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Connect Newsletter

Friends:

I am an introvert. It was very liberating when I understood that this is not a failure on my part but a part of my nature that I cannot correct by force of will. As an introvert, being around people drains my energy. This does not mean that I dislike being around people, it means that after doing so, I need to find some solitude to recharge my emotional batteries.

This may seem like a predisposition that puts me at a disadvantage as a pastor. I like to think that it has helped me be a little different in how I understand and carry out my calling. Some differences include:

1. It is unlikely that I will invite myself for a casual visit into your home. I am happy to visit but only when invited.
 2. It is unlikely that I will call on everyone who has some medical, emotional, family or social issue that they are dealing with. If I were sick or struggling, I would not want my pastor to inject himself into the issue unless invited. We have a wonderful Church Life Committee. Let them know if you would like a call or visit.
 3. It is unlikely that you will see me as a prominent part of the many community events in town. I will participate in events that I believe need my participation and reflect the concerns of Christ but these may not be major celebrations of the community.
 4. I will put time and effort into crafting and preaching sermons and worship experiences that meet the needs of this congregation.
 5. I will put time and effort into working with people who would like to get more involved in the life and work of Christ. I believe everyone has something to contribute to the work of faith. Let me know if you would like to do something, do something more, or do something different.
 6. I will put time and effort into building relationships with other pastors and groups in town to see how we might together enhance our contribution to the cause of Christ.
 7. I will strive to create programs that enhance the life and ministry of this congregation.
- Please don't assume that your introverted pastor is not interested in enhancing your relationship with the work of the love of God; indeed, this is what gives me the greatest joy in my work.

Rev. Richard Gamble, *Pastor*





October Is Heifer Project Month

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a congregation-wide mission project that supports the Heifer Project! Beginning Sunday, September 28, Heifer Project's "Fill the Ark" daily giving calendar will be available as well as a jar for your donations. Here are some examples of the daily opportunities shown on the calendar.

Chickens: *Chickens are easy to care for and come with plenty of perks. Families raise flocks for protein-packed eggs and meat. When sold at market, the chickens and their eggs can boost incomes.*



What's in your fridge? Add 5 cents for every egg in your refrigerator or 50 cents for every dozen.

Fish: *As the saying goes, "Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime." This gift allows you to do just that. Families see an increase in both health (thanks to the protein) and income (since fish are easy to sell).*

Do you know how to swim? Add 50 cents if you do and 25 cents if you don't.



On Sunday, September 28, persons chose a giving jar, a calendar, and an instruction slip. The giving jars are decorated with one of four animals: bees, chickens, cows, and fish. These represent some of the many programs that Heifer Project supports world-wide.

On Sunday, October 26, the final collection and celebration will be held during the Fellowship Table time with Heifer Project-inspired treats. Join us to support and celebrate this amazing global ministry!

"Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, we empower them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope. With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. We refer to our animal donations as "living loans" because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to give one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It's called Passing on the Gift – a cornerstone of our mission that creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace."

Sample Page From the Fill the Ark Giving Calendar

		
MONDAY » Tech Check Technology is very important and can be used to teach project participants about sustainable ways to take care of their farms. Phones and computers can help connect farmers to Heifer staff members for training. How many cell phones do you have at your house? Add 25 cents for each one.	TUESDAY » Family Farm Care Some farmers don't have access to the resources needed to make their farm the best it can be. Heifer provides training about sustainable farming practices, conservation and how to market goods. Have you ever visited a farm? Add 10 cents if you have, 25 cents if not.	WEDNESDAY » Fish As the saying goes, "Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime." This gift allows you to do just that. Families see an increase in both health (thanks to the protein) and income (since fish are easy to sell). Do you know how to swim? Add 50 cents if you do and 25 cents if you don't.
		
