



# FIRST FACTS



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## The Season of Pentecost

Easter Sunday seems like a long time ago. I remember it well but it was seven weeks ago. For us Easter marked the celebration of the Resurrection and new life. It is a high point in the Christian year, of course. Jesus has been resurrected and a new life has begun. That's big, good news. But during the seven weeks of the Easter season this year in our Scripture lessons, the disciples seemed rather adrift. Far from practicing the new life that Jesus' resurrection should have inspired, we often find them hanging around the upper room where they last ate with Jesus.

That last supper was a very important event. We remember it when we celebrate communion. After that meal the events of the next several days were too much for the disciples to take in and understand. It took them time to sort it all out. They made sense of it little by little over time.

It's not surprising, when things don't go as we expect, it takes time to come to terms with it. Like the disciples, we experience a variety of emotions, sometimes anger, sometimes defeat, sometimes denial. Eventually, with time and help, we come to acceptance and re-orientation. Maybe things have not gone as expected but where do we go from here? What's next?

The answer for the disciples was Pentecost. Jesus was no longer with them. But the Holy Spirit came. Then their mission was suddenly clear. They could engage the world again with good news. The locked doors of the room in which they had stayed were blown open and they took to the street.

This church has a history of this kind of adaptation. Since 1835 you've built three buildings and torn down two as you re-oriented your mission to the needs of the community. Your vision and priorities have evolved with the neighborhood. You've welcomed pastors with gifts to meet the demands of each generation.

As we celebrate the Pentecost season let us pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee and for the church that God will send the Spirit and that you will discover pastoral leadership that answers God's call to create the church the world needs now.

Faithfully,

Pastor Terry

## 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:** No Sunday School for the summer



The Flowers in the Sanctuary on May 28<sup>th</sup> were in memory of Mr. & Mrs. R.E.L. Lamkin, Jr. from their children and grandchildren.



### June Meal-a-Month

Package of Pancake Mix (add water only)  
Bottle of pancake syrup  
2 Canned Fruit of Choice



**The next meeting of the book club will be** at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the home of Jean Cairns. The book under discussion is “Lilac Girls” by Martha Hall Kelly. The July meeting will be at the home of Sandy Wilhelm and the book is “I’ve Got Sand in All the Wrong Places” by Lisa Scottoline and Francesca Serritella. In August, we will meet at the home of Ruth Needle with the book being “The Glass Castle” by Jeannette Walls. All are welcome, and the reading of the book is optional.



At this time, coffee will be available before church in the Atrium area off of the Narthex. If you don’t know where this is, ask an usher and enjoy a cup of coffee with others.



### Please Remember

As the Spring Cleaning bug hits you and you’re in the mood to do some cleaning out, don’t forget our Rummage Sale this fall.

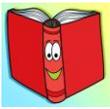
The Mission Committee will be happy to pick up items you don’t need or use anymore. No clothing. Just call Georganne Syler (450-0213) or Donna Pikey (335-8908) for more information.

**LOVE INC SEMO closes after 9 years.** It comes with a very heavy heart to announce that Love INC SEMO has made the difficult decision to close its doors. We have struggled for many years to keep our goal of “connecting Christians with our neighbors in need”. It became apparent that we could go no further, financially. Many have supported us in many ways, in prayer, volunteer hours, and financially. I offer my sincere thanks on behalf of the Board of Directors and myself—Love Inc Semo by Director Breita Church



### SECOND TUESDAY AT THE CHATEAU

Second Tuesday at the Chateau will meet for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 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.



**Very soon something new** will be added to the Rose Garden area east of the church's Education Building. With permission from the Session, the General Federation of Women's Scope Club has built and will install and maintain on our property "A Little Free Library." These have been appearing all over the United States to make books for adults and children more accessible and now are showing up in Cape. The books in the 5 foot tall red cabinet to be located on our church property will be free for the taking or swapping. The Scope Club will welcome your book contributions, especially for children. If you want to donate any books, just take them to the church office. The Scope Club identified our church's beautiful park-like property as a convenient library location for the downtown area because so many people walk by daily. We are honored to participate in this new type of community service and be a welcoming downtown neighbor.



