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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Friends! We did it!

After a lot of hard work and dedication, we have achieved the status of Certified Hunger Action Congregation! Through our worship, education, social witness, development assistance and integrity, we have fulfilled the requirements to earn this distinction. We will receive grants from our Presbytery this fall to help support our Meals on Wheels ministry. The following is a letter of congratulations from the office of the Presbyterian Hunger Program of the PC(USA) offices in Louisville that I wish to share with you now.

*Blessings,
Pastor Pat*

Dear Hunger Action Congregation,

Congratulations and thank you for responding to the biblical call to alleviate hunger and for your work toward ending its causes!

You have joined the faithful ranks of churches around the country that respond with compassionate action to end hunger in a country and world that have the potential to feed everyone.

Through your local hunger ministry commitment, and now as a recognized PC(USA)

Hunger Action Congregation, you march side by side with other Presbyterians committed to alleviating hunger and to addressing the prejudices, practices, and policies that undergird a system that perpetuates hunger and poverty in even this rich country, the United States. We pray God uses this network of Hunger Action Congregations to share best practices, to communicate challenges and celebrations, and to multiply the effect each of us can have in our own neighborhoods to a much broader impact.

Because your congregation is active in all six areas of hunger response, we are honored to bestow on you the special designation of Certified Hunger Action Congregation. Accordingly, we are sending you a Certificate to display in your church and to include in web or electronic communications as you wish. You may open the attachment, enter your congregation's name, and print your certificate. We encourage you to write about your covenant and your hunger and poverty work to share with us, your presbytery, and for local media as well.

We celebrate your ministry! And we will more formally recognize your congregation, along with the growing number of Hunger Action Congregations around the country, on World Food Day (October 16) during the Churches' Week of Action on Food.

Together, let us continue to reach out to those who hunger in our own communities, including those who may be sitting near us in our own congregations, and may we respond to larger national and global hunger concerns as well.

Blessings on your congregation and your ministries!

Rev. Rebecca Barnes
Coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program

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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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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
Barbara Hagan

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

David Brunworth*
Jean Weekley*
Christy Eckert* - Chair
Kay Huckle*
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
Karla Becker	Barbara Duemler*
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SEPTEMBER COMMUNION LEADERS & SERVERS

SEPTEMBER 1

Preparer

Kay Hucke

Servers

John Anglin
Christy Eckert
Kay Hucke
Ian McCracken

SEPTEMBER USHERS

- 9/1 Kay Hucke &
Christy Eckert
- 9/8 Steve & Nancy Sebastian
- 9/15 Barbara Hagan &
Roland Schwarzen
- 9/22 Linda Booher &
Michele Zumsteg
- 9/29 To Be Determined

SEPTEMBER SOUND TECHS

- 9/1 Tom Ellenberger
- 9/8 Ian McCracken
- 9/15 To Be Determined
- 9/22 Tom Ellenberger
- 9/29 Tim Urban

AUGUST GREETERS

- 9/1 Gary & Beth Brehe
- 9/8 Allen & Becky Vogt
- 9/15 Lucas & Logan
Struckhoff
- 9/22 Open
- 9/29 Bob & Jan Eade

WORSHIP LEADER

Barbara Scofield

POWER POINT

Chris Brehe

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ShareFest – October 18-19

As we gather articles for the Festival of Sharing (see related article) all through September, the youth are planning to participate in a partner event: ShareFest! On Friday night, October 18, youth from around the St Louis area will gather at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ferguson. They will also bring all of our collected items from the church. That night they will have youth led worship, an activity sponsored by Heifer Project International and a time of fellowship. They will spend the night at the church and then engage in service activities on Saturday the 19th.

ShareFest is for youth 6th grade and up. The cost is \$20/person and includes snacks on Friday evening, breakfast Saturday morning, and a Festival of Sharing t-shirt. To sign up for this great event, talk to Pastor Pat or Andy Wanager.

Confirmation Informational Meeting

Pastor Pat will be teaching a confirmation class this school year open to students of members and regular attendees. He will be leading an informational meeting after worship on Sunday, September 8th in the parlor (off of the small kitchen next to the sanctuary). This meeting is open to all interested parties who would like to learn more about the program. Confirmation is for youth 7th grade and older.

Weekend Meals on Wheels

This month, Meals on Wheels will be delivered on Saturday, September 21. The meal will be Pasta Con Broccoli.

Team B is scheduled to cook.



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Who Dunnit?!

Our own John Anglin and Pastor Pat Gruber have been cast in the East Central College production of "And Then There Were None!" Tickets are on sale now! Performances are from October 2-6.

