



FIRST FACTS



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To the Saints in and around First Presbyterian Church of Cape,

Half dollar size snowflakes to temperatures soaring into the low 60's-Missouri weather is surely not boring! On Sunday, February 14, many local churches had closed their doors due to a Sunday morning snow fall and predicted freezing rain. We remained open and 28 faithful souls arrived for worship. Our worship included our Children's Choir and their video has been placed on our Facebook page. (Thank you John Broeckling!) While we were warmed by the Spirit inside, the congregation was cognizant of how treacherous the roads were for those who were not able to join us. Besides being Valentine's Day, It was also the first Sunday of Lent.

Our Lenten journeys include many steps along the way. Worship, of course, and as we travel toward Holy Week we augment our Spiritual food with several additional disciplines. Each Wednesday night during Lent, we join our Brothers and Sisters at Christ Episcopal Church located at the corner of Themis and Fountain, just a block away from our Church, for soup and sandwiches. The theme of the evening's discussions is Addictions and Recovery for us and our community.

Another step, is an in-depth Bible study held each Tuesday morning at 10:00 am. I am blessed to lead this Lenten study as we explore the weekly lectionary lessons. We gather in the church's Library for pray and study. The Bible study is open to non-church members so it becomes an evangelism opportunity for you to invite a friend or neighbor to explore the Bible and our faith journey.

During Holy Week, we will gather for Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday on March 24, at 7:00 pm for an intimate service in the Upper Room. Remembering the gracious and powerful actions of Christ on this night long ago will help us deepen our Love for God.

On Good Friday, our congregation will once again be one of the sponsoring congregations for the Community Good Friday Walk. This two hour walk encompassing Downtown Cape modernizes the traditional Stations of the Cross as we visit and pray for several 'ministry' stations in our community. We will gather at the Gazebo to begin our "Spiritual Walk" at Noon.

I have been invited to preach for a new Good Friday Night service to be held at the First Baptist Church located at the corner of Cape Rock and Lexington. Plans for the liturgy are being planned as I write this pastoral letter. The current plans are called for a very dramatic service using the theme of Light and Dark. It is called a Tenebrae Service. The tentative service time is 7:00 pm. Please keep an eye on our Website, Facebook and bulletins for possible updates for this new service.

Lent concludes on a glorious Sunday morning, March 27. Surrounded by inspirational music, glorious hymns, fragrant Easter Lilies (be sure to reserve one in memory or in honor of someone by calling the Church office), and a powerful uplifting message from the Word of God. Our traditional Easter Egg Hunt will take place prior to worship with a special gathering in the Social Hall.

For me Lent is incomplete without looking outside the walls of our church. **One Great Hour of Sharing** is our mission focus for this Lenten Journey. This Stewardship emphasis reminds us of our Calling to sacrifice for others. In the midst of all the political discourse taking place, my soul finds rest in remembering why we gather and respond to God's to serve others. In the end, our Spiritual Journey is not about us! It is about others.

I hope and pray that our Lenten Journey is filled with the Hope, Love and Grace of God.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Kim

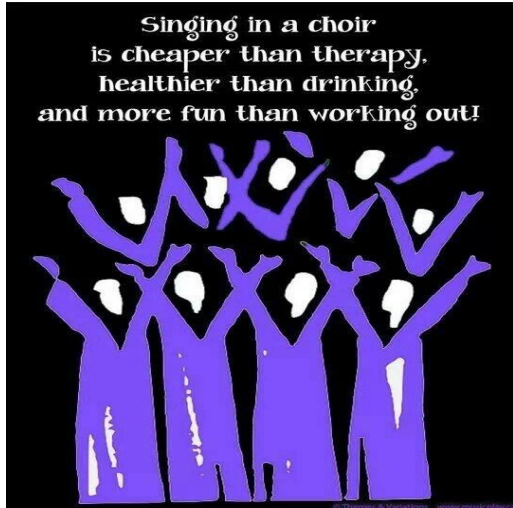


Adult and Youth Sunday School

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 studying “The Parables of Jesus”. This class will be team taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, Kate Broeckling and Julie Harrison.

ADULT CLASS: Bible 101-a survey course, taught by Pastor Kim, covering the entire Bible, its history, context, tools of interpretation. Answering the questions about the Bible but you were afraid to ask.

**Sunday School-9:30a.m.
Sunday Service of Worship- 10:30a.m.**

<p style="text-align: center;">Treasurer’s Report As of January 31, 2016</p> <p><u>General Fund</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Year to Date Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$19,483</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year to Date Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19,249</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income Greater than Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">234</td> </tr> </table> <p>For a more complete financial picture, you can attend the Finance Committee Meeting, Session Meeting, or contact our Treasurer, Jean Cairns @ 573-803-0085</p>	Year to Date Income	\$19,483	Year to Date Expenses	19,249	Income Greater than Expenses	234	<p style="text-align: center;">FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP</p> <p>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.</p>				
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<p> Address Changes</p> <p>Please add a change of address to your church directory for</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ray & Ann Ritter 2551 Palomino Drive Cape Girardeau, Mo 63701</p>											
<p> March Meal-a-Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Can of Tuna Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup Package of Noodles Can of Fruit of Choice</p>											



Daytime Circle

The Daytime Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in the Chateau dining room at 11:00 A.M. We will order off the menu and each person will be responsible for their own lunch.

