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**A Message from Our Pastor**

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

The Church has Left the Building…

I have seen this phrase from time to time on different church’s web sites or Facebook posts. One congregation in particular, First Presbyterian Church in St. Mary’s, Georgia, uses this to announce their various mission projects. Since joining with you in ministry two and a half years ago, I have come to realize that WE are a church who leaves the building without ceasing to be the church. Members and friends of this congregation engage ministry throughout our community and the John Calvin Presbytery. This adds so much to our experience as a congregation as we practice what we preach.

On the other hand, while many of us volunteer throughout the community, we do not recognize all of the ways in which we minister. We may not realize we have people volunteer on a regular basis at GRACE, The Rolla Mission, Russell House, The Presbyterian Manor, the School Backpack Program, the Presbyterian Preschool, on MS&T campus, Camp David, and many other places.

It is time we celebrate who we are as a ministering congregation to focus on what happens when the church has left the building. As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost, the day on which the Holy Spirit entered the church, celebrate the many gifts the Spirit has given to us. We use these gifts to build up the church and empower us to leave the building, taking our ministry where people need it most.

Throughout the coming months, the Mission Committee will be highlighting the many different ways in which we carry the good news into our community.

Peace,

Pastor Lou Ellen

**May 6 John** 15:9-17 “That Your Joy May Be Full”

**May 13 Acts** 1:1-11 Ascension of the Lord Sunday

**May 20** Acts 2:1-21 Pentecost

**May 27** Trinity Sunday, the Reverend Robert Rogers Preaching

**Dinner and Discipleship** is studying the connection between our spiritual health and the food we consume. You are welcome to join us at 7:15 for dinner and lively discussions. Feel free to join us even if you don’t have dinner. The discussion is worth it!

May 3 Los Arcos

May 10 Panera

May 17 Alex’s

May 24 Los Arcos

May 31 Alex’s Pizza

**JOIN US FOR THE 2018 PRAYER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018**

**6:00 – 7:30 PM**



**Please join us for this non-denominational service to support the men and women of our local law enforcement agencies. This is a chance to honor those who have given their lives in the line of duty and to pray for those who continue to serve.**

**We hope to see you there;**

**GREENTREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**800 Greentree Road**

**Rolla, Mo.**

**For additional information, contact Sgt. Lauth at (573)308-1213**

**Membership / Fellowship Committee**

Bob May, Chairman

**We appreciate all** in being inviting to new visitors as we include them in fellowship and study after worship.

**The Fellowship Committee continues to provide the basics** during fellowship time after worship and appreciate those who bring extra “goodies” to complement the fare.

**Coming events include:**

 **First Friday Night Out:** May 4th, 6 pm at Di Trapani’s in Rolla.

**Hike, May 20,** 3:30 pm at Lane Springs Recreation Area, south Hwy 63, about 10 miles. Meet at the church at 3 pm if you’d like to share rides. We will do **BBQ after hike** at the recreation area about 5 pm. Non-hikers will enjoy nearby spring and pavilion.

**Block Party for area neighbors in June** (date to be determined) on a Saturday 5-7 pm at the Church parking lot. During the week prior to the party, all are welcome to join canvassing the nearby neighborhood to invite residents to join with us.

**Memorial Garden**

Marilyn Schmidt

Over the past several years there have been 62 engraved Memorial Bricks and 4 (without dates) placed in the Memorial Garden in memory of church members, family members, or friends.

Each spring orders are taken for the Memorial Bricks. The orders are sent to the Acme Brick Company for engraving (this process takes approximately 6-8 weeks). In the fall the engraved bricks are placed in the Memorial Garden. Following a Sunday Worship Service the congregation is invited to the Memorial Garden for a Prayer of Dedication for the newly placed bricks.

During the next couple of months, if you wish, you may place an order for a Memorial Brick in memory of a church member, friend, or family member.

The cost of the brick is $100.00, part of which pays for maintenance of the Garden.

Please contact Betti Jo in the church office or Marilyn Schmidt if you wish to purchase a brick.

**From the Office**

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

Our May birthday wishes go out to the following people:

*Linda Rose, Ron Elliott, Mary Alofs, Sharlene Morgan, Jan Sletten, Russell Fox, Caitlyn Sandquist, Dean Sletten, Rebecca Fox-Rantanen, Horace Jeffery, and Pam Cottingham.*

Our May anniversary wishes go out to the following people:

*Ken & Mary Kwantes and Ardel & Christine Rueff.*

Events for the month –

3 Dinner and discipleship training 7:15 at Los Arcos

4 First Friday Night Out – Di Trapani’s Italian Bistro at 6 pm

10 Dinner and discipleship training 7:15 at Panera Bread

13 Mother’s Day

18 Preschool graduation and last day of school

20 Hike at Lane Springs 3:30 pm / Leave church at 3 to carpool.

24 Dinner and discipleship training 7:15 pm at Los Arcos

25 June newsletter articles due in the office

28 Office closed for Memorial Day

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