



From the Pastor

Moving Forward

"The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."

Psalm 24:1

Although in the church when we talk about "stewardship" we seem to most often be referring to the management of our finances, in the Bible the term refers to every aspect of our lives. Biblical stewardship includes how we care for the resources of our individual selves