



JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, Missouri

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UPDATE FROM AARON

Dear Friends in Christ,

A couple of days ago at our Mission Committee meeting, we had a conversation about our monthly food collection in support of the SERVE Food Pantry. If you continue to read, you will find that the Mission Committee has provided us with information about the items we're focused on collecting for the month of July in an article below. But during our meeting, we agreed that it was not only important for us to think about what we receive but how we receive it!

Of course, when we talk about the food we receive to feed hungry people, many of us instantly think of the story of Jesus feeding the multitude. Biblical scholars commonly acknowledge the importance of this story to the earliest Christian communities, as witnessed by the fact that it is included in all four canonical Gospels. As it happens, we'll read John's account of this event

(6:1-14) during worship on July 29th. The fourth evangelist's account is actually my preferred reading, because of the decision to include a character not found in any of the others: a boy.



When Jesus' signs of healing draw a tremendous crowd of followers, our Lord asks his disciples how they might feed the people. But instead of searching for answers, the disciples immediately begin to focus on all the reasons that they can't possibly come up with a solution. And then we see him: a boy with five loaves and two fish. Andrew asks, "What are these loaves and fish among so many people?" But Jesus receives the boys' offerings and gives thanks to God for these gifts, before distributing them to the crowd. The evangelist tells us that not only was each person satisfied, but that the surplus that the disciples collected from the meal filled twelve baskets!

From this story, I believe we find answers to our own question: "How shall we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry multitude?" Rather than fretting over the seeming impossibility of our task, we need to embrace our own childlike nature, which would lead us to share what we can without fretting over whether or not it will be enough. When we present our gifts to God and join with Jesus in giving thanks, we take up the common task of feeding hungry people, while also acknowledging that the ultimate work of

satisfying the multitude will be accomplished only through the divine work of God.

So then, when we hear this story on July 29th, we will also institute a regular weekly practice of collecting our own "loaves and fish" in the midst of our worship service. The children in worship will be invited to collect from the worshipers in the congregation whatever food items that you all might bring. Then, we will give thanks for these offerings, before delivering them to SERVE for distribution to the multitude in our community. As the date for this new way of worshipping and serving approaches, I hope you'll join in this faithful offering for God's hungry people!

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.

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

Sunday, July 1st (following worship) through Wednesday, July 11th;
Sunday, July 22nd (following worship) through Friday, July 27th;
and Wednesday, August 22nd through Wednesday, August 29th.

Regularly scheduled office hours during these dates are cancelled.

In Search of a Wagon

We're seeking the donation of a little red wagon, such as the one pictured here, or some other kind of

cart. We're hoping to repurpose it as the "basket" into which we receive the food we collect each week, beginning on July 29th. If you have a functional, gently used wagon or cart that you'd be willing to part with, please [click here](#) to email Aaron White or call him at the church office, (573) 642-5541.



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

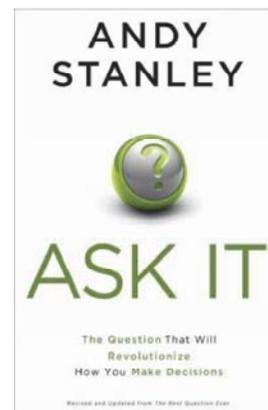
THINGS TO BE SHARED

New Adult Sunday School Series

Most of us, most of the time, are weighing some big question or two concerning our lives. Should I take this job? Should I buy that house? Should I start this or stop that?

Andy Stanley identifies the one question that brings clarity and fresh insight for each decision we have to make. It pierces the fog of our self-deception and erases all those shades of gray that cloud our reasoning.

