

Presbyterian Times

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A Message from Rev. Morrison

It has been only a few weeks that I have been serving as the "interim/interim", but it has been a blessing to me. One of my favorite biblical concepts occurs early in the Old Testament when God speaking to Abram says, "I will bless you, that you will be a blessing".

It is exciting to see the numerous ways in which you have been blessed as a congregation. Strong lay leadership, a deeply caring congregation, vital worship, great music and good facilities,

These blessings are, in turn, encouraging you to find ways in which you, as a congregation, can reach out to the community with the love of Jesus Christ. The PreSchool is a fine example. Your diligence in ministering to the Manor shows a strong effort to be involved in missions, both in Rolla, and other places in the world.

This all means that you can not become complacent with your good works, but must consistently look for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized. Let us keep Christ's love in the forefront of ministry, not bringing recognition to our efforts. Discernment of how God would like to take you to ministries with the total spectrum of life--children, youth, adults, aging population, not working on one to minimize the other.

Keep strong in the faith!

Membership Mary Kwantes

Our Easter fellowship will celebrate our new life in Jesus Christ. The egg hunt for children 2-10 will follow the fellowship time and there will be no regular Sunday School. If you will have visiting children, please let Pam Cottingham know so we can plan accordingly. Membership is sponsoring a wonderful spring progressive dinner and the sign-up sheet is now up. If you have not done this event in the past, please consider joining us. We will be at Kensington for appetizers at 5:30, Main course at Wellington at 6:30, and at church for dessert at 8 or so. This will take the place of first Friday Out for April, since we are choosing not to do the restaurant event on good Friday. May 17 will be the all church picnic at Ber Juan pavilion following worship. Take time to go home and get dishes to share and change clothes as you prefer. This date also marks our 151st year as a worshipping body of believers. June 2 is the Baseball trip and all the info is available outside the office.

Please continue to look at the sign-up sheets for Fellowship, (also sound system) Volunteers are always appreciated especially a month in advance.

Memorial Garden Cynthia Hobart

Memorial Bricks for the Memorial Garden

Over the past several years the following engraved Memorial Bricks have been placed in the Memorial Garden in memory of: Shirley Andrews, William Andrews, Harriet Babbitt, Laura Bennett, Donald Paul Bennett, Eva M. Best, Phyllis Carson, Ralph Carson, Jeanne Christenson, Bernadine M. Cole, John Cole, Harlan Creighton, Charlie B. Finley, Martha Fox, Will R. Fox, Eva G. Gollahon, John P. Gollahon, Mary Geurin, John Geurin, June Harper, Don T. Harper, Mary E. Heagler, John Heagler, Juanita Heglin, Russell Heglin, Edna Jane Legate, Helen L. Porter, Rev. G. Scott Porter, Sally Porter Kaiser, Scott T. Porter, Sharon Kohrman, Donna Lindsay, Ray Lindsay, Margaret Ann Maddox, Bob L. Marlow, Helen C May, Lawrence E. May, Patrick S. May, Patti McKay, Chris J. McKay, Dorothy M. Neely, William Neely, Ora C. Ray, Agnes Remington, Eleanor G. Rickerson, Gertrude Roemer, Elmer Roemer, Bret A. Rogers, James W. Rose, Jeanne L. Senne, Jimmie June Timpe, Malcolm J. Timpe, John Dee Van horn, Kathryn Vogt, Fred. K. Vogt, Fred W. Vogt, Frances Wallen, Helen Wiese, and Ernest R. Wiese.

In the Garden there are also bricks (without dates on them) in honor of Gerre McKay, Joe Senne, and Lou Vogt (who passed away after her brick was placed there).

Each Spring orders are taken for Memorial Bricks. The orders are sent to the Acme Brick Company, which engraves the bricks and sends them back to us 6-8 weeks later. In the fall the bricks are placed in the Memorial Garden, and later after a worship service the congregation is invited out for a prayer of dedication.

During the next month or two, if you wish, you may place an order for a Memorial Brick in memory of a church member, family member, or friend. The cost of a brick is \$100, part of which pays for maintenance of the Garden. Please contact Cynthia Hobart or Betti Jo in the church office if you wish to purchase a brick.

Preschool News Rachel Allison, Director

It has been busy in the Preschool! Over the last few months we have been in the Rolla Daily News 7 times for our various educational programs! All this good publicity has us almost full for the next school year already! Wow!

If you haven't checked out our website yet, please do! If you are curious what we are up to, all of our programs and activities can be found under upcoming events.

www.firstpresbyterianpreschoolrolla.com

Our spring community fundraiser raised \$655.00 for Team Anita-Pay it Forward, which is a foundation to help local cancer patients. The fundraiser allowed parents and grandparents to pay \$5.00 to come eat lunch at school with their kiddos. The kids were allowed to throw cream pies at my face, duct tape me to the wall, feed me baby food and give the teachers a makeover for additional donations. The foundation was created as a memorial to my dear friend, Anita Lynch, who passed away last March, so this is a cause that is very close to my heart! I was overwhelmed at the results and I am so proud to be a part of this program and this community!

We began PE classes at The Centre this month and the students are really enjoying them! We continue our music classes with Mary Kwantes as well! We are very grateful for her time and effort!

We applied for a small grant through the State of Missouri called Move Smart. We received word this week that we will be recipients. We will be awarded new toys for our indoor play and a plaque. We are very proud of this!