THURSDAY » Fertilizer Purely organic, manure improves the soil and can dramatically increase a family's garden or crop production. Compost made from manure holds moisture and prevents erosion. Does your family compost? Add 10 cents if you do, 25 cents if you don't.	FRIDAY » Clean Water Clean water is a necessity of life. When families have access to fresh water through treadle pumps, rainwater tanks and water conservation practices, they improve the health of their families, crops and livestock. How many water faucets does your house have? One or two? Give 25 cents. Three or more? Give 60 cents.	SATURDAY » Tree Seedlings Trees enrich the soil and clean the air we breathe. There are many kinds of trees, and families around the world plant them for a variety of reasons, including for delicious fruit and as a measure to prevent erosion. How many trees do you have in your yard? Add 10 cents for every one you see.
HEIFER.ORG/FAITH 888.5HUNGER (888.548.6437)		

Christian Education Committee Announces Fall Sunday School Schedule

Our children's Sunday School program has a new feature this season. Sunday School begins with Singing Club at 9:15 a.m. for preschool through fifth grade. Emily Bounds, who serves as the pianist and organist for the adult choir, is directing the Singing Club. At 9:30 a.m. the children will be dismissed to their independent classes. Gerry Urban, chairman of the Christian Education Committee, recently announced the fall teaching staff.

Beth and Mikki Brehe are teaching the Early Childhood class for ages two through first grade. Craig Matzes, Director of Children's Ministry, is teaching second grade through fifth grade, and Ian McCracken is teaching sixth grade through twelfth grade.

"We will have one student in Confirmation classes this year," noted Gerry, "and Peace Lutheran Church also has one student for Confirmation. We plan to collaborate with Peace Lutheran for these classes."



Jake's Legacy Resale thrift shop recently opened a new location at 1053 Washington Square Center. The store is south of Petco and faces the DMV office. If you designate the Presbyterian Church of Washington, we will receive a portion of the sale proceeds from your donations. Drop-offs Monday through Friday require a reservation, but no reservation is required for Saturday drop-offs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Phone 636-900-9377. Our Mission Committee and Church Life Committee arranged this project with Jake's.

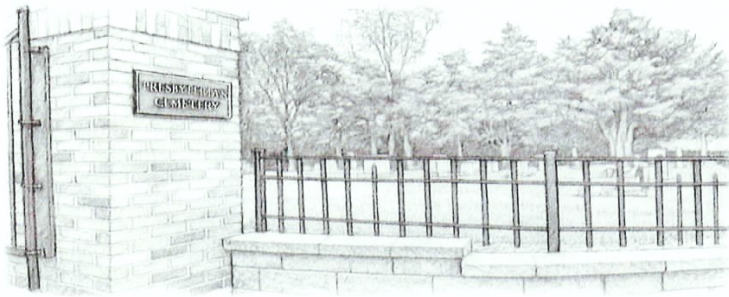


In addition to the store in Washington Square Center (photos above), Jake's also operates thrift shops on Don Avenue (behind the Casey's gas station on West Highway 100) and on Jefferson Street. Their Facebook page has the most current information about hours and drop-offs. Donation credits for all three stores can be designated for our church.

Main Store:
 900 Don Avenue
 Unit C,D
 Washington, MO
 63090

Outlet Store:
 715 Jefferson
 Street
 Washington, MO
 63090

Store Manager: Jacob Martin
 Store phone number: 636-900-9377
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August 11, 2025

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Dear Church Family,

We are writing on behalf of the Cemetery Board to ask for your help and support. As many of you know, the land adjoining our cemetery on the east and northeast sides is being developed. Our one-time serene resting place, bordered by trees and woods, is now openly exposed. Our cemetery is a sacred place – a place of peace, remembrance, and honor for those who have gone before us.

In recent months, we have become increasingly aware of the need to build a protective fence and make other improvements to ensure its dignity, safety, and preservation for generations to come. The fence will help prevent damage, discourage trespassing, and provide a clear boundary for this holy ground. We are proposing a steel fence which will complement the one along Pottery Road at our front entrance.

After careful consideration, planning, and consulting, we have determined the estimated cost of the improvements to be \$85,000. We have been blessed with a wonderful gift toward this improvement of \$44,000. We are asking you to consider making a financial contribution toward this important effort. If you choose to donate, please mark your donation for the “Cemetery Fence Fund.” Another option would be to pledge the amount which you will give in installments.

We trust in God’s provision and in the generosity of this loving church family. May we continue to honor those who have gone before us even as we care for the place where they rest. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and may the peace of Christ be with you always.