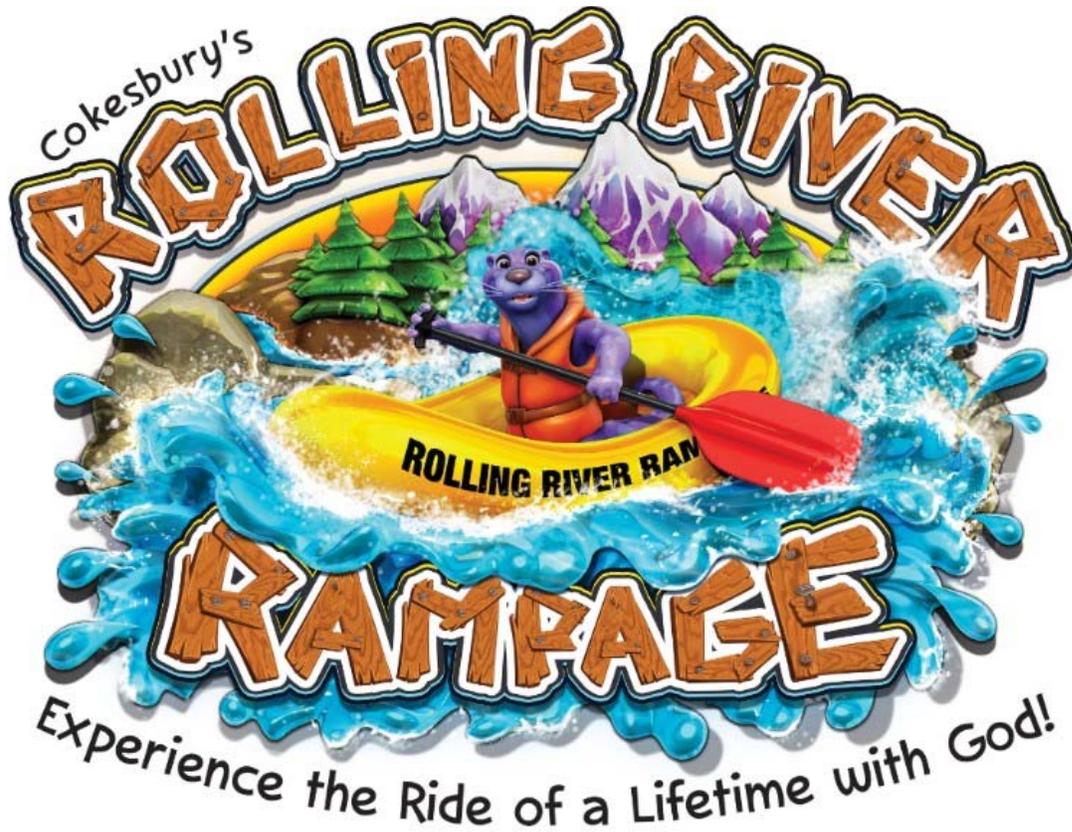
Learn how to make decisions with confidence simply by applying THE question. If we are honest with ourselves, our heavenly Father will use this question to guide and protect us.



We invite you to join in our upcoming summer book/video study, led by Bob Hoell. Our study meets each **Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the church library**. Everyone is welcome!

The accompanying book, which costs \$15 per copy, is recommended but not mandatory. To purchase a copy, please contact Bob Hoell, (573) 268-7090.

Registration is Now Open for the 2018 Fulton Ecumenical Vacation Bible School!



**Sunday, July 29th - Thursday, August 2nd
5:30-8:30 p.m.**

**For Preschool through 5th Grade Students
Free Dinner Served Nightly!**

To sign up your children, please click here to visit our VBS Registration Page!

If you should have any questions about our 2018 VBS program, please [click here](#) to email Aaron White or call him at the church office, (573) 642-5541.



Could You Spare a Tree or a Tent?

As we prepare for our upcoming VBS program, we're looking for some help to decorate our scenes. If you have a Christmas tree (unlit) or small tent that we might borrow during VBS (July 29th through August 2nd), please contact Aaron White by phone, (573) 590-3136, or by email, pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org. Thanks!



Don't Miss Out on the Fun This Summer!

Registration for all camps at Covenant Point is now open! Check out the list of July's summer camp opportunities!

- **July 13-15:** Try It! Camp (for Kindergarten- Grade 2)
- **July 22-27:** Night Owl Camp (for Grades 6-9)

Thanks to scholarship funds, children and youth from our congregation are eligible for a **50% discount on camp registrations!** To request the discount code for use when registering, please [click here](#) to email Aaron White, or call the church office, (573) 642-5541. Once you have your discount code, click the button below to register!

[Click Here to Visit the Camp Covenant Point Registration Site](#)



FULTON PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fulton Preschool Association is seeking applications for a Part-Time Teacher's Aid. Please share this information with anyone that might be interested in applying for this position. To view and/or print notices for this employment opportunity, please click on each of the link below.

[Teacher Aid - Click on this link to view/print the teacher aid notice.](#)

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](#)

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Lost and found items are accumulating at the church. Items include a youth jacket, coffee cup, water bottle, blanket, bracelet, sunglasses. These items can be claimed from a box located in the Church Lobby.



The FPC Blood Drive Is Coming Soon!
Plan Now to Participate!



POWER *in the* blood

You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life!

