



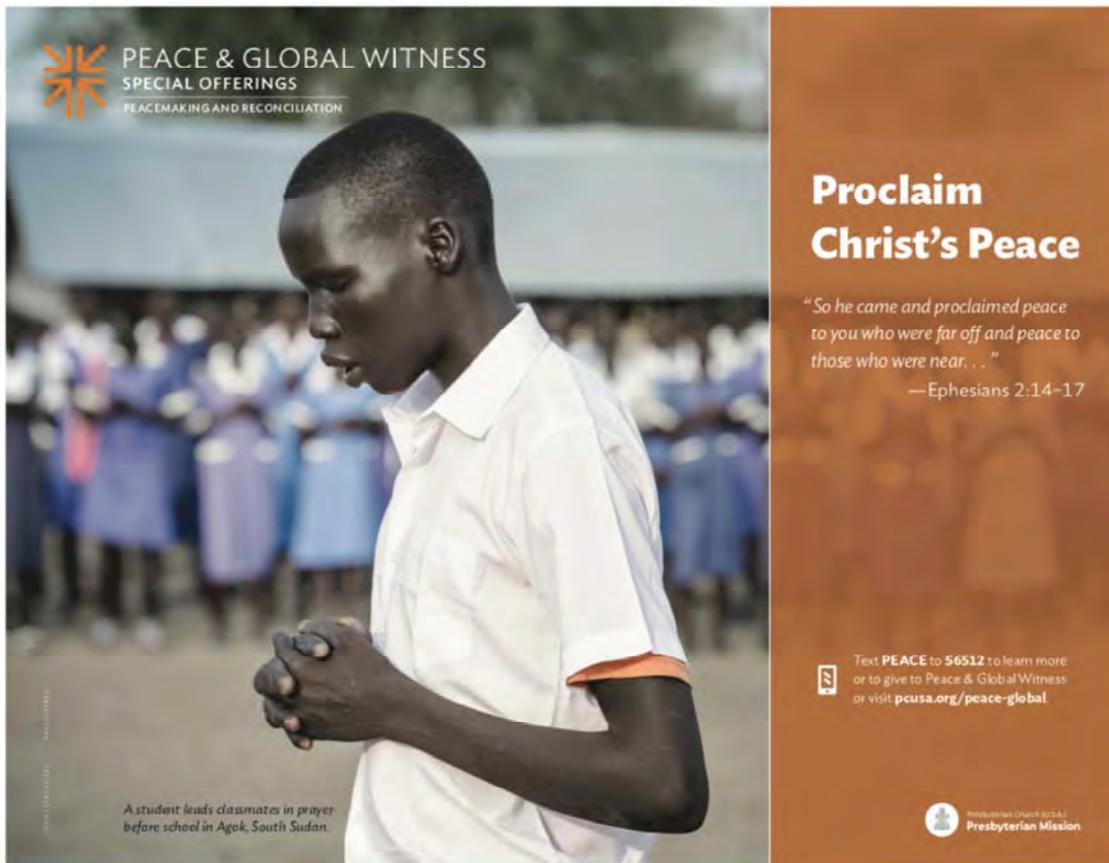
SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

First Presbyterian Church, Fulton, Mo

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Update from Aaron



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Although this is our September newsletter, I am already thinking ahead to the first Sunday of October, when we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and we'll also receive the PC(USA)'s Peace & Global Witness Offering. Through the gifts we contribute toward this special offering, the church is equipped "to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world." And as we are called to commit our monetary gifts toward this crucial work of the church, we are also charged with the work of peacemaking in our own lives.

It is for this reason that our denomination celebrates *A Season of Peace*. During the four weeks leading up to World Communion Sunday, we seek to define and deepen our own calling as peacemakers. During the 2017 Season of Peace, we may engage in this work by exploring "Five Peacemaking Affirmations:"

- Commit to the Gospel of Peace
- Confess our Complicity
- Reclaim Christ the Peacemaker
- Practice New Peace Strategies

- Transform our Structures and Work for Peace

I encourage you to join me in sharing in this pilgrimage of peace throughout the month of September. To assist you along the journey, you may wish to sign up to receive the "Path of Peace Daily Reflections." If you would like to receive these daily devotionals throughout the month of September, please [click here to subscribe](#).

May God bless us all in the month ahead as we follow in the way of Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace!

Grace and Peace,
Aaron White
Pastor

Pastor's Office Hours - Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Office: (573) 642-5541
Cell: (573) 590-3136

Please Note: the pastor will not have office hours on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.