Sincerely,

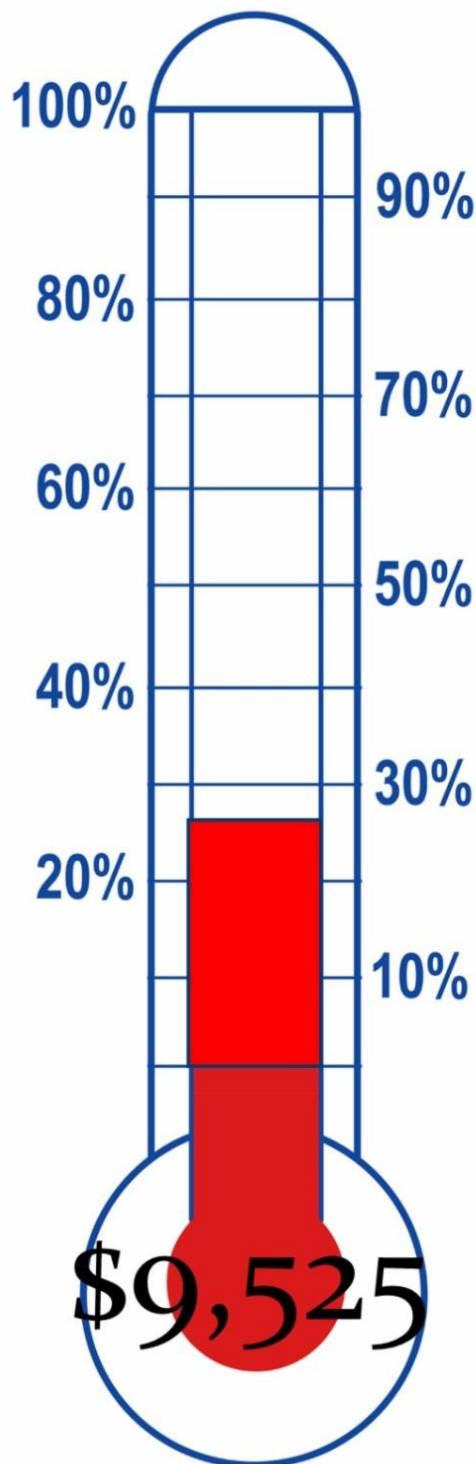
The Cemetery Board

SEE OUR PROGRESS
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All donations to the cemetery fence are tax-deductible. Donors over the age of 73 can use the Required Minimum Distribution from their IRAs to contribute to this project. To receive a tax credit, all checks must be made to the Presbyterian Church of Washington.



Our Goal

\$40,000



**Thank
You!**

**Your Cemetery
Board**

A Look Back

In preparing for our church's 175th anniversary this past June, several PCW members had the privilege of examining some historic documents in boxes, binders, and even a bank vault. One booklet shows the names of everyone who attended Sunday School in 1950 at our Presbyterian Church. How many family names do you recognize? Two girls on this list are still in our congregation: Barbara Mathews Hagan (Beginners' Class) and Anna Mae Wolking Boehmer (Senior Girls).

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

R. H. Schaper, General Supt.
William Poe, Secretary-Treasurer

Martin Boston, Asst. Sec.-Treasurer
Mrs. Forrest Sida, Supt Cradle Roll
Mrs. Ferol Hudson, Supt., Lower Grades

Robert Miller, Organist
Mrs. Arthur Biermann, Pianist

BEGINNERS' CLASS

Part 1. Betty Pace, Teacher

Jo. Agnew
Jerry Beauchamp
Kirby Bodenweiser
Kirk Bodenweiser
Nita Louise Bockover
Donnie Cowan
Johnny Ellermann
Mike Gephardt
Kay Gregory

Martha Kay Kappelmann
Sharon Kinkaid
Barbara Mathews
Penny Potts
Toni Thompson
David Truesdell
Donnie Truesdell
Barbara Wehr
Janie Wood

PRIMARY CLASS

Nancy McMonigle, Teacher

Donna Birmingham
Robbie Cutler
Patsy Gephardt
Vickie Kappelmann
Ellen Jane Mathews
Nancy Pace
Chuckie Pues
Chairmaine Thompson
Ivan Thompson

Mary Jean Todd
Geraldine Wieman
Sharon Yenser
Arthur Baird
Margaret Baird
Jerry Potts
Jeff Bodenweiser
Stanley Waxelman
Rodger Waxelman

