

**Presbyterian Times**  
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**A Message from Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley**

October seems to mark the beginning of a season of thanksgiving. During the fall we are drawn into a time to reflect the blessings we receive in our own lives and how we will be good stewards of the bounty God has provided. We see signs of the harvest, of a time when the natural world settles down to rest for the winter and store up energy for the next growing season.

How fitting, then, that we begin October by celebrating World Communion and receiving the offering for Peace and Global Witness. During Communion we pray together the prayer of the Great Thanksgiving, remembering the countless ways in which God has delivered all of creation through terrible perils and continued to remain faithful to humanity even when humanity has been radically unfaithful. We offer thanks for the grace and forgiveness we receive, for Christ's life and death and resurrection, and for the Holy Spirit who continues to empower us and guide us as the church. We reflect on the many manifestations of the church around the world, its great variety of practices, languages, and perspectives. We commune with Christ's Church on that Sunday (October 4) and realize we part of a much greater mission than we imagine.

We also pause to remember those for whom life is a struggle. We, as the body of Christ, celebrate the Lord's Supper and remember Christ, as he commanded us to do. As we remember Christ, we cannot help but think of those whom he calls us to minister to, who need to experience the good news, who hunger, suffer and fear. The PC(USA) asks us to collect the Peace and Global Witness offering to help people in our community and around the world who suffer from the darkest sins we perpetrate on one another: domestic violence, war, sex trafficking, gun violence, sexual violence, use of children soldiers, genocide. As we celebrate all Christ has done for us, we are mindful we are called to work for peace and reconciliation, just as he did.

As we enter a season of thanks, let us also enter a season of peacemaking, prayer, and action as we live out the good news in our own communities and around the world.

Peace and love,  
Pastor Lou Ellen

## **Installation Service**

Please join us for the installation service for Reverend Lou Ellen Hartley on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Membership News**

Mary Kwantes

Membership is happy to report many new faces, some faces from the past and some frequent visitors who have become engaged in church life. One of these opportunities is Adult Sunday where Jan Roberts is leading 8 weeks on prayer. Our younger adults have been in attendance and want to do more things with us. Henry Dul and Kristin Eye from MST have been singing in choir, and they along with Eli Gaitly and Luke Gutches have been doing Sunday School. We have plans to take several cars over to Old Iron works Day in St James on Oct. 10 and these young people may need rides. Cars leave parking lot at 10:00 am for Old Iron Works Days. Also our new member/ frequent visitor pizza party will be Oct 26 at 5:30. We plan to send invitations to the new members and visitors gather at 5:30 and have pizza about 6. Let Mary know if you want to help with this event.

Our regular First Friday out will be at Alex's Pizza October 2 at 5:30. Please let Mary Kwantes know if you want to go and/or need a ride.

## **Memorial Garden**

Cynthia Hobart

The three Memorial engraved bricks which have been on display on the table in the Hallway, will soon be placed in the Memorial Garden. On Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Sunday, after the worship service the congregation will be invited out to the Garden where Rev. Hartley will offer a prayer of dedication for the bricks.



## **Preschool News**

We are having lots of fun in preschool and excited about all our fall activities. We have a trip to the pumpkin patch, a trip to the Presbyterian Manor, pumpkin science with Karen Daily, and a visit from some creepy critters from the Riverside Wildlife Center PLUS our Halloween celebration.

Speaking of Halloween, we would love some volunteers to help with our party! Please let me know if you are interested!

Things are going well and we are learning lots of new things! Our themes for the month are: Rhymes and Tales, Leaves on the Trees, Deep in the Jungle, Pumpkins in the Patch and Creepy Critters.

As always, I am so grateful for the help and support from the Church!

Happy Fall Ya'll!

Rachel Allison, Director

### **Small Church Workshop**

Cynthia Hobart

The Session at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Joplin is holding a workshop on cooperation between small churches on Saturday, October 17. A letter of invitation was sent to all churches in John Calvin Presbytery.

The letter of invitation, which describes the workshop, plus the booklet, [Spiritual Vitality through Cooperative Ministry](#), (which was sent with the letter) are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office - for those interested in learning more about this ministry and perhaps attending the workshop.

