

*"Where there is no vision,
the people perish..."
Proverbs 29:18a*

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

– Matthew 14:16

Dear Friends,

When Jesus and the disciples were faced with the insurmountable task of feeding well over five thousand people, the disciples told Jesus to send the crowds away to fend for themselves. However, Jesus refused to send away the hungry. So, he responded to his disciple's plight by saying, "They need not go away; YOU give them something to eat." I added the capitalization to emphasize the point I believe Jesus was making.

So often, we send the hungry away and let someone *else* deal with them. Yet, I strongly believe the same charge Jesus gave the disciples that day, he still gives to us today. The church is called to feed those who are hungry. It's what Jesus did. It's what he expected his followers back then to do. There's no reason to think that it isn't still something he expects his followers today to do as well.

I am very proud of PCW that we have many ministries that strive to feed the hungry of our community. Two ministries in particular have been unique ways that engage and feed those less fortunate of the mission field in which God has planted us: Weekend Meals on Wheels and the Mission Garden.

If you have not already heard, PCW was awarded a very sizable grant to enhance, and perhaps even transform, these ministries. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America has awarded us a generous grant in the total amount of \$13,000! The grant will be distributed over three years. We have already been awarded the initial distribution of \$3,000. If we adequately spend and report these funds, we will be awarded \$5,000 in 2021 and 2022. The Mission-Outreach Committee has appointed a Mission Task Force to oversee the spending of the funds and to set a vision for these two ministries for the future.

Our prayer at this time is to staff our mission garden and to expand the Weekend Meals on Wheels ministry to every Saturday of the month. In order to do this we would need to recruit more volunteers from PCW and other churches/organizations.

Please prayerfully consider delivering or cooking on a regular basis for our exciting ministries of feeding the hungry. Finances are just one aspect of successful ministry and for the next three years, we won't have to worry about funding. Volunteerism is the next resource we need to transform our service to the hungry of our community.

OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Jesus Christ calls us to:

- ◆ *Enliven our spiritual lives by experiencing God among us,*
- ◆ *Grow in love for one another as children of God,*
- ◆ *Invite all to Share in our fellowship,*
- ◆ *Demonstrate God's love through service to others.*

Blessings
in Christ,

Pastor Pat

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(re)Imagine: A Presbytery Wide Training Event

Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church
9450 Clayton Rd, St. Louis, MO 63124

This FREE education day features several breakout sessions for congregation members, deacons, elders, and pastors. All are welcome to join us! Our speakers hope to enliven the ministry within our congregations by engaging relevant topics and sharing evangelistic tools to support spiritual and physical growth. Talk to Pastor Pat if you are interested in registering. We hope to work out a group to carpool to and from this exciting event!

Sessions included are (each participant can attend two):

- Elder Leadership for the 21st Century
- The Ministry of Compassion
- Marketing Church for the Digital Age
- Church Growth Through Outreach
- Prospering During the In-Between Time
- Queerly and Wonderfully Made: From Personal to Practical
- Bring Christian Education Alive
- Creative Liturgy

The keynote speaker will be Rev. Rodger Nishioka. Rodger is the former National Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and long-time instructor at Columbia Seminary where he taught pastors to be teachers and leaders in the church's educational ministry, specializing, in particular, on youth and young adult ministry.

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2020 Committee Members

Asterisk (*) Donates Session Members

Christian Education

Meets the 4th Monday at 6pm

Ian McCracken* - Chair
Andy Wanager
Jocelyn VanBuskirk
Gerry Urban
Gary Brehe
Gretchen Farrell
Heather Miller
Jolene Patterson*
Rebecca Brehe

Church Life

Meets the 2nd Tuesday 9:30am

Nancy Sebastian* - Chair
Karen Ladd*
Jean Weekley*
Judy Bierbaum
Shirley Coulter
Jan Hardin
Anna Mae Boehmer
Sharon Wiese
Jan Eade
Linda Booher
Heather Miller
Sarah Spear
Barbara Hagan
Beth Bonney

Finance

Meets the 3rd Monday at 10am

Bruce Wiese* - Chair
Karen Ladd*
Kay Huckle*
Bob Eade
Becky Vogt
Ed Bonney

Mission/Outreach

Meets the second Monday @ 11am

Jolene Patterson* - Chair
David Brunworth
Jean Weekley*
Christy Eckert
Kay Huckle*
Gretchen Farrell
Lois Kempf
Pam Schwarzen
Debbie Bandy
Kathy Rogers

Personnel

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

Tim Urban* - Chair
Bruce Wiese*
Joe Hagan*
Mary Ellenberger
Gretchen Farrell
Roland Schwarzen

Property

Meets the 3rd Sunday at 11:30am

Joe Hagan* - Chair
John Bugele*
Bob Eade
David Brunworth
Roland Schwarzen
Steve Sebastian
Mary Ellenberger

Worship

Meets the 3rd Monday at 7pm

John Anglin* - Chair	Judy Bierbaum
Anna Mae Boehmer	Tom Kempf
Rebecca Brehe	Barbara Duemler*
Tom Ellenberger	John Bugele*