Sunday Worship

Contemporary Worship 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Fellowship 9:30 am to 9:45 am
Sunday School 9:45 am to 10:45 am
Traditional Service 11:00 am to noon
Youth Group 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Things To Be Shared

Presbyterians mobilize to help the people of Texas recover after Hurricane Harvey



Texas National Guard soldiers assist residents affected by flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Aug. 27, 2017. (National Guard photo by Lt. Zachary West)

"As news comes in on the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is organizing a response that will help sustain life and restore hope in the coming days." To read more and to learn how you can support PDA's response to Hurricane Harvey, please [click here](#).

Your Donations Make a Difference! Please Support the 2017 Missouri Festival of Sharing!

On October 20 and 21st our youth will be traveling to the Missouri State Fairgrounds to participate in the 2017 YouthFest, part of the annual Missouri Festival of Sharing. This year, the youth will once again be putting together paper product packs. If you would like to support them in this effort, you may either donate the products listed below or make a monetary donation.



Missouri Paper Products Pack

9,254 requested versus 554 shared in 2016

Estimated Pack Value **\$15**

One agency partner shared, "I took a paper pack to a single mom with eight children. She was delighted to receive it as paper supplies are a surprisingly large expense for her. She reported being especially appreciative because the father of two of her children had recently changed jobs and she was still waiting for child support to catch up which had left her with a gap in her income. She reported feeling much less worried with some extra paper supplies and could focus on putting the resulting extra money aside for emergencies and possibly some Christmas surprises."



3 wrapped packages of toilet paper with 4 double rolls each (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)



2 rolls paper towels (good quality)



2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes)

Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag. Label the trash bag "Missouri Paper Products Pack."

The Mission Committee is also participating in the Festival of Sharing by collecting school supplies to create "Readin' & Writin'" Packs. We hope to once again invite students from Westminster to join members of our quilting/sewing group to create school supply bags during the college's upcoming "Into the Streets" service event. If you would like to support them in this effort, you may either donate the products listed below or make a monetary donation.



Missouri Readin' & Writin' Pack

7,277 requested versus 2,263 shared in 2016

Estimated Pack Value **\$14**

Many agencies described programs focusing on starting the school year off well for students, which is wonderful. However, by the time December and January roll around the students are again without the supplies crucial for learning. Often, teachers use their own money to buy resources for the class and this causes hardship for them. With the school supplies available in November and December from Festival of Sharing, this gives hope to both students and teachers! Another agency offers the readin' & writin' packs as gifts to children as they move into their program. They help parents with children from homelessness and help them get their lives back on track. This tiny gift allows the children to be ready for school and practice their reading, writing and coloring after school.



6 new pencils with erasers



2 ink pens (medium point)



1 pencil holder



4 folders with pockets



1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)



1 pair of child-sized metal scissors



2 - 70 page spiral or tape bound notebooks (140 pages total)



10 pack markers



1-12 inch ruler



1 large eraser

Please put smaller items in the pencil holder and place in a 2-2.5 gallon ziplock bag. Place bags in a box labeled "MO Readin' & Writin' Pack" with total on box.

Save The Date - Crop Walk 2017



The 2017 Fulton CROP Hunger Walk will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, October 8th.

Save The Date - 50+ Salad Luncheon

50+ Salad Luncheon will gather in fellowship on Friday, **October 6th** from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy a taste of the various Salads being prepared for you. A program with singing will be interesting, and lift ones spirit!

SERVE Food Pantry



During the month of September, please bring CANNED AND NONPERISHABLE MILK PRODUCTS for our collection for the SERVE Food Pantry.

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.

Luke 3:11 (NRSV)

In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

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 and nonperishable milk products

October-Canned and dried beans

November-Holiday Foods

December-Pasta, rice and pasta sauce

Feeding the Multitude: Join the Effort at the Fulton Soup Kitchen



FPC, Fulton currently has a group of devoted worshipers who gather on the third Monday of each month to feed our neighbors in need at the John C. Harris Community Center. Still, the need exists for other volunteer groups. Is God calling you to step forward to care for those who hunger in our midst?

The Fulton Soup Kitchen is seeking volunteer groups to plan, prepare, and serve meals for persons in need here in our community. The following days are available each month:

- 2nd and 4th Monday
- 3rd Wednesday
- 5th Thursday
- 1st, 2nd, and 5th Friday

If there is an interested group, they are encouraged to contact Shirley Dixon (email: sdixon3046@gmail.com; phone: (573) 642-6500). Shirley would be glad to work with a new group to show them how to plan for meals. They could also work with the current FPC, Fulton group a couple of times to get the feel for how it works. Can you answer Christ's call: "Feed my sheep"?

Alzheimer's Support Group Presentation On Protecting Your Assets

The Alzheimer's support group will have a presentation by an elder law attorney on how to legally protect your assets in your advanced age.

