

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2017

Paul Farris
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Janna Tuck
Ray Wilhelm

CLASS OF 2018

Harvey Hecht
Jeanne Hirsch

CLASS OF 2019

Mike Brown
Joyce Rayfield
Charles Wiles

SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

10:30 A.M. Worship Service
10:45-11:30 Children and Youth Sunday School

GENERAL NOTICES

Children are always welcome in worship.
Childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is provided during worship.
The Session meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm..
The Church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 4, Marcia Warren Scoutmaster, and
Cub Scout Pack 15, Brian Hall Cubmaster

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

We are pleased you have joined us for worship this Sunday morning. We are a faithful congregation of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) and within the bounds of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Worship is one of the many ministries that are facilitated by this historic and active congregation. A small group of Presbyterians began this ministry in 1835 and we are called by God to continue their faithful witness of Jesus Christ to our community and world. Bible studies and mission projects punctuate our weekly activities. If you would like more information about our ministries and/or becoming a new member, please call our church office during the week or talk to our pastor after worship. *Visitors and members alike are encouraged to complete the registration pad located on the main aisle of each pew.* Your contact information is never shared with any other entity.



Ushers for this morning are Michael & Kathy Brown and Horton & Carol Miller.

Lay Leader this morning is Kathy Brown.



Pastoral Care: Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Willie Phillips, Barb Taylor.



In the Military: Michelle Bryan, CA; Jeff Parkinson, Elgin Air Force Base, FL. (Bob & Ann Parkinson's nephew); John Raimondo, Camp LeJeune, N. Carolina (Sharon Metcalfe's grandson); Ryan Bloomingdale, Ft. Campbell, Ky (grandson of Sharon Metcalfe) Eric Yocom, Air Force, Mountain Home, Idaho (Ray & Sandy Wilhelm's grandson)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Children and Youth Classes meet in their classrooms directly after the "Time for Young Disciples" in the worship service. The Elementary Class (Kindergarten through Fourth Grade) is studying a series of lessons about "The Life of Jesus". The lessons this semester will focus on the early year's of Jesus's life, his Baptism, his teaching, and choosing his disciples. The class meets in the classroom next to the nursery. The Junior High Class is using *The Good News Bible* for a study of the 66 books of the Bible. The class looks at each book of the Bible and what lessons and stories it teaches. They are keeping a journal of important Bible verses. This class meets in their classroom on the second floor. **ALL CHILDREN IN WORSHIP ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THESE CLASSES.**



PRAYING FOR PERRYVILLE--Perryville was hit by a devastating tornado. Sixty families have pretty much lost everything. If you would like to make a monetary donation you can write a check to United Way of Southeast Missouri (or UW of SEMO) and in the memo mark it Perryville. On Wednesday, March 15 Elizabeth Shelton, from United Way will be here for our Lenten service. We can present her with a check at that time.

CALENDAR

Sunday 3/12	10:45 am	Worship Service NO GATHER SHARE & EAT
Monday 3/13	6:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday 3/14	11:00 am	2 nd Tuesday at Chateau
Wednesday 3/15	6:00 pm	Light dinner & Lenten Service
Thursday 3/16	Pray for 7:30 pm	Judith Farris (birthday) Choir Practice
Saturday 3/18	Pray for	Dusti & Tammi Miller (anniversary)
Sunday 3/19	10:45 am	Worship Service Congregational Meeting



In support of our local FISH Food Pantry, the March Meal a Month- 2 cans of Tuna, Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup, Package of Noodles, Canned Fruit of Choice. Please put in the box in the Narthex.



Second Tuesday at the Chateau will meet in the Chateau dining room at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 for lunch and fellowship. Please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651 - 5274 or Ruth Needle at 334 - 4515 if you would like to attend 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.

Seeking the Heart of God in the Heart of the City, our Lent series continues on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00 with a light supper, sandwich, chips & dessert, followed by a message from Elizabeth Shelton, Executive Director of United Way, and a brief worship. Please indicate in the friendship pad that you will be attending. Invite a friend!

Congregational Meeting The congregation will meet for a special meeting following worship on Sunday, March 19th, to act on the Nominating Committee's recommendation to fill a vacancy on the session.

New members will be received in worship on Palm Sunday, April 9th. If you are considering becoming a member of this congregation please talk to Pastor Terry.

Confirmation Class will meet with Pastor Terry on Sunday, March 19th from noon to 4:00 for our young persons seeking membership in the church.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is meeting weekly this month to complete the Ministry Information Form used to advertise our pastoral position. Please pray for the committee's discernment as they seek God's will for our pastoral leadership.



EASTER LILIES:

Easter Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16th. They may be purchased for (\$8.00 each) in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. The deadline for ordering is Friday, April 7th.

Please complete this form and return it to the church along with your check or cash.

I/We wish to purchase an Easter lily.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

From _____

Enclosed \$ _____ For _____ Lilies