Mark your calendar! This year we are going to be a part of a community Vacation Bible School. First Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau has invited us, along with several other churches (St. James AME, Abby Road Christian, and Christ Episcopal) to be a part of this great event. The theme is **MAKER FUN FACTORY - CREATED BY GOD - BUILT FOR A PURPOSE.** It will be at First Baptist Church (1289 Lexington Ave). Monday, July 17 - Thursday, July 20 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Kindergarten through 6th grade. We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Melissa Harris at 573-579-4977.

## SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Stated Meeting of the Session May 16, 2017

1. Remembered with gratitude John Tucker "Jack" Lamkin Sr., a member of this church since 1932, who died Sunday, May 14, 2017, a few weeks before his 95th birthday.
2. Approved membership transfer of Kathy Woodfin to Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, MO.
3. Approved request of Scope Club to build, install and maintain a "Little Free Library" for community use somewhere on the church's east lawn near the roses, facing Broadway.
4. Accepted the resignation of Gina Thomas as church Custodian and decided to interview and take bids from several local cleaning services.
5. Approved proposal to purchase LED lamps from Metro Lighting to install throughout the church for energy conservation and a significant cost savings through Ameren Missouri's Energy Efficiency Project. In the sanctuary alone, there are 162 lamps (bulbs) in the nine chandeliers. Cost of the lamps will be \$1,464, but the customer incentive cost savings will be \$664.36.
6. Approved proposal from Treasurer Charles Wiles to amend the 2017 Budget to add as revenue the Endowment Fund transfer of \$30,348 which was not known about at the time the Budget was prepared/approved.
7. Approved the distribution of a Time and Talents Survey to the congregation from the Faith Formation Center of the Session.
8. Approved appointing a task force for duties related to Communion preparation and the care of Communion supplies and a task force to study/identify/plan and develop new mission opportunities for our church and potential community mission partners.



"I am the resurrection and the life"  
John Lamkin Sr.  
June 11, 1922-May 14, 2017



### Memorials

A Memorial has been received in memory of:  
**Jack Lamkin**, from Barbara Calvin, Bob & Ann Parkinson, Madge Ridings, Ray & Ann Ritter, Ann & Paul Brinkopf  
**Eldon Woodfin**, from Evelyn Stover

## JUNE 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.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mozambique
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Hargrove (birthday)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jerry Pind (birthday)
- 4<sup>th</sup> James Crain
- 5<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Covenant
- 6<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Cincinnati
- 7<sup>th</sup> Madagascar
- 8<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Detroit
- 9<sup>th</sup> Eastminster Presbytery
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dr. Ed & Sue Burford (anniversary):  
Sandy Wilhelm (birthday)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Lesotho
- 12<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Mackinac
- 13<sup>th</sup> Maumee Valley Presbytery
- 14<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Lake Michigan
- 15<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of the Miami Valley
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jim & Beverly Hirsch (anniversary)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Scioto Valley
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mary Beth Ross (birthday)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Lake Huron
- 20<sup>th</sup> Synod of Lakes and Prairies
- 21<sup>st</sup> Charles & Jane Hirsch (anniversary)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Horton & Carol Miler, (anniversary)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Presbytery of Central Nebraska
- 24<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Des Moines
- 25<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of East Iowa
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bill & Georganne Syler (anniversary)
- 27<sup>th</sup> John Knox Presbytery
- 28<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Milwaukee
- 29<sup>th</sup> Pete Hirschburg (birthday)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sam & Lisa Bishop (anniversary)

From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study

God of all creation, teach us to protect and preserve; teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves; teach us humility before all you have created. Teach us to treat our food and the land from which it comes with reverence. In the name of Jesus, who is the true bread of life. Amen.

# June 2017

## Monthly Planner

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