

Presbyterian Times
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A Message from Our Pastor
Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

Dear Friends:

When we think of September our minds may turn to school activities, football resuming, changing seasons, etc. The fall season is just around the corner promising honey crisp apples, beautiful foliage, and pumpkin flavoring and fragrance in everything from coffee to air freshener. What you may not know is in the Presbyterian Church (USA, September is also the Season of Peace which leads us to the Peace and Global Witness Offering and World Communion Sunday on October 7. Here at FPC we have a variety of opportunities designed to help us reflect what it means to know and share Christ's peace in the world.

We will begin on September 2 during worship by celebrating communion together and offering prayers for peace.

On Thursday September 6 at 6:30 p.m., in lieu of our regular Fired Up service we will have a special prayer service for Christ's peace and justice.

On Monday September 24, we will be hosting the Reverend Jerome Bizimina, a pastor from Rwanda. He joins us as part of our denomination's international peacemaker program. He is the President of Remera Presbytery, and is the initiator of the Light Group, bringing together survivors and perpetrators of the 1994 genocide of Tutsi Rwandans. He will share how the church helps bring about reconciliation, and the role faith place in this difficult process. He will be with us the afternoon of the 24th and on campus in the evening. (We will release more details on Rev. Bizimina's time here at the church as we confirm plans.)

On Sunday September 29, our Mission Committee will host a mission fair during fellowship in the fellowship hall so we can share the many ways we minister and share Christ's peace throughout our community.

On Sunday October 7 we will collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering, celebrate World Communion Sunday and have a special stewardship speaker, the Rev. Charles Spencer.

We hope these special activities will help us all reflect on the meaning of Christ's peace in our lives and in our community.

Peace,

Pastor Lou Ellen

POLICY UPDATE FOR BORROWING ITEMS FROM THE CHURCH FOR PERSONAL USE

If you have ever wondered about the Session's policy about borrowing items belonging to the church, here is the policy.

Question: Can I borrow tables and chairs from the church for personal use at home or another location?

Answer: YES, but only if you come to the office, complete the proper form, and receive permission.

On August 20, 2018 the Session voted to allow individuals to borrow tables and chairs from the church, but in order to avoid any conflicts with the church calendar, one must come to the church office to complete the form and receive permission. You must complete the form at least 5 days in advance of the date you wish to borrow the items.

Question: Can I borrow table cloths, cooking equipment, projectors, pews, pianos, etc. from the church for personal use at home or at another location?

Answer: NO, the Session has determined no one may borrow any items or remove any items from the church for personal use except for tables and chairs.

Russell House Masquerade Ball Fundraiser on October 6th, 6:00p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Brett Hartley, a member of the Mission Committee, is also a board member for Russell House. On Saturday, October 6th we are invited to the annual Masquerade Ball, to raise money and awareness for Russell House. Hors D'oeuvres and cocktails will be served beginning at 6pm, and dinner will be at 7pm, followed by dancing. There will be a silent auction held throughout the evening. The cost is \$65 per person and \$550 for a table. If you are interested in attending the ball, please contact Brett at bretthartley@mail@yahoo.com or call the church office at 364-3852 by September 25. If we get enough people to fill a table, we can sit together as a group. Thank you.

DISASTER BUCKETS! WE HAVE DISASTER BUCKETS!

It's that time of year again when we fill disaster buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The empty buckets are located in the hallways outside the church offices. The list of items needed to fill the bucket is on the lids. Groups, Couples, Individuals may take a bucket, fill it with the requested items and return it to the hallway by **OCTOBER 28th**. If you would like to contribute, but do not want to fill a whole bucket, please mark off the item on the list you would like to purchase, place the item in the bucket, and others will do the same.

John Calvin PDA thanks us for our continued support for this project. Our buckets, along with the many others filled throughout the presbytery, will be taken to the PDA warehouse near Little Rock. These buckets will be added to the buckets stored and be ready to send to the next area of disaster.

The buckets are to be filled with the following (no more, no less). SHOPPING LIST FOR BUCKETS – please purchase the sizes requested. The buckets must be able to seal completely and these items fit the bucket.

