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SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, Missouri

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UPDATE FROM AARON

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin this month of September, we are on the cusp of the new program year in the life of our church. In this month's newsletter, you'll see several announcements related to the new program year. On Sunday, September 9th, we'll celebrate Rally Day and the return to our dual worship format during the morning services. Then later that evening, we'll join together for "Room at the Table," a new initiative, in which you are invited to come and be

fed fully—in body and in spirit. Later in the month, on Sunday, September 30th, the whole congregation is welcome to join in a time of fellowship after worship, as we gather for a church picnic out on the property of Joe and Megan Davis.

These events and other future initiatives are all centered around our 2018-2019 program theme: **God's People Connecting!** At their retreat in August, the members of your Session gathered together to explore the ministry of our congregation, considering both our opportunities and our gifts, as well as our challenges and our areas for growth. As our conversation proceeded, we came to the conclusion that the focus of our work in the year ahead would need to be on the connectional nature of our faith.

Often, that work of being connected is focused on strengthening the bonds we share within the congregation. It is for this reason that we are beginning the year with such a strong emphasis on how we are called to worship, learn, fellowship, and offer mutual care all as the one body of Christ. In all of these things, we must remember that our unity is not a mere matter of individuals choosing to work collectively. Rather, we should understand that we have been brought together by God—through the love of our Creator, the presence of our Sustainer, and the grace of our Redeemer. As the church, we are called to emulate that mysterious connectional nature of the Trinity, so that even as we might perform particular actions in the world, they all might be seen as the work of the whole people of God.

And as we strengthen the bonds that connect us with one another, we are then sent out to be **God's People Connecting** with our community and our world. In the program year ahead, we will regularly ask ourselves how the work of our congregation in its evangelism and mission serves both to enable people to draw closer to God and to be welcomed to come and share their lives with us as we minister together in the name of Jesus Christ. As we explore these questions, we hope to develop a renewed understanding of the role that God is calling us to play in our Christian witness and in our active ministry among our neighbors.

Of course, our focus on living as **God's People Connecting** in the year ahead is reliant upon one very important factor: your active participation! While the members of Session

have worked together with so many of you and with your fellow Sisters and Brothers in the church to pursue our mission emphasis in the various ministries of our congregation, we all know that our success hinges on the participation of our worshiping community. Therefore, I urge you to place your trust in the work that has been done by those whom God has called to lead us in these various ministries. Please pray for our church as we work to be drawn closer together and closer to God's people with whom we minister. And then, come with open hearts and minds, ready to experience your relationships with God and with your fellow Christians in new and different ways!

I'm excited by all of the potential that lies ahead for our congregation in the year ahead! I have great hope that, through our shared efforts, we will grow in our faith, while discerning new paths of discipleship, which we are called to follow. As **God's People Connecting**, may we be blessed in our continuing efforts to draw closer to God and to be drawn closer to all of those to whom we are sent to serve!

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.

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**



Please click this button for a printable fall schedule flyer.

YES! Our Church has a Twitter Handle!

In addition to following us on Facebook at First Presbyterian Church of Fulton MO and

consulting the website at www.fultonpresbyterian.org, you can now join the conversation and share the Good News on Twitter by following @FPCFulton.



Thank You's

Paige Speers

Paige would like to thank our church community for responding to her transportation request.

Bob and Gail Hoell

Please thank Bob And Gail Hoell for providing craftsmen to paint and perform minor church repairs.

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) cell 590-1624; Mary Osburn maryosburn1959@gmail.com cell 220-7633; Ramona Dobson ramona.dobson@gmail.com cell 573-310-1048



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](#)

JATHO FINISHES EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



Fulton High School Freshman, Glenn Jatho, completed a project he started planning this spring, and now walkers in downtown Fulton have a new place to rest. Jatho was tasked with developing, leading, and executing a community service project to fulfill the service project requirement for the rank of Eagle Scout.