I want to take a few lines to say how grateful I am for the support of the members of this Church! Larry Roberts, Ken and Mary Kwantes, Bill Neely, Eleanor Van Horn, Mary Alofs, Ray Fox , Susan Murray, Ray Evans and, of course, Angela Isaacs are just a few of the members of this congregation who have helped, supported and been involved since I began. I am so grateful for their involvement! Our school year is winding down and graduation is right around the corner! It's hard to believe but soon the halls will be quiet for the summer!

Rachel Allison

Presbyterian Women Jan Roberts

“THANKS” to All of the Presbyterian Women who helped one another with smiles and laughter, as they prepared, served, and cleaned-up for the March PW Lenten Luncheons.

Besides good food and fellowship, our guest speakers were great, too. They were Mark Long, Rev. Bob Morrison, and Steve Barber. Money collected from the luncheons will go to the One Great Hour of Sharing mission. Our church is very blessed. May you all have a wonderful Easter !!

Thanks... ☺

Jan

Thank You
Frank and Carol Jessop

“Carol and Frank Jessop would like to thank the congregation for all their prayers and cards when Carol was in the hospital. We would also like to thank all those who drove Frank to and from the hospital when he was visiting Carol and also all the food that was brought in to keep Frank from cooking his meals. Truly we greatly appreciate all that this church has done for Carol while she was in the hospital. A special thanks to who called on Carol and helped keep her spirits up when she was so far from home.”

Estate Planning
Joanne Zap

Gift Planning Comparison Chart

CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST:

How it Works: Donor (usually age 60 or older) uses cash, appreciated securities or debt-free real estate (\$50,000 minimum required) to fund a unitrust. Additional contributions may be made to the unitrust at any time.

The unitrust makes payments based on a percentage, such as 5% or 6%, of the annual value of the unitrust principal. Annual payments may fluctuate from year to year.

The unitrust can make payments to the donor for his/her lifetime and the lifetime of another individual.

First Presbyterian Church receives remainder value of the unitrust.

Income and Estate Tax Benefits: Donor receives an immediate income tax deduction for a portion of the gift.

Estate tax benefits occur at the end of the trust period.

Capital Gains Benefits: If unitrust is funded with appreciated assets or real estate, capital gain tax is avoided.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS:

How it Works: Donor names First Presbyterian Church as beneficiary on their retirement plan, life insurance policy or commercial annuity.

Donor may also designate First Presbyterian Church as beneficiary on bank accounts and other financial investments by completing a Payable on Death or Transferable on Death designation.

Donor retains the right to change the beneficiary on the accounts as long as donor owns them.

After Donor's passing, the funds from the designated accounts will pass outside of probate and transfer directly to First Presbyterian Church.

Income and Estate Tax Benefits: Estate tax benefits occur when assets are transferred to First Presbyterian Church.

Capital Gains Benefits: N/A

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS:

How it Works: Donor designates First Presbyterian Church to receive a specific amount or item, a percentage, or a residuary bequest through donor's will or revocable living trust.

Income and Estate Tax Benefits: No income tax deduction as gift is received at donor's passing.

Donor's estate is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the value of the gift.

Capital Gains Benefits: Capital gain taxes are avoided on the gift to First Presbyterian Church.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY (CGA):

How it Works: Gift annuities can be funded with cash or appreciated securities (minimum gift of \$5,000 or more) by persons 60 years or older.

The gift annuity pays an immediate, fixed amount to one or two persons for life, with the payout percentage based on the recipient's age at the time the annuity is established.

First Presbyterian Church receives remaining principal when donor's payments end.

Income and Estate Tax Benefits: Donor receives a current income tax deduction for a portion of the gift.

If appreciated securities are used to fund the CGA, a portion of the payment may be tax-free.

If the annuity is funded with cash, an even greater percentage of the payment is tax-free.

Capital Gains Benefits: If appreciated securities are used to fund the CGA, immediate capital gain tax can be avoided.

DEFERRED PAYMENT CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY (DPCGA):

How it Works: Deferred Payment Gift annuities can be funded with cash or appreciated securities (minimum gift of \$5,000 or more).

This gift method is often used by donors still actively employed and by those younger than age 60. The deferred payment gift annuity is often used as a supplement to retirement plans and offers a fixed payment beginning at some point in the future, often when earned income is lower or supplemental income is needed.

Deferred gift annuities offer a higher payout rate as compared to the standard charitable gift annuity described above.

First Presbyterian Church receives remaining principal when donor's payments end.

Income and Estate Tax Benefits: Donor receives an immediate charitable deduction.

As with the standard charitable gift annuity described above, some of the payment from the deferred gift annuity may be tax-free.

Capital Gains Benefits: If appreciated securities are used to fund the DPCGA, immediate capital gain tax can be avoided.

Please consult with your legal and tax advisor before making a charitable gift.

From the Office
Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

Spring has finally arrived! I love changing of the seasons. Everything is starting to bloom and look beautiful.

Happy Birthdays for April are Cynthia Hobart, Bruce Russell, Rob Heberer, Mariesa Crow-Drewniak, Marilyn Schmidt, Britt Whitaker, Rhonda Kimball, Amy Whitaker, and Carrie Aswegan.

Happy Anniversary to Carol and Frank Jessop.

Upcoming Events for April:
Maundy Thursday service April 02
Preschool closed for Good Friday

Easter Sunday worship with Reverend Gary Stratman April 05
Progressive Dinner April 10

Check your bulletins weekly for announcements and what is going on for the week.