"And Then There Were None" is based on the classic Agatha Christie murder mystery. Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island. All they have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate. As the weather turns and the group is cut off from the mainland, the bloodbath begins.



And Then There Were None

Per Capita for 2019

The Per Capita allocation for 2019 is \$31.00 per member. There are special envelopes in your contribution packets you received in December. Or, you can just use a "Welcome" envelope available in the sanctuary. Please designate "Per Capita" on the outside of your envelope.

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“Reel Faith” Movie Club

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.



Since we had to cancel in August, September’s “Reel Faith” movie is still 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 September if you have not already done so and join us for our second Movie Club gathering at **7pm on Tuesday, September 17th** at the church.

For more information, contact Pastor Pat.

Presby Scrip Program Opportunity

For each family that places an order through the Scrip Program with a minimum purchase of \$50 in gift cards between now and September 14, the church will have an entry to win free shipping for an entire year from the Great Lakes Scrip Program. Each family will be an entry. For every new family we receive, we get 2 entries. If we are one of 10 organizations to win, it would save the church \$442 for a year! It’s not too early to begin purchasing those gift cards for Christmas!



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Rummage Sale

With the overwhelming help of our congregation, we were able to continue the tradition of “the best rummage sale in the area”. All your tireless efforts resulted in a new record profit of \$5,012.25 after expenses.

This annual event not only provides funds for the Church's needs, but also serves as a direct mission to our community. Along with providing reasonably priced household items and clothing, we were able to donate unsold items to: the Washington Overseas Mission (Dr. Long's group), St. Patrick's Center for the Homeless in St. Louis (men's clothing and shoes), First Methodist Church of Washington (school aged children's for their clothing give-away), the Harvest Table (clothing) and Goodwill.

If you missed this year's sale and set-up, join us next year for fun, hard work, fellowship and interesting moments (like Gretchen Farrell's pest disposal efforts – ask her about the snake).

Thanks to all.

Christy Eckert

Potluck

Our next potluck supper will be Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. The main entrée will be chicken breast. Lloyd Klinedinst and Carl Bowers from Neighbors United-Undoing Racism will be the guest speakers 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 call the church office. We will fully train you for the task!

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Festival of Sharing Reminder

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 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

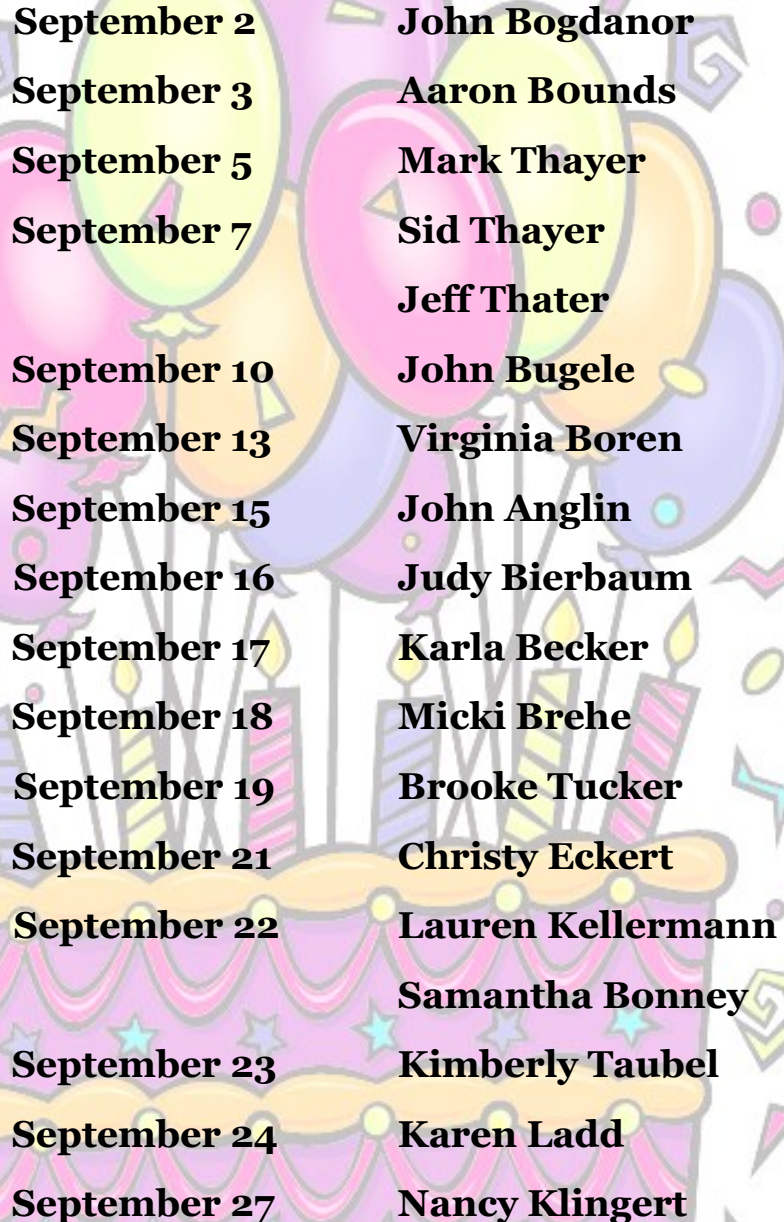
1 fluoride toothpaste, 6 oz or larger



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PRES-BITS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



