



FIRST FACTS



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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.

AT THIS TIME THERE WILL BE NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.

Sunday Service of Worship- 10:30a.m.



September Meal-a-Month

- 2 cans beef ravioli
- 2 cans green beans
- Can of Applesauce

Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2016

General Fund

Year to Date Income	\$137,260
Year to Date Expenses	140,922
Expenses Greater than Income	3662

Worship Attendance

July 31	74
August 7	83
August 14	49
August 21	50
August 28	68



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

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.



SECOND TUESDAY AT THE CHATEAU

Second Tuesday at the Chateau will meet for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, September 13, 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, September 8 at 7:00pm, at the home of Sharon Metcalfe. We will be discussing "Tortilla Curtain" by T. C. Boyle. In October, we will meet at the home of Sandy Wilhelm on Thursday, October 13. The book for discussion is "Lamb" by Christopher Moore.

First Facts Newsletter

If you have something to be published in First Facts please have it to the office by the 25th of each month, preferably emailed.

AGAPE

Please join us for Agape Sunday celebration on September 11, 2016 in Fellowship Hall immediately following church service. The menu is barbecued pork steaks with all the trimmings! We are supplying all the food. Please join us for this special meal. Donations are always welcome! Please sign the pew pad or call the office 335-2579 if you plan to attend.

At 2:00 on that afternoon, there will be a 9-11 service on the lawn outside our Church for anyone that wants to participate in that.



Many thanks to all who contributed to the Jefferson School Mission Project. The school was so appreciative!!!

Mission was very proud to deliver so many items. Our congregation did a great job!



Check this out!

This sundial from the 60's is a tribute to the Women of First Presbyterian Church who through the years have so faithfully served this church and God. This has been stored in our church basement for years. As his Eagle Project, Hunter Parrish with the help of Troop 4 and Don Gibson prepared this display in our garden.

Stated Meeting of the Session 2016

From the Session

If we are to seek a pastor, we must have a Mission Study done before any other steps can be taken, and we are starting that process now. We will keep in mind all of your great input from the August 7th meeting, and are committed, with God's help, to work toward the right future for this church. Please pray with us and for us. We will keep you informed.

At the Stated Meeting on August 21st, the Session:

1. Named a Mission Study Team, with Harvey Hecht, Georganne Syler and Judy Rueseler as members.
2. Received a detailed review of the church's financial position as presented by Treasurer, Charles Wiles.
3. Approved placing proceeds from the Activities Building sale into the General Fund within the Endowment Fund.
4. Postponed a decision on hiring an organist/choir director until the September Session meeting.
5. Considered placing again the small ads in the Southeast Arrow and on the church page in the Southeast Missourian, depending on the cost.
6. Approved removing the letters from the sign on the Friends of Troop 4 building, which identify it as the church's Activities Center, leaving the sign in place.



Tunes at Twilight

Since we started, the church has raised over \$2,000 for mission. First Presbyterian Church cooks out hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings for a free will offering for the public. Please come help and join in on the fun.

We have 3 more dates left this fall, September 2nd, 9th, and the 16th at 5pm, music starts at 6:30pm. Bring a chair and your appetite and willingness to help.

The Rev. Sam Roethemeyer will be in the pulpit September 4th.

He grew up in Nashville, Illinois and graduated from Greenville College, Greenville Illinois after high school, with Bachelor degree in Religion and Philosophy in 1972. He and his wife were married on May 27, 1972 in her hometown, Okawville, Illinois. Rev. Sam attended Eden Theological Seminary in 1975 with a Master's Degree and was ordained in St. Paul United Church of Christ in Nashville, June 8, 1975. He served as Pastor in Olney/Dundas, Illinois First and Saron United Church of Christ from 1975 to 1979, St. John United Church of Christ, Trenton, Illinois 1979-1988, and finally at Emanuel United Church of Christ from 1988 until September 20, 2014 when he retired. They live in Jackson and he continues to be President of the Jackson Ministerial Alliance, volunteering a lot of time to its food pantry. They have three Children, Christy Shinn (Geoff), Beth St. John (Jason), and Matthew Roethemeyer (Diana), and seven Grandchildren.

Rev. David Schaffner will be in the pulpit September 11th & 18th

He grew up and baptized as a Presbyterian, by Bethal Presbyterian Church, near Hermann, Missouri. He attended Southeast Missouri University and married Barbara Blattner –college sweetheart. While serving as plant manager for Brown Shoe Co. in McKenzie, Tn., he graduated from Bethal Cumberland Presbyterian College with a minor in religion. He returned to Cape in 1969 and joined the Evangelical United Church of Christ. In 1992 he completed the requirements for a license on ministry program and served St. John's United Church of Christ at Fruitland for 19 years. Following his retirement he served First Christian Church at Matthews, Mo. for one year as an Interim Pastor. He also served many area congregations of various denominations as a fill in pastor. He has three children, Steve, David, Helen, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorials

Memorials have been received in memory of:

Kitty Rueseler, from Vickie Overstreet, Jerry & Marlena Pind

Paula Elfrink, from Don & Shirley Gibson, Bekki & John Cook

Paul Rice, from Harold Buxton, Bekki & John Cook, Don & Shirley Gibson, Madge Ridings, Lewis & Carolyn Bock, Nelson Kasten, Ruth Needle, Martha Stickler, James & Bev Hirsch, Bob & Ann Parkinson, Barbara Calvin, Paul & Alice Kabo, Evelyn Stover



"I am resurrection and the life"

Daniel Paul Rice

July 29, 2016

Following the death of Paul Rice, his wife of 70 years, Ruby, and their family sent this note of gratitude to our church for the support and the meal we provided.

"Thank you for so many prayers and loving kindnesses shown to us throughout our difficult times. All the help and care you have given us are very much appreciated. God is so good. Great is thy faithfulness." Ruby and Family

SEPTEMBER 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 Taiwan
- 2nd Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
- 3rd Synod of Mid-America
- 4th Vi Smith (birthday)
- 5th Heartland Presbytery
- 6th Don & Shirley Gibson (anniversary); Evelyn Stover (birthday)
- 7th Tami Miller
- 8th John Calvin Presbytery
- 9th Missouri Union Presbytery
- 10th Bryan & Melissa Harris (anniversary)
- 11th The Presbytery of Southern Kansas
- 12th Presbytery of Northern Kansas
- 13th Jenna McAbee, (birthday)
- 14th Rob & Donne Williams (anniversary)
- 15th Atlantic Korean-American Presbytery
- 16th The Presbytery of Baltimore
- 17th Presbytery of Charlotte
- 18th Paul & Ruth Pautler (anniversary), John Cook (birthday)
- 19th The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia
- 20th Presbyterian Mission Agency
- 21st Sharon Wickham, (birthday)
- 22nd Emma Grace Smith (birthday)
- 23rd Native American Day
- 24th Action against Gun Violence
- 25th Lea Smith (birthday)
- 26th Neva Kay Ross, Quentin DeCota (birthday)
- 27th New Castle Presbytery
- 28th The Presbytery of New Hope
- 29th The Presbytery of the Peaks
- 30th Shirley Gibson (birthday)

From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study

When we think we have all the answers, God, help us to pause and consider other points of view and other ways of doing things. Show us how to be partners in mutual mission, able to receive as well as to give. Amen.

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Monthly Planner

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