BEGINNERS' CLASS

Part 2. Mrs. Martha Walls, Teacher

Tommy Agnew
Arthur Biermann
Jim Bihr
John Bihr
Lee R. Gregory
David Neptune
Jack Truesdell

Martha Ann Walls
Bill Walls
Bill Wehr
Carol Wright
Laurie Bodenweiser
Bernard Nothstine
Robert McMonigle

JUNIOR CLASS

Mrs. Ferol Hudson, Teacher

Joan Barklage
Ann Ellermann
Myrna Kruel
Sharon McMonigle
Barbara Otto
Marilyn Shotwell
Caroline Shotwell
Martha Sida
Diane Thompson

Doris Wood
Mary Birmingham
Terry Bockhorst
Robert Marchbank
Donald Sida
Ward Wieman
Ann Faris
Jane Bodenweiser

THE CHURCH SCHOOL (Continued)

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Dr. Ward Wieman, Teacher

Gale Bihr
Bert Barklage
Jim Geisert
Nancy Mathews

Herbert Gephardt
Marlen Walls
Judy Vandelicht

SENIOR GIRLS

Mrs. Clyde Wood, Teacher

Betty Anthony
Janet Bailey
Shirley Frick
Arlene Kruel
Connie Marchbank
Rayma Jean Myers

Shirley Pehle
Joyce Stevens
Anna Mae Wolking
Barbara Wieman
Marcia Potts

SENIOR BOYS

R. H. Schaper, Teacher

Jack Anthony, Jr.
Edward Bailey
Herbert Compton
Calvin Coulter
George Coulter
James Coulter
Tommy Fenner

Jack Gehlert
Robert Miller
David Nothstine
Keith Truesdell
Donald Conrad
Harley Hoemann

WOMEN'S CLASS

Miss Agnes Meyer, Teacher

Alice Agnew
Orva Bailey
Elda Bunning
Carolyne Beckmeyer
Ora Coulter
Selma Fink
Viola Frick
Martha Gephardt
Ruth Kappelmann
Beulah Lange
Loretta Lockart
Blanche Meigs
Edna Moon

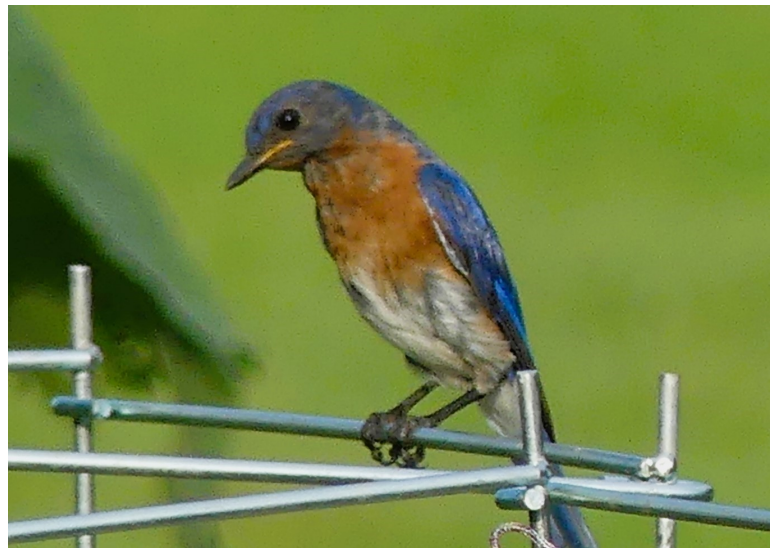
Gertrude Neptune
Ruth Pfeiffer
Pauline Ronsick
Marion Sida
Lorraine Sherk
Mary Thias
Virginia Waldram
Lillian Wolking
Emma Zeller
Hallie Meyers
Marjorie LaFollette
Margaret Baird

MEN'S CLASS

Harry D. Truesdell, Sr., Teacher

David Agnew
William Poe
Martin Boston
Erwin Ronsick
Ray Heggemann
David Mathews
Charles Wolking
Henry F. Wehr

A. R. Meyers
Harry Truesdell, Jr.
Al Evert, Jr.
Philip Neptune
Glenn Beauchamp
L. Bodenweiser
Jack Truesdell



God blessed our church when Eastern Bluebirds settled into the nesting box in our Mission Garden. The eggs hatched about August 1. Our newsletter editor took hundreds of photos of Missouri's State Bird to share with you.