September 2	John Bogdanor
September 3	Aaron Bounds
September 5	Mark Thayer
September 7	Sid Thayer
	Jeff Thater
September 10	John Bugele
September 13	Virginia Boren
September 15	John Anglin
September 16	Judy Bierbaum
September 17	Karla Becker
September 18	Micki Brehe
September 19	Brooke Tucker
September 21	Christy Eckert
September 22	Lauren Kellermann
	Samantha Bonney
September 23	Kimberly Taubel
September 24	Karen Ladd
September 27	Nancy Klingert

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MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Laura Fenner, Lisa Conrad, Jean Weekley,
Haylee Struckhoff, Jamie Tucker, Eden Wanager,
Ollie Whyte, Scott McCracken, Allen Vogt, Liz Barnhart
and baby Kenzlie Jade

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 Sharon Fenner and Shirley Coulter)

Marjorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)

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)

Quinn & Blakely Burton (children of Kelly Burton)

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

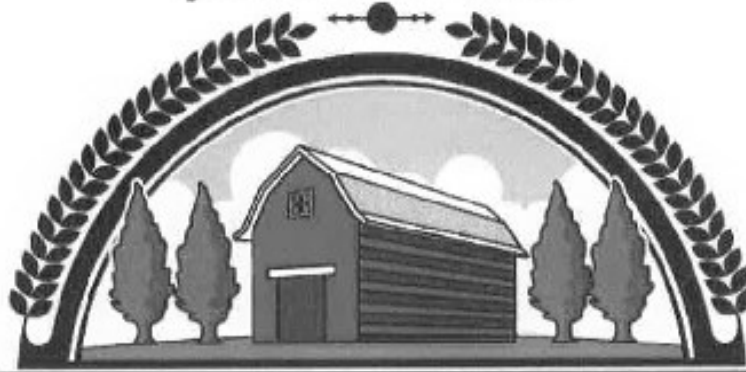
Helen Boggs (sister of Sid Thayer)

Lila Blose (aunt of Beth Brehe)

Diana Brinker (niece of Anna Mae Boehmer)

Agnes Meyer (mother of Gerry Urban)

JOIN US FOR A



GOOD OLD FASHIONED SQUARE DANCE

SATURDAY
September 21, 2019

6:00 - 10:00 PM
\$65.00 per person



★ DINNER ★ DRINKS
★ DANCING ★ AUCTIONS
AND DANCING INSTRUCTIONS

ODYSSEY BANQUET HALL

552 VILLA WEST DR. VILLA RIDGE, MO 63089

For Tickets Call: Barb 636-221-2724

Information: Jean 636-432-3398

Please call for tickets by September 16, 2019

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ASSISTING WOMEN IN FINANCIAL NEED TO
IMPROVE THEIR LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION HOSTED BY PEO CHAPTER NA



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Offices Closed 	Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boys Scouts 7:00p Session 7pm	Youth 6:30p Choir Practice 6:30p 	PFL 9:00a Franklin County Singles 7:00pm	 Bridge 7:00pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Confirmation Meeting 11:30am	Mission 11:00am 	Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boys Scouts 7:00p	Remember 9-11 Adult Group Study 4:30p Potluck 5:30p Youth 6:30p Choir Practice 6:30p	PFL 9:00am Wedding Rehearsal 7:30pm	 Bridge 7:00pm	Wedding 1:00pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Youth Group 6:30pm 	Finance 10:00am Worship Committee 4:00pm Christian Ed 5:00pm	Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boys Scouts 7:00p "Reel Faith" Movie Night 7:00pm	Youth 6:30p Choir Practice 6:30p	PFL 9:00am Circle 10:00am 	 Bridge 7:00pm	Meals on Wheels 8:00am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Staff Meeting 11:30am	First Day of Fall	Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boys Scouts 7:00p	Warblers 11:00a Youth 6:30p Choir Practice 6:30p	PFL 9:00am	 Bridge 7:00pm	
29	30					
	Knitters 5:00pm 					

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

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