### **Mission**

Frank Jessop

Peace & Global Witness Offering: Blessed are the Peacemakers

What you've known as the Peacemaking Offering has been transformed into the Peace & Global Witness Offering. The new offering has a greater reach, more significant impact, and brings peace to people through Christ.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across this world. Our congregation portion of the offering is 25% to sustain local peacemaking ministries in our community. We could use our 25% to stop gun violence, Domestic Violence, bullying in schools, and Human Trafficking. Prayerfully give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering which will be dedicated on Communion Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

# Peacemaker



Pastor Saman Perera is a Presbyterian pastor in Sri Lanka. He has been involved in peacemaking and reconciliation after Sri Lanka's bloody civil war. He will be speaking about his experiences and non-violent conflict resolution.

Please join us to hear about his experiences:

**Wednesday October 14**  
**2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church**  
**919 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Rolla, MO**

Reception will follow, for more information call 364-3852

**Annual Rummage Sale**  
Melba Read

The Presbyterian Women's annual Rummage Sale is Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. We will accept donations on Thursday evening or Friday morning. If you have large items, please contact Cheryl Koederitz to arrange transportation. No clothing please.

## Worship and Music

Jonathan Kimball

October 4 is World Communion Sunday. We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper by intinction. We will have servers on both sides at the front, in addition to servers who will come to people who are unable to walk forward. This is an opportunity to connect to Christ's body, throughout the world and throughout the ages. Again, I would encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about the sacraments to read the report commissioned a decade ago by PC(USA), discussed and linked at:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/sacraments/>

ALSO, to enhance our connectedness to Christians around the world, **everyone is encouraged to bring a foreign or ethnic snack for fellowship time on October 4.** The worship & music committee will make sure there is coffee, but please bring your favorite snack to share.

Looking ahead to November, All Saints Day will be on November 1. As is our tradition, we will read the names of members who have joined the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints Day. After worship, memorial bricks will be dedicated as well.

We will celebrate Veteran's Day on November 8, the nearest Sunday. At the start of the service, we will ask veterans from each of the armed forces to stand and be recognized. In addition, **veterans or their families are encouraged to bring in photos and memorabilia.** There will be a table at the back of the sanctuary for display. During fellowship time, a special video will be displayed. Watch the bulletin for details.

## Stewardship News

Barbara Ford

Gift giving

Whenever I give a gift to another, I get such a warm feeling. So giving to God creates an even better feeling. The coming of fall is a busy time for your stewardship committee, as we prepare for the determination of congregational giving to God for the coming year. Yet I want to impart that warmth of giving into the process. So first I think of the gifts we have been blessed with. Though not always thought of this way, our church building is such a gift. For the building provides opportunities for further giving. We give space to the best preschool in town, also space to prepare future leaders through boy scouts and cub scouts. There are the great opportunities for worship within these walls, and prayers and singing. We serve up some wonderful feasts with our fellowship and carry-in dinners. There's the linen closet stored within our closets and given as gifts for those in need. Many other organizations rely on the presence of this building to further their giving in the community. Church members and visitors meet for learning through bible study and Sunday schools. And all our committees – yes committees!! Members of committees and other volunteers give gifts of time and

effort toward the work of our church, so they in themselves are gifts as well. Thank you, God, for these wonderful gifts. Help us to appreciate them more as we work to maintain and nurture them. Amen

### **Tree and Bench Dedication**

Rev. Robert Rogers

A tree and bench will be dedicated to the memory of John and Bernadine Cole, longtime Boy Scout leaders of Troop #83 and members of First Presbyterian Church, on Sunday afternoon, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm on the Acorn Trail. Those wishing to attend this service of dedication can carpool from First Presbyterian parking lot at 3:45 pm or drive to the Acorn Trail access, one block west of Southview Drive on Lion's Club Drive. The site is located on the Acorn Trail, across the pedestrian bridge and approximately one hundred yards west (to the right).

### **From the Office**

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

I have a couple updates for the September, 2015 Directories. Please update your copy.

- Rev. Lou Ellen's cell phone number is 912-230-5398.
- Email address for Nora Sandquist is [sandcastles6@hotmail.com](mailto:sandcastles6@hotmail.com)

***Happy October Birthdays to*** Judy Fox, Jesse Moon, Christopher Bennett, Jennifer Denbo, Tela Thomason, Betty Lemp, David Wallen and Eugene Zanders.