

Presbyterian Times
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A Message from Our Pastor
Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

The calendar and sales flyers declare it is time to go back to school! I am sure for some of our younger church members this is a sad proposition. For other parental church members, this may be a very welcome prospect. For our congregation this means the MS&T students will be returning, and we will renew our commitment to nurture them and provide church home away from home. We will continue our involvement in Common Call, an ecumenical student ministry. We will continue to reach out to the students on campus. The Membership Committee has contacted all of the Missouri presbyteries with information for students who may be coming to school in a few weeks. All of the presbyteries agreed to distribute the information to their churches. Let's remember to pray for the faculty, staff and students who are gearing up for classes to begin again.

Not only are college and public school students heading back to class, but our Presbyterian Preschool students and teachers are getting ready for another school year. Rachel Allison, our preschool director, does an excellent job leading an outstanding staff. They provide a safe and loving environment to the children as they experience school for the first time. Please remember to pray for Rachel and the rest of the preschool staff, the students and their families as they prepare to come back to school.

Our church also offers great Christian Education opportunities. Whether you regularly attend Sunday School or Monday morning Bible study or have never attended, now is the time to commit to lifelong learning and growth through Bible study, prayer, and discussion.

We are never too young or too old to learn something new. May God bless all who teach and all who study and all who seek greater wisdom and understanding.

Peace, Pastor Lou Ellen

Stewardship and Financial Committee
Barbara Ford, Treasurer

Review of the June financial statement:
General Fund Balance \$10,496.73
Reserve Fund Balance \$220,050.18

Renovation Fund Balance \$5,279.35

June Income: \$15,397.94

June Expenses: \$18,284.80

Due to bi-weekly payroll – three payroll sessions hit in June.

“The world is changed by our example, not by your opinion.”

Novelist Paulo Coelho

Worship & Music

Jonathan Kimball, Chair

Recently, some close friends of mine, the Arkwrights, came to visit and attended church with me. They attend a Lutheran church in Ohio with a contemporary service, though both parents grew up with traditional worship. Their teenage son, Seth, was sitting next to me, and though I tried to help, he was often caught off-guard by the next hymn or next prayer or next litany. I think our worship was meaningful to their whole family, but at least Seth was unsettled and uncertain.

My brother attends a church with a contemporary service. What bothers my mother, Jane, when she visits is not knowing what comes next. They don't have a bulletin, so all she knows is what's on the screen. She struggles to get her offering ready at the right time and never knows what's next. She just feels lost without a piece of paper to keep her on task.

Since the earliest days of what became Israel, hospitality has been a central tenet of our faith. In this case, hospitality means meeting people where they are, rather than making them conform to our way of doing things. So, now that we have a projector and a screen, we are planning to expand its use to better welcome the Seths of the world. At the same time, we are planning to keep and even expand our bulletin to help the Janes of the world, as well as those with vision difficulties. Watch for changes this fall. There will probably be some growing pains, some technical glitches, but we'll work through them. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Lou Ellen or me.

This does not change what we are doing regarding FIRED UP! style services. Our Sunday worship will remain traditional, except on the fifth Sunday of the month (when it occurs). Next up will be October 30.

Hope is seeing a light at the end of the tunnel; faith is believing it is not a train.

“Guidepost Magazine”

Just a Reminder

Carol Jessop
364-2433

For those that need or may need medical equipment we have a list of equipment to loan. Just let me know and I will put you in touch with those that have some to loan.

How Well Do You Know Our Congregation?

Did you know that Melba and Clayton Read were confirmed together at Zion U.C.C. Church in Bland. (That was when Melba decided that Clay was her future husband and eight years later they were married.)

Presbyterians Cook

Carol Jessop

Several friends and I were discussing that it was fresh produce season. Produce from our gardens and the Farmer's Market is plentiful. I mentioned that I would like to make a tomato tart. Several asked what it was and after I told them the ingredients they asked for the recipe. So here it is:

Basil Tomato Tart

1 pie crust

½ cup flour

Salt

Black Pepper

1 large or 2 medium ripe tomatoes,
sliced ¼" thick

3 green onions with tops, chopped

1/3 cup fresh basil, coarsely chopped

2 cups grated Swiss cheese

½ cup mayonnaise

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Fit crust into 9 inch pie pan. Pour flour, salt and pepper (to taste) into plastic bag. Place tomato slices in bag and shake well to coat. Layer tomatoes on bottom of pie crust, shaking off excess flour, but making sure each slice is completely coated. Top with green onions and basis. Stir together mayonnaise and Swiss cheese, spread on top. Bake until cheese is bubbly and golden brown, about 35 – 40 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes.

From the Office

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

Wow! Where has the summer gone? It is almost time to return to school and resume fall activities.

I hope you enjoyed the extra entries in the Newsletter provided by Carol Jessop and friends. We look forward to more things coming for future editions.

I would like to remind all committees and secretaries to forward your minutes for inclusion in the Session meetings each month. The next Session meeting will be August 15th at 7 pm. Please send your June and July minutes not already submitted since there was no July meeting along with the August meetings held prior to the 15th. Thank you.

Congratulations to our members Kristin Eye Gutches and Luke Gutches on their marriage July 23rd.

We want to extend *Happy Birthday* wishes to the following folks for August: Larry Roberts, Kathleen Dean, Rev. Robert Rogers, Steve Skelton, Lucas Day, Darryl Alofs, Jonathan Kimball, Marian Pruitt, Susan Murray, Katie Sands, Frank Jessop, Ardel Rueff, Lenn Koederitz, Lee Malone, Rachel Allison, D.C. Look, and Nora Sandquist.

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to Bob and Pat Mollenkamp and Larry and Jan Roberts.



- August 1 – Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, West Plains
- August 5 – First Friday Night Out –
- August 17 – School resumes at Rolla Public Schools and Preschool
- August 21 – Ice Cream Social at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- August 26 – Common Call will have a table at Minerama at MS&T 11 am – 2 pm
- August 29 – Articles for September Newsletter due in office**
- September 5 – Office will be closed for Labor Day**

Choir, Scouts and Circle groups resume meeting in September.