



## From the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

*When they said, "Let's go to the house of God," my heart leaped for joy.*  
Psalm 122:1 *The Message*

While it's already felt like it for the month of May and Memorial Day is now past, summertime officially arrives later this month. Many of us will take weekend trips and vacations over these summer months, but when you're in town we're always happy to see you in worship, cooking and serving for our Welcoming Table on Tuesdays, helping with the mowing and weeding, and for other activities in and around our church. And when you're out of town, what a great opportunity to visit other churches and experience other styles of worship, perhaps even bringing home some new ideas for us.

Although every Sunday is a unique and special occasion to build upon our relationships with God and with one another, we have an extra special opportunity to build upon our relationship with God, one another, and also with both our Pacific sisters and brothers and Presbyterians from around the country on **Sunday, June 17**. There will not be worship at our church so that we can co-host worship and lunch with Presbyterians attending General Assembly in St. Louis in a special service at a special time – **10:00 a.m. – at the Pacific Presbyterian Church**. Our choir will sing with their choir and our band and Dorothy Clarkson will share in providing the worship music. Hope to see you all there!

Looking ahead to August, our Session has scheduled our "Summit on the Future" following worship Sunday, August 26. There will be more information in the July and August newsletters and bulletins, including a "homework" assignment leading up to our "Summit on the Future." Please continue praying for God's guidance during this transitional ministry time.

As we did after the "Summit on the Past", summaries of the surveys and conversations for the "Summit on the Present" were compiled and sent to you, with paper copies now available for pickup in the narthex.

See you in worship, at the Welcoming Table dinners, and around the church, continuing to get to know you as we serve together during this time of ministry transition!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

*Pastor Marilyn*

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## Presbyterian Women



Carole Hutchinson graciously hosted **Presbyterian Women** on Friday, May 25, with delicious brunch goodies. Dutch treated us to a view of a red-shouldered hawk's nest high in a tree in the woods behind their home. We saw the mother hawk perched majestically above the nest, and then one of the two fledglings flapped its wings at the edge of the nest.

We studied Lesson Four of the Cloud of Witnesses Bible study. The lesson reminded us of the many times in the Old and New Testaments that God's angels brought messages. We learned that we must be alert to present day angels and engage in quiet times to listen to God's messages to us.

We will meet again on Friday, June 22. Please watch the bulletin for details.

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*Worshiping and serving God, loving and accepting all*

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### Joint Worship with Pacific Co-Hosting General Assembly Guests Attending Worship at Pacific Presbyterian Church!



Late last year the Pacific Session agreed to welcoming commissioners and guests for the 2018 General Assembly to worship and lunch on Sunday, June 17, 2018. Since then their Session invited our church to join with them in hosting General Assembly guests for worship and lunch, and we will do so in a joint service at 10:00 a.m. at their church.

Our churches have agreed to host up to 20 General Assembly guests. Our own Susan Buchanan, along with Wilt Risenhoover from the Pacific church, have agreed to ride with our guests on the charter bus to and from downtown St. Louis that morning, sharing about the ministries of each of our churches during the trips.

Plans include a joint choir from our two churches singing as well as Union's jazz band sharing in leading the music.

Please watch for more details in the weekly worship bulletins and plan to help us host our General Assembly guests for worship and lunch!

### Sunday Morning Worship for June

June 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Communion – “Challenging Our Understandings” from Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – “Doing God's Will” from Mark 3:20-35 (**Union Annual Congregation Meeting**; Pacific having a lay-led service)

June 17 at 10:00 a.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day – **Joint Worship with Pacific at Pacific Co-Hosting General Assembly Guests** – “Receiving the Secret of God's Realm” from Mark 4:26-34 (**NO worship at Union**)

June 24 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – “Crossing Our Comfort Zone” from Mark 4:35-41



### Fellowship List for June

- June 3 Myron and Carol Gruber  
 June 10 Phil & Dorothy Clarkson  
 June 17 Joint Service & Lunch at Pacific  
 June 24 Bev Stobie, Violet Lansford

