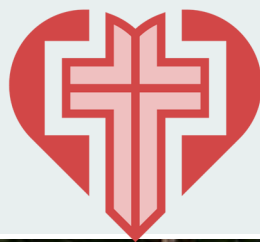


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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF Washington



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

9/10—Rally Day  
9/30—Presbytery  
Picnic  
10/8—Pet Blessing

## PCW CONNECT

### PASTOR'S PEN

Dear friends,

September is always an exciting month in the life of the church. This year is no different. The choir will be back on the chancel, the Sunday School rooms will be filled with laughter and energy, David Brunworth will be reconvening the popular Thursday morning book club, and Youth Group will be returning from summer break. And this year, we will also have a special Rally Day to kick everything off with food and games! September 10 will be a perfect day to invite visitors, so spread the word!

But this year, I am particularly excited about a new ministry idea that was generated during a gathering

of interested individuals discussing Adult Education. This year, we are going to try coordinating a Small Group Ministry for adults. Our Adult Education program could use a shot of energy and I believe this could be the shot it needs!

Jesus told his disciples to take his yoke upon them and learn from him. The "yoke" metaphor implies that discipleship involves cooperative "work." We work very well here at PCW! We have a number of volunteers who pour themselves into ministry. But Jesus also told his disciples not only to work but to LEARN.

Our education in all things spiritual and faith-based does not end at confirmation. We never "graduate" from Christian learning. It is something we continue to do all of our lives. When we join Jesus in eternity, that's when

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls. – Matthew 11:29

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we “graduate.” Until then, Jesus calls us to learn.

To facilitate that learning, and to make it more intimate, flexible and appealing, we are hoping to put together 4-5 small groups that meet weekly at various times of the week. These groups will meet at different locations and will focus on different topics. These small groups will help build more intimate relationships within the church and also provide what is sometimes called “back doors” to the church. That means small groups are alternative introductions to the life of PCW. Someone may be

apprehensive to visit a worship service, but they may be more likely to visit a small gathering in someone’s home!

In order to make this vision a reality, we need 4 or 5 small group leaders. Curriculum and guidance will be provided to all volunteer leaders. We also could use 4-5 “hosts” who would open up their home to one of these groups. There will also be a survey for anyone interested in participating or learning more about this ministry. You can fill out the survey on Sunday morning, by visiting our website, or through the weekly “What’s Up” e-newsletter.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this exciting new ministry!

Blessings,  
Pastor Pat

## **September Birthdays**

<b>5</b>	<b>Mark Thayer</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Kevin Brauer</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Sid Thayer</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>John Bugele</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Virginia Boren</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>John Anglin</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Judy Bierbaum</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Karla Becker</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Brooke Tucker</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Christy Eckert</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Lauren Keller- mann</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Samantha Bragg</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Karen Ladd</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Nancy Klingert</b>



## **September Meals on Wheels Schedule**

	<b>9/9</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>9/23</b>	<b>9/30</b>
<b>Cooks</b>	Barbara Mullins	Sarah Spear, Linda Booher, and Jane Bugele	Beth Bonney & Francie Turnure	First Methodist Church
<b>Packers</b>	Angie & Ian McCracken	Debbie Bandy & Mauri Truesdell	The Gruber’s	Debbie Bandy & Mauri Truesdell
<b>Drivers</b>	McCracken’s, Kempf’s & Carpenter’s	Val Baldwin, Vivian Marshall & Kathy Rogers	The Brehe’s, Gruber’s, & Anglin’s	Peace Lutheran Church