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MARCH COMMUNION LEADERS & SERVERS

MARCH 1

Preparer

Tim Urban

Servers

Nancy Sebastian
Joe Hagen
Ian McCracken
Jolene Patterson

MARCH USHERS

3/1 Kay Hucke & Linda
Booher
3/8 Steve & Nancy
Sebastian
3/15 Barbara Hagan &
Roland Schwarzen
3/22 Michele Zumsteg &
Christy Eckert
3/29 TBD

MARCH GREETERS

3/1 Tom Kempf &
Anna Mae Boehmer
3/8 Sara Spear &
Kathy Rogers
3/15 Allen & Becky Vogt
3/22 TBD
3/29 Bob & Jan Eade

MARCH SOUND TECHS

3/1 Ed Bonney
3/8 Ian McCracken
3/15 Joe Hagan
3/22 Tom Ellenberger
3/29 Jolene Patterson

WORSHIP LEADER

John Bugele

MEDIA SHOUT

Rotation TBD



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Church Life Committee

Our PCW Church Life Committee is working hard to simplify and energize our wonderful Fellowship Table. Thank you to those of you who have helped us provide this opportunity for fellowship and companionship in our church family. We hope you will consider signing up for a Sunday morning to help us continue to provide goodies. These can be simple plates of cheese and crackers, muffins, cookies, store bought, or homemade, it doesn't matter.

Next month we have made some effort to streamline the Fellowship Table. "Betty Crocker," Aldi's or Walmart has it all. Make it fun and simple for you. Hosting the table is the time to enjoy seeing someone you didn't see during the service.

If you are new to Fellowship Table, please see Sharon Weise, Barb Hagan or Nancy Sebastian and we will gladly give you a tour of our supplies.

Potluck

The next potluck dinner will be Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30 p.m. The main dish will be stew.

Because of all the activities that are scheduled for Wednesday nights, we will not have a guest speaker for the next few potluck dinners. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



March 17th

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Easter Egg Hunt

Easter will be here before you know it and so will our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th at 11am! We will need lots of help from getting donations of candy (small individually wrapped, no peanut candy, please!), to filling the eggs (come to the Egg Filling Party on Monday, April 6th at 10am!), and helping out with our big fun event at the check-in table or the coloring table or the face painting table! Rain or shine, this will be an incredible event to see about 4000 colorful eggs all over our back lawn or inside our church sanctuary. This is our 11th year for this wonderful Community event so please invite your friends and neighbors! Let's get hopping, everyone! Any questions? Please contact Rebecca Brehe or Gretchen Farrell.

April Community Book Sale

It is time, once again, to clean out your old bookshelves and get ready for our Spring time tradition...our big Community Book Sale which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, **April 3rd and 4th, from 8am - 6pm** which also happens to be the weekend of Palm Sunday. We will accept any item in good condition, books (paperbacks or hardbound, large or small, old or new) CD's, music, etc. Please feel free to drop off the week before the sale as we set up on Sunday, March 29 - Thursday, April 2. Any questions? Please contact Gretchen Farrell, 314-578-1730, or Kathy Froning, 636-667-1135. Thank you!

Per Capita

The Presbytery set the Per Capital allocation for **2020 at \$32.00 per member.**

You can just use a "Welcome" envelope available in the sanctuary. Please designate "Per Capita" on the outside of your envelope.

The Presbyterian Cemetery

When we visit the grave of loved ones, we like to see that it has been neatly mowed and trimmed, but have you considered who does the mowing and trimming? It takes a substantial amount of money for the upkeep of the Cemetery, especially during the spring/summer/fall mowing months. The board hires someone to mow and maintain The Presbyterian Cemetery. This care needs to be funded in some way. Financial contributions to the Cemetery provide for the vital upkeep of the grounds. Would you please consider making a contribution to support the upkeep and care of The Presbyterian Cemetery? You will find a Cemetery envelope in your packet of church envelopes each quarter. The next envelope is dated "March". If you do not have envelopes, just make the check payable to The Presbyterian Cemetery and place in the offering on Sunday or leave in the church office. Thank you to those who have made donations, your donations make a difference!

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Welcome to PCW, Jaime Brinkmann!

Please take time to welcome Jaime Brinkmann to our PCW family! Jaime was hired in mid-February as our new Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary. Jaime was born and raised in Labadie and resides in Washington with her five year old son, Logan. She most recently worked as the office manager for West End Station in Washington. Jaime enjoys archery and bow-hunting. Take time to say "Welcome to PCW" to Jaime during the week.

New Office Hours

Beginning this month, PCW will have new office hours. Starting on March 2, the office will be open 8:30am to 1:30pm Monday through Friday.

Daylight Savings Time

Spring forward! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 7th.

Mark Your Calendars!

Maundy Thursday
Service

April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 12

Outdoor service 8:00
a.m.

Easter Cantata 10:15
a.m.

