



# In Touch with FPCR

## SUNSHINE AND SUPERHEROES IN SAN DIEGO

*The FPCR congregation may be small, but it is diverse. As we have read in this newsletter over the past couple of months, the FPCR family has many interests. This month, please enjoy Jean Schoeni's peek into an annual adventure that results from husband Keith Clark's childhood interest as a collector of comics.*

One or two Saturday mornings every year, Keith and I sit at our computers waiting for the chance to buy tickets to the San Diego Comic-Con (SDCC). In October, usually during a wet, overcast morning, people who attended SDCC the prior year are given the chance to purchase tickets for the next Con. In the cold, bone-chilling depths of January anyone can try for tickets. Tickets for the July event are sold through a lottery system. You are allowed to enter the virtual waiting room between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. central time. At 10:00 the action begins! People are randomly moved from the waiting room to the ticket windows. The website constantly posts witty updates as everyone waits in anticipation. If you're lucky, you get a notice telling you that you are at the ticket window and have 10 minutes to complete your transaction. In 1 to 1-1/2 hours, tickets are sold out. Pretty amazing considering that approximately 135,000 people now attend Comic-Con.

Keith and I attended our fourth "Con" this year. And though we were only able to get tickets for Thursday and Sunday, this is San Diego! There are plenty of non-Con tourist experiences to choose from. We chose the Birch Aquarium at Scripps on Friday and the Hop-on-Hop-off bus tour on Saturday.

Why bother? Well, SDCC promises sunshine and superheroes! It is the premier pop culture convention in the world. What started out in 1970 as a 300-person gathering organized by a small group of comics, movie, and science fiction fans has morphed into an international industry showcase for comics and the popular arts—television, film, and literature. And, unlike Carol Frank and Jean Zeller, Keith and I are collectors. We have approximately 75,000 comic books, 1,400 pulp magazines, and 7,600 books that fit perfectly into the categories featured at the convention.

Since it is hard to describe—and a picture is worth 1,000 words, please see page 4.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendar to attend FPCR on **September 11** and **25**.

The next Bible Study is **September 18**.

Plan to attend the Church Picnic on **September 25** after the service.

The **FPCR website** contains up-to-date announcements. Check it if you have questions about a service or deadline.

[www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com](http://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

*All are welcome for upcoming 10 a.m. Sunday Services.*

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
14TH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
SERMON: A HEALING  
PRESENCE

**SEPTEMBER 25**  
16TH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
SERMON: OUR REFUGE  
AND OUR FORTRESS

*Updated information is posted on the website: [www.FirstPresbyofRichfield](http://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield)*

## ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

### Elders

Carol Frank  
Jim Frank  
Debbie Hepp  
Melissa Kujawa  
Rick Romanski

### Clerk of Session

Elaine Schmidt

### Deacons

Emma Kujawa  
Cathy Romanski

## JOIN THE SEPTEMBER 18 BIBLE STUDY

The next adult Bible Study is **Sunday, September 18, at 10 a.m.** via **Zoom**. The group will discuss John 10.

A link to this online meeting will be sent on Thursday, September 15. To join for the first time, please email FPCR or contact Elaine Schmidt.

August's Bible Study covered John 9. Discussion included God's gift of sight and how the man in John 9 "saw" clearly. He believed in and worshiped Jesus. Discussion included demonstrating a worshipful attitude by praying and giving thanks daily.



## SLINGER FOOD PANTRY



**Rick and Cathy Romanski**, our Food Pantry Liaisons, report that the Food Pantry is looking for hygiene items and any food items you are able to donate—they are low on everything. Items from FPCR will be delivered after the September 11 service. To support the Pantry with a monetary donation, place it in the collection plate using a "Food Pantry" specific envelope. Checks may be mailed to FPCR, PO Box 22, Richfield, WI 53076. Please indicate "SFP" on the memo line of your check.



## WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR SUCCESS

**Jayden** and **Cora Schmidt**, daughters of Daryl and Brenda and granddaughters of Ken and Elaine Schmidt, had a VERY successful year at the Washington County Fair. Their hours of patience and hard work paid off with championships as well as many blue (1st place) and red (2nd place) ribbons.

**Top Left:** Jayden won the Supreme Champion trophy for Showmanship.

**Top Right:** Jayden showed in the Futurity competition (a formal event) again this year and WON the event.

**Bottom Right:** Cora Schmidt (and Dazzle) won the Beginner Showmanship competition.





## SERMON JOTTINGS

*With our present schedule, it is sometimes difficult to follow the continuum of church lessons and sermons. Here are summary notes from the August service. (The August 24 service was cancelled.)*

Date: **August 7, 2022**

Text: **Luke 12:32-40**

Sermon: ***Where Is Your Treasure and Heart?***

*This scripture talks about the concept of where our treasure and heart is. In our present culture, we seem to be centered on “things” and finding meaning in possessions. We are a consumer-centered society. “Where is your treasure and your heart?” is an excellent question for all of us!*

- Our “stuff” is to be used for the good of all people—not just ourselves. Does that statement work for you, or do you want your own “stuff”?
- In life, meaning comes from making a difference with and for people.
- It has pleased God to give us the kingdom. Jesus’s disciples were, therefore, liberated from the peril of possessions and enabled to reorder their lives to care for the needy. (The *New Interpreters Study Bible*, pages 1878 and 1879).
- Giving, not our “stuff” which is fleeting, helps us to appreciate God’s blessings and bounty.
- We are called to give from what we have.
- We should strive to use our “stuff” and our gifts and talents to help others. We could help make a more compassionate and just world for all people.
- Where are your priorities and your hearts?

***Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.***

Luke 12:32



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns:

**Carol and Jim Frank**

**Carol Frank’s son, Jim**

**Chris, Jean Zeller’s friend**

**Ron Grunke**

**Ron Grunke’s daughter, Shelley**

**Rick and Cathy Romanski’s granddaughter, Brynn**

**Daryl Schmidt**



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

to the following individuals with birthdays in September. We wish you many more years of God’s blessings.

**26 - Deanna Wojcieszak**

**27 - Alice Schmitz**

## BE LED FORTH IN PEACE

The **Peace and Global Witness offering** will take place between September 25 and October 9.

This special offering is used to address systems of conflict and injustice across the world. FPCR keeps 25% of this offering locally. The PC(USA) Mid-Councils retain 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

A note of information: FPCR was recognized in a recent Milwaukee Presbytery newsletter as one of only six churches to have participated in this offering for the past 20 years! The Milwaukee Presbytery is composed of 41 churches plus 1 Spanish-speaking fellowship.

