave Hiltabrand  
Paul JeHerson  
Mike Manahan  
David Strand  
Steve Snyder  
Janella Cooley  
Sandy McGhee  
Keith Palmgren  
Cheryl Jackson

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Sara Palmgren, *Elder*  
Ann Durand  
Warren Booth  
Nancy Snyder  
Jay Chrisman  
Tyler Buckley  
Scott Preston  
Jon Scholl

## FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Mark Wylie, *Elder*  
Jim Swanson  
Don Engelkes  
Jack Secord  
Steve White  
Susan Rhodes  
Scott Dixon  
Kent Meister  
Martha Everman

## FROM THE HERITAGE ARCHIVES



## COMMENTS FROM GEORGE PALMER, ISU HERITAGE INTERN

### SUMMER 2025 MUSIC COLLECTION

The inventory of the Music Collection has been completed along with searchable Finding Aids. Every document, photograph, CD, t-shirt, Choir Sunday Hallway, and everything related to the music programs at 2PC has been inventoried and indexed. It is all written down over three legal pads, and the collection is stored in 46 boxes/binders/item holders, as well as file cabinets and a photo gallery.

The work that I am doing has made me think about potential careers in this field, and to be able to see so directly the impact my work is having is amazing. The reason for this is because 2PC is hosting their annual group sale, and Jeanie came up and showed me around the entire hall. She introduced me to so many people, many of whom whose names I recognize from somewhere in the archives. It was great to put faces to names, but I was just overall so amazed and impressed by the amount of work that is completed by these volunteers. I got so caught up in the whole thing that I ended up helping to unload a truck, and everyone was so kind and welcoming. I was a totally random person to most people, and the appreciation and kindness made my day.

2PC is an amazing environment, and I am very lucky to have been able to work on such a large and important collection. This was overwhelming in terms of pure content and energy required, but I am so thankful for the experience.

*George Palmer*

History Education Undergraduate, ISU



**SECOND PRES LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP CHECK-IN (CONTINUED)**

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & NOMINATING**

Sandy Groves, *Elder*  
Becky Heiser, *Moderator*  
Jeannie Swanson  
Jim Ely  
Brad Secord  
John Meek  
Stevie Joslin  
Pete Brandt

**DEACONS**

Rich Schroeder, *Elder*  
Jeannie Swanson  
Mary Murphy  
Amy Brandt  
Anne Bliss  
Bryce Jones  
Terri Peifer  
Ellen Wylie  
John Robertson  
Linda Brucker  
Luann Bateman  
Judy Holder  
Angie Buckley  
Ken Davis

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Scott Hamilton, *Elder & Moderator*  
Rick Tindall, *Vice Moderator*  
Joan Newgren, *Secretary*  
Jason Jennings  
Bryce Jones  
Laurie Sprague

**SECOND HALF**

Gene Gant, *Elder*  
Sandy Groves, *Secretary*  
John Robertson  
Shelly Gant  
Ken Newgren  
Jason Jennings

**WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Mike Ireland, *Elder*  
Trey Haddon  
Terry Fitts  
Dennis Gotkowski  
David Kaeb  
John Robertson  
Sandy Ireland  
Ellen Wylie  
Morgan Marquardt

**YOUTH & FAMILY**

Cheryl Chrisman, *Elder*  
Sally Cummins  
Jill Miller  
Joana Nicolas  
Teri Parker  
Terri Peifer  
Linda Schaefer

**HOSPITALITY & MEMBERSHIP**

Barbara Meek, *Elder*  
Stevie Joslin  
Bryce Jones  
Joan Newgren  
Sandy McGhee  
Ruth Breuer  
Jeannie Swanson  
Karen LaVoie  
Becky Huizer  
Guy Fraker  
John Meek

**LOCAL MISSIONS**

Jan Harrell, *Elder*  
Steve White  
Carol White  
Elizabeth Rust  
Julie Cross  
Chris Leonard  
Jason Jennings  
Molly Achord  
Orman Jones  
Jenny Scott  
Roger Scott  
Trudy Strand  
Gerald Safford