### **Liturgist :**

Nancy Thater

### **Greeters:**

Sarah Spear &  
Francie Turnure

### **Ushers**

9/3

Linda Booher and  
Kathy Rogers

9/10

Steve and Nancy  
Sebastian

9/17

Viv Marshall and  
Sarah Spear

9/24

Christy Eckert  
and Michele  
Zumsteg

### **Sound**

9/3

Scott Marcus

9/10

Tom Ellenberger

9/17

Kevin Carpenter

9/24

Tom Kempf

## **September Scrip Order Due September 10**

Our next Scrip group order will be on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> (not the week before which falls on Labor Day weekend). We have had several more people order each month and our profits are steadily growing, which is fantastic! We are hoping for a great finish to our Scrip profit this year. Please stop by our red checkered Scrip table if you have any questions or would like to get an order form. Orders need to be submitted to a Scrip coordinator (Becky Vogt, Gretchen Farrell or Kathy Froning), OR placed in the Scrip Basket, OR delivered to the church office by Sunday, September 10 at 12 noon in order to have the physical card orders back in your hand by the next week. If you are ordering digital cards or reloadable orders, they will arrive in your emails by that Sunday night, September 10.

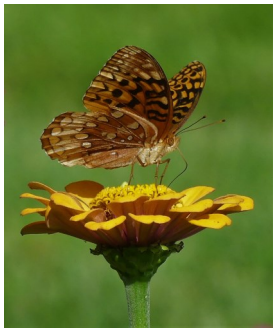
Please feel free to grab an order form at any time, or check out the long national merchant list or our 30+ local merchant list. You can use these cards for many merchants and those merchants *pay us* to use the cards at their stores for everyday purchases. *You do not get charged any fee for Scrip.* If you want a \$25 card, you buy and get a \$25 card. Our church gets paid by the merchant for doing this program and the rebates go immediately to our church. It's that easy!

### **Grady Thayer Receives Transplant**

The Thayer family is thrilled and relieved to report to us that Grady, age three, recently had a successful kidney transplant. Grady, who was born in January 2020, was diagnosed with kidney disease as an infant and has had multiple surgeries in St. Louis. The family appreciates the thousands of prayers that have been offered for Grady, and looks forward to having him recover at home soon. He is the grandson of Mark and Robbin Thayer, and the great-grandson of Sid and Janet Thayer.







## Mission Garden Yields Bumper Crops

Despite drought conditions in early summer, brutal heat in late summer, and a couple weeks of heavy rains in between, our mission garden

had a handsome harvest. “We had a great summer,” commented David Brunworth, who with Steve Sebastian, selected the plants, handled the watering and weeding, and supervised the small group of volunteers. The harvest, which was all donated to Loving Hearts Outreach, included tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, cantaloupes, onions, green beans, and various kinds of squash. Sweet potatoes will be dug up in September. This year’s garden also included

hundreds of giant zinnias and sunflowers, which attracted both butterflies and bees, and a lot of compliments from those who worked in the garden and visited it. This summer’s hardworking, uncomplaining, perspiring gardeners—in addition to David and Steve—were Katie Collins, Lois Kempf, Vivian Marshall, Kathy Rogers, and Mauri Truesdell. Bruce Wiese delivered all the produce to Loving Hearts after it was sorted, washed, and bagged.



## Contribution Envelopes

Just a reminder to be careful when using your offering envelopes from your personalized packet. The special offering and cemetery envelopes are mixed in with your weekly or monthly envelopes for the General Fund. An easy way to remember, General Fund envelopes are all white and the cemetery has green tabs. Thank you!

## Choir Loft Reconfiguration.

Part of our choir loft is getting a facelift so that the bell choir can perform in a more visible spot instead of on the sanctuary floor. Thanks to our carpentry team (from left): John Bugele,

Steve Sebastian, Joe Hagan, and David Brunworth. The work was finished in time for the August 27<sup>th</sup> worship service.



## **We're Collecting Coats October 21 – November 4**

It may not seem like sweater weather is around the corner, but it is and we really need your help for the many Franklin County neighbors of ours that are not prepared for the cold weather and do not have sufficient jackets or coats. Please consider donating any gently used or brand-new jackets or coats (children's sizes especially needed), and help us fill up our box in the hallway.

