



FIRST FACTS



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The Lord is risen!

It's the Easter season and new life is breaking out everywhere if we take time to notice. Often in the post-Easter life of the church things slow down. There is a big build up to Easter followed by a lull in energy and attendance. Let's resist that temptation this year. There are some exciting adventures waiting for us during May.



On May 7th we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper and honor the Choral Scholars who enhance our music program. The church engages four university students to sing and lead our volunteer choral sections. The students are excellent singers and add volume and depth to our musical offerings. They also get to practice leadership by helping our Music Director, Jonathan Patterson, teach and direct the choir. We utilize the Choral Scholars during the academic year (roughly 30 weeks). Join us on the first Sunday to thank Brittany (soprano), Marie (alto), Taylor Marsyla, Riley Kurre ... for the ways they enliven our worship and wish them well this summer.

The second Sunday (May 14th) is Mother's Day. On that day we'll give thanks to God for all the women who have nurtured and encouraged us throughout our lives. The women of this congregation are terrific leaders giving of their time, talents, and treasure to keep the church active and vital. I can't imagine a church that doesn't welcome women in leadership. For mothers, sisters, daughters, teachers, mentors, and friends, let's celebrate the women who inspire us and make a difference in our lives.

It's that time of year when students advance to new grades or graduate to new adventures. On May 21st we'll recognize the graduation from high school of Emily Harris and hear about her plans for higher education. We're all so proud of her accomplishments! All our students had a great year of growth and learning and it's always a joy to hear of their achievements. Join us as we congratulate them and learn what they'll be up to this summer.

That Sunday, May 21st, will include Gather, Eat, and Share after church. Plan to stay after worship for lunch. Our Fellowship Team will then take the summer off. They've blessed us with some great gatherings and food this year on Sundays and during our Lent series. Be sure to thank them for their service which does so much to promote friendships and encourage hospitality here. With that in mind, don't forget that we now provide coffee in the Atrium before church. Thanks to the volunteers who make that possible too!

Some of our members have been engaged in organizing and protecting our historical archives. Our church was founded in 1835 so there are many significant records of the church's life over time but it's not well organized or catalogued. During the process of reviewing material it was discovered that contributions of personal property (such as the sanctuary piano and the chandeliers in the Narthex) had not been recorded in a memorial book. The fourth Sunday of May is Memorial Day weekend. In honor of these many gifts we will give thanks to God for those members who have made special material contributions to the church over the years. The Session has purchased a special memorial book to record these donations and those that will be made in the future.

See, every Sunday in May there is a special reason to be at church with your family of faith! May you experience the new life of Christ in your home, your labors, and in your church this year.

Rev. Terry Epling
Transitional Pastor

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: The Children and Youth Classes meet in their classrooms directly after the "Kid's Message" 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 years 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.**



One Great Hour of Sharing

Give a man a fish, and he will eat for a day. Give a congregation fish boxes, and they will fill them overwhelmingly! It took two people all morning to count the coins in the boxes (thanks Harvey Hecht and Jean Cairns). Along with folding money and checks, we will send over \$1,500 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you, First Presbyterian Church!!



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.



SECOND TUESDAY AT THE CHATEAU

Second Tuesday at the Chateau will meet for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, May 9, 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 3334-4515 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 at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the home of Jeanne Hirsch. The book under discussion is "The Road to Little Dribbling" by Bill Bryson. 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.



If you missed the Scout BBQ because of the rain, and would like to have some, we still have them in 1 pound pkgs., 4 pound pkgs., and a few whole pork roasts. Call Shirley 382-0495.

**First Presbyterian Church
Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2017**

Current Assets

Bank of MO Checking	\$64,937.59
US Bank Payroll Acct	485.00
Money Market-Reserve Fund	<u>32,560.67</u>
Total Checking/Savings	97,983.26

Other Assets

Cash Value Life Insurance	\$67,011.25
Reserve Fund-Investments	155,316.07
Endowment-Unrestricted Gen.	341,532.13
Endowment-Restricted Gen	274,827.04
Endowment-L. Sewell	<u>136,468.24</u>

Total Current Assets 1,073,137.99

Student Loan Receivable 27,400.00

Total Assets **\$1,100,537.99**

YTD Income & Expenses

Income	50,040.79
Expenses	<u>43,837.67</u>
Net Income	\$6,202.12

For any questions about this report, please call Charles Wiles , 573-225-5277, Treasurer.

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Stated Meeting of the Session April 18, 2017

1. Clerk reported Active Membership Roll now numbers 152.
2. Approved Pastor Terry Epling's request for vacation days and continuing education days and noted dates guest pastors will be needed.
3. Approved a new 6-month contract (beginning June 1, 2017) with Rev. Terry Epling as part-time Interim/Transitional Pastor.
4. Voted to offer the Tunes at Twilight concession operations to the church's Scout Troop/Scout Parents as a fundraising opportunity and to provide as their "start-up fund" the church's previous concession profits.
5. Approved proposed job descriptions (with salaries and hours) for the paid staff positions of Music Director, Choral Scholars and Custodian. Job descriptions of the church Secretary and Bookkeeper to be reviewed soon by Pastor Epling and then the Session.
6. Voted to update with two items the Gift Recognition Book (list of gifts to the 1964-66 capital campaign to build and furnish/decorate the church's third sanctuary on this site) presently on display under glass in the Narthex, preserve the book but replace it with a new Gift Recognition Book, to be maintained by the church secretary, that will list gifts of property offered to the Session and accepted by official Session action.



May Meal-a-Month

- Jar of Peanut Butter
- Jar of Jelly or Jam
- 2 Canned Fruit of Choice



Memorials

A Memorial has been received in memory of:
Rob Williams, from Dr. & Mrs. S Edwin Noffel,
Ann & Paul Brinkopf



GIVE THANKS FOR THE WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE

Join us on Mothers' Day

Sunday, May 14th @ 10:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 235 Broadway

firstpccape.org



Congratulations!

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

MAY 21ST AT 10:30 A.M. | WWW.FIRSTPCCAPE.ORG

MAY 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 Virginia Goodwin (birthday)
- 2ND Madge Ridings (birthday)
- 3RD Togo
- 4TH Africa
- 5TH Ghana
- 6TH Will & Janna Bahn (anniversary)
- 7TH Joan Morgan (birthday)
- 8TH Nigeria
- 9TH Niger
- 10TH Cory Knapp (birthday)
- 11th Cameroon
- 12TH Equatorial Guinea
- 13TH Republic of South Sudan
- 14TH Republic of the Sudan
- 15TH Presbytery of Olmpia
- 16TH Ethiopia
- 17TH Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 18TH Kenya
- 19TH Paul Farris (birthday)
- 20TH Dixie Hopkins (birthday)
- 21ST Sarah Ross (birthday)
- 22ND 1001 Worshiping Communities
- 23RD Presbyterian Heritage
- 24TH Donna Pikey (birthday)
- 25TH Rwanda
- 26TH Cory & Rachel Knapp (anniversary)
- 27TH Zambia
- 28TH Don Gibson (birthday)
- 29TH Malawi
- 30TH Mozambique
- 31ST Zimbabwe

From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study

Grant, O Lord, that the refreshing life springs of your Spirit will flow through us to others. Open our eyes to see your love at work in all peoples and places. In your name, we pray. Amen.

May 2017

Monthly Planner

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