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A Message from Our Pastor Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

A Pastor Looks at Fifty

In a few weeks I will be turning 50; the big 5 0. I will be entering my sixth decade. How is this possible? I have no idea. I remember teasing my parents as they turned 50 and received their AARP cards. I also teased my parents when they had to get reading glasses, the cheap cheaters at Walmart, so they could read I believed was perfectly large enough for anyone to see. Of course I also teased them when they forgot where they put their reading glasses and began stashing pairs in every room throughout the house. I was not very sympathetic. They told me it would happen to me some day. Of course I didn't believe them. Of course they were right. My hair color comes out of a bottle; I have reading glasses throughout my own house and office; I no longer recognize pop stars when they appear on the television. All indications are I'm getting old... AND I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER! I am so thankful for the gift of life, for the people I've met and will meet, for the things I've learned and will learn, for the love I've received and shared, for the friends I've made and will make. I am thankful for the gift of the church in my life without which I would not know God's faithfulness, patience, love, and grace. I am thankful for the support and challenges which have come from struggling with faith, loss, grief, and calling. So here is to the next 50 years of life and whatever it holds. I pray each day we will all find something for which to be thankful. Blessings and peace to each of you.

Love in Christ –
Pastor Lou Ellen

Upcoming Sermons:

September 3 Matthew 16:21-28 Bearing Crosses

September 10 Matthew 18:15-20 Community Living

September 17 Julie Mercer-Kidd preaching

September 24 Phil Cox preaching

A Note from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey

Hurricane Harvey may have been downgraded, but the torrential rains are still pounding parts of Texas and Louisiana. Historic flooding has forced rivers and streams from their banks and submerged homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people.

We are relying on the generosity of Presbyterians to provide financial and hands-on support to help the whole church stand with these communities and the Presbyterian family as it responds to its neighbors.

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Please give generously to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Designate gifts to DR000169-Harvey.

ACT: Put together Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas — hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are especially needed. For more information, go to pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/. Contact the PDA Call Center to be notified of volunteer opportunities. Call (866) 732-6121 or email pda.callcenter@pcusa.org.

PRAY: God, our Shelter, be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains of Harvey, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than floodwaters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. Amen.

Keep up to date on long-term recovery efforts at presbyterianmission.org/pda or [facebook.com/PDACARES](https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES)

PALS LUNCHEON

Cheryl Koederitz

PALS will meet for lunch on TUESDAY, September 5 at Sybills at 11:45 am. (Note change of day.)

Bell Choir and Chancel Choir Welcome Back Picnic!

Jeff Sandquist, Music Director

Jeff and Nora Sandquist will host a picnic at their home on Wednesday, September 6th beginning at 6:00 pm. Current members and all those interested in being part of the music program at First Presbyterian and their families are invited to attend. Meats, table service, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or

dessert to share. The Sandquist's home is located at 10700 Davidson St. in College Hills. Take 10th street to Stoltz Drive (by Social Security Office); turn right on Hanley, go up the hill and left on Davidson. The evening will include a short rehearsal for the choir anthem to be sung on Sunday, September 10th.

Membership/Fellowship Committee

Bob May, Chair

Please note visitors or occasional visitors and **invite them** to Fellowship time and Sunday School after Worship.

Thanks to those who have faithfully provided food and drink during fellowship time. Our committee is **considering a change** in providing for food beginning in October. To make the preparation simpler we propose for most Sundays having Coffee, Juice and Donut Holes. On occasion, special Sundays, we'll welcome help in providing for an expanded fare.

We had a special **Ice Cream Social** with more the 50 members and Children and Families from our Pre-School. Thanks to those who provided Ice Cream, toppings and pastries. Activities, including Water Games were enjoyed by the Little Kids (and Big Kids).

Coming Events:

1st. Friday Night Out. Friday, September 1st, 6:00 p.m. Matt's Steakhouse.

** Not a Church sponsored event but a special event honoring a revered community friend. **Ranney Run** (a memorial for Mark and Dr. Bonnie Ranney) starting at Rolla Veterans Park, Saturday, September 16th., 8:00 a.m. A fundraiser for the new "Rolla Animal Shelter".