The free meeting is open to any kind of caregiver, not just Alzheimer caregivers.

For more information contact Dick White by phone, (573) 642-2082, or email whiter26@sbcglobal.net.

Committee Information

Elders Needed to Join the Communion Team!

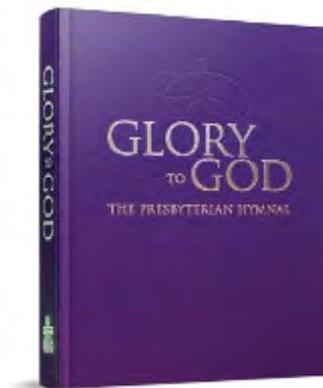
FPC offers Communion on the first Sunday of each month and designated services during Advent and Lent.

If you would like to find our more about becoming playing the important role of Communion Server, please contact Debbie Calder at 642-8793,

Choir Rehearsal Resumes

Choir rehearsal resumes Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Legacy Copy of the New PC(USA) Hymnal



Purchase your legacy copy of the new PC)USA) hymnal "Glory to God" by Sunday, October 29 for \$20.00 each.

This new book of congregational song will include:

- Over 800 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs.
- Approximately 50% of included hymns will be from the 1990 Presbyterian hymnal. The remaining pieces will come from former Presbyterian hymnals, other denominational songbooks, and individual authors and composers.
- A musical setting of almost every Sunday lectionary Psalm.
- Music from six different continents.
- Music covering all major historical and contemporary sacred genres, including approximately thirty-five African American/Gospel hymns.
- Comprehensive indexes.

To review and print the "Glory to God" hymnal order form please click the link below.

[Click Here](#)

(See Below)

Seeking Volunteers for Presbyterian Manor Worship!

We are re-organizing our Manor Worship Support Team.

If you would like to volunteer to watch the 11 a.m.service on TV and worship with manor residents, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board just outside the church library.

Sign-up for your choice of Sunday or contact Mary Van Orden or Betty Warren for more information.

Congregation Care

The Pastoral Care Committee is now partnering with Fellowship Committee and is under a new name: **Congregation Care**.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding items that fall under this new title,

Please contact:

Barbara Huddleston 642-1272

Nola Garner 642-7772

Kathleen Jeffries 642-3127, OR

Pastor Aaron White 642-5541/ 590-3136 (cell)



DONATE YOUR SPARE ECLIPSE GLASSES AT FPC, FULTON!



Eclipse Glasses Donation Program

Give your eclipse glasses a second chance! Astronomers Without Borders and Explore Scientific are collecting glasses to be sent to schools in South America and Asia when eclipses cross those continents in 2019.

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton is among the official Glasses Collection Centers where you can make your donation!

COLLECTION ENDS OCTOBER 31ST!

Church mailing address:

P.O. Box 6037

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office@fultonpresbyterian.org

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newsletter@fultonpresbyterian.org

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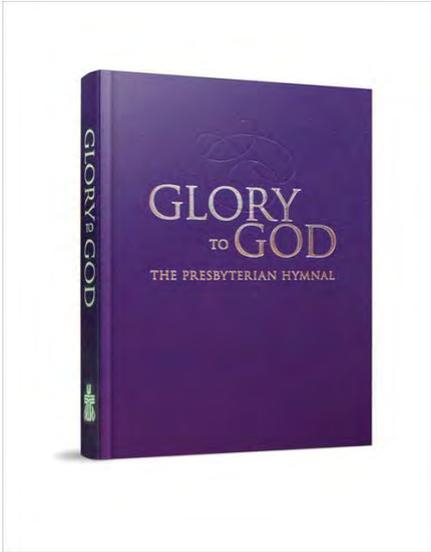
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Glory to God will also contain worship aids and printed liturgies for Sunday services (including baptism and the Lord's Supper) and services for daily prayer. Complete orders of service will include congregational responses, prayers, and creeds. These will be perfect resources for "green" congregations, camps and conference centers, daily prayer services, and time-pressed pastors.

Your gift to First Presbyterian Church of *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* and will be stamped with the PC(USA) seal on the spine and contain a bookplate on the inside cover noting your generous gift to the congregation.

Order today by completing the form below. *Please complete a separate order form for each dedication.*

Purchaser's Name:

Enclosed is payment for _____ copies of *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* @ \$20 each for the hardback pew edition. The donation bookplate should read:

This hymnal is a gift of:

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***Please attach a check payable to First Presbyterian Church. You may place orders in the collection plate on Sunday, deliver them to the church office during regular office hours or send your order with payment to:
FPC Hymnal Order, First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 6037, Fulton, MO 65251***