As he viewed the old benches collapsing, Glenn decided he would take on building new benches for the First Presbyterian Church lawn. A lifelong member of the church, he approached the grounds committee to inquire about the need and started planning his project. The hard work began when he, and five volunteers, convened at Dimensions in Wood, owned by fellow church member Bob Hoell, to design and construct five new park benches. A summer's worth of work behind him, Glenn placed the new benches in key locations around the church just before school began August.

In addition to completing an Eagle project, Scouts seeking an Eagle Award are tasked with a list of requirements including 21 merit badges while demonstrating leadership qualities during their tenure with the Boy Scouts. All Boy Scouts who wish to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout must meet these requirements and submit their bid before they turn 18 years of age.

FPC member Glenn Jatho is active with the school football team and is looking forward to his future as a community leader.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Mission Committee



SERVE Food Pantry

During the month of September, please bring **Canned & Nonperishable Milk Products** 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

FELLOWSHIP/PARISH LIFE

CHURCH PICNIC

September 30, 2018

Mark your calendars to join our church family for an opportunity to connect with God through fellowship, fun, and food at the beautiful property of the Joe and Megan Davis family.

This church picnic setting will allow you the chance to see, hear, and feel what God is saying to you in nature. Walk a winding trail through the woods in quiet solitude, sit quietly at the outdoor "amphitheater" and observe the whole of nature, go fishing and reflect upon the waters of the lake, play yard games with other church family members and enjoy in their companionship, or sit by the fire and feel the warmth of God's love.

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 12:45 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.

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.



[Please click this button for a printable picnic flyer.](#)

Pastoral Care Committee

Dick White

Dick White's new email address is rcwcourtney26@gmail.com

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

Barbara Wilkerson

Barbara is now in Room 6 at The Neighborhoods in Columbia (3003 Falling Leaf Ct, Columbia, MO 65201).

Barbara welcomes visitors, appreciates all the cards and prayers.

Tim is working on getting Barbara transferred to Fulton Manor. Not sure when this will happen, but the Manor indicated there should be some upcoming vacancies as several of their residences make plans to return home.

Buster Hampton

Buster has fallen and received several injuries.

Sylvia shared that Buster will be transferred to the Mexico Veterans Home soon but does not know the exact date.

Sylvia also said that Buster seems to be recovering but progress has not been consistent.

Sylvia has asked this prayer concern be shared in the newsletter.

Rally Day September 9th

Our Sunday School year will kick off with Rally Day on September 9th after the 8:30 service. Plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45am – 10:15am for coffee, juice, and breakfast breads as we come together to start off the new program year.

We will have an abbreviated first class until 10:45. Worship will be held again at 11am in the sanctuary.

Note, that nursery care will be available during both services and during the Sunday School hour. Our new Nursery worker is Bailey Vaughn. Bailey is from Fulton and is a Westminster College student majoring in education.

Children and Youth Sunday School will consist of two classes:

Pre-K – 3rd grade and a new multi-age class for 4th grade and up where we will work on some mission projects after our lesson.

The Adult Bible Study will continue meeting in the library.

ROOM AT THE TABLE

The Christian Education Committee is excited to offer some new programming on Sunday evenings from 5:30 – 7pm also starting on the 9th.

The Sunday evening program is called “Room at the Table.” We will have light meal in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:00pm. The main dish each week will be provided by the Presbyterian Manor. A donation basket will be available for those that wish to help cover our costs.

From 6:00 – 7:00pm we will have a variety of groups meeting. Nursery care will be provided for little ones through preschool age. Kids Connection for K – 5th grade will offer time for music, mission, Bible lessons, activities, games, and crafts. Our Youth group will also be meeting at this time. We will have three options for adults: an informal Coffee Table Talk, a Daily Walk group focused on issues we all encounter in our daily walk through a variety of topical series, and finally a discussion/study guide that will focus on the Art of Discipleship for those wanting deepen their faith.

On the 9th we will be providing an overview for all of the groups so plan to come check it out. Stay tuned for information on upcoming programs as we finalize our dates and presenters. If you'd like to help out in any way or have ideas for topics or series, please contact Angela Grogan at 592-9303 or angela.grogan@westminster-mo.edu



Please click this button for a printable Room At The Table flyer.

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.

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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