



# FIRST FACTS



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Dear Friends,

Since October 21 (and continuing through November 18), you've been hearing a brief STEWARDSHIP MOMENT during the announcement time in worship. These go by so quickly that you might be wondering what this is all about.



Well, the Stewardship/Mission/Outreach (SMO) Committee wanted to emphasize the *story behind all those numbers* you see in the budget. Although a budget for 2019 has yet to be created, these numbers taken from the 2018 budget are examples of common line items and the story they tell.

In the area of Worship and Arts, we pay for:

Music Director/organist, at a salary of	\$16,000/year
Four (4) choral scholars for 9 months, at a cost of	\$ 7,200/year
Piano and organ maintenance, which totals	\$ 1,250/year

The *story behind the numbers* is the ministry of **offering weekly worship services filled with beautiful and inspiring music. And that ministry is PRICELESS!**

For the work of the Property Committee, we need:

Heat, Air conditioning, and electricity, which costs	\$15,000/year
Janitorial Service, which costs	\$15,600/year
Property/Equipment maintenance, which is budgeted at	\$16,000/year

The *story behind the numbers* is the ministry of **providing a comfortable and clean facility in which to worship and serve the Lord. And that ministry is PRICELESS!**

In the area of Communications, we purchase:

Presbyterians Today magazine, costing	\$ 400/year
Newspaper/TV/radio advertising, costing	\$ 2,000/year
Website set-up & maintenance, costing	\$ 4,500/year

The *story behind the numbers* is the ministry of **spreading the Good News of God's saving love. And that ministry is PRICELESS!**

Under the heading of Mission and Outreach, we support:

Pastor's Discretionary Mission, with	\$ 1,000/year
Global Mission, with	\$ 500/year
Local Mission, with	\$25,700/year

The *story behind the numbers* is the ministry of **loving our neighbor as ourselves. And that ministry is PRICELESS!**

In the work of Christian Education, we provide:

Christian Education Committee Programs, for	\$ 1,000/year
VBS/Sunday School supplies, for	\$ 500/year
Camps and Conferences, for	\$ 1,000/year

The *story behind the numbers* is the ministry of **nurturing children and adults in the faith. And that ministry is PRICELESS!**

I pray that you will be inspired to make a pledge for our ministry to continue telling our story in 2019.

Grateful for you,

Ellen

## SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Stated Meeting of the Session Oct. 16, 2018

1. Approved rescheduling Session Meeting from November 20 (Thanksgiving Week) to November 27.
2. Approved request from Gina Thomas to be removed from our church Membership Roll.
3. Session and Rev. Gurnon determined during this year's Stewardship Campaign would be a good time to review the entire membership Roll.
4. Received Rev. Gurnon's written Pastor's Report from September 18-October 15, 2018, and included were 7 visits/calls to members and church family friends, 15 church and community meetings/activities and a Presbytery Continuing Education Workshop on Stewardship.
5. Approved Rev. Gurnon's request for vacation November 19-25 and December 26-31.
6. Rev. Gurnon reported new church playground equipment has been installed, but a few pieces need to be tightened and all items checked again by a return call from installers.
7. Executive/Personnel Committee will assist Rev. Gurnon with staff evaluations in early November, and Rev. Gurnon's evaluation will also be conducted/ overseen by that Committee.
8. A Committee of Session members and other appropriate church members will be appointed to update our church's Bylaws and Manual of Operations.
9. Approved new Vision Benefit in Pastor's Health Insurance Package through the Board of Pensions and approved setting up a new Flexible Spending Account as an option for the Pastor's Health Insurance Package (so she may choose to contribute a portion of her salary to it).
10. Approved relocating First Presbyterian sign in rose garden area to be closer to the church; approved ordering/installing a new sign in the park area to identify the Peace Park being developed; approved dedicating the Peace Park to the memory of Leland J "Freck" Shivelbine and stating that on signage in the Park.
11. Approved a bid from Foeste Masonry for fixing plaster damage in the sanctuary and around the church for a proposed cost of \$10,300.
12. Approved request from Stewardship, Mission and Outreach Committee to allow Codefi use of our church facilities for 4 different coding camps for grades 3-12 during June and July in 2019 for a greatly reduced fee of \$100 per camp per week (a total of 8 camp sessions for a total of \$800).



**Don't forget to turn your clocks back  
Saturday, Nov 3, before you go to bed.**



**We will have Gather, Share & Eat** on Sunday the 18th of November. Potluck. We will provide Fried Chicken.  
 Last Names starting with A - Q are asked to bring vegetable or salad.  
 Last Names starting with R - Z are asked to bring a dessert.



**Second Tuesday at the Chateau** will meet for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 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 no later than Sunday evening on November 11 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, November 8, 2018 at the home of Jeanne Hirsch. The book is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by A. Towles. We will take a hiatus for the holidays, but have selected books for the new year. The January meeting is on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the home of Sandy Wilhelm and the book is "Orphan Keeper" by Camron Wright. On February 14, 2019 we will meet at Sharon Metcalfe's house to discuss "The Bookshop on the Corner" by Jenny Colgan. All are welcome and the reading of the books are optional.