Two bluebirds (see below) frequently guarded the nesting box by perching on the tomato cages. No one witnessed the bluebirds fledging (leaving the nest), but it happened about August 19. We believe all four eggs hatched but only two or three survived. The last time bluebirds lived in our nesting box was in May of 2020 during COVID. Bluebirds, whose diet is primarily insects, are attracted to our property because of the plentiful insects around the vegetables we grew. Without our volunteer gardeners, the bluebirds might live elsewhere.





Katie Collins planted Swamp Milkweed near our backyard patio, and in mid-September, several caterpillars were spotted. We look forward to more Monarchs emerging this fall near our Mission Garden. [Click here for a fascinating four-minute video of the Monarch's life cycle.](#)



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MEETING TIMES:

Christian Ed.	2nd Sunday	11:30 AM
Church Life	2nd Tuesday	9:30 AM
Finance	2nd Tuesday	1:30 PM
Mission	1st Tuesday	10:00 AM
Outreach	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM
Personnel	2nd Tuesday	6:00 PM
Property	2nd Sunday	11:30 AM
Session	4th Thursday	6:30 PM
Worship	Every other 1st Tuesday	7:00 PM

Updated 7/28/2025

**The next Scrip orders will be taken on Sunday, October 5,
following our worship service.
Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for our church!**

PRESBY SCRIP PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Customer NAME: _____ Email (if new customer only): _____ Date: _____

Customer PHONE: ***All Sales are Final ** No Returns ** No Refunds

Merchant terms and conditions as well as additional forms are available at The Presbyterian Church of Washington.

Vendor	%	QTY	\$ Total
AUTOMOTIVE			
• BP \$50, \$100, (\$250, 2.5%)	1.5		
Fischer's Phillips66 \$25, \$30, \$100	2		
• Casey's General Store and Gas \$25	3		
CLOTHING/DEPT.STORES			
• JCPenny \$25, \$100	5		
• Kohl's \$25, \$100	4		
• Marshall's \$25, \$100	7		
• Macy's \$25, \$100	10		
• Maurice's \$20	7		
• Ross Dress for Less \$25	8		
• Sam's Club \$25, \$30, \$100, \$250	2.5		
• Shoe Carnival \$25	5		
• Target \$10, \$25, \$30, \$100, \$250	2.5		
• Walmart \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250	2.5		
DRUG STORES			
Schroeder Drug \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50	5		
• Walgreens \$25, \$100	5		
GROCERY STORES			
Williams Bros.Meat Mkt. \$25	5		
• Honey-Baked Ham \$25	12		
HOME IMPROVEMENTS			
• Ace Hardware \$25, \$100	4		
• Lowe's \$20, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000	4		
MAIL ORDER-ONLINE			
• Amazon \$25, \$100	1.7		
• Apple/iTunes \$15, \$25, \$100, \$500	5		
• Barnes & Noble \$10, \$25, \$100	8		
• Lands End \$25, \$100	15		
• Overstock.com \$25	8		
• LLBean \$25, \$100	16		
SPECIALTY STORES			
• Bass Pro Shop \$25, \$100	10		
• Bath & Body Works \$10, \$25	12		
• Big Lots \$25, \$100	4		
• Cabela's \$25, \$100	10		
Cinema One Plus \$20	5		
Designer Threads \$25	15		
• Dicks Sporting Goods \$25, \$100	8		
• Five Below \$25	2.5		
Fricke Photography \$20	5		
Great 8 Cine \$10	10		
Hillemann Nursery \$25, \$50	5		
I.B.Nuts & Fruit Too \$20	10		
• Jo-Ann Fabric \$25	6		
• Michael's \$25, \$100	4		
• Ulta Beauty \$25	7		
Wolf Hollow \$20	5		

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PAYMENT METHOD

If Cash, Amount

If Check, Amount	
1. Amount of cash received from the sale of the asset	
2. Less: Book value of the asset	
3. Gain (Loss) on sale	

If Check, check number _____

Make checks payable to *The Presbyterian Church*

TOTAL ORDER AMOUNT = \$

• (This DOT indicates a National Brand, no DOT indicates a Local Merchant.)

Sign when Receiving Order:

Filled by:

Date Received:

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