### Usher List for June

- June 3 Mike & Laura Hill  
 June 10 Bev Stobie, Michael Murray  
 June 17 Joint Service at Pacific  
 June 24 Georgia & Dale Paulus

If you are not able to fulfill your assigned Sunday, please ask another member to take your place and let the secretary know of the change. Thank you

#### Prayer List:

Charles Groskopf (Melissa's Dad)  
 Bette Quinn Cedar Crest, Washington  
 Charles & Betty Otte (Laura's Parents)  
 Bob Stobie (Bev's Husband)

### **Fellowship Gatherings for College Students**

Are you a college student spending the summer in the St. Louis area? UKirk (the Presbyterian Campus Ministry in St. Louis) hosts fellowship gatherings for college students like you! E-mail Pastor Miriam (ukirkstl@gmail.com) to get on our contact list about planned events. (A June pool party is in the works!) Our last gathering for this summer is on July 31 from 7-9 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church; we'll meet for dinner and an information session about the Montreat College Conference (January 1-5, 2019).

### **Reverend Miriam Foltz**

Pastor of UKirk - St. Louis  
 Presbyterian Campus Ministry  
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### **Picture Yourself as Part of General Assembly**

Be part of something really big! The 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA will meet in St. Louis June 16-23, and you're invited to be part of it. Volunteer to help us live up to our reputation for hospitality. You can help in many ways—from greeting people at the airport or or guiding them to the right places at America's Convention Center to helping serve communion. And whatever job or jobs you choose, as a volunteer, you're entitled to attend all the sessions as an observer without paying the \$95 registration fee. Go to the website [stlouisga.com/volunteer](http://stlouisga.com/volunteer) and check out all the volunteer possibilities. There's a spot for you in the picture!

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## Dates to Remember

**There will be a yard sale on Saturday, June 9**, at Carol and Myron Gruber's, 427 Cherokee Trail, Union, to benefit the Welcoming Table. If you would like to donate items, they can be dropped off at Grubers the week prior to the sale. Please call Grubers (636-583-2329) in advance of bringing items. The subdivision has a yard sale the second Saturday in June each year, and weather allowing, there is always a good turnout.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual Meeting will be after the worship service on Sunday, **June 10**. The congregation will be receiving the Annual Report and will vote on new Session members. Be sure to put this important date on your calendar!

Legislation that affects seniors will be the topic at an informational presentation on **June 12 at 2 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, Union. Please use Cherry Street entrance. All are invited to this no-charge event, and light refreshments will be served following the program. Representatives from **Silver Haired Legislature** will give information on topics such as increased funding for home-delivered meals and maintaining property tax credit know as the circuit breaker for renters and homeowners. Come and be updated on current legislation and hear how the organization advocates for seniors. There will be time for questions and concerns from attendees.



**Our “Summit on the Future”  
will follow morning worship Sunday,  
August 26, 2018**

**Watch the July and August  
Newsletters and Bulletins  
for more information.**

## Pictures from the joint Pentecost Sunday Worship with Pacific Presbyterian



# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> Usher— Laura & Mike Hill Fellowship— Myron & Carol Gruber	4	<b>5</b> The Welcoming Table - Zion UCC Serving 6:00 PM	6	<b>7</b> Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm–3:30pm	8	9
<b>10</b> Usher—Bev. Stobie, Mike Murry Fellowship— Phil & Dorothy Clarkson Annual Meeting after worship today	11	<b>12</b> The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	13	<b>14</b> Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm–3:30pm	15	16
<b>17</b> Joint Service 10AM at Pacific with Potluck lunch (GA Guest will be attending)	18	<b>19</b> The Welcoming Table - Second Blessings Serving 6:00PM	<b>20</b> Session Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>21</b> Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm–3:30pm	<b>22</b> Presbyterian Women Meeting	23
<b>24</b> Usher—Georgia & Dale Paulus Fellowship— Bev Stobie, Vi Lansford	25	<b>26</b> The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	27	<b>28</b> Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm–3:30pm	29	30