Blood Drive **First Presbyterian Church**

Fellowship Hall
718 Court St.
Fulton, MO 65251

Monday, July 2, 2018
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

[Click on this button after July 2 to view Blood Drive Results](#)

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Property Committee

Building Maintenance Fund Money at Work:

The Property and Administration Committees would like you to know how the money you've given to the Building Maintenance Fund is being utilized. Our church insurance company gave us the task of protecting our building by having smoke detectors installed in the sanctuary.

Our insurance representative advised us that in the event of a fire, we would have a much greater chance of saving our historic building if we had smoke

detectors. Also, of concern was that our sprinkler system, which was installed in the new addition, is an open system. This means that once the sprinklers are triggered the water does not shut off until someone comes and physically shuts the water off. Further enhancing our chances of extensive damages is the fact that our alarm panel does not call anyone when triggered...it just rings. Therefore, we are dependent on a passing person or neighbor to take the initiative to call for help. In this age of technology, most people would assume our system calls the fire department. If no one responds to the alarm ringing, it could mean the areas of the building without sprinklers is destroyed and we would have a lot of water damage to the protected part of the building.

Several years ago, we had a water pipe in the sprinkler system freeze and break after hours and at the beginning of the week-end. We were lucky the custodian was in the building, heard the alarm, and could call for help or we would have had more water damage than what we did. Our insurance company spent thousands of dollars to restore the basement level of the new addition where the flooding occurred. They recently provided (free of charge) a temperature sensor to install on the water pipe that froze which calls the property committee when the water in the pipe is becoming cold enough to freeze. The sensor worked this past winter and called Fred Luther, who gave up family holiday time, to surround the pipe with more insulation. If the pipe had broken again it would have been devastating to the Preschool. We were saved by the fact that the sensor has the ability to "call out" but it only works on that one pipe.

As the property committee walked the church with Midwest Electronics to see where we might need smoke detectors, we discovered that in addition to wireless, laser smoke detectors in the sanctuary (which allows us to avoid visible wiring in a historic building), we needed 35 "normal" smoke detectors in other areas of the church. It was also the perfect time to make sure our alarm panel could call the fire department and church members, if it was activated.

Several bids for the work were sought, but Midwest Electronics was selected for several reasons:

- Midwest is the only company in Missouri with NICET certified technicians and UL Certificate installers. They can provide certificates that guarantee we meet NFPA 72 codes for required testing for public buildings.

- If we hired another company, none of our current systems would work with their call out system or equipment. We would have to purchase a lot of additional equipment that we already have. Our current system works with Midwest's equipment and call out system.
- Their smoke detectors are triggered at 135 degrees, which could give us time to get the "fire/smoke" under control before we suffer water damage from the sprinkler system.
- The sprinklers are triggered when the temperature reaches 155 degrees. We currently have heat detectors in the kitchen, electrical closet and elevator closet but those are the only areas that detect heat.
- The new "call out" system will automatically call the Fire Dept. and then it will call a church person (we have a list of people and it keeps calling until it reaches someone on the list)
- The new "call out" system can tell people what area of the building is being triggered, which can save us a lot of damage because they won't have to spend time hunting for what set the alarm off. The other companies did not have this feature in their system.

All of the components of this system are going to cost \$16,050. We will also pay \$540 a year for a cell monitoring system that "calls out". We have enough money in our building fund to cover this expense.

We were recently informed by Midwest Electronics that two of the sanctuary detectors are not needed. We will receive a cost reduction of approximately \$1,600.

Mission Committee



SERVE Food Pantry

In the month of June, Nola Garner delivered 54 lbs. of food from our congregation to SERVE (Thanks, Nola!). During the month of July, please bring **HEALTHY SNACKS** 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 basket 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

Help Us Prepare for the Back To School Fair!



Pictured: Elder Mary Osburn, chair of our Mission Committee, awaits student at last year's SERVE Back-to-School Fair! This year, we invite you to join Mary in preparing our children and youth for the new school year!

What: SERVE's 7th annual Back to School Fair-over 875 Callaway County children and their families attend this event where they are able to get school supplies, health screenings, hair cuts and other services that help students start the school year off right!

When: Saturday, July 28th

Where: Callaway Christian Church

How YOU can help: Volunteer to hand out supplies at our church's table. Shifts are 1-2 hours long. Last year we passed out all of our supplies before lunch. Contact Mary Osburn 573-220-7633

If you are unable to work, you can still help out by donating money or supplies. This year we will focus on providing the following items; boxes of tissues, gallon Ziploc bags and backpacks. SERVE is able to purchase other school supplies at a discounted rate by buying in bulk. If you would like to contribute a gift through cash or check, please note on the envelope or memo line that your gift is "For Back to School Fair." Your financial gifts will be combined with the 40% of the Pentecost Offering that we retain for use in our congregation. This year the amount retained is \$140. Thank you for helping us to care for the children of Callaway County!

