



# AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, Missouri

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## UPDATE FROM AARON

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I'm writing to you, I'm currently in the Atlanta airport, on my way home after a week of seminars where my classmates and I talked about the means by which our worship can enable us to live as modern-day prophets, who are committed to the work of transformation in the world. In reflection, I have to share my great joy for the opportunity to be a student back in the classroom! Of course, some of us might have fonder memories of our school days than others do. But regardless of our own personal experiences, we are all better off because of the wonderful educational opportunities in our society.



And so, even though my study time is coming to an end, I am celebrating, because I know that the schools in our community will once again be nourishing the minds of learners in just a couple of weeks! As the new school year is approaching, I hope that we'll all remember that there are things that we can do to love, care for, and support all of those engaged in the learning process, as the term begins (regardless of whether or not there is a student living in your own household). Among the ideas that come to mind:

- Pray! Pray! Pray! In your daily prayers, please remember the students & their families; the faculty, administrators, supporting staff, members of school boards, & all of their families; and the whole host of people who provide affiliated services that enable children, youth, and adults to enrich their minds with that wonderful gift of knowledge. While it may add a little time to your prayers, I hope you'll be specific! If your child or grandchild is in school, you may want to pray for them, as well as for a couple of their classmates or their school's employees each day!
- Invite! There are families with children who are new to our community, as well as students who will be arriving on campus at Westminster College and William Woods University. When you meet these folks, please welcome them and extend an invitation to them. Perhaps your first invitation isn't to invite them to worship with us. Maybe it's to invite them to join you for lunch out or dinner in your home. Of course, as you build that relationship, we hope that you'll feel confident enough in your faith community to welcome people to join us in our worship, study, fellowship, and service. And be politely persistent! If someone doesn't say

no; consider it an opportunity to ask again later in the hope that they'll say yes!

- Celebrate! Within our worshiping community, we have a great many students from preschoolers all the way to graduate students. On Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll offer the "Blessing of the Backpacks" during our 10 a.m. worship service. We hope that every student will bring their backpack, so that we can pray over it and over them, as we head into the new school year. And of course, this is also a wonderful opportunity to invite others to come and experience this celebration in the life of our church!
- Be Committed! If you're like me, you'll find it easy to be excited for our students at this time of year. However, I hope you'll keep praying and encouraging all of the people involved in education in our community. Ask children about what is exciting them in school right now! Take a moment to dream about the future with our youth! Send a message or a care package to our young adults in college or graduate school!

In asking us all to pray and act for the benefit of our students and the people who play roles in their educations, I am really seeking a congregational commitment to please remember our baptismal vow, that we make when we "as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture [the child] by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of the church." Whether they were baptized in our church, in another church, or have not been baptized in any church at all, I hope that we will look at each student as a child of God who has been lovingly entrusted into our care. I pray that we will all walk together with our students, so that they will have an enriching, enlightening, transformative school year!

Grace & Peace,

Aaron J. White  
Pastor

Please feel free to visit me during my regularly scheduled office hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 9:00 to noon. To schedule an appointment for another time, or to arrange for home visitation, please call me at the church office, (573) 642-5541, or at my cell phone, (573) 590-3136. You

may also email me at [pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org).

**Pastor's Scheduled Leave:** Please note that Aaron will be away from the church during the following times:

Wednesday, August 22nd through Thursday, August 30th.

**Regularly scheduled office hours during these dates are cancelled.**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sunday School 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Traditional Service 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 noon

## **THINGS TO BE SHARED**

### **Returning To Regular Worship Schedule In September**

At our last Session meeting, it was decided to begin our regular two worship services schedule on September 9th instead of August 19th due to Aaron's trip to Hungary. Aaron serves on the MUP mission team and the Presbytery recently decided to send the team to Hungary in late August in the hopes of arranging for Hungarian youth to attend the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

Regular two worship schedule **beginning September 9th**

Contemporary Worship 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Traditional Service 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

## Seeking Transportation

Paige Speers requires rides from Fulton to Columbia.

Willing to pay for this service.

There are appointments during the week, and some evening and weekend events. A weekly event is at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and evening support group at Rusk on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Paige at roxyjade83@gmail.com for more information.

## ALL-CHURCH FPC GARAGE SALE 2019

Due to the overwhelming success of our 2017 All-Church Garage Sale, we will AGAIN hold an all-church garage sale March 28-30, 2019.

We are giving church family plenty of notice – time to start stockpiling your donations at home! *We will begin accepting donations at the Church starting January 31, 2019.* Our plan, as last time, is to accept only donations from our Church family.

We ask that all donated items, such as infant & children clothing (up to size 12-14) be in a good, clean condition. Any children's toys and electronics (include any adaptors and manuals) be in good working order. All furniture be in good stable condition.

Items that are NOT accepted include: teenage and adult clothing, tube televisions, old computers, mattresses, and magazines.

For questions, contact Karen Luther ([kluther54@gmail.com](mailto:kluther54@gmail.com)) cell 590-1624; Mary Osburn [maryosburn1959@gmail.com](mailto:maryosburn1959@gmail.com) cell 220-7633; Ramona Dobson [ramona.dobson@gmail.com](mailto:ramona.dobson@gmail.com) cell 573-310-1048



- 6 boxes of ziploc bags

Our appreciation to all those that donated.



