

# First Presbyterian Church of Fulton

God's People Connecting..September 6-12, 2019!

## All Church Entryways are Open and Ready for Use!

The work to repair damage to the tower has been completed. Both front doors and the north sanctuary door near the handicap parking spaces will be unlocked and available for use on Sunday mornings. Thanks to all for your patience and understanding during this important work on our church building.

## Join Us for Sunday Study and Discussion!

### **Regular Sunday Morning Schedule!**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:30-10:20 am.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am.

### **Adult Class - Grace Craghead, Teacher - Meets in the Church Library.**

Sunday, September 8: "God Answers Prayer" Scriptures Readings - I Samuel 1:1-2:10.

***Upper Elementary - Kara White, Teacher - Gather in the Lobby for Directions!***

***Pre-School - Early Elementary - Lori Covey, Teacher***

The theme for this year is Joy!

## Worship & Praise This Week!

**Sunday, September 8, 2019 (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C – Liturgical Color: green)**

**Usher Captain:** Shaun Speers

**Liturgist:** Connie Epperson

**Hospitality Kiosk Greeters:** Brad & Debbie Calder

**Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 14:25-33](#)

**Epistle Lesson:** [Philemon](#)

**Sermon by Rev. Aaron White:**

**"The Delicacy of Reconciliation"**

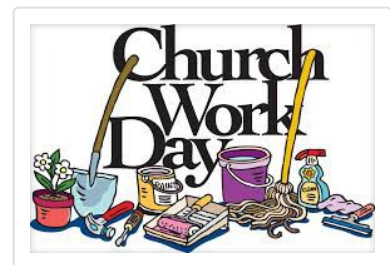
In Paul's Letter to Philemon, the Apostle appeals to Philemon to be reconciled to a man named Onesimus. And though Paul believes that he could command Philemon to receive Onesimus back into his household, he understands that the relationship between these two men can only be renewed when Onesimus freely returns to Philemon and Philemon willingly accepts Onesimus as his brother in Christ.

The Letter to Philemon isn't just about the way that faith changes the relationship between a master and a slave. It is about the new dynamic that redefines all Christian relationships. No longer does one person wield power against another. No longer is one person bound in debt to another. Now, our relationships are based in the love of Christ, through which we are all made Sisters and Brothers—children of the God of grace!

Additional readings from the Revised Common Lectionary: [Jeremiah 18:1-11](#); [Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#)

**EARLY REMINDER: Worship Duties Sunday, September 15** : Usher Captain - Mark Covey; Liturgist- Gemma Fickess; Hospitality Kiosk Greeter - Becky Beilschmidt.

## Church Work Day Scheduled for TOMORROW!



The Property Committee is holding a church work day on Saturday, September 7 from 9:00 am to noon. Please join us as we work outside to clean up and trim. We will also take on a few small jobs inside as well. Bring your work gloves and a smile. All hands are appreciated!



The Rock Starts on September 8, 2019!

The Rock is a community youth group for 6th-12th grade students sponsored by four Fulton churches; Court Street United Methodist Church, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), First Presbyterian Church, and Heartland Church. We are an alliance of faith communities, offering a safe and inclusive space for youth to explore Christian faith. Register ahead by clicking on THE ROCK icon above or use this link: <https://forms.gle/gHBG9u6BYc61gxTz5>

Meetings will be Sunday evenings, 6-7:30 PM at 715 Nichols St.

Sunday, September 8!

- Pizza! (Bring a 2-liter of your favorite soda to share)
- Group Talk! (Create a shared vision for this group)
- Games! (Icebreakers, group games, etc)

## Check Out This Daily Devotional App - d365!

The goal of the d365 daily devotional site is to provide inspirational and relevant reflections on scripture for young people. The devotional experience is written especially for students and seeks to provide reflections on themes that impact their faith journey.



Although devotionals are available every day of the year, d365 highlights the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent through special series "Following the Star" and "Journey to the Cross." A third series, "Back2School", recognizes the significant transition between summer and fall in the lives of students and offers encouragement and wisdom from scripture.