Officer Nominating Committee

Session and New Elders

The installation service for new elders and recognition of out-going elders will be at the July 22nd worship service (worship is at 10:00). Please mark your calendars to come thank our new and out-going elders for their service to the church.

Pastoral Care Committee

Prayers Please

Presbyterian Manor

- Mary Enderle, who is continuing her therapy for knee replacement;
- Joyce Epperson

Both Mary and Joyce would appreciate visitors.

Veteran's Home in Mexico, MO

- Dick White
- Ray Martin

Both men would also appreciate visitors.

At Home

- Jean Avra
- Mildred Crews at home under the care of her daughter Carolyn.
- Cathy Pesce and her family as she struggles with cancer.
- Rachel Jefferies as she works to get her strength back and for healing of her back.
- Bill and Genevieve Conner both at home. They too would appreciate visitors.
- Doug and Gemma Fickess as they mourn the loss of their son;
- Jim and Dawn Yancey as they morn the loss of Jim's father.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Mosers Receipts and Best Choice Labels

We have again received a \$50.00 check from our Moser's grocery tickets. It is to be deposited into the church building maintenance department. How blessed we are with each and every little bit that comes to us with no strings attached. Thanks again to each of you who saves your grocery receipts and Best Choice labels.

Meals To Rachel Jeffries

Pastor Aaron suggested that we might want to assist the Jeffries by providing a few meals now that Rachel is home. Rachel has a long way to go in her healing process. Nola Garner made the phone calls and every one contacted eagerly wanted to help.

Cathy Pesce and Jeff Young provided the Wednesday, June 20, supper; Helen and Vince Logan provided the Thursday supper and Nola Garner provided ice cream and cookies; Judy McKinnon & Jim Stevermer provided money for the Friday evening carry out meal; Pastor Aaron and Kara White provided the Saturday supper, June 23rd.

Mike and Kathleen were over whelmed by the outpouring of concern and care from their church family. Thanks to all that contributed. Continue to pray for Rachel and her family.

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,
- developing spiritual discipleship,
- healthy ways to cope with stress,
- making homemade gifts,
- power of daily devotions.

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).

Rally Day August 26th

New education program year will kick off with Rally Day during the Sunday School hour on Aug. 26th. If you'd be willing to teach a children's class, please contact Angela Grogan (573-592-9303) as soon as possible.

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.

COMMUNION SERVER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Communion Server Volunteers Needed for July - December! If you would like to help serve Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at special services, please contact Debbie Calder at 573-642-8793. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

July Worship Committee Volunteer Schedule

JULY WORSHIP COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE					
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE	USHER TEAM CAPTAIN	ACOLYTE	LITURGIST	SERMON NOTES	8:45 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
6th Sunday after Pentecost—July 1 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ; Year B - Liturgical Color Green	Tim Baysinger	Becky Beltschmidt	Connie Epperson	Sermon by: Rev. Aaron White First Sunday Communion Team	Bob Hoell Leader based on Andy Stanley Book Ask It
7th Sunday after Pentecost—July 8 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Year B - Liturgical Color Green	Jeff Mayne	Austin Anderson	Joe Davis	Sermon by: Rev. Deborah Boucher-Payne, MUP General Presbyter Children's Moment by: Carl Kramer	Bob Hoell Leader based on Andy Stanley Book Ask It
8th Sunday after Pentecost—July 15 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ;Year B - Liturgical Color Green	Mark Covey	Becky Beltschmidt	Gemma Fickess	Sermon by: Rev. Aaron White	Bob Hoell Leader based on Andy Stanley Book Ask It
9th Sunday after Pentecost—July 22 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ;Year B - Liturgical Color Green	Robert Craghead	Rachel Jeffries	Jim Stevermer	Sermon by: Rev. Aaron White	Bob Hoell Leader based on Andy Stanley Book Ask It
10th Sunday after Pentecost—July 29 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Year B - Liturgical Color Green	Tim Wilkerson	Rev. Aaron White	Mary Van Orden	Sermon by: Rev. Aaron White	Bob Hoell Leader based on Andy Stanley Book Ask It

[Please Click Here to view and/or print the Worship Committee Schedule for July](#)

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