



FIRST FACTS



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Dear Friends,

THANK YOU for working together as we connect with our community in some exciting ways during the month of September.

First, I want to say how grateful I am to all who are participating in the ***Waking Up White* book study with One City**. We have at least 18 people from our church and even more from the community. Both the Monday morning and Thursday evening sessions so far have had over 30 people in attendance sharing important conversation, learning from one another, crossing barriers, building bridges, and making new friends.

I also want to thank to those who have shared their artistic talents in our **Members Art Exhibit**, opening at the **First Friday with the Arts, September 7, 5-9 pm**. (The exhibit will also be open the following two Sundays, September 9th and September 16th, for those attending worship.) I am impressed with all your beautiful work! And I know there's a lot more talent in our congregation, so we will be doing this again!

Finally, a new **playground** is on its way! This will be a unique addition to downtown Cape in that the equipment is not for climbing, jumping, and swinging, but **for making beautiful music!** By the end of the month (if the weather cooperates) the fenced area on the east side of the church will feature colorful flowers whose petals are musical, lily pad cymbals, tuned drums, and a xylophone-like piece. These instruments will offer lots of happy, creative play for people of all ages and abilities and will surely put smiles on the faces of all who pass by.

Together, we are making our church more visible in the community, showing our vitality, and demonstrating our vision to reach outside our walls with God's love. **Together**, we are sharing acceptance, beauty, and welcome. **Together, we are seeking the heart of God in the heart of the city.**

Thanks be to God for all that has been, all that is, and all that will be!

Blessings,

Ellen



WANTED: YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS!

The Worship and Arts Committee is planning a "Hymn Sing Sunday" for our next 5th Sunday Special: September 30, 2018. You can help by sharing your favorite hymns. Please call or email the church office with your requests: 335-2579, fpresbyt@sbcglobal.net.



We will have Gather, Share & Eat on

Sunday the 16th of Sept.
Fried Chicken / Pot Luck Dinner
Last Names starting with A - M are asked to bring a vegetable or a salad.
Last Names starting with N - Z are asked to bring a desert.



Second Tuesday at the Chateau will meet for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, September 11, 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 noon on Monday, September 10, 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 Book Club will meet on September 12 at the home of Jean Cairns. We will read "Loving Luther" by Alison Pittman. October's book is "Warlight" by Michael Oenatte and we will meet at the home of Ruth Needle on October 11th. On November 8th we will meet at the home of Jeanne Hirsch and the book is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by A. Towles. All are welcome and reading of the books is optional.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

The CE End-of-Summer Family Activity was a big success. Everyone enjoyed crafts and games together and had lots to eat. While the kids played Bingo for prizes and "church hide-and seek", the teachers, Pastor Ellen, and the parents made plans for this year's activities. We are all excited about trying some new things and about the ways that our kids will be more involved in our worship services. Check out our church facebook page to see some fun pictures!

Sunday School for our children will begin on Sunday, September 9th. The children 1st grade through 6th grade will continue their study of "The Life of Jesus" by learning about Jesus and His Miracles. Pastor Ellen will also be working with us on special lessons and activities about "The Seasons of the Church" throughout the year. This class will meet in their classroom on the second floor.



September Meal-a-Month

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



ATTENTION FACEBOOK USERS!

Support our church at NO COST to you but a few minutes of your time.

- 1) Find our page: First Presbyterian Church of Cape Girardeau
- 2) LIKE the page (right under the picture of the church)
- 3) Invite your friends to LIKE our page (right hand column, scroll down to box titled "community")
- 4) Like, comment, and share our posts to spread our message far and wide!

Thanks, FRIENDS!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REQUESTS YOUR HELP

Our church's Nominating Committee has begun to meet to prepare a slate of 3 members to nominate for the Class of 2021 Elders and to nominate 2 members for At Large positions on next year's Nominating Committee. Members of this year's Committee include: Elders Sarah Holt, and Nancy Bray, Ed Burford, Sharon McCune, Ann Ritter and Sandy Wilhelm. Please contact any one of them if you would like to be considered as a nominee for Elder or Nominating Committee or if you have the name or names of active members to suggest as nominees. Contact a Nominating Committee member by September 9 or sooner.



"I am the resurrection and the life"

Edith Josephine Renfrow

March 9, 1924-August 16, 2018



"I am the resurrection and the life"

Willorene Phillips

April 5, 1930-August 16, 2018



Memorials

A Memorial has been received in memory of:

Ray Ritter, from John & Bekki Cook

Floyd Fellows, from Madge Ridings

Freck Shivelbine, from John & Jeanne Hirsch, Madge Ridings, Daryl Henry, Ed & Sue Burford, Horton & Carol Miller

Merry Gay Lorberg, from Daryl Henry

Don Fadler, from Daryl Henry

Ruth Illers, from John & Bekki Cook

Martha Stickler, from John & Bekki Cook

Willie Phillips, from Daryl Henry, Ruth Needle, Ed & Sue Burford, Sharon Metcalfe, Virginia Goodwin, Caroline Sheets, Don & Betty Lou Vogel, Charles & Carole Cozean, Bill & Georganne Syler, Winifred Hirsch Ward, Nelson Kasten, Carole Stotler, Horton & Carol Miller, Paul & Alice Kabo, Richard & Rebecca Kies, Evelyn Stover

Jo Renfrow, from Daryl Henry, Ruth Needle, Sharon Metcalfe, Bill & Georganne Syler, Sarah Barks, Winifred Hirsch Ward, Donna Cotner & Family, Paul & Alice Kabo

Mary P Harrison, from Mary P Harrison Trust

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 Abingdon Presbytery
- 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 Hecht (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.

September 2018

Monthly Planner

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