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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Friends,

This coming August will be a difficult one for Karen and me. We will be sending our only child off to college. On August 18, Karen and I will help Alex move into his dorm room on the campus of the St Louis College of Pharmacy, where he will spend the next seven years getting his Pharm D. I am excited to see Alex's face as he unloads his clothes and personal items into his dorm and the reality of this new chapter in his life begins to hit home. I look forward to his excitement and enthusiasm as he begins to make new friendships around campus. I look forward to meeting his dorm mates.

But, I am not looking forward to that ride home.

I have been told that when you drop off a child at college, it is like

dropping off a piece of your heart. I am going to try to hold it together, at the very least for Karen's sake. Karen has already assured me that she will be a bundle of emotions that day. I will try to stay strong, but it will only be on the surface. On the inside, I will be grieving the fact that Alex will have somewhere else to call home. He is no longer a child, his is now a man. And, that empty nest will feel very lonely for quite a while I am sure.

This occasion has caused me to look back upon my own faith journey as well as Alex's. God has pulled me through some very difficult, trying and emotional times and I am confident God will do so again. This is a significant chapter for us all as a family, and I am certain it is a chapter that many of you reading this article have lived out before. When we come to "milestone" events, it is natural that we often reflect back on other milestones. Perhaps when your children moved away, you thought about their first day of school, their first job, getting their driver's license, etc. Perhaps you looked back at their baptism, praying at meals or at bedtime, confirmation, or Sunday school.

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It is comforting to realize that God has been there before. And, it is something we can take confidence in going forward, God will be there again. Not just for Alex, not just for any student going off to college, but for all of us. God will be there again.

Karen and I will need God that day as we drop off a piece of our heart. Alex will also need God as he transitions to a new chapter in his life. You will likely need God's comfort and peace in the immediate future, if not now at this moment.

There's a wonderful verse from one of the hymns in our hard-back hymnal:

*Lonely and sad, from friends
apart,
God will take care of you!*

*He will give peace to your
aching heart,
God will take care of you!*

May God take care of us all and
give peace to all our aching
hearts.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Pat

Defibrillator

Hopefully we will never use it, but the automated defibrillator (AED) is up and running. Twelve folks volunteered and were trained on the device in June. Additionally two of our members are "certified" in its use. The AED is located in the hall between the sanctuary and the entry foyer, stored in its own cabinet, under the AED sign. Thanks to the St. Louis Sudden Cardiac Arrest organization for the donation of this device.

Thanks—Christy



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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.*

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Church Life

Finance

Mission/Outreach

Property (Chair)

Personnel (Chair)

Worship (Chair)

Clerk of Session

Worship

Christian Education (Chair)

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2019 Committee Members

Asterisk (*) Donates Session Members

Christian Education

Meets the 3rd Monday at 6pm

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

Church Life

Meets the 2nd Tuesday 9:30am

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

Finance

Meets the 3rd Monday at 10am

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

Mission/Outreach

Meets the second Monday @ 11am

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

Personnel

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

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

Property

David Brunworth* - Chair
Joe Hagan*
Bob Eade*
Roland Schwarzen
Steve Sebastian
Mary Ellenberger
Anna Mae Boehmer

Worship

John Anglin* - Chair	Judy Bierbaum
Anna Mae Boehmer	Tom Kempf
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**AUGUST
COMMUNION LEADERS
& SERVERS**

AUGUST 7
Preparer
Jean Weekley

Servers

Jean Weekley
David Brunworth
Bruce Wiese
Tim Urban

AUGUST USHERS

8/4 Sharon & Bruce Wiese
8/11 To Be Determined
8/18 Janet & Sid Thayer
8/25 Linda Booher &
Paula Obermark

**AUGUST
SOUND TECHS**

8/4 Allen Vogt
8/11 Ian McCracken
8/18 Joe Hagan
8/25 Tom Ellenberger

AUGUST GREETERS

8/4 Anna Mae Boehmer &
Judy Bierbaum
8/11 David & Diane Brunworth
8/18 David & Diane Brunworth
8/25 To Be Determined

WORSHIP LEADER

Sam Farrell

POWER POINT

Chris Brehe

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Camp Peace 2020

The theme for next year's Camp Peace is currently based on the Creation story from Genesis. We are excited and eager to get started so planning begins next month!!

