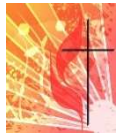


THE FLAME



August 25, 2025



Monday, August 25

Quilters 10
Weight Loss Group 3:30
Friendship Feast 5
Scouts 6:30
FPC Bible Study 7

Tuesday, August 26

Coryell Cupboard 8
Men's Coffee Group 8:30
Intercessory Prayer 9
Coryell Cupboard 4

Wednesday, August 27

Bible Study Via Christi 10
JAM 3:30
Lay Leadership 5:30-rescheduled
Youth Ministry 6
Choir 7
Music Committee Meeting 8

Thursday, August 28

SPRC Meeting 4
Finance 5:15
Church Council 6

Sunday, August 31

Sunday School 9
Worship 10

If your group is interested in signing up to host a Wednesday night live, contact Becky Hightower. She is in charge of the meal preparation and can help you get your date selected.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



- **Luke 14:25–33 (NRSV)**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

September 3 @ 5:15



5:15 Dinner

6:00 pm Young Adult Small Group

6:00 Adult Group Study, for the not-so "young adults"

6:00 Youth and Children Ministry
Staffed nursery provided



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Thank You!



*Thank you BILL ELLIOTT for being
such an awesome Interim Youth
Director!*

*You are amazing & truly
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Welcome back choir! We missed your beautiful voices and smiles!!

Marta so good to have you back!

Debra your music is wonderful!



Sunday School 9am Worship 10am

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Where First United Mwthodists & First Presbyterians worship together!

New Members



Lisa Mayne (top left),
Winston Henry and
Dolley Roland, (top
right),

Men's Coffee

Tuesday Mornings

8:30

~~Country Kitchen~~

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NEW LOCATION



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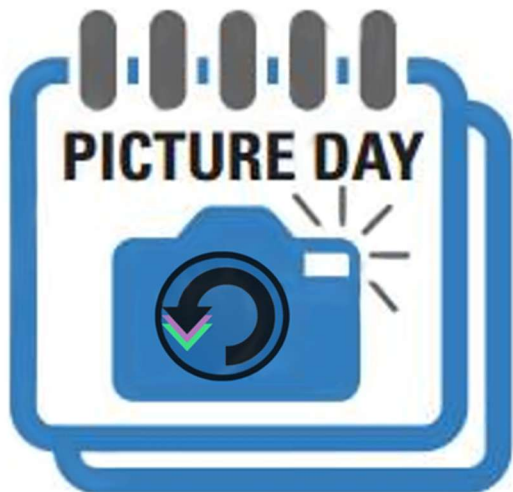
Directory Pictures

September 2-3

Monday & Tuesday

September 8-9

Tuesday & Wednesday





United
Women
in Faith

Anchor Your Soul: Women in Faith Meeting

Feeling adrift? Find your harbor!

Join our women's church group for an afternoon of genuine connection, uplifting faith, and beautiful lakeside serenity.

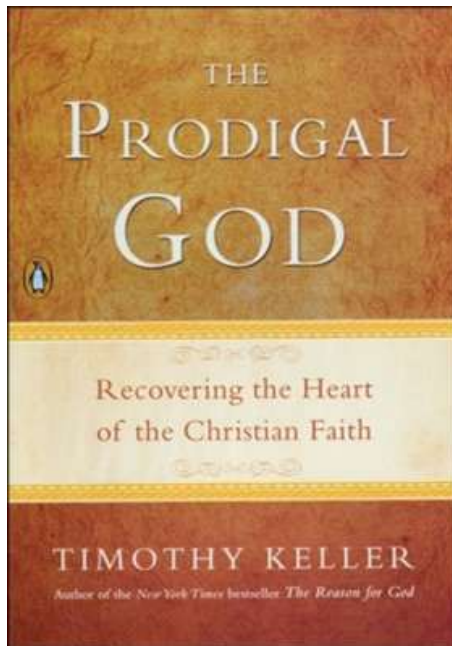
What: A captivating gathering for women seeking community and spiritual growth. **When:** September 4th

Where: Lake Ponca Dock east side #6 next to the ramp (let the calming water be your backdrop!)

Imagine the sun reflecting on the water as we share, laugh, and lean into God's word together. Bring a friend, bring your heart, and let's make a splash!

All women welcome. No perfect faith required.

Book Review: Prodigal God by Tim Keller



Taking his trademark intellectual approach to understanding Christianity, Timothy Keller uncovers the essential message of Jesus, locked inside his most familiar parable. Within that parable, Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. This book will challenge both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way.

Some of the insights given by others about Keller's book are:

There is more than one way to run away from God and defy him. But there is only one way back: God is so prodigal in his grace that he reaches out to humble and restore and receive both. Few books unpack this theme with greater force than this slim volume

from Tim Keller.

The Prodigal God is vintage Keller—biblically faithful with a fresh angularity. That is, Keller seizes a great truth and comes at it from an angle and with language that help us see it in new ways.

The insight that Tim Keller has about the two individuals in the story and the heart of the God who loves them both... it is not much of an overstatement to say I read that and God wrecked me afresh.

Religious people will find—perhaps for the first time—insights into themselves and the love of God that just might shatter any outward shell of mere religiosity on which they are depending and draw them into the presence of real light, glory, and salvation—into the presence of Jesus Christ, the Prodigal God Himself.

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