



FIRST FACTS



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Adult and Youth Sunday School

NURSERY: Our nursery is open from 9 a.m. on Sunday morning through our worship service, for children birth through kindergarten. Children will be escorted upstairs from the nursery to the worship service for the “Kids” Message and then will return to the nursery. In the nursery they may participate in a brief Sunday School lesson and activity. Children are welcome to join their parents for the worship service at any time. **Parents come to the nursery after worship to pick up their children.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Both Children’s Sunday School Classes will begin their new studies on Sunday, September 13th. They will continue to meet after the Kid’s Message in worship. The Lower Grade’s Class will meet in their classroom next to the Nursery, Kathy Woodfin and Cherie Herbst will be teaching this class. The curriculum will focus on “The Stories of the Old Testament” based on the *Read and Learn Bible*. The Upper Grade’s Class will meet in their classroom on the second floor. Their curriculum will focus on “The 12 names of Jesus”. This class will be team taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, and Julie Harrison.

Sunday Service of Worship- 10:30a.m.

Treasurer’s Report As of June 30, 2016

General Fund

Year to Date Income	\$119,921
Year to Date Expenses	119,433
Expenses Greater than Income	488



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Flowers for worship may be shared to celebrate your anniversary, someone’s birthday, or in memory of a loved one or friend. They can also just say “Thanks, God!” Please call the church office (335-2579) to sign up for flowers.

The flowers in the sanctuary were provided by Jean Cairns in memory of her mother, Martha Cairns, who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on July 15.

Worship Attendance

July 3	43
July 10	50
July 17	48
July 24	52
July 31	



August Meal-a-Month

- Velveeta type cheese food
- Package of macaroni
- Can of fruit of choice



SECOND TUESDAY AT THE CHATEAU

The **Second Tuesday at the Chateau** group will meet for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. in the Chateau dining room. If you would like to attend please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651 - 5274 or Ruth Needle at 334 - 4515 so that arrangements can be made for a table to accommodate all of us. We will order off the menu with each person being responsible for their own lunch. All are welcome.



The **next meeting of the Book Club** will be on Thursday, August 11, at the home of Ruth Needle. We will be discussing "The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto" by Mitch Alban. The September book selection is "Tortilla Curtain" by T.C. Boyle on Thursday, September 8th, but the place is TBA.

First Facts Newsletter

If you have something to be published in First Facts please have it to the office by the 25th of each month, preferably emailed.



The scouts of troop 4 didn't stop after summer camp. In early July the scouts got together for a fun filled night of music, games and activities till the wee hours of the morning. Payton W. has been working staff at camp Lewallen this summer, while Nicholas M., Caden N., and Ty W. all assisted the adult staff at the Cub Scout Day Camp that was held at County Park North. The following week Ms. Marcia, Caden and Ty attended STEM camp for fun and learning about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics at Beaumont. Regular meetings get back in full swing along with back to school in August.

We have two boys close to being Eagle Scouts. They are working on their projects.

As things get going there will be a bring your mops, buckets and rags cleanup day for the scout building.



Mission Request

It is hard to believe that in a few weeks, the children will be heading back to school. The Mission committee decided once again we would try to help the teachers and students at Jefferson School. Last summer, we purchased backpacks for them. This year they are in dire need of #2 yellow pencils, glue sticks, 2-pocket folders, Kleenex and hand sanitizers (preferably with a pump.) Bring your school supplies to the church by Sunday, August 7. If you prefer to make a donation, Mission will be happy to do the shopping. Thank you for your participation!



Just a reminder about the very important meeting for members and friends to be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday August 7th. This get-together is for the open sharing of ideas, wishes and concerns about our church, and lunch will be served. Rev. Terry Epling will be with us to facilitate the discussion.

Menu includes-barbecue pulled pork & buns, barbecued chicken, potato salad, baked beans, blackberry & peach cobbler, tea, lemonade, & coffee.

PLEASE PLAN TO COME! IT IS SO VERY IMPORTANT!

Stated Meeting of the Session 2016

From the Session:

At the Stated Meeting held on July 17, 2016, with Rev. Grant Gillard serving as Moderator, the Session:

1. Approved requests from six members to be removed from the church rolls
2. Heard a report that the sale of the Activities Building was finalized on June 26, 2016.
3. Tentatively approved a recommendation From the Finance Committee regarding the investment and use of the proceeds from the Activities Building sale. Final approval will be considered at the August Session Meeting.
4. Approved removal from the church rolls, 16 names of persons who have not participated in or supported the church for several years. (This action is in accordance with the PC(U.S.A.) Book of order, and takes the total church membership to 149 members.
5. Called a Congregational Meeting to be held on August 7th at the end of the worship service for the purpose of nominating, electing, ordaining and installing an elder to fill an unexpired term on the Session.
6. Formulated plans to have an open discussion gathering of the members and friends of the church, to hear and share concerns, suggestions, etc. regarding the future of the church. This unofficial congregational meeting will be facilitated by Rev. Terry Epling, and will be held at 12:30 p.m. on August 7th beginning with a luncheon.