For the next 5 months we are openly inviting any regular guest or member to attend the Christian Education committee meetings. We will discuss the 5 core units of vacation bible school - one at each meeting. We hope this will be a fun and engaging way to boost participation and grow our services. Here is the schedule:

August 19th at 6pm - Arts and Crafts

September 16th at 6pm - Nature Lab

October 21st at 6pm - Worship and Song

November 18th at 6pm - Recreation

December 16th at 6pm - Food Services

We are planning to hold these meetings in the Session conference room to accommodate additional attendance. Please plan to join us!

Weekend Meals on Wheels

This month, Meals on Wheels will be delivered on Saturday, August 17. If you are interested in delivering meals that Saturday, please contact the church office.

Help needed for the Harvest Table on August 3rd

Our next Harvest Table event is coming up soon on Saturday, August 3rd, and we still need a few volunteers to sign up and help that evening from 4pm – 6:30pm.

We also still need some other gracious volunteers to sign up to bring or drop off some salad items. Please see our list in the narthex bulletin boards and ask Gretchen Farrell or Christy Eckert for further information. Come join us for this wonderful mission event at St. Peter's UCC on August 3rd!

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Blessing of the Backpacks

School will be starting very soon! And, this year, PCW is planning on having a "Blessing of the Backpacks" during worship on August 25th. All students from Kindergarten and up are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship that morning to receive a special blessing from the entire congregation. Parents, please make sure your student's name is clearly marked on their backpacks.



Church Folding Chairs

The church is missing a few dozen of our brown folding chairs from the fellowship hall. Please check around your property in case you borrowed them from the church and forgot to return them. If you are a member and wish to borrow the church's property (like folding chairs or tables) to take it off-site, please make arrangements with Bonnie in the church office. We are trying to do a better job of tracking our belongings. We appreciate your cooperation.

Pictorial Directory

Pastor Pat and Judy Bierbaum met with a representative from Life Touch to make plans for a new pictorial directory scheduled to be started in November. We will have more details later in the year.

Memorial Service Food Donations

Your Church Life Committee is working on a plan to organize food donations brought for funeral/memorial service meals. The goal is to have people commit to a specific food they will donate every time a meal is scheduled. Please sign the papers posted on the bulletin board.



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“Reel Faith” Movie Club – 8/26

Everyone is invited to the “Reel Faith” Movie Club! Each month, Pastor Pat will pick a movie that everyone can go and see at their leisure. Then the group meets to discuss themes, theological underpinnings, and various theatrical nuances. We’ll announce the movie at the beginning of each month to give ample time to see it before the Club meets on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship and discussion.



August’s “Reel Faith” movie is the 2019 thriller *Us*, the story of a family's serene beach vacation that turns to chaos when their doppelgängers appear and begin to terrorize them. The film is rated R. *Us* is available to rent and/or buy on DVD and BluRay. It is no longer playing in theaters. You can also rent it from the following streaming services: Amazon Prime Video, YouTube, Google Play and Vudu.

Watch *Us* sometime in August and join us for our second Movie Club gathering at 7pm on Monday, August 26th at the church. For more information, contact Pastor Pat.

Outdoor Worship: August 25

Due to the popularity of our outdoor worship service on Easter morning of this year, the Worship & Music Committee has decided (with Session approval) to hold another outdoor service before the choir begins in the fall. That service will be on Sunday, August 25th. We will move the service indoors if weather (rain or oppressive humidity) prohibits. Please remember to dress casually that morning. Worship will be at the normal time of 10:15 a.m.



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Sunday School

Sunday School begins soon! This fall we are having the first official Sunday School session on Sunday August 25th at 9:00 AM. We will be having 3 class groups this year, and I may be providing a special needs classroom in addition to that. Adding that to the needs in the nursery, and we are in need of at least 2 more volunteer teachers for Sunday Mornings. If you even have a part time interest or availability - please let us know!!!!

The week prior to regular classes, I am presenting an open house of our Sunday School operations at 9:00 AM on Sunday August 18th. Please come see as we share our classroom space and plans for the coming year. If you have children in Sunday School, are interested in supporting or volunteering, or are just curious - we welcome you to our open house!!



Attention, Women of the Church!

How do you intend to grow in the faith this upcoming "school" year? With personal prayer and scripture study? By attending the Adult Class on Sunday morning? And/Or with participation in the Women's Circle?