- ___ One (1) five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- ___ Five (5) scouring pads (like Scotch-Brite)
- ___ Seven (7) sponges, assorted sizes
- ___ One scrub brush
- ___ Eighteen (18) cleaning towels (reusable, like Handi-Wipes®)
- ___ One (1) 30-40 oz. box dry laundry detergent (LARGER WON'T FIT)
- ___ One (1) 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- ___ One (1) 21-25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- ___ One (1) package of 48-50 clothespins
- ___ Clothesline, (2) two 50 ft. or (1) one 100 ft.
- ___ Five (5) dust masks
- ___ Two (2) pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- ___ One (1) pair work gloves
- ___ 28ct. bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- ___ One (1) 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)

Presbyterian Women
Melba Read

SAVE THIS DATE---September 29th for the Presbyterian Women's Fall Luncheon. Come have lunch prepared by the PW Board at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a presentation by Jo Ann Anderson and Jesse Kimball. Jo Ann recently attended the PW Meeting in Louisville and Jesse attended the Lux Theological Institute for Youth. They will share ideas and information with us. A short business meeting with the Thank Offering being dedicated will end the meeting.

The Thank Offering taken in the fall, originated in the 1800's to give women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives and offers grants to provide projects. Some of the grants offered in 2017 were for a mobile food pantry, for homeless transition to permanent housing, helping mothers recovering from drug addiction to manage the stress of parenting, a refrigerated truck for a food pantry in Appalachia, erecting a fence around a day care, providing car seats for infants, improving bathroom access in a Presbyterian Residential Care, shelter for single women who are homeless and many more. There are 25-30 grants a year.

RUMMAGE SALE

Fall is upon us and that means Rummage Sale. Please save your unwanted treasures for the sale on Saturday, October 13th. There will be detailed information at a later date.

Deacons

Cheryl Koederitz

The Deacons of First Presbyterian Church would like to remind members who we are and how we can help. Your Deacons are Dixie Finley, Marian Pruitt, Jan Roberts, Deanne Jackson, Cheryl Koederitz (Chair), Carlene May, Carrie Aswegan, Carol Bennett, and Bill Neely. If we can be of help with a funeral dinner, visitation, meal delivery, prayer chain, or transportation, please contact us.

PALS Lunch

Cheryl Koederitz

PALS will meet for lunch on TUESDAY, September 4 at 11:45 at Matt's Steakhouse. Please note change of day this month.

Mission
Frank Jessop

School has started and it is time for the Backpack Program to begin in September. We are still collecting plastic bags for Backpack. Please put the plastic bags in a ten roll bags. Thank you for collecting plastic bags from the Mission Committee.

PEACE at all TIMES, in all WAYS.
2 Thessalonians 3:16
Frank Jessop

The 2018 Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world. It burst through the shackles of time and expectation. It quiets the anxiety of each believer by joining us together, as we offer our prayer, now, may the Lord grant us peace at all times in all ways.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be dedicated October 7, World Communion Sunday, a time when all Christians receive the Holy communion for a "Season of Peace". Twenty five percent of the offering will stay with our congregation to support CASA, and twenty five percent with mid council. Fifty percent of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Rev. Bizimana from Rawanda will be at our service September 23 to talk about genocide in our country. Your dollars to the Peace and Global Witness supports his visit and his mission. Please tell a friend or bring a friend to hear Rev. Bizimana speak.

From the Office
Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

September Birthday Wishes are extended to the following: Tammy Bennett, Dena Anderson-Phelps, Cody Moon, Jean Moran-Day, David Drewniak, Lou Ellen Hartley, Delanie Winchester (Fox), Bill Cottingham, Jo Ann Anderson, David Winch, Illa Bell, Karen Hudson, Ashlyn Lewis, Leslie Skelton, Matthew Skelton and Lauren Postlewaite.

Events for the Month

September 3 – Office closed in observance of Labor Day

4 – PALS lunch at Matt's Steakhouse

7 – First Friday Night Out at Bandanas

9 – Choir resumes singing
Grandparents Day
Church Picnic 12-2 at Veteran's Park

14 – 23 Pastor Hartley will be on vacation

22 – JCPW Fall Workshop in Springfield
First day of autumn

29 – PW Fall Gathering in Rolla