The discussion will be on Lesson 8 from our study book "PSALMS" by Sue Edwards. This chapter will cover Psalm 22, so if you would like to join us, but do not have a study book, by reading this Psalm you will be ready to participate in the discussion. We would be happy to have you join us. If you plan to attend, please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651-5274 or Ruth Needle at 334-4515 and let one of them know you are coming so that arrangements may be made for a table big enough to accommodate all of us.



The Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 10 at the home of Sharon Metcalfe, and the book is "All Fall Down" by Jennifer Weiner. In April, we will meet on Thursday, April 14 at the home of Rebecca Nelson and we will discuss Anne La Motts' "Thanks, Help, Wow: Three Essential Prayers".



The troop's annual BBQ fundraiser will be held on April 10, 2016 with presales beginning soon. This past month the troop welcomed 6 new scouts and bagged groceries to raise money for summer camps. A few church members were spotted during grocery bagging, thank you for the support and come see us again on March 19 & 20 when we will be at Food Giant again. Several scouts plan to attend multiple camps this summer, so fund raising is a must.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

LOVE INC—Flood Victim Needs

PLEASE DONATE KITCHEN ITEMS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS!

- Pots and Pans
- Baking Dishes
- Cooking Utensils
- Plates
- Cereal Bowls
- Drinking Glasses
- Appliances such as toasters,

NO COFFEE MUGS!! WE HAVE PLENTY

- Silverware
- Small microwaves, coffee pots
- Appliances need to be in working order.

SHEETS AND TOWELS NEEDED

- Bath Towels
- Hand Towels
- Wash Clothes
- Twin Sheets

Items do not need to be new but they need to be clean and in good condition. If you would not use them then don't bring them.

Items can be delivered to 1409 N Mount Auburn Rd Suite B Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM 573-334-5055



The Tiger Cubs have been working very hard on safety this last month. They have memorized their phone numbers and addresses. They have also been learning about bicycle safety and fire safety. Officer Schmitt from the Cape Girardeau Police Department recently visited the Tigers. He discussed Bicycle Safety and the Safety laws about riding bicycles on the streets. Each of the Tiger Cubs received a new bicycle helmet from the Police Department.



"I am resurrection and the life"

Tom Phillips

March 30, 1927-January 27, 2016



"I am resurrection and the life"

Dr. Myra Elizabeth Peo

August 28, 1924-January 30, 2016

Memorials

Memorials have been received in memory of:

Bill Stover, from Bill & Georganne Syler, Nancy Bray, Daryl Henry, Jerry & Marlena Pind, Willorene Phillips, Ann Bartlett, Fern & Wilma Harris, William & Lisa Stover, Bill Port, SE Missouri Transportation, Sally Hale.

Thomas Phillips, from Nancy Bray, Daryl Henry, Jerry & Marlena Pind, Bernie & Rosemary De Brock, Irish & Doc Ford, Catherine Rueseler, William & Christine Shivelbine, Don & Betty Lou Vogel, Virginia Goodwin, Caroline Sheets, Stephen & Marsha Limbaugh, Sharon Metcalfe, Charles & Carole Cozean, Nelson Kasten, Ruth Needle, Leland Shivelbine, Barbara Calvin, Ann Brinkopf, Fern & Wilma Harris, Carlton & Clydine Davis, Madge Ridings, Joseph & Marilyn Gilmore, Carole Stotler, Mary P. Harrison, Donald & Joanne Dickerson, Paul & Alice Kabo, Mary Creason.



Due to the passing of Karen Dumey's father, Robert Dumey, the session sent flowers and our condolences. We received a card from Karen. "Thank you so much for thinking of me during this time & for the beautiful flowers. Pastor Karen."



Lectionary Bible Study: Growing in our Love for God
Each Tuesday morning at 10:00-11:30 am, Pastor Kim will be leading an intense Bible Study using the lectionary readings for each Sunday. This is a special Lenten Study which will continue on Tuesday mornings through Tuesday of Holy Week, March 22. The class will gather in the Library. Bring your own Bible or use one of the Bibles available in the Library.



You may have noticed an envelope at the front of your "My Offering" packet labeled "Per Capita." Like many Presbyterians, you may have wondered, "Exactly what does per capita do?" Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$30.34) that our congregation pays to our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.



March 13, 2016, don't forget to change your clocks!



Please come join us for the March Gather, Share, and Eat on March 13, 2016. Our meal will have an Irish theme as St. Patrick's Day is that same week! So come join us for food, fun, and friendship. We need your reservations in to Shirley or on the pew pads. Hope to see you there!



EASTER LILIES:

Easter Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 27th. They may be purchased for (\$8.00 each) in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. The deadline for ordering is Friday, March 18th.