**The Christian Education Committee** is asking for **CARDS from church members** to those service members who have connections to our church:

- Michelle Bryan
- Jeff Parkinson (nephew of Bob & Ann Parkinson)
- John Raimondo (grandson of Sharon Metcalfe)
- Ryan Bloomingdale (grandson of Sharon Metcalfe)
- Eric Yocum (grandson of Ray & Sandy Wilhelm)

**Bring your cards to the church and we will mail them in packages with some other items provided by the committee.** We will have a collection box in the Narthex thru Sunday.



**November Meal-a-Month**

- 2 cans Tomato Soup
- Can of evaporated milk
- Box of Crackers
- Can of fruit of choice



*"I am the resurrection and the life"*  
 Fern Harris  
 August 11, 1920-Octoer 22, 2018



**Memorials**

A Memorial has been received in memory of:

**Fern Harris**, from Barbara Calvin, Joan Gohn, Virginia Goodwin, John & Jeanne Hirsch, Sharon Metcalfe, Ruth Needle, Alice & Paul Kabo, Sarah Barks, Ann Ritter, Trudy Lee, Denis & Susan Wydra, Mary Lou Fox, Karron Kidd, Stephen & Sonya Bock, Paul & Ruth Pautler.

**Stewardship, Mission and Outreach (SMO) news:**

We are happy to report that SMO has had an active fall. In September at our monthly Gather, Share and Eat lunch after church, Karen Green, executive director of the Southeast Missouri Food Bank received a check for \$9000. This donation will support the Food Bank’s efforts to feed the hungry and to help renovate and provide graphic signage for a box truck that Will Bahn and Janna Tuck donated to the Food Bank. The Graphics will include “First Presbyterian Church of Cape Girardeau” in its design.

At our October Gather, Share and Eat on Oct 21, we presented checks to the Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops First Presbyterian sponsors and to Care to Learn. Pack leader Brian Hall accepted checks for \$1500 for Cub Scout Pack 15 and \$1000 for Troop 4. He told us a bit about our Boy and Cub Scouts and that our contribution is much appreciated. Callie Welker accepted a check for \$2000 for Care to Learn. This organization’s mission is to support “health, hunger and hygiene” for students in the Cape Public Schools. Care to Learn organizes and distributes Friday backpacks to students identified by their teachers and counselors. These backpacks provide healthy food for the students and their families for the weekend.

At our November Gather, Share and Eat we will present checks to three additional charities our SMO committee (with Session approval) has identified. Habitat for Humanity will receive \$1000, the Safe House will receive \$1000, and the Salvation Army will receive \$2000. Additionally, First Presbyterian through your SMO committee has donated \$400 to Care Portal—an organization you will be hearing more about as our church becomes active in its mission work. The Community Counseling Center sponsors “Project Homeless Connect” each fall and we have donated \$100 to help support it.

SMO members are chair Sarah Holt, Rev Ellen Gurnon, Ruth Needle, Donna Pikey, Betty Sewell Charles Wiles, and Georganne Syler. We welcome your input and invite you to join the committee. It is an honor to love and support our neighbors as our Lord has instructed us to do.



POINSETTIAS will once again fill the sanctuary beginning December 9<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to purchase one in honor or memory of a loved one (or for any other reason of the season) please fill in the order blank below and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate during Sunday worship by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost of the poinsettias will be \$8.00 each.

I/We would like to place a poinsettia in the church sanctuary.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Amt \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

## NOVEMBER 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>	Beverly Hirsch (birthday)
2 <sup>ND</sup>	PC (USA) Agencies' Staff
3 <sup>RD</sup>	Europe
4 <sup>TH</sup>	Joyce Rayfield (birthday)
5 <sup>TH</sup>	Ireland/Northern Ireland
6 <sup>TH</sup>	United Kingdom
7 <sup>TH</sup>	Scotland
8 <sup>TH</sup>	Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel
9 <sup>TH</sup>	Portugal
10 <sup>TH</sup>	Italy
11 <sup>TH</sup>	Sue Burford (birthday)
12 <sup>TH</sup>	Germany
13 <sup>TH</sup>	Lithuania
14 <sup>TH</sup>	Czech Republic
15 <sup>TH</sup>	Sharon McCune (birthday)
16 <sup>TH</sup>	Sharon Metcalfe, (birthday)
17 <sup>TH</sup>	Russia
18 <sup>TH</sup>	Afghanistan
19 <sup>TH</sup>	Donna Farris
20 <sup>TH</sup>	Ellen Gurnon (birthday)
21 <sup>ST</sup>	Central Asia
22 <sup>ND</sup>	Sri Lanka
23 <sup>RD</sup>	Wilma Harris (birthday), Ron & Lana Johnson (anniversary)
24 <sup>TH</sup>	Dr. Ed Burford (birthday)
25 <sup>TH</sup>	Middle East
26 <sup>TH</sup>	Jim Logan (birthday) Rob & Sarah Ross; Paul & Donna Farris (anniversary)
27 <sup>TH</sup>	Egypt
28 <sup>TH</sup>	Bill Syler (birthday)
29 <sup>TH</sup>	Israel/Palestine/Jerusalem
30 <sup>TH</sup>	Annabelle Spencer

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.

# November 2018

## Monthly Planner

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