



Dear Families,

Fall may be upon us calendar wise, here's hoping the weather will take the hint. Summer was wonderful but I am ready to welcome fall. Each season gives us reason to praise God!

I hope your child(ren) are settled in well with their classes, fall schedules, and activities. As a part of your family routine, I hope you will be able to participate and engage in the many offerings we have for faith development, spiritual growth, and fun at First (Scots)! Sunday school is off to a great start with some amazing teachers and children. *Music and More* for the 1-5<sup>th</sup> grades begins every Sunday at 10am on the third floor. What a special way to begin the Sunday school hour than by singing and learning Bible verses and *much more!* We have also had our first few weeks of Kirk Club... they have gone *really* well. It is exciting to see the halls and playground buzzing with laughter and friendship. Thank you to all the volunteers who make Kirk Club and the other ministries involving children possible. I count it a blessing to serve alongside you at First (Scots)!

*Joyfully,*

*Suzy*

Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to them belongs the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 19:14



**HELP YOUR FAMILY GROW IN FAITH...**

This month... **CELEBRATE MILESTONES!** There are certain celebrations and milestones that are important for families to acknowledge! Baptisms, birthdays, graduations, and personal "firsts" are all milestones you and your families can embrace and celebrate together. They offer

opportunities to point to God as the giver of life, families, skills and abilities. Every day affords us the opportunity to thank God for the blessings before us. In the same way, there are milestones and firsts that are also worthy of celebrating and highlighting within your family. At our house, we have a large CELEBRATE plate. We took a pottery class together and created a CELEBRATE plate that for years held someone's dinner meal, a special breakfast or a plate of cookies or snacks as we celebrated a family member's special moment or day. We still have it and still use it when we are together. If there is a special gift that might go with the milestone or occasion, give it as an "I love you" gift. Ask other family members to help with the celebration as well! Encouraging siblings, cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles to join in the fun and memory making of celebrating milestones is a wonderful way to bring families closer together. And- keep the tradition going! When your children are grown, send them a card on the anniversary of their baptism day- reminding them that they are a precious child of God. Send them an "I Love You" gift as you remember a special day in their life! Don't let a day go by where your children can't find one way they felt and heard and saw your love for them in a special way. Be creative... if you are away on a trip, hide notes or things for them to find. Life is filled with big milestones that need to be marked and remembered in a special way but it is also made up of the tiny moments filled with love, a pat on the back or a special note. Share God's love... there's more than enough to go around.



### CHILI COOK –OFF!

Since there is no Kirk Club (Fall Break) October 16<sup>th</sup>... we have a great event planned to bring everyone together. We love intergenerational gatherings and who doesn't love chili? Pull out your favorite chili recipe and cook it as a family! Bring your best chili to the First (Scots) Chili Cook-Off and enjoy a night of fellowship and fun! There will be multiple prizes for the best chilies... Mark your calendars now for this fun night!

First (Scots) Presbyterian  
**Fall Festival**



Sunday, October 27, 2019

3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Molly Wier Hall

COME IN COSTUME!

Fun and games for all ages!

Go fish, candy walk, rubber duck game, and so much more!

\*This is not a drop-off event

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## HIGHLIGHTING...

October 2	Fall For Fall	Isaiah 43:5
October 9	Tartan Night	Ephesians 6:1
(No KC Oct 16)	Team Pride Night	Proverbs 20:11
October 23		
October 30	Halloween	Psalms 107:9



- Kirk Club begins at 3:30pm on Wednesdays with play time!
- Kirk Club Kids range from 3 years old-Middle School
- Kirk Club is run by a great group of volunteers made of parents, grandparents, and church family!
- Chef Nancy cooks dinner for Kirk Club using a special menu just for Kirk Kids!
- This year [Laura Anne Moore](#), [Emily Topham](#), and [Kinsey Gidick](#) are our Directors. They are off to a fabulous start!
- Kirk Club is a great way to learn about the Bible and worship here at First (Scots), build intergenerational relationships, enjoy a variety of musical offerings, and have fun with

friends!



**OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH...**  
**TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT STEWARDSHIP!**

First (Scots) kicks off Stewardship in October! It dawned on me recently, as our teaching team has been teaching the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders about creation in Sunday school, that the story of creation gives us a wonderful model of stewardship. We have been learning about the importance of being good stewards of what God has given to us. If you wonder how to explain stewardship to your children, consider beginning with Genesis. Read it together. Telling your children the creation story is a great way to model stewardship at home. God has blessed us, abundantly, with all that is good in the world and all that we need. Children can readily grasp the idea of being good stewards of creation and caring for that which God has created. In the same way, they can grow to realize that stewardship within a church family has many other facets. As families we can teach and model stewardship for our children through our habits and practices in regard to our financial giving, giving of time, prayer life, and worship. Children learn by watching and doing. Be mindful of ways you can model and teach your children to care for God's people and world and give back to God what God has already gifted to them. This can be done through monetary giving, volunteering to be a part of a mission project or outreach of the church, praying for our church and our church family, and by being present in worship. All of these model stewardship and can start at a very young age. Intentional practices such as these take time, practice, and modeling! It is never too early to start instilling the idea that stewardship is a personal matter- between the giver and the receiver- between you and God. Parents are the best people to teach that to their children. Ask your children how they think they can be good stewards of all God has given to them. Our children learn from us as we learn from them. Prayerfully consider how you and your family can serve the Lord with gladness!

**Sunday Morning 10am Sunday School for Children and Youth**



**Children**

**2-3 Year Olds:** Meet on the first floor of the Massie Building.

**K4-K5's:** Meet on the first floor of the Massie Building.

**1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades:** Meet on the third floor of the Massie Building.

**3-5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Meet on the third floor of the Massie Building.

*All of these classes use DWELL curriculum.*

**Music and More:** Meets on the third floor of the Massie Building (1-5<sup>th</sup> grades).

### **Youth**

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Meet on the second floor of the Kirk House and study Dwell Dive Curriculum by Faith Alive.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade/Confirmation Class:** Meets on the second floor of the Kirk House and studies the We Believe: Professing our Faith curriculum by the PC(USA).

**High School:** Meets on the first floor of the Kirk House and use Feasting on the Word for class discussion.



### **Sunday Morning Sunday School for Parents (Nursery available)**

**Classes-**We have six classes available for adults! They range from lectionary studies, topical studies, current events and the Bible, parenting and marriage. If you need help finding the right fit for you, please read about the classes on the website, contact me and I will tell you more about them...or go visit a few and find the best fit for you!

**Coffee Hour-**If you're not sure about Sunday school, but want to bring your children, perhaps Coffee Hour is for you. There is coffee, fellowship and friendship to be enjoyed in Molly Wier Hall!

### **Weekday Opportunities for Parents to Connect with Church**

**Tuesday Table Talk:** Noon on Tuesdays- this group brings a bag lunch and enjoys fellowship over lunch followed by a 30 min. Bible Study led by Dr, Siegling. They are currently studying Daniel.

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** 5:30-6:30pm Room 202 This women's Bible Study is currently studying The Keys to a Blessed Life by Pastor Rick Warren.

**Men's Breakfast-**group of intergenerational men meet Tuesday mornings from 7-8:00 a.m. for breakfast, study, and fellowship.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** 10-11:30am Room 202 Currently studying *Anxious for Nothing* by

Max Lucado.

**Wednesday Evening:** "Mom's Connect" group of moms who meet most weeks- following Wed. Kirk Club schedule from 4:45-5:45 p.m. to grow as mothers and sisters in Christ. Currently studying and discussing *Children the Challenge* by Rudolf Dreikurs.

**Chapel**-each week there is a communion service in Lilly Chapel from 5:30-6:00 p.m. open to everyone. It's a great way to worship and share in the Lord's Supper.

**Thursday Morning Moms Bible Study**- Thursday mornings in room 229 from 9-10am. We are a group of mothers ranging from mid 30s to late 40s with children ranging from newborns to college. Most of us have at least one school age child. We are a group of women who lean on each other for advice and support. We are currently studying ***Trusting God*** by Sharon Jaynes. All are welcome!