To read d365 devotionals, click on the above, visit [d365.org](http://d365.org), download their app from the Apple App Store, or download the app from the Google Play store.

*A Season of* **Peace**   
**Daily Reflections**

Welcome to the 2019 Season of Peace!

This five-week season is a time of encouragement, challenge, inspiration, and education. During this season, worshippers across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be seeking to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers using the **"Path of Peace" Daily Reflections**. The reflections for the 36 days of "A Season of Peace" come from a diverse and varied set of voices within our church. they are organized weekly using four areas of emphasis in the newly released **Companion Guide to the Commitment to Peacemaking**: poverty, racism, violence, and migration/refugees.

- Week 1 (9/1-7) - What Does it Mean to Commit to Peace?
- Week 2 (9/8-14) - Making Peace by Addressing the Root Causes of Poverty
- Week 3 (9/15-21) - Making Peace by Disrupting Systemic Racism
- Week 4 (9/22-28) - Making Peace by Ending Violence
- Week 5 (9/29-10/6) - Making Peace by Supporting Refugees and Migrants

You have the option of subscribing to these reflections for daily delivery into your inbox or receiving the entire collection as a devotional resource that you may download and print.

To subscribe to the daily reflections delivered to your inbox, simply click on the dove icon above and complete the form. Once you complete this form, you will receive an email from PCUSA asking you to select a newsletter. Under Social Justice, choose the Season of Peace series.

To request a .pdf file of the entire season of devotions, email Pastor Aaron White at [pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org) . To request a printed copy, please contact the pastor at the church office, 573-642-5541.

We hope that you will be enriched, renewed and enlivened in all the times and ways of your peacemaking and global witness!

***"May the God of peace grant you peace at all times in all ways." - 2 Thessalonians 3:16***

[CLICK HERE FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY](#)



Now Collecting Canned & Non-Perishable Milk Products for SERVE Inc.'s Food Pantry!

**THIS SUMMER OUR CHURCH HAS DONATED HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF CANNED FOOD AND DRY GOODS TO SERVE, INC.**

**LET'S KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK THIS FALL!**

### **Looking for Suggestions?**

Please join our young disciples as they collect donations of canned food during the offering each Sunday. If you forget to bring a contribution from home, that's okay! There are items to purchase for a small cash donation in the Narthex and in the Lobby.

If you would like to help re-stock the supplies located in the lobby, please bring larger donations to the church office. Feel the need to focus on particular food items for the Loaves and Fishes offering during worship?

#### ***Serve Food Pantry Monthly Schedule***

**September**-Canned and nonperishable milk products

**October**-Canned and dried beans

**November**-Holiday Foods

**December**-Pasta, rice and pasta sauce

#### **Did You Miss Worship, but Still Want to Contribute?**

Below is a schedule we used previously to help focus our giving to the SERVE food pantry. Do not feel like this is mandate, it is merely a way think of food items to donate. Let's fill the wagon to the brim every Sunday this summer! And if you are traveling and can't make it to worship, mail a check or drop off your donation and we will make sure it gets to SERVE.

## **Do You Love to Greet People? We Invite You to Join the FPC Ministry of Hospitality!**



One of the greatest gifts we can extend to God's people is the hand of genuine hospitality as they enter His house to worship. Ushers and Greeters assure all visitors, guests and members that we are an open, friendly and caring congregation, seeing the face of Christ in all who enter our doors. They assist with name tags, give directions, hand out bulletins, collect the offering, and generally provide a host on which anyone needing attention before, during, and after the service for any reason can rely.

Our Hospitality Ministry is in need of a few additional ushers and greeters. If you are willing to help with this important work of the church, please contact Worship Chair Joe Davis at [joseph.davis@williamwoods.edu](mailto:joseph.davis@williamwoods.edu); or visit with 1st Sunday Usher Captain Tim Baysinger, 2nd Sunday Usher Captain Shaun Speers, 3rd Sunday Usher Captain Mark Covey, 4th Sunday Usher Captain Robert Craghead, or 5th Sunday Usher Captain Tanner Russell.

