



# FIRST FACTS



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

The official August 31, 2016 financial statement of the church shows \$150,628 income for the current year and \$159,124 expenses for the current year. Therefore it shows a deficit of \$8,495 for the year. The above figures are correct according to "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles."

However, the figures are misleading from a historical comparison of revenue versus expenses each year. This is because \$33,091 of income from the sale of the Activities Building is included in the annual income figures.

The \$33,091 of revenue was derived as follows: The building sold for \$200,000. The church paid \$100,000 for the building and put \$66,909 worth of improvements into the building. Therefore, there was a "gain" of \$33,091 on the sale of the building. This "gain" was added to the annual income of the church.

Without this "gain" being added to our annual income, the church would actually be \$41,587 in the negative of income versus expenses, as opposed to the negative \$8,496 shown in our August 31, 2016 financial statement.

The Session is well aware of this actual negative status of our annual operating funds and is moving forward prayerfully and with optimism to do everything in its power to hold down expenses and increase income in the future.

The good news is that thanks to our generous and faithful current and past members, the church has a significant amount in savings, investments and endowment funds, including the \$200,000 from the sale of the Activities Building. We are therefore positioned to withstand some lean years.

The bad news is we have been in a negative annual income position for the last few years, including this year. We cannot continue to be deficit spending between \$50,000 and \$60,000 a year without significantly depleting our investment funds.

It is therefore incumbent on each member and each family to prayerfully consider fulfilling their pledge and doing a little extra to increase the financial position of the church.

Please believe that the Session is moving as fast as possible to hire a new Pastor who will lead us into the future. The history of the church in God's kingdom and in the Cape Girardeau community is rich with success as it has positively impacted countless lives since 1835!

With the faith and support of our members and friends there is no reason to believe that our future will not also be rich with success.

For further information and questions, feel free to contact us.

Barbara Calvin, Clerk of Session  
Charles Wiles, Treasurer

## 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:** Classes will begin Sunday, September 11th and will meet after the "Kid's Message" in church. The Elementary Class (Kindergarten through Fourth Grade) will meet in the classroom next to the Nursery. Cherie Herbst and Kathy Woodfin will be teaching this class. The curriculum will continue to focus on "The Stories of the Old Testament" based on the *Read and Learn Bible*. The Middle School/Junior High Class will meet in their classroom upstairs on the second floor. Their first lessons will finish their study of "The Twelve Names of Jesus". Their new curriculum will be a DVD lesson series entitled: "How to Study Your Bible for Kids" by Kay Arthur and Janna Arndt. This class will be team taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, and Laura Brown.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Please join us on Sunday morning October 2 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the adult library. The Christian Outreach committee met in August with Sam Roethemeyer and he talked about the book "Pray Like Jesus" by John R. Brokoff. This is a great opportunity for us to learn to pray like Jesus. October 2 will be an introduction to the book. Then for the following week we will read a chapter on our own time and return on the next Sunday to discuss it. There are books available in the

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<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><b>On Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, the flowers in the sanctuary were in honor of Shirley's birthday and Shirley and Don Gibson's 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP</b></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>								
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><b><u>Memorials</u></b></p> <p>Memorials have been received in memory of: <b>Paula Elfrink</b>, from Evelyn Stover</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>First Facts Newsletter</b></p> <p>If you have something to be published in First Facts please have it to the office by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month, preferably emailed.</p>								



### SECOND TUESDAY AT THE CHATEAU

**Second Tuesday at the Chateau** will meet for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, October 11, 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, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the home of Sandy Wilhelm. The book under discussion is "Lamb" by Christopher Moore. The November meeting will be on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at a place TBD. The November book is "The Light Between Oceans" by M. L. Stedman.



13 Cub Scouts attended Day Camp this summer. Scouts earn awards for shooting sports, such as BB guns, Archery, and Sling Shot as well as worked on rank specific requirements. They had a great week and learned so much.

The Bear den completed two service projects this summer. The scouts collected school supplies for four boys for the Hope House and helped Firefighters at Stations 1 & 3 fix two rock gardens.

Pack 15 will be hosting a pack family camp out this weekend at Elk's Park in Cape Girardeau. We have 50 scouts and family members signed up to attend. Scouts will be working on rank requirements while having fun.



The Christian Education committee of First Presbyterian Church in Cape along with First Presbyterian Church in Jackson will be having our annual Halloween party. This year it will be here at First Presbyterian Church (Cape) in the fellowship hall on October 23 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The children can dress up in their costumes, if they want. There will be snacks, crafts, and activities. As always we encourage the children to bring a friend. We will have a cake walk and pantyhose bowling. Adults are also welcome to come and have fun too! We hope to see you there! Please contact Melissa Harris at 579-4977 to RSVP or if you have any questions.



You're invited to a carry-in potluck dinner on October 9, 2016 following church. Fellowship Committee will provide fried chicken, so please bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert. Please sign up in the pew pads or call Shirley so we will have enough chicken for everyone. Donations are more than welcome! Please all come!!



Hunter Parrish will be going up for his Eagle Board of Review with the Council on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully we will have a new Eagle Scout.

The Scouts are selling popcorn if anyone would like some contact Shirley Sullivan or one of the scouts.

The Court of Honor is October 17, 7:00 pm at the Activity Building. All are welcome.

