

**Our Mission:**  
**Connecting with**  
**God and sharing**  
**the Good News of**  
**Jesus Christ with the**  
**community.**

# *First Presbyterian Church*

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## **From our Pastor**

Excitement reigns at FPCD as we prepare for the Fall Fest choir and storytelling concert. The choir sings about, and storyteller Kathy Culmer, along with Jim and Janet Stahl, tell those wonderful stories from Genesis about people and God – God and people – as God calls us into being. Just like those earliest people, we too must learn to know and interact with God. Sometimes those stories are humorous; other times tragic. But hope and grace abide always. We want to feel that hope, and invite others to experience the joy with us.

The poster, designed by Sandy Gaskins, makes anyone want to attend! It is beautiful. So pick up some posters and postcards to invite as many as you can. Most people attend church because someone invites them. And, when you see someone new, do you offer to take them to lunch after the service? Or, find out something about them? Or tell them your story of faith?

In other business of the church, the leadership team is transforming. An action team, they have started a new Sunday School class called "Discussions." It is primarily for newcomers and for those who do not yet come to Sunday School. It is also for parents of children who have been attending recently. Several people will facilitate the class, with a new topic for each week.

All these things are happening because of your faithfulness. You love the Lord and it is evident. We sing a song in worship – "Jesus, be the center; be my source, be my light, Jesus. Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails, be the reason that I live, Jesus." Letting Jesus be the reason for my hope, along with you. See you Sunday!

Blessings,  
*Ginger*