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



Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Please gather in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. on Easter morning. We will have the children hunt for eggs and then return to have snacks and activities. You may bring your own Easter basket if you like, but we will have some available



Youth Movie Night
Bryan and Melissa are starting a movie night for 4th grade and older. It will be the last Friday of every month and will start at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn and soda are provided. Friends are always welcome. If you have any questions call Melissa at 579-4977

MARCH 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.

<p>1ST Gina Thomas 2ND Cuba 3RD Nicaragua 4TH Costa Rica 5TH Honduras 6TH El Salvador 7TH Guatemala 8TH Betty Sewell (birthday) 9TH Judy Rueseler, Jo Renfrow (birthday) 10TH Bryan Harris, Rachel Knapp (birthday) 11TH Judy Brown (birthday) 12TH Presbytery de Cristo 13TH The Presbytery of Grand Canyon 14TH Presbytery of Sierra Blanca 15TH Presbytery of Sante Fe 16TH Judith Farris (birthday)</p>	<p>17TH Synod of the Sun 18TH Dusti & Tami Miller (anniversary) 19TH Cimarron Presbytery 20TH Phillip & Joanna Shaver (anniversary) 21ST Grace Presbytery 22ND Jane Stahly, (birthday) 23RD Ed Kaiser, Sheri Mitchell (birthday) Bob & Donna Pikey (anniversary) 24TH Ann Bartlett (birthday) 25TH Ruby Rice, Ricky Ruditys (birthday) 26TH Palo Duro Presbytery 27TH Presbytery of the Pines 28TH The Presbytery of South Louisiana 29TH The Presbytery of Tres Rios 30TH Synod of the Trinity 31ST Byron & Wyn Ward (anniversary)</p>
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From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study

O God, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**We collected \$140 and 227 food items
for FISH Food Pantry from our
church!**



So far [over \\$9.75M in cash and food has been reported](#), with 100% of that going to local charities across the country, and we couldn't have done any of it without you!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to this movement! We can't wait to see what we accomplish next year!

From the Session

The Session meeting was rescheduled for February 28th, which is too late to make the March First Facts. Look for a combination February and March Session Meeting notes in the April Newsletter.

Faith and Film Discussion
Sunday, March 6--4:30 to 6:00 pm
Discussion and Pizza with Pastor Kim

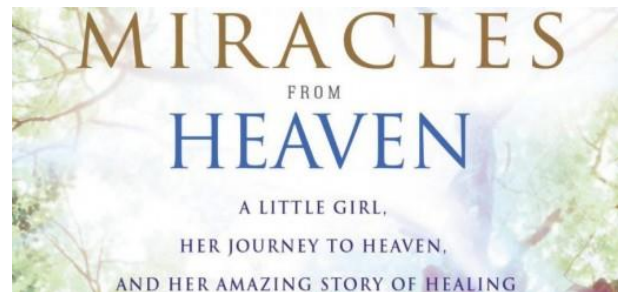
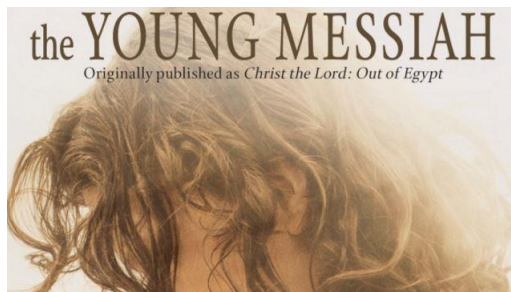


Faith and Film Discussion Group for March—

We are blessed to have some new movies for some upcoming conversations and intergenerational fellowship. On **Sunday, March 6, 4:30-6:00 pm**, we will meet at Pastor Kim's home to discuss the Jesse Owen's bio-pic about the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Could this true story be relevant to our own times? The movie is called **Race** and is playing in theaters now. Also showing is **Risen**, a post-resurrection story told through the eyes of an agnostic Roman Centurion. Could his encounters with biblical characters bring light to our own witnessing in the 21st century? Let's have a conversation about both of these films.

Join us for discernment and even some pizza . . . Call the church office at 573.335.2579 or Becky Nelson at 415.517.9444 to RSVP, and for directions and more information, if needed.

Faith and Film Discussion
Sunday April 3—4:30 to 6:00 pm
Discussion and Pizza with Pastor Kim



Faith and Film Discussion Group for April—

We are again excited to have more new movies for upcoming conversations and intergenerational fellowship. On **Sunday, April 3, 4:30-6:00 pm**, we will meet at Pastor Kim's home to discuss **The Young Messiah** (opens March 11) and **Miracles from Heaven** (opens March 16). The former is based on the Anne Rice novel, "Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt" and focuses on a seven year old Jesus returning from Egypt to Nazareth. Will the movie reveal when Jesus knew he was the Christ? Something to think about, for sure! The second movie, "Miracle from Heaven," is based on the true story, and subsequent book, about a young girl's miraculous healing. Are there medical mysteries that truly defy explanation?

Come and have some pizza with the pastor and discuss these movies. Call the church office at 573.335.2579 or Becky Nelson at 415.517.9444 to RSVP, and for directions and more information, if needed.

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Monthly Planner

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