**GLOBAL MISSIONS**

Mark Ulbrich, *Elder*  
Teri Parker  
Janice Lewis  
Laurie Sprague

**BROUGHT INTO MEMBERSHIP OR BAPTIZED ON JUNE 8, 2025**

**NEW MEMBERSHIP**

Mary Baucum  
Noah Blickensderfer  
Molly Blickensderfer  
Carole Cronnin  
Peter Herman

**BAPTISMS**

Scotlyn Preston, daughter of Scott Preston & Allison (Seys) Preston

Sawyer Jean Worth, daughter of Danny Worth & Jenny (Ewan) Worth

Constance Brandt Busch, daughter of John David Busch & Arin Bailey



# WEEKLY AT SECOND PRES

## EVERY SUNDAY

- 8:30 am: Sunday Morning Brunch
- 9:00 am: Worship Service
- 10:15 am: ACE (Adult Christian Education)
- 10:15 am: High School Brunch

## EVERY TUESDAY

- 6:00-8:00 pm: FTC Robotics  
Lego League Robotics
- 7:00 pm: Scouts Troops 903 and 9903

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

- 6:00-7:30 pm: K-5th Kid's Min (90 min.) - *Resumes Sep.*
- 6:00-7:30 pm: 6-8th YOUth Min (90 min.) - *Resumes Sep.*
- 6:30-8:00 pm: Chapel Choir Rehearsal - *Resumes Sep.*

## EVERY THURSDAY

- 11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch
- 12:00 pm: Rotary Club Luncheon

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1: Jamie Kaiser        | 18: Janet Schroeder    |
| 2: Saher Singh         | 19: Janice Bates       |
| 4: Susan Rhodes        | 20: Saaketh Bhojanam   |
| 4: Jay Wilson          | 20: Janet Frankeberger |
| 5: Ann Baughan         | 20: Ruthann Stevens    |
| 5: Bailey Howes        | 20: Holly Tindall      |
| 6: Kim North           | 22: Tom Powell         |
| 7: Willian Brent       | 23: Steve Mardis       |
| 7: Jim Stevens         | 24: Ishana Mallampalli |
| 9: Linden Miller       | 25: Kellen Amble       |
| 9: Jenny Scott         | 25: Sithara Dheeravath |
| 12: Martha Everman     | 26: Roseanne Secord    |
| 12: Carter Tindall     | 27: Janella Cooley     |
| 12: Conni Tipsord      | 27: Donnabelle Daley   |
| 14: Tyler Buckley      | 28: Ryder Marquardt    |
| 14: Bryce Nicolas-Penn | 28: Dave Pendell       |
| 14: Mark Wylie         | 28: Trudy Strand       |
| 15: Walt Bergen        | 29: Akshaya Galla      |
| 16: Monish Pathipati   | 29: Stella Smith       |
| 16: Hannah Wills       | 29: Jim VanCauwenberge |
| 17: Donald Mason       | 30: Robbi Muir         |

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Summary through July 31, 2025 - Actuals compared to the Prorated Budget

	Actual	Prorated Budget	Net Result
Contributions	\$656,218	\$642,581	\$13,637
Other Receipts	\$160,086	\$125,375	\$34,711
Estate Gift	\$19,989	\$ -	\$19,989
Foundation Support	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ -
Expenses	\$937,826	\$851,340	-\$86,486
Net Total	\$1,533	\$20,118	-\$18,149

Contributions are favorable compared to the prorated budget by \$13,637. Other Receipts are favorable being \$34,711 greater than the prorated budget and include \$80,516 transferred from Foundation for the door repairs and sanctuary caulk repairs. Additionally, during the first seven months of the year the church received a generous estate gift of \$19,989 and \$100,000 of the budgeted Foundation support was needed to support church operations. Expenses are unfavorable as they are \$86,486 greater than the prorated budget and include \$33,125 spent to fix the Prairie Street and Jefferson Street doors and \$47,391 spent to repair the caulk around the sanctuary stone. This provides a \$18,149 unfavorable variance for the first seven months of 2025. The 2025 annual budget includes a \$51,214 deficit.

As of April 7<sup>th</sup>, the church collected 145 stewardship cards totaling \$885,009. Stewardship Sunday is Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. You should be receiving your stewardship card in the mail. Please bring it with you on Stewardship Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Wylie, the finance elder, or Joanne Randolph in the church's finance office.



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