Church Picnic – Sunday, September 17th noon at the Rolla Veterans Park. Fried Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please see sign-up sheet for attending – sides and desserts will be appreciated. Benches seating is provided in the pavilion however you might also bring lawn chairs.

Hike, Sunday, October 15th. 3:00 p.m. Audubon Trail. (University Dr. to North of I-44 -White Columns Drive to Merriweather Ct. Several short distance trail options. Come after lunch and be home for supper.

Weiner Roast, Saturday, November 4th 5:00 p.m. at Britt and Amy Whitakers.

New Church Pictorial Directory, Information being circulated. See Bulletin Announcements or contact Leslie Skelton lskelton@rollanet.org or 364-1688. Project completion date – November 1st.

Preschool News
Rachel Allison, Director



Wow! We are off to a great start this school year! We have 69 kiddos enrolled and which makes us 100% FULL and we have a waiting list of families waiting to get in! Presby Pre is THE place to be! ♥

We have a great staff again this year and it is an absolute pleasure to work with them!

I have to share this story: Ms. Kyla starts each morning with circle time prayer. The kids each go around and say who/what they want to pray for. Of course once the first kiddo says something everyone else says the same thing. So, last week the first kiddo said he would like to pray for his mom and so everyone else wanted to pray for their moms as well. The last one in the circle said, with a somber face, I'd like to pray for my mom too...because she has SHORT HAIR!! Hilarious! Gotta love these precious kids! ☺

Thank you for hosting the ice cream social and inviting the preschool! And thank you in advance for helping with our Hurts Donuts fundraiser!

We love our Church Family!

As always, keep us in your prayers!



The Preschool is hosting a HURTS Donuts fundraiser from October 2nd through October 16th. All orders and payment will be due the 16th. Donuts will be available for pick up in the fellowship hall on October 27th.

T shirts are \$10. Orders are due by September 5th. Payment is due at the time of the order. (Forms are available on the easel outside the office.)

Thank you for supporting the Preschool!

Presbyterian Women

Melba Read

Presbyterian Women? Aren't they the women in sensible shoes? Think you know Presbyterian Women? PREPARE TO BE AMAZED!!!!

YES, sometimes when they are sorting, pricing or selling at the Rummage Sale. Or baking cookies and hostessing for the Bazaar. OR singing in the choir. OR filling orders from the Linen Closet. OR cooking soup and serving for the Lenten Lunches. OR knitting for Russell House. OR serving on committees. OR making stockings for adopted families for Christmas. OR serving the Preschool teachers a meal. OR participating in Bible studying in Circles. OR providing Vespers at Presbyterian Manor. OR serving the Rolla community in various roles. YES, they need comfortable shoes for the many activities they are involved in.

Membership in Presbyterian Women is open to all women of the church. Members of PW are those who chose to participate or be supportive in any way.

Circles begin in September with monthly meetings. The study this year is Hebrews and we welcome you to visit any Circle.

The Fall Brunch General Meeting of PW will be on Saturday, September 16th at 10:30 AM. Our speaker will be Joy Parker, Activities Director at the Presbyterian Manor.

Opportunities present themselves and you have to enjoy the ride. All of us get so worried about the next step that we don't enjoy the moment we're in right now.

Ciada DeLaurentiis, Chef and author

Medical Equipment Needs

Carol Jessop

Don't forget: Anyone needing medical equipment can call me. I have a list of members having equipment that they are willing to loan. Please call me at 364-2433.

Membership

Mary Kwantes

We are organizing our own pictorial directory. In order to produce this directory we need non-copyrighted vertical images in digital format. Leslie Skelton has agreed to

take these if you are available before or after church. If you need to set up a different time, please contact her at lskelton@rollanet.org or call her at 364-1688. If you have a photo of you and your family in vertical digital form you may send it to Betti Jo with any updated information at office@rollapresby.org. We hope to finish this project before November 1, so please act quickly to arrange the picture.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

Frank Jessop

“So he came and proclaimed peace to those who were far off and peace to those who were near” --- Ephesians 2:17

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a peace that is universal. While the earthly ministry of Jesus happened in a special age and place, the peace he shared is limited by neither time nor geography.

As followers of Christ, our call to work for peace begins in our own neighborhood and extends to the end of the earth. It is a demanding call, but it's one that Presbyterians at all levels of the church are seeking to follow.