We join with the Warner's Winter Warm-Up Coat Drive on Saturday, October 21 – November 4 in collecting as many coats as possible. All items that are collected here stay here in the county. So, please check those coat closets and drop off any donations here at our church. Don't forget, we also collect all year long with our own box in our church coat closet. Any questions? Please feel free to ask Gretchen Farrell.



## **Sunday School Begins September 10**

Our Sunday School program for children resumes September 10 and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School classes are not being offered on Sundays this fall. Instead, small groups of adults will convene in homes at various times. Please watch for further announcements in the "What's Up?" weekly Tuesday newsletter.

### ***Sunday School Schedule***

Ages 3 to First Grade: teachers are Beth Brehe and Mickayla Brehe.

Grades 2 through 5: teacher is Craig Matzes.

Grades 6 through 12: teacher is Ian McCracken.



## Scrip Profits Rocket to \$20,000

Our church became members of the Scrip program on November 1, 2015. Gretchen Farrell, Becky Vogt, and Kathy Froning were the original “founding team,” and they are still leading the program. Profits from the purchase of Scrip cards recently totaled \$20,000 in less than eight years. Congratulations to the vision that Gretchen, Becky, and Kathy had...and thanks to everyone who has ever purchased a Scrip card. All those card purchases have yielded \$20,000 for our church since 2015.



## You Are Invited to a Free Luncheon in Cottleville

Our church is sponsoring a table for a luncheon event at noon on Thursday, October 26, 2023, in Cottleville, Missouri, to benefit the children at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS). The luncheon is free but donations will be collected. We have supported PCHAS for many years, and earlier this year the Rev. Christy Tennyson presented a Moment for Mission during our worship service. Watch for sign-up sheets for carpooling to this event. The luncheon will be held at 5535 State Highway N in Cottleville. For more information, contact Jolene Patterson, chairman of the Mission Committee.

The Church Office  
will be closed on  
Monday,  
September 4 due  
to the Labor Day  
Holiday!

## Worship Survey

The Worship Committee would like your feedback. This month, we will be distributing a congregational survey during worship for people to provide feedback on the various elements of worship. If you are not able to be in worship that Sunday, an electronic version will appear in the weekly “What’s Up?” Newsletter.

## Rally Day: September 10

Invite your family, friends and neighbors! This will be an ideal Sunday for visitors!

- The return of the choir, the return of Sunday School, a baptism during worship!
- An outdoor potluck picnic following worship! (Moved to fellowship hall if weather does not cooperate)
- Games for all ages! Cornhole, washers, and ladder-ball among others!

If you want to bring a dish to share, please sign up outside of the church office. You can also sign up by contacting the church office. Visitors will not be asked to bring a dish. You can also sign up to bring a yard game as well. Don’t miss out! This should be a wonderful day in the life of PCW!

## All Presbytery Picnic

The Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery Picnic will be hosted by Grace Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The church is located at 105 Bailey Road, Crystal City, MO 63019. Plans are in place to make this fun for all ages. The meat will be catered but we are asked to bring a side dish for the event. Carpooling is suggested for the event.

They are interested in having bands or any specialized music selections for the day. If so, there could be 20-30 minute sets.

Jaime returns from  
her maternity  
leave on Monday,  
September 18!

Stop by and  
welcome her back!  
We missed you,  
Jaime!



## We Need Volunteers for Harvest Table on November 11

Our next Harvest Table event (and last one for this 2023 calendar year) is coming up on Saturday, November 11, which happens to be Veterans Day. A wonderful way to honor all veterans, past and present, would be to volunteer your services as we serve a warm meal to our wonderful friends and neighbors at St. Peter's UCC.

A volunteer sign-up will be going up by mid-September so please check your calendars to see if you can donate two or so hours (4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) of your Saturday afternoon by helping with the great venture. We need 13 volunteers. This Harvest Table group is highly organized and there are a number of volunteer opportunities like dishing and plating all the warm food for our guests, serving our guests, manning and pouring the drink table for all, serving the desserts from the dessert cart (yum!) and cleaning up all the dishes afterwards. Yes, we have dishwashing machine! We clean everything up very fast with many hands, so we usually leave about 6:30 p.m. We always have so much fun at these events and we truly get back tenfold all the care we give to these wonderful dinner guests of ours! Any questions? Please see Gretchen Farrell.