# Join the Fun on September 29, 2019!



Mark your calendars to join in fellowship, fun, and food as the Joe and Megan Davis Family is once again hosting the Fall Church Picnic. This piece of property is an amazing location to share in fellowship and outdoor activities. Bring your fishing poles, walking shoes, or outdoor games for enjoyment. "Shuttles" from the parking area to the picnic area will be provided for anyone needing assistance and there are a few limited parking spaces at the picnic area.

The Fellowship Committee will provide the meat, drinks, chips, and paper products for this event. We ask that each family contribute to the picnic by bringing side dishes to be shared by all and their own lawn chairs. A "sign up" sheet will be posted in the church lobby so we can get an approximate idea of numbers attending to assist with purchasing supplies.

The picnic will begin at 12:15 which will allow time for everyone to get to the property. Since this is directly after the church service, please feel free to come to church in your picnic attire. Anyone needing a ride to the picnic can contact Linda Baysinger (lindabaysinger@gmail.com or 220-2558).

**Directions to the Davis property:** [5199 Hickory Hills Dr.](#) Fulton, MO



From FPC: Drive north on Nichols and continue left onto W 12 St which runs along the WWU campus. Turn right onto Westminster Ave and continue left onto William Woods Ave. Cross over Hwy 54 onto Rt HH. Turn right onto County Rd 203 and then right onto Hickory Hills Dr. Go to the end of the road and through the gate.

*In case of rain at the time of the picnic, we will enjoy the fellowship of our church family in the Fellowship Hall.*

***God's People Connecting at FPC!***

## Special Messages, Church Notes!

### ***A Special Pastoral Care Note!***

Earlier this week, Nola Garner suffered an injury to her leg that will require her to rest at home for a while. Nola wanted us to know that, although visitors are not needed at this time, she does cherish the love and prayers of her church family. Please pray for Nola's recovery to be quick and painless, so that we might be able to enjoy seeing her in church again very soon!

### ***An Update on Tower Repair from Session!***

Thank you for your financial support! Church members responded with generosity to help pay for the repairs to the church tower. The work has finally been completed. The bid for the repairs was \$42,355. We do not have a final bill yet, but we were not notified of any unexpected expenses, so we anticipate no additional costs for repairs. Church and community members donated and/or pledged \$28,890 to pay for the repairs. We are blest to have such generous church members. The remaining repair cost of \$13,465 will be taken out of our Operating Fund, pending Session approval. Thank you so much for helping maintain our beautiful church.

***-FPC Session and Administration Committee***

### ***Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Join Us in Service!***

- Fair Trade Market will be held December 6-8.

- Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on December 9.

## Pastor's Office Hours & Contact Information!

Rev. Aaron White holds regularly scheduled office hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 9:00 to noon. To schedule an appointment for another time, or to arrange for home visitation, please call him at the church office, (573) 642-5541, or on his cell phone, (573) 590-3136. You may also email [pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org).

At First Presbyterian Church of Fulton we hope that if you have any questions, concerns, needs that you will feel free to contact us at anytime. You may contact us by any of the methods below. Please keep in mind if using any method other than phone it will take some time to get into the hands of the appropriate person. We look forward to speaking with you soon.

**Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 6037, Fulton, MO 65251**

**Church phone number is: 573-642-5541**

Our committees and staff have Gmail accounts that can be used to email them suggestions, concerns, and thanks. The addresses are:

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[CLICK HERE FOR THE CHURCH CALENDAR!](#)



## Welcome to Our Church!


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*First Presbyterian Church is located at 718 Court Street in historic downtown Fulton, Missouri. Worship services, under the direction of Rev. Aaron White, are held each Sunday morning. For more information, go to:*

*[www.fultonpresbyterian.org](http://www.fultonpresbyterian.org) or find us on Facebook or on Twitter @FPCFulton.*

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