Giving to the Peace and Global Witness Offering is one way we can be faithful to Christ's call to pursue peace at home and around the world. Our church keeps 25% of the offering. The Mission Committee and Session voted to give our 25% to Russell House to be used for Dating and Violence Outreach.

Your gifts to the Peace and Global Witness Offering will help to end suffering and violence, both here in our community and around the world. The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be taken up on October 1st, World Communion Sunday. You can still contribute throughout the month of October.

Time is the greatest gift to share with each other.

Quvenzhané Wallis, actress, age 10

Disaster Buckets

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

At the August 7th meeting of John Calvin Presbytery we were provided empty Presbyterian Disaster Assistance buckets with the hope congregations will return them FULL in November. We have always given generously to this mission project. Thank you to those who took them.

Presbyterians Cook

Carol Jessop

With the start of the school year, I thought it would be a good time for a recipe from the Pre School Cookbook.

Abby Tipton's favorite recipe is for Pizza cooked by her mom.

Pizza

Sauce, enough to spread around the whole pizza
Cheese, enough to cover the sauce
Sausage, enough to cover the whole pizza
Icing, enough to cover the sausage
Microwave for 14 hours, then take it out!

Abby, age 4

How Well Do You know our congregation?

Carol Jessop

This month we get to know our newest Elder, Lee Bennett.

Lee was born in Pittsburg, Kansas. He grew up in Girard, Kansas. He graduated from Girard Rural High School and attended College of Emporia (a Presbyterian College) for two years. Because he was sure that he wanted to pursue a career as a pharmacist, he transferred to Kansas University. He obtained a BS in Pharmacy and a MA in Hospital Pharmacy and completed his residency at the KU Medical Center.

Lee served as Director of Pharmacy at PCRMC for 19 years, started a retail pharmacy in St. James, and then served as a staff pharmacist at PCRMC until retirement.

Lee is a life-long Presbyterian; as a youth in Girard and here in Rolla. He has served as an Elder for 3 terms and a Deacon two times.

Lee has one sister, living in Pittsburg, KS. Lee met his late wife, Laura, when they were living in the same apartment complex here in Rolla and married in 1975 at the church. They served as Greeters for many years. Laura was quite talented and made many of the banners that you see in the church. Lee's family; daughter Jessica, son-in-law James Duehning and their two children, Bennett and Lauren, recently returned to Rolla.

Lee enjoys traveling and reading non-fiction. On an "illumination" tour in Paris, France, Lee became separated from his tour group and was lost for two hours. Fortunately he found the bus just as it was leaving for the Eiffel Tower. The bad thing was he had to run to catch the bus—the good thing, he made it and got to see the Eiffel Tower by night.

From the Office

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

Happy Birthday wishes go out to the following people for September:

Tammy Bennett, Dena Anderson-Phelps, Cody Moon, Jean Moran-Day, David Drewniak, Lou Ellen Hartley, Delanie Winchester, Bill Cottingham, JoAnn Anderson,

*David Winch, Illa Bell, Karen Hudson, Ashlyn Lewis, Leslie Skelton, Matthew Skelton,
and Lauren Postlewaite*

We have no anniversaries in September.

Our current officers:

Elders: Pam Cottingham, Lee Bennett, Bob May, Marilyn Schmidt, Melba Read, Britt Whitaker, Susan Murray, Eleanor Van Horn and Marcia Brewer.

Trustees: Ray Evans, Larry Roberts, Bill Cottingham, Eugene Zanders, Clayton Read and Ray Fox

Deacons: Carrie Aswegan, Kathleen Dean, Bill Neely, Jr.; Jan Roberts, Dixie Finley, Marian Pruitt, Cheryl Koederitz, Carlene May, and Deanne Jackson

Events for the Month

September 04 – Office closed for Labor Day
11-14 Preschool Book Fair
15 Pastor Lou Ellen's birthday
16 PW Fall Brunch/Meeting in the FH
17 Pastor Lou Ellen on vacation
18-24 Pastor Lou Ellen out of the office for Continuing Education
23 PW JCPW Fall Workshop - Springfield
27 Pastor Lou Ellen attending meeting in Springfield
25 October Newsletter article deadline