

First Presbyterian Church

March -April 2024



As we bask in the ever-changing weather of spring in Missouri, may we turn our focus to the glorious celebration of Easter! It's a time of renewal, rebirth, and hope. This Easter season, let us reflect on the profound significance of this holy day and the everlasting message it carries. Easter is more than just chocolate bunnies and colorful eggs; it's a beautiful reminder of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. At its core, Easter encapsulates the essence of our faith—the profound truth that God's love conquers all. It's a time to rejoice in the promise of redemption and the boundless mercy of our Creator.

As we journey through Lent, we are called to reflect, repent, and renew our commitment to living lives of compassion and grace. This Easter, let us unite as a community, united in spirit and purpose. Let us embrace the message of hope and reconciliation, extending a hand of love to all those in need. In a time plagued by division, let the meaning of Easter guide us towards peace and unity.

We have several special events this season:

- Palm Sunday worship service with Rev. Bob Morrison, March 24.
- Maundy Thursday worship service with Jonathan Kimball, March 28 6:30 pm in the chapel.
- Easter Sunday worship service with Jonathan Kimball, March 31, with brunch afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

May this Easter season fill your hearts with hope, your souls with joy, and your lives with the everlasting love of our Risen Lord. Together, let us spread the message of Easter—hope, love, and eternal life.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyous Easter!

Susan Murray, Clerk

2024 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

First Presbyterian Church - Rolla

\$ 40.25 per member



The 2024 Per Capita for ecclesiastical expenses is based upon the membership of your church as reported to General Assembly on December 31, 2023.



Sunday Streaming Update

Lightning strikes again! Whoever said lightning never strikes the same place twice? Whoever it was, they didn't attend a church with a great big metal roof! A spring storm damaged our soundboard, computer, camera, and other equipment. Jonathan Kimball and Jeff Sandquist have been working to rig borrowed equipment to be able to record worship and project words and songs on the screen. They are working on restoring the capability to stream the service live. The cost of a "quick" fix is approximately \$700. A more permanent fix will cost even more. If you are interested in supporting worship service streaming live on the internet, please contact Katie, Jonathan, or Susan.

Thanks, and yes, we had a surge protector for the equipment, which is also fried.



PRESCHOOL

News

Congratulations!



Our Director, Tracy James, was awarded the Missouri Association for the Education of Young Children (MoAEYC) Early Childhood Administrator Of the Year. What a well-deserved honor!



St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans

Some silly leprechauns visited Presby Preschool once again this year (notice the green footprints on the tables!), leaving messes and evading the carefully laid traps. Students enjoyed a fun time hunting for clues about their tricks!



Thank you to Barb Ford and the family of D.C. Look. Barb made crib sheets for the infant room. They are much appreciated. Also appreciated are donations from the memorials for D.C.; they will be used to bless our young ones.

Building News

As all of you know our kitchen is shared daily with the preschool and Leslie Skelton serves approximately 80 meals and 40 snacks to our preschoolers. In all that hustle and bustle the kitchen chiller/cooler went out and was not able to be repaired. With grant funds that Tracy/Preschool was able to obtain, we now have a shiny new refrigerator for all to share to keep things operating smoothly.



March

Happy Birthday wishes go out to

- 15- Steve Bowles
- 19- Lee Bennett
- 20- Steve Zap
- 23- Bob Anderson



April

Happy Birthday wishes go out to

- 02-Deanne Jackson
- 18- Britt Whitaker, Marilyn Schmidt, Rhonda Kimball
- 24- Amy Whitaker
- 26- Luke Gutches
- 27- Ming Leu
Carrie Aswegan