## Wishlist

The Wish List is composed of items or services which the committees, the Session and the pastor of our church feel would enhance our church facility and/or assist us in carrying out our mission. At present there is no money in our church budget for these wishes. In the event that any members or friends of our church desire to make a special gift to the church, now or in the future, for one of the listed projects, funds may be donated to the church for a designated "Wish". For further information, please contact the church office.

<b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC</b>	<b>Price Each</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Organ Improvements		\$13,800.00
2 Monitors (Speakers) for Choir Feedback	\$500-\$800	\$1,600.00
Guest Musicians		\$500.00
<b>YOUTH &amp; CHILDREN</b>		
Camp Scholarships	\$500.00	Open
VBS Donations		\$100.00
9 Square in the Air Game		\$800.00
<b>OFFICE OPERATIONS</b>		
Copy Paper (Ongoing need)	\$6.00-50.00	Open
<b>PROPERTY</b>		
New Bell Chime		\$7,175.00
American, MO, & Presbyterian Flags	\$250.00	Open
<b>CEMETERY</b>		
Install a 264' PVS Taupe Color Fence on Back Side of Cemetery		\$13,900.00

Checks should be made payable to the Presbyterian Church of Washington with the item in the memo line. Any excess funds left over because of price changes will be used to offset any other overages in price increases that may occur.



## **MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS**

*Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Jan Eade, Sid Thayer, Bill Kellermann, Jocelyn VanBuskirk, Barbara Hagan, Brian & Kate Hall, Tom Seener, Jamie Tucker, Liz Barnhart & Family, Katy & Brad Putnam, Peggy Otto, Jaime and Sophia, Judy Bierbaum, the Family of Joy Kopp*

**UNION CARE CENTER:** *George Peters*   **GROUP HOMES:** Lisa Conrad, Laura Fenner

## **FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:**

Eddie & Sarah McGurthy & family  
(daughter and son-in-law of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)  
Patricia Huckle (daughter of Kay Huckle)  
Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)  
Grady Thayer (Grandson of Mark & Robbin Thayer)  
Phyllis Rocco (Lois Kempf's Sister-in-Law)  
Loyd & Louise Gordy (Parents of Beth Brehe)  
Betsy Hazel (Daughter in Law of Kay Hazel)  
Jane Lohmyer (Sister of Barbara Hagan)  
Betty Buerk (Becky Vogt's Cousin)  
Howard Thiesmann (friend of Tom Kempf)  
Lauren Kellermann (daughter of Bill and Pamela)  
Dora Ficklin and Parents (Great Granddaughter of Gary and Beth Brehe)  
Bob Turnure (husband of Francie Turnure)  
Andrea Brown (Daughter-in-law of Dean and Aneeta)  
George Brehe (Brother of Gary)  
Peyton Valiquette (Pastor Pat's Step Nephew)  
John Howe (Family Member of the Eade's)  
Sherry Shehan (Cousin of Kathy Roger's)  
Kelly Sewell (Son in Law of Virginia Boren)  
Bob Rafferty (Friend of John & Jane Bugele)  
Anna Niessen (Friend of the Grubers)  
Debbie Vergis (Friend of the Beckers)  
Katherine (Friend of Lois Kempf)  
Bob Duemler (Richards Brother)  
Sarah Rhea (Friend of Francie Turnure)  
Ed Bushmiller (friend of Tom Kempf)  
Jackie Butz (Niece of David Brunworth)  
Ben Roy (Friend of Lois Kempf)  
Quinn Burton (Daughter of Kelly Burton)  
Sarah Rogers (Family of Lya and Randall Avery)  
Kelly Stone (Niece of Mauri Truesdell and Kathy Froning)  
Leila Dively (Granddaughter of Tom and Lois Kempf)  
Ann Barrientos (Cousin of Steve Sebastian)  
Lori Neighbors (Friend of the Sebastians)  
The Family of Paul Brosky (friend of Nancy Thater)  
The Family of DeeAnn Chido (Niece of Virginia Boren)  
The Family of Polly Jean Stahlhuth (Mother of Bill Stahlhuth)