*He is not here;
he has
Risen!*

Luke 24:6

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“Reel Faith” Movie Club

March’s “Reel Faith” movie is the recent film adaptation of the classic Jack London novel, *The Call of the Wild*. The movie is rated PG. *The Call of the Wild* tells the story of Buck, a sled dog that struggles for survival in the wilds of the Yukon. Watch *The Call of the Wild* sometime in March (if you haven’t already done so) and join us for “Reel Faith” Movie Club gathering at 7pm on Monday, March 30th at the church.

For more information, contact Pastor Pat.



Weekend Meals on Wheels for March

Meals will be delivered on Saturday, March 21st. Team B will be preparing Chicken and Rice Casserole. If you are interested in delivering meals that day, please contact the church office. And, if you would like to donate cookies, please leave donations in the fellowship hall freezer clearly marked “Meals on Wheels” or “MoW.”

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Donation Baskets outside the Sanctuary

It was decided by the Mission and Outreach Committee that donation baskets outside the sanctuary will be used to help meet the goals of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery mission this year. The Presbytery mission this year is Matthew 25:31-46. The Presbytery is asking each Church to consider embracing one or more of the three areas of focus this year:

Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.

Eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

The Presbytery meets four (4) times a year and will be collecting specific items for each meeting. Donations from member Churches are brought to the meeting by representatives of each Church.

In January and February we are collecting non-perishable food items for the February 6, 2020 meeting at St. Mark Presbyterian Church.

Beginning in April we will start collecting personal hygiene products and diapers for the May 9, 2020 meeting at Grace Presbyterian Church.

In July and August we will collect socks and underwear for the August 27, 2020 meeting at Dardenne Presbyterian Church.

In October and November we will be collecting new infant items and children's and teen's books for the November 7, 2020 meeting at New Hope Presbyterian Church.

If anyone has any questions about the donations, please feel free to ask any member of the Mission / Outreach Committee. We are working with our pastor to thoughtfully consider our missions in 2020.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st Jonathan Farrell

3rd Anna Mae Boehmer

4th Emily Bounds

William Kellermann

5th James Conley

7th Jan Eade

15th Sarah Spear

Stanley Barnhart

19th Tom Farrell

20th Sharon Fenner

Debbie Bandy

29th Elizabeth Farrell

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MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Laura Evans, Al Leary, Kay Hazel,
John Anglin, Kate Hall, Jan Eade, Jamie Tucker, Joy Kopp, Bob
Turnure,

SOUTH POINTE: George Peters

CEDAR CREST: Dorothy Mutert, Lorene Brunworth,
Connie Conrad

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Eddie & Sarah McGurthy & family (daughter and son-in-law of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)
Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)
Marjorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)
Vicki Turner (friend of Tom & Lois Kempf)
Mary Rinne (friend of the Fenners)
Emma Venginnit (client of Tom Kempf)
Lydia Disbro (great granddaughter of Laura Evans)
Kay Beckmann (friend of Lois Kempf)
Barb Roach (friend of Nancy Thater, Mauri Truesdell & Susan Benedict)
Diana Hayes (daughter of Barbara Schofield)
Tom Jett (cousin-in-law of Mauri Truesdell & Kathy Froning)
Greg Butler (son-in-law of the Kempfs)
Diana Brinker (niece of Anna Mae Boehmer)
David Gruendler (brother of Laura Lawson)
Arlene Moll (mother of Pam Kellermann)
Quinn Burton (daughter of Kelly Burton)
Mary Washabaugh (former member)
The Confirmation Class of 2020
Jane Kitt (aunt of Nancy Thater)
Shari Voepel (Emmaus Homes caregiver)
Gary & Sue Brauer (parents of Kevin Brauer & Scott Brauer)
Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)
Denise Gleeson (daughter of Anna Mae Boehmer)
Wendy Dennison (friend of Rebecca Brehe)
Keith McCracken (son of Virginia Boren)
Phillip VanBuskirk (grandson of Jocelyn VanBuskirk)

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March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Confirmation Class 11:30a	Session 7p	Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p	Youth Choir 5:30p Al-Anon 6p Youth Open Gym 7p Adult Choir 6:30p	PFL 9a Book Study 10a FC Singles 7p		Meals on Wheels Life Stream
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Election Church Life 9a Mission 11:15a Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p Personnel 6p	Church Life 9a Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p Personnel 6p	Youth Choir 5:30p Al-Anon 6p Potluck 5:30p Adult Choir 6:30p	PFL 9a		Wedding 2p
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Property 11:30a Confirmation 11:30a Youth Mission 5p	Finance 10a Worship 5p	Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p	Youth Choir 5:30p Al-Anon 6p Adult Choir 6:30p	PFL 9a Volleyball		Meals on Wheels 8:30a
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Recital 1p (12:30-2:30)	Knitters 5p Christian Ed 6p	Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p	Warblers 11a Youth Choir 5:30p Al-Anon 6p Adult Choir 6:30p	PFL 9a Volleyball		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Staff Meeting 11:30a	Book Sale Set up Book Sale Set up Movie Club 7p	Book Sale Set up Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p				

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Christ is all and in all.”
Colossians 3:11

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