### CHURCH CALENDAR AVAILABLE TO ALL

Several members have requested the addition of the church calendar to the newsletter. The Administration Committee has heard your request. A link to the church calendar is added to this newsletter and will be included in each future edition of the monthly newsletter.

The calendar is a living document meaning it will be revised as needed to provide accurate information. For example, if you click on the link now and then want to know at a later time if the calendar has changed (i.e., next week), clicking on the link next week will open the calendar and display all revisions.

Please click on the link below to view the Calendar of Church Activities for the current month. After clicking on the link, you may use the arrow "buttons" to navigate forward or backward to other months.

[Click Here To View Church Calendar](#)

## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Mission Committee



### SERVE Food Pantry

During the month of August, please bring **PEANUT BUTTER** for our SERVE Food Pantry collection. Any other item you may wish to bring will be appreciated as well. Please put your donation in the Red Wagon outside of the church kitchen.

"In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' " (Luke 3:11, NRSV)

### SERVE Food Pantry Monthly Schedule

**January** - Soup

**February** - Canned stews and chili

**March** - Canned meats

**April** - Canned fruit and juices

**May** - Canned veggies

**June** - Cereal and oatmeal

**July** - Healthy Snacks

**August** - Peanut Butter

**September** - Canned &  
Nonperishable Milk Products

**October** - Canned & Dried Beans

**November** - Holiday Foods

**December** - Pasta, Rice & Pasta  
Sauce

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

This is Mya Nichols, new daughter of our Custodian Therese Nichols.

Here is the address if you would like to send Theresa, Mya and family a baby card:

Therese Nichols

4348 State Road J

Fulton, MO 65251



FELLOWSHIP/PARISH LIFE

## **JORDAN WALKER RECEPTION**

Our choir director, Jordan Walker, has accepted a position as the choir director for the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia. This is a wonderful opportunity for Jordan, so we wish him well and are excited for his opportunity to continue to grow as a director and musician.

Please join us for a reception on Sunday, August 5, directly after the church service to recognize Jordan Walker for the musical contributions he has made to our church.

We are all going to miss Jordan, as he has been a true blessing to our choir and congregation. The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia position is a wonderful opportunity for Jordan, so we wish him well and are excited for his opportunity to continue to grow as a director and musician.

Expressions of your appreciation to Jordan can be made by a note of thanks, cards, or a "love gift" offering. There will be a basket for these at the reception.

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## **RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CATHY PESCE AND JEFF YOUNG**

Cathy Pesce and Jeff Young have been serving in our nursery for many years and recently let us know that their service will be coming to an end in two weeks.

When our church budget needed to be reduced, they generously offered for us to only pay one of them and the other would volunteer their services. Cathy has served faithfully as our paid nursery worker and Jeff and Jenna have taken turns serving as our volunteer. This is an important contribution to our church and we want them to know their efforts have been appreciated.

We will be recognizing them at the reception we had planned for August 5th after worship.

Expressions of your appreciation to Cathy and Jeff can be made by a note of

thanks, cards, or a "love gift" offering. There will be a basket for these at the reception. Please make checks out to either Cathy or Jeff.

## Pastoral Care Committee

### Dick White

Dick White's new email address is [rcwcourtney26@gmail.com](mailto:rcwcourtney26@gmail.com)

Dick and Steve are removing their house land line.

Dick can be reached at cell number 573-220-0924.

Steve can be reached at cell number 573-220-0184

Dick's mailing address is:

Richard C. "Dick" White  
Missouri Veterans Home  
Mexico, MO 65265  
Amateur Radio KS0M

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## Christian Education

### Possible Fall Evening Program

Pending Session approval, Christian Education hopes to offer some new evening programming this fall. Christian Education would like to prepare a list of people that might be willing to lead a session or two on their area of interest or expertise. For example:

- environmental stewardship,
- local history,
- setting boundaries in relationships,
- healthy ways to cope with stress,
- making homemade gifts,
- power of daily devotions.

- developing spiritual discipleship,

All areas of interest are welcome! Do you have an interest or expertise that you'd like to share with others? Send your topics and suggestions to Angela Grogan ([angela.grogan@westminster-mo.edu](mailto:angela.grogan@westminster-mo.edu)).

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### **Rally Day September 9th**

New education program year will kick off with Rally Day during the Sunday School hour on Sept. 9th. If you'd be willing to teach a children's class, please contact Angela Grogan (573-592-9303) as soon as possible.

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### **Safe Church Training**

Safe Church training will be offered **after the 10am worship service on Aug. 19th**. If you currently teach or lead any of our children's classes or youth activities, please plan to attend. Our Safe Church policy was adopted in 2013 and is available on our website under "About Us / Policies. – All Policies" or you can click on the button below to view the policy.

[Click Here To View Our Safe Church Policy](#)

Worship Committee

### **Large Print Bulletins and Bibles are Available!**

Large print Bulletins and Bibles are available for use during Worship services. Bibles can be picked up and returned to the Narthex at the Court Street entrance. Bulletins are available at each entrance and may be kept or recycled at the end of the service. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

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**IN APPRECIATION**

Joy and gladness, music and singing are all inherent in the worship of the Christian. Christianity is a faith that brings peace and joy into the heart of the believer and these are reflected in his daily living. The fine quality of the music of our choir, organist, and the choir director provides us with many moments of musical joy and inspiration. They "serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing" which revives each and every one who hears them.

(Taken from the 1962 Program of the First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, MO.)

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