

AUGUST 2021

First Presbyterian Church



GREETING FROM THE SESSION

We want to take a moment to update everyone on the goings-on at church. Worship is moving along well; thanks to Jean Day for coordinating pulpit supply and Jeff Sandquist organizing the music, readings, and prayers. We will continue using a mixture of pulpit supply and local elders for sermons. If you are interested in serving as a worship leader, please get in touch with Pam Cottingham.

Ken Kwantes is overseeing the operations in the office. Joanne Zap continues to serve as treasurer. We don't pass the plate in worship due to COVID, but there is a collection plate at the back of the church each Sunday, or you can mail a check to the church or drop it off. We do have the capability to collect offerings via credit card. Everyone on the session has realized how many things Katie and Tina do behind the scenes; we thank them for all they do.

We have received a grant for \$2,500 from the Presbytery to update our video equipment. An anonymous donor has matched the grant. Maudanne Pursley wrote the proposal, and Jonathan Kimball will lead the effort to buy and set up the equipment. We should see better quality and will be able to stream live. The worship videos are enjoyed by homebound and out-of-town members. We have heard potential visitors are checking us out online too.

We are working with Greg Emery, a Presbyterian consultant, to develop a new vision for the church and manage the process. Susan Murray has been coordinating this effort. We are working on stages 2 & 3 - Describing our church and Developing a long-term vision. We met with Greg via Zoom on 7/25 and will work on our homework after worship on 8/8. Anyone is welcome to join us as they can. Once we finish stage 3, the session will contact the Committee on Ministry (COM) at the Presbytery to form a PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee, like a search committee) and complete the paperwork on the Presbyterian version of Match.Com. The congregation will vote on members of the PNC and review the MIF (paperwork about our church) when we get to that point. There is "calling a new pastor flowchart" at <http://www.jcpresbytery.com/com.html> if you want more details about the process. Rev. Bob Dahlgren, minister in West Plains, is serving as the moderator of our session. He is another resource provide to the session to help us in the process.

Exciting things continue with the preschool. Nora Sandquist would be happy to update anyone interested in all the excitement (and some silliness). Jim and Deanne Jackson also deserve a big thank you. Jim is an HVAC expert at S&T, and he is giving our heating and air condition system a detailed review and has been getting his hands dirty working on the system.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to one of the elders on the session. We are working together as we move through this transition period.

On behalf of the session - Susan Murray, Clerk

Congregational Life

We are planning to continue holding fellowship time under the portico, at least until the weather turns cold.

It's convenient for people walking to their cars, and out of the sun & rain. We'd love to have you stop by!

If you would like to help with serving, please contact Javier Valentin-Sivico.

We had a great picnic at Lane Spring. Our next event will be a revival of First Friday Out, on September 3 at 5:30 pm.

Instead of going to a restaurant—a dicey proposition these days—we will reserve a pavilion and have boxed meals.

Watch for more details. Our goal is about a \$10 meal and good fellowship.

We are also planning an ice cream social on September 11 at 3 pm. We'll have yard games and/or the option to hike

around Ber Juan. We will have individually-wrapped ice cream novelties. Please join us and bring a friend!

We have started planning our fall Christian education. As of this writing, we have three schedule options: Sunday after fellowship (in person, in the chapel); Tuesday at 7 pm (Zoom); Thursday at 7 pm (Zoom). If you are interested in participating, please enter your preference at: <https://forms.gle/xBcmQwcWYJowZpfy9>. Most likely, we will be using the lessons available from The Wired Word (<https://www.thewiredword.com/>), which are designed to connect a current event to scripture. Whatever we end up doing, the goal is to be flexible, a curriculum that enables people to drop in and out depending on their schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Kimball,
Mary Kwantes, or Javier Valentin-Sivico.

PRAYER REQUEST

KELLY DEAN (CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE), BARB FORD AND KELLY'S BROTHER
TOM EYCHANER (WHO STAYS WITH BARB AND HAS ADVANCED PARKINSON DISEASE),

CARLENE MAY (RECEIVING CANCER TREATMENTS)

BOB MAY (RECOVERING FROM CANCER TREATMENTS, BACK AND KNEE PAIN)

CONNIE DEWITT (ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES)

MARTHA ETHRIDGE (LOSS OF GRANDSON)

AIDEN GREEN (AIDEN IS A 9-YEAR-OLD ROLLA RESIDENT AND PRESCHOOL STUDENT'S FAMILY MEMBER THAT WAS DIAGNOSED WITH STAGE 4 RHABDOMYOSARCOMA CANCER.

THE PRAYER REQUEST LIST WILL START OVER ABOUT EVERY TWO MONTHS. IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS PUT ON OR TAKEN OFF THE LIST, PLEASE CONTACT KATIE IN THE OFFICE



BOB & PAM MOLLENKAMP,
JAN & LARRY ROBERTS



LARRY ROBERTS, KATHLEEN DEAN,
STEVE SKELTON,
LUCAS DAY,
DARRYL ALOFS,
JONATHAN KIMBALL, MARIAN PRUITT,
SUSAN MURRAY,
KATIE SANDS,
FRANK JESSOP, ARDEL RUEFF,
LENN KOEDERITZ, LEE MALONE,
D.C. LOOK,
NORA SANDQUIST

WE HAVE A UPDATED COMMITTEE OFFICERS LIST AVAILABLE NOW.
THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF THESE
COMMITTEES PLEASE REACH OUT TO THAT
COMMITTEE'S CHAIR PERSON
OR KATIE IN THE OFFICE.

SEE ATTACHMENT TO THIS NEWSLETTER
FOR COMMITTEE OFFICERS LIST.