The Women's Circle has met in the past on the third Thursday of each month to study our denomination's yearly Horizons Bible Study. Last year's study was disjointed and disappointing; some women did not wish to continue using the suggested Horizons study for this coming year. Meanwhile, one of our church women has already purchased the study for this coming year: "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the 10 Commandments" and is excited about its possibilities for our individual and church growth. I have looked over the new study and find that it has great possibilities for us, individually and corporately. The author of the study—a long-time Presbyterian

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minister and write of a former Horizons study—wants us to see the 10 Commandments not as a “Do Not” statement for human behavior, but rather as a mutual contract between God and God’s people that leads to purposeful relationship with God, with other people, with the world.

On another track, we have found a book that deals with the lives of several women of faith through history—one to study each month.

I suggest we might pursue both: the Horizons study on the third Thursday morning each month and the other book at another time. Another Thursday morning? Another weekday morning? A late afternoon or early evening to accommodate our working women? And can we share the teaching and/or discussion leadership?

What is your own pleasure? We shall gather on Thursday, August 15th at 10 a.m. to discuss options. If you cannot come then, call me between now and the 15th to discuss your thoughts with me. I want us to work together in our Christian education.

-Jocelyn (573-717-0311)

Back To School Lock-In

It is time for the annual back to school Lock-In!! We are planning to invite our youth as well as the youth from around our presbytery. We will have several special events including all night theatre, reading room (and a separate quiet space), oversized volleyball, a night hike, a crazy version of flashlight tag, and pancakes and bacon in the morning!

The date, time, and location for this event is as follows:

Start: Friday August 16th
at 8pm

End: Saturday August 17th
at 8am

Check In: Front doors to fellowship hall. Plan to show ID, and if dropping off - a check in “receipt” will be given to ensure a safe check out.

We need 2 female and 2 male volunteers to chaperone from our church - please contact the church office if interested.

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Presby Scrip Program

The Presby Scrip Program table is open every Sunday following worship. Don't forget to order your gift cards for all those everyday purchases such as Walmart, Walgreens, Target and most restaurants in town. Gift cards also make a great gift for Birthday's, Anniversary's, Thank you's, Weddings and etc. They are also good for those going off to college. Gift Cards ordered on one Sunday will be ready for pickup the following Sunday. We also have many gift cards available for immediate pickup to local restaurants, Walgreens, and Walmart at the Scrip table every Sunday.



Thank You

To my friends at the Presbyterian Church:

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and food brought to our home during my recent total knee replacement.

I'm doing well—even better than I had anticipated.

The doctor, nurses, and physical therapist are overwhelmed with my fast recovery.

When I went back to Dr. Matthews after three weeks he told me that I could start driving again. What a surprise!! Sure beats the original six weeks that he told me before surgery.

Looking forward to being back with you all again. I plan on being back August 1st.

Thanks again.

Ken Roetheli

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Rummage Sale

Thanks for all the amazing help with this years rummage sale. To those who donated, shopped, volunteered to help and "sweated" to make this another successful sale. Every year I am overwhelmed by the generosity of our church family.

Look for final profit totals in the September Presbits.



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FESTIVAL OF SHARING

We will be participating again this year in the Festival of Sharing, a Missouri-based, ecumenical organization that works to help alleviate hunger, poverty, and injustice world-wide and here in Missouri. Festival of Sharing gathers donations, puts kits together, and then distributes the kits to local organizations. We have identified two Missouri-based donation kits and will be collecting items beginning August 18th and running through September. For more information about Festival of Sharing, go to www.festivalofsharing.org.

Dates to remember:

August 14th— Potluck dinner will focus on the Festival of Sharing.

August 18th — September 29th—Bring in items for our kits.

Items to bring. You may bring one item or many! Kits will be packed after we receive all donations.

