

Presbyterian Times

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First Friday Night Out

Lee Bennett

May 1st Friday night out will be at DaTrapanis at Benton Square at 5:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Women

Melba Read and Eleanor Van Horn

The PW directory will be updated this summer. Would you please check your phone number to see if it is correct and give us an email address if it is not listed in the church directory? You may email Pat Look at pal@fidnet.com or Melba Read at cmread@fidnet.com corrected information by May 21st.

The PW Fellowship will complete their year with a carry in salad luncheon at Wellington Clubhouse on May 9th at 11:00 am. The program will be a panel discussion on "Caring in our Church Community" with members of the church participating and Pat Look as moderator.

There will be a short business meeting and a Dedication Service of the Thank Offering that will be taken at that time.

All women of the church are invited so we hope to see you there. Directions to Wellington can be had by calling Eleanor Van Horn at 573-426-5962.

Memorial Garden

Cynthia Hobart

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 or Betti Jo in the church office if you wish to purchase a brick.

Worship and Music Happenings

Jonathan Kimball

Christ is risen! We are now in the season of Easter, which extends from the day when we celebrate Christ's resurrection until Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and they began to spread the Gospel. This year, Pentecost falls on May 24 (Memorial Day weekend). This is the one day of the year when our liturgical color is red, representing the fire of the Holy Spirit. Please join the celebration by **wearing red to worship on May 24.**

The Sunday following Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. Soon after, the choir will go on hiatus for the summer. As in years past, we would like to have special music offerings during the summer months, in place of the anthem. If you would like to contribute, please contact Jeff Sandquist for scheduling.

Although we do not have an installed pastor at this time, the church's work in the world continues. Many thanks to Rev. Bob Morrison, who is serving as our short-term interim pastor. He is a retired United Methodist pastor who will celebrate 60 years in the ministry on July 5. Because of his limited familiarity with our hymns and liturgy, Jeff is composing and coordinating the majority of the worship service each week. Jeff also arranged for our Maundy Thursday joint service with Hope Lutheran (ELCA), a wonderful Tenebrae service held "in the round" on the stage of the sanctuary. I would like to thank him for his excellent work.

Some of you have been struggling to hear the sermons lately. Hopefully we have the problem solved. Jeff installed a new microphone on the pulpit that should enable us to amplify Bob sufficiently without feedback. Please note that we have a few personal amplifiers for those with hearing difficulties. Also, the sermon podcasts continue to be posted on our web site and are clearly audible.

Our Thursday informal service, FIRED UP! is continuing. Although I am still the primary musician, Mary Kwantes fills in from time to time, and recently Bill Cottingham joined me as a second guitarist. As the weather improves, I would like to experiment with worshipping outdoors. If you have any comments about the service, let me know.

Jonathan Kimball, W&M chairperson

Membership News

Mary Kwantes

Membership has postponed our annual Church picnic but we are hoping to reschedule when we get a new pastor. Meanwhile, we will still meet for First Friday at Benton square on May 1st at 5:30.

Please consider attending the Rolla Choral Arts spring concert, "Paradox", at our church on May 2 at 7:30 pm or May 3 at 2:00 pm . Jeff Sandquist has worked very hard to coordinate a program on the themes of war and peace and will feature the Community Choir, two Children's choirs, the Men of Song and special guest soloists and various instrumentalists. A power point will accompany the entire show with huge screens so you can engage with visual images of our struggle with war in our world.

Our Cardinal baseball trip is full. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, contact Britt or Nancy Marlow or sign the list posted outside the office. We will leave the parking lot on June 2 at 4:00 pm.

The block party will be that week also on Friday June 5th. We are looking for volunteers to help us canvass our neighborhood on Sunday May 31st at about 1 pm to encourage our neighbors to attend the party, come to Fired Up! and send their children to our VBS the last week of June.

You have probably noticed new folks in the pews. Some are Methodist friends or friends of Bob Morrison. Please continue to welcome them, and all other guests. Introduce yourself and another worshipper and invite the guests to our fellowship and Sunday School.

Kristen Eye has confessed her faith to the session and will be brought into full membership on May 3rd. She has related how welcomed she felt. As students continue to visit us remember they need a home away from home. Thanks to all of you who always reach out to visitors.

Lastly we are still hoping fellowship can be planned about a month in advance so even in the summer we can assure that welcome drink and snacks after worship. That sign-up sheet is outside the office.



Rachel Allison, Director

The end of the school year is here! It seems like it has flown by! Preschool graduation is May 14th at 6:30pm. We are so proud of our graduating class! We look forward to seeing these kids do BIG things in the future! 😊

We will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo, swimming at The Centre, creating a "Drive-in Movie" in the Fellowship Hall, enjoying music with Mrs. Kwantes and having a last day of school picnic at Ber Juan Park this month! The last day of school is May 20th.

I will be in the office at the end of May and all of June. We will be closed for the month of July and then back in August. We only have 2 openings left for the fall. It is exciting to be full this early! We are looking forward to the next school year with a bumper crop of new learners!

I want to say thank you to the hardworking staff at the Preschool. These ladies are the hardest working, most creative, dedicated group of people I could ask for and I am so grateful to Donna Schmickle, Amanda Baker, Melissa Field, Rana Ragan, Lisa Loos, Kathy Bennett, Linda Gehrlein, Amber Paul, Kassi Talak, Shay Sturgeon, Angela Isaacs and Hatice Scott for all of their efforts this year!

I also want to say thank you again for all of the prayers and support of the Church staff and congregation! God bless you all and enjoy your quiet summer! We will be back in full force in the fall!

RAMTA Recital

Mary Kwantes

RAMTA Junior and Senior High School students will have a recital May 5th at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. The recital will feature piano, voice, and flute students of various teachers in our community.

From the Office

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

Our May birthdays:

Linda Rose, Ron Elliott, Mary Alofs, Sharlene Morgan, K.M. Isaac, Jan Sletten, Russell Fox, Caitlyn Sandquist, Dean Sletten, Molly Turner, Rebecca Fox, Horace Jeffery, and Pam Cottingham.

Our May Anniversaries:

Ken and Mary Kwantes
Ardel and Christine Rueff

Dates to remember this month:

May 10 – Happy Mother's Day to all the special ladies in our lives.

May 14 – Preschool graduation

May 20 – Last day of school

May 25 – The office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day