It was a long, but very efficient and productive, meeting of the Session.



The Session is calling a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held at the end of the Worship Service on Sunday, August 7, 2016. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Nominating Committee to present Ray Wilhelm to fill an unexpired term on the Session. Following an election for this position there will be a service of Ordination/Installation. Rev. Grant Gillard will officiate at this meeting.

Ray Wilhelm is being nominated for Elder by the Nominating Committee. He is to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2017 on the Session. Ray and his wife Sandy joined our church in 2001 on transfer of letter from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cape. He has served a term as Deacon, has been a member of the Fellowship Committee and ushers frequently.

The Rev. Sam Roethemeyer will be in the pulpit August 7, 14, & 28th.

He grew up in Nashville, Illinois and graduated from Greenville College, Greenville Illinois after high school, with Bachelors degree in Religion and Philosophy in 1972. He and his wife were married on May 27, 1972 in her hometown, Okawville, Illinois. Rev. Sam attended Eden Theological Seminary in 1975 with a Master's Degree and was ordained in St. Paul United Church of Christ in Nashville, June 8, 1975. He served as Pastor in Olney/Dundas, Illinois First and Saron United Church of Christ from 1975 to 1979, St. John United Church of Christ, Trenton, Illinois 1979-1988, and finally at Emanuel United Church of Christ from 1988 until September 20, 2014 when he retired. They live in Jackson and he continues to be President of the Jackson Ministerial Alliance, volunteering a lot of time to its food pantry. They have three Children, Christy Shinn (Geoff), Beth St. John(Jason), and Matthew Roethemeyer (Diana), and seven Grandchildren.

Carol Dean will be in the pulpit August 21

Carol Dean is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and completed her Lay Pastor training with Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery in 2008. She has worked with our Boy Scout Troop for 19 years. Carol and Don, her husband, have 2 grown children and live in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Memorials

Memorials have been received in memory of:

Kitty Rueseler, from Daryl Henry, Ed & Sue Burford, Tom & Donna Grantham, Jean Green, James & Beverly Hirsch, Nelson Kasten, Stephen Limbaugh, William & Linda McGowan, Willorene Philips, Madge Ridings, Charlotte Sargent, Martha Stickler, Ross & Judith Tudor, Carl McGowan, Shirley & Don Gibson, Evelyn Stover, Robert & George Ann Lovinggood, Mary Bryant Spivey

Rebecca Parkinson, from Daryl Henry

JP Tlapek, from Rob & Donna Williams



Tunes at Twilight will start back up August 12 at 6:30 pm. We collected \$1010.34 from food donations, in the spring Tunes of this year for Mission.

AUGUST PRAYER CALENDAR

The Session hopes you will use this 'Prayer Calendar' as we daily pray for each other and some of the mission concerns of our church.

- 1st Presbytery of St. Andrew
- 2nd Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
- 3rd Merry Gay Lorberg, Marcia Williamson (birthday)
- 4th Lea & Harvey Hecht (anniversary)
- 5th Asia & Pacific
- 6th Nelson Kasten (birthday)
- 7th Linda Harper (birthday) John & Bekki Cook (anniversary)
- 8th Pakistan
- 9th India
- 10th Bangladesh
- 11th Fern Harris (birthday)
- 12th Shirley Sullivan, Missy Smith (birthday)
- 13th Sri Lanka
- 14th Tom Mueller, (birthday)
- 15th Harvey Hecht, Maybry Shaver (birthday)
- 16th Donna Parkinson (birthday) Dr. Raymond & Ann Ritter (anniversary)
- 17th Cherie Herbst, Melissa Harris, Dusti Miller (birthday)
- 18th Sam Bishop,(birthday)
- 19th Indonesia
- 20th Judith Wiles (birthday)
- 21st Juanita Wyant (birthday)
- 22nd South Korea
- 23rd Janna Tuck, (birthday)
- 24th Pastor Kim & Rebecca Nelson (anniversary)
- 25th Charles & Judy Wiles (anniversary)
- 26th Ruth Jean Lange (birthday)
- 27th Japan
- 28th Taiwan
- 29th Philippines
- 30th Sue McNeely, Mary Harrison, (birthday)
- 31st Charles Hirsch, Lauren Bishop, Ruth Pautler (birthday)

From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study

Lord, you know everything; you know that we love you! Help us to take care of your sheep. Help us to follow you to new places. Give us love for the lost and lonely. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Monthly Planner

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