Missouri Paper Products Pack

4-roll double roll toilet paper ONLY (no larger, please)

2-roll paper towels

2-pack facial tissue, large rectangular boxes ONLY

Missouri Student Dental Pack

4 child-sized toothbrushes in original package

1 dental floss

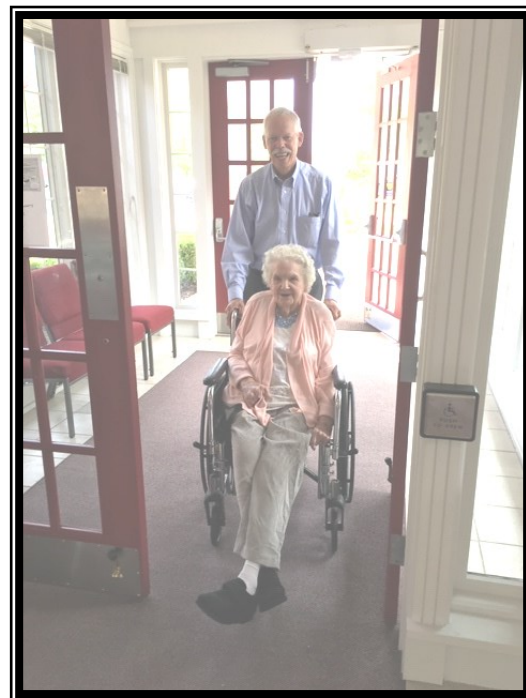
2 adult-sized toothbrushes in original package

1 fluoride toothpaste, 6 oz or more



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ADA Accessible Doors

On July 24 and July 25, Automatic Door Systems installed materials necessary to make our main entrance doors ADA accessible. This was made possible by contributions donated through our Wish List.



Kuddos to everyone
that worked to make
the church grounds
so beautiful!

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Mission Garden Produce

Volunteers harvested a bountiful crop of potatoes in July from the Mission Garden at the church. These potatoes will be delivered to Loving Hearts Outreach.



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PRES-BITS NEWSLETTER

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



August 4	Wilma Luker
August 6	Lorene Brunworth
August 7	Barbara Pierce
August 12	Gary Brehe
August 14	Lois Lohan
	Fred Taubel
August 18	Vivian Marshall
	Mauri Truesdell
August 21	Mathew Becker
	Jared Thater
August 23	Katy Becker
August 25	Gary Froning
August 30	Janet Thayer

Potluck

Our next potluck supper will be Wednesday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m. The main entrée will be meatloaf. Christy Eckert will be the guest speaker to talk about the Festival of Sharing. A sign-up sheet is available in the hallway.

Sound Tech Training

The Sound Booth could use some more volunteers. We currently use a "once a month" schedule for the sound booth. So, if you think you could commit to one Sunday a month in the sound booth, please talk to Tom Ellenberger, or call the church office. We will fully train you for the task!

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MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Laura Fenner, Lisa Conrad, Jean Weekley,
Haylee Struckhoff, Jamie Tucker, Barbara Hagan, Jan
Eade, Eden Wanager, Ollie Whyte,
Family of Elaine Dodson

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)

JoAnne Hagedorn (friend of the Fenners and Shirley Coulter)

Marjorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)

Sandy McDaniel Siess (friend of Kathy Froning)

Vicki Turner (friend of Tom & Lois Kempf)

Mary Rinne (friend of the Fenners)

Cathy Bedsaul (sister of Jean Weekley)

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)

Ray Tucker (father-in-law of Jamie Tucker)

Tom Jett (cousin-in-law of Mauri Truesdell & Kathy Froning)

Mark Landgraf (friend of Francie & Bob Turnure)

Quinn & Blakely Burton (children of Kelly Burton)

Greg Butler (son-in-law of the Kempfs)

Brenda Bargaen (friend of Pamela Schwarzen)

Helen Boggs (sister of Sid Thayer)

Lila Blose (aunt of Beth Brehe)


Beth Sebastian Scott (daughter of Steve & Nancy Sebastian)

Patti Mathews (sister-in-law of Joe & Barb Hagan)



August 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 PFL 9 am	2 Harvest Table	3
				Franklin County Singles 7pm	Bridge 7pm	
4	5	6	7	8 PFL 9 am	9	10
	Session 7pm	Yoga 5:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm			Bridge 7pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Church Life 9:30am Yoga 5:30pm Personnel 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Potluck 5:30pm	PFL 9 am Circle 10am	Back To School Lock-In 8:00pm	Meals On Wheels 8am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday School Open House 9:00am	Finance 10am Christian Ed 6pm Worship 7pm	Yoga 5:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm		PFL 9 am	Bridge 7pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Outdoor Worship Service 10:15am Blessing of the Back Packs Sunday School Resumes 9:00am	Knitters 5:00pm Movie Club 7:00pm	Yoga 5:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Warblers 11am	PFL 9 am	Rehearsal 5:00pm	Wedding 4pm
					Bridge 7pm	

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

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