# **SESSION MEMBERS**

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Tom Kempf	Worship (Chair)	tkempf12@mail.com

## CHRISTIAN ED

*3rd Tuesday at 6pm*

Ian McCracken

Craig Matzes

Jocelyn VanBuskirk

Gerry Urban\* **Co-Chair**

Gary Brehe

Heather Miller

Jolene Patterson\*

Kathy Rogers\* **Co-Chair**

## CHURCH LIFE

*2nd Tuesday at 9:30am*

**Sarah Spear\*** **Co-Chair**

Karen Ladd

Jean Weekley

Shirley Coulter

Jan Hardin

Sharon Wiese

Jan Eade

Linda Booher\* **Co-Chair**

Beth Bonney

Jane Bugele

Barbara Mullins

Francie Turnure

## PERSONNEL

*Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm*

**Mauri Truesdell\*** **Chair**

Joe Hagan\*

Mary Ellenberger

Gretchen Farrell

Tim Urban

Elda Seener\*

Nancy Sebastian\*

## FINANCE

*Meets the 2nd Monday at 12pm*

**Tom Farrell\*** **Chair**

Karen Ladd

Bruce Wiese

Linda Booher\*

Ed Bonney

Phyllis McElhinney

Elda Seener\*

## MISSION

*Meets the 1st Monday at 11am*

**Jolene Patterson\*** **Chair**

David Brunworth\*

Christy Eckert

Gretchen Farrell

Lois Kempf

Debbie Bandy

Sarah Spear\*

Barbara Mullins

## WORSHIP

*Meets the 4th Thursday  
at 7pm*

**Tom Kempf\*** **Chair**

Vivian Marshall

John Bugele

Tom Ellenberger

Katie Collins

Mike Becker

Andrew Brehe

## OUTREACH

*Meets the 2nd Thursday at  
6:30pm*

**Tom Farrell\*** **Chair**

Ian McCracken

Denise Brauer

Katie Farrell

Nancy Sebastian\*

Heather Miller

Lois Kempf

## PROPERTY

*Meets the 2nd Sunday at 11:30am*

**Joe Hagan\*** **Chair**

John Bugele

Bob Eade

David Brunworth\*

Roland Schwarzen

Steve Sebastian

Mary Ellenberger

Tom Kempf\*

Barbara Schofield

Mike Mullins

Jim Glamann

**2023 Committee**  
**Members**



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# September 2023

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**Mon**

**Tue**

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**Sat**

					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  Meals on Wheels (Lifestream)
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Labor Day (office closed)	<b>5</b>  9am—Circle of Unity	<b>6</b>  11am—Mission Committee  5:30—Bells  6pm—Al Anon  6:30—Choir	<b>7</b>  9am—Prayer Group	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Meals on Wheels
<b>10</b>  Rally Day!  6 pm— Youth Group	<b>11</b>  Noon— Finance Com- mittee	<b>12</b>  9am—Circle of Unity  9:30—Church Life  6pm—Personnel Committee	<b>13</b>  5:30—Bells  6pm—Al Anon  6:30—Choir	<b>14</b>  9am—Prayer Group  6:30pm— Outreach Committee	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Meals on Wheels
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  9am—Circle of Unity  6pm—CE Committee	<b>20</b>  5:30—Bells  6pm—Al Anon  6:30—Choir	<b>21</b>  9am—Prayer Group  7pm— Worship Committee	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Meals on Wheels
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  9am—Circle of Unity	<b>27</b>  5:30—Bells  6pm—Al Anon  6:30—Choir	<b>28</b>  9am—Prayer Group  6:30pm— Session	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Meals on Wheels  Presbytery Picnic

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