March Anniversaries

17- Eugene & Janice Zanders

28- Jonathan & Rhonda Kimball

29-Fredi & George Zobrist

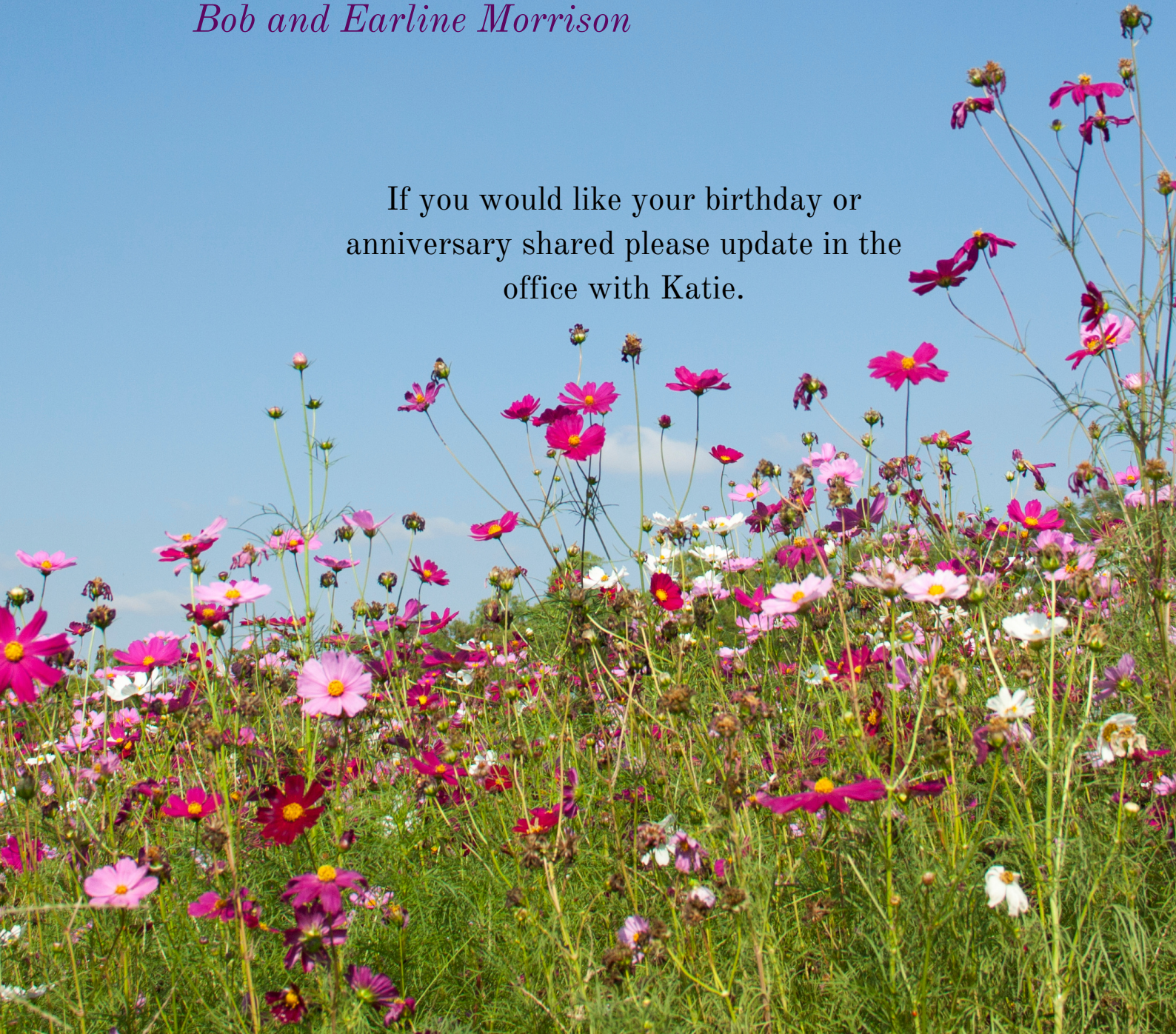
April Anniversaries

17- Jim & Deanne Jackson

Bob and Earline Morrison



If you would like your birthday or anniversary shared please update in the office with Katie.



PRAYER REQUEST

Connie & Bob Dewitt - Continuing health care needs after stroke and surgery.

Ruby & Lee Malone - Residents of Silverstone.

Bob Yenser - Continuing health challenges.

Katherine Cook Russell - Suffering from dementia.

Pat Look & family - Loss of DC Look.

Bob May - Cancer diagnoses.

Bill Neely - Headaches, Back & Hip pain.

Dale Hall (cousin to Debbie Hall) - major health issues.

Please pray for those named and their families
as well as their caregivers.

The prayer request will start over every two months.
If you have someone that needs put on or taken off the list,
Please contact Katie in the office.