## Stated Meeting of the Session 2016

At the Stated Meeting on September 18, 2016, the Session:

1. Received a comprehensive report on the state of the financial position of the church from Treasurer, Charles R. Wiles. This will be mailed to all members and friends of the church and will be included in First Facts.
2. Declined a request from the Cape Chapter of Care to Learn, to furnish food for a fund raiser which they will have in October at the Gazebo, but invited them to let us know when another event is to take place at which time we might be able to help.
3. Heard a very exciting and positive report on progress from the Temporary Pastor Search Committee.
4. Heard a report from the Mission Study Team that they are making good progress.
5. At the request of the Nominating Committee, held a discussion regarding the number of elders required to serve on the Session, and voted to present to the congregation a proposed change in the church by-laws to allow an unspecified number. The goal will be to have 9 instead of the current 12 elders serving.
6. Approved a contract with Mason Medic in the amount of \$14,245.00 to tuck point, caulk, pressure wash, waterproof, and clean gutters on the church property where needed.

### **Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center**

#### **2016 Community Flu Clinic Dates**

Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9 am.-6 pm	Osage Center in Cape Girardeau
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 am-2p pm	Delta Community Center in Delta
Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	10 am-6 pm	American Legion Hall in Jackson
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	1 pm-6 pm	Cape Fire Station #2 Drive Thru (by Mall, on Mount Auburn Rd.)
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	1 pm-6 pm	Jackson Fire Station Drive Thru

Walk-ins at the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center

Daily from 8:30 am-4:00 pm, starting October 11<sup>th</sup>

Georganne Syler, who is a member of the Cape County Public Health Board, asked to put this information in the First Facts.

## **Report from the Mission Study Team: Harvey Hecht, Judy Rueseler and Georganne Syler**

Your Mission Study Team (MST) has been meeting frequently (more than once a week!) to assist in moving FPC forward. This is a summary of our work thus far:

### 1. Assessment of Congregation

#### Demographics as of July 2016:

- With 148 members, 34% are male and 66% are female
- 65 individuals (44%) are under 70 years old
- 83 individuals (56%) are 71 years and over
- Of the 148 members, 40 do not attend (shut-ins, live away, or simply do not attend)

#### Participation of Congregation: 2015 through September 2016

- Average worship attendance (88 Sundays) is 75
- Number of pledging units is 52
- Sunday School attendance (all levels) is approximately 15
- Attendance at monthly after church dinners is approximately 45
- VBS attendance and participation (joined with two other churches) for 2015/2016 is 78/73
- 12 Elders on Session

#### Financial:

- In 2015 our Income was \$223,643 and expenses were \$280,235
- Additional resources are held in several funds
  - Unrestricted Endowments-\$317,000., Restricted Endowments-\$381,0006
  - (6/2016- Rounded totals)
  - Reserve funds- \$200,000, Cash in Checking acct- \$8000. (Rounded 9/2016)

### 2. Assessment of the Surrounding Community

- Cape (city) population is 39,167
- Median age is 32.2 years
- Male (48%) to female (52%)
- Race percentages: White-80%, African American-13%, Hispanic-3%, Asian- 2%, Other-2%
- Religion: Evangelical protestant-48%, Catholic-15%, Mainline protestant 12%,  
unchurched-23%
- Other data regarding employment, education, income, household size, etc. is available

### 3. Sense of God's Call toward the Future and Shape and Form of Pastoral Leadership

A Congregational Meeting and dinner was held on August 7, 2016, which Terry Eppling moderated.

Attendance was 89 members and friends who answered the following 4 questions posed by Rev Eppling. "Why did I join this church? Why do I stay? What is the best thing about this church? What is the biggest challenge for this church?" All answers and written responses have been collected and are being studied.

Survey of Members and Friends: You will be receiving a survey during the last week of September. Each member or FPC friend is asked to respond truthfully after prayerful consideration of the survey items. Your response will be anonymous and only seen by the MST members. We request the survey be returned by October 16, 2016, to the church office or bring to worship.

Upon review of the Survey we hope to complete the Mission Study to present to the Session at the November 2016 meeting.

## OCTOBER 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> Presbytery of Shenandoah
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Harrison (birthday) Pete & Peg Hirschburg (anniversary)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Parkinson, Ray Wilhelm (birthday)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Erica McBride (birthday)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Albany Presbytery
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dr. Dan Neely, John Folwell (birthday)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Peg Hirschburg, Jack Wyant (birthday)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Eastern Korean Presbytery
- 9<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Elizabeth
- 10<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Genesee Valley
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery Geneva
- 12<sup>th</sup> Jean Miller (birthday)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oliver Manuel (birthday)
- 14<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery of Long Island
- 15<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery of Monmouth
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jean Cairns (birthday)
- 17<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery of New Brunswick
- 18<sup>th</sup> New York City Presbytery
- 19<sup>th</sup> Floyd Fellows (birthday)
- 20<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery of Newark
- 21<sup>st</sup> The Presbytery of Newton
- 22<sup>nd</sup> The Presbytery of Northern New England
- 23<sup>rd</sup> The Presbytery of Northern New York
- 24<sup>th</sup> Charles Wiles, Sara Barns (birthday)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Martha Stickler, Nancy Bray (birthday)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bob Herbst (birthday)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Jane Hirsch (birthday)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Barry Thornton (birthday)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of West Jersey
- 30<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Western New York
- 31<sup>st</sup> J. Fred Waltz (birthday)

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.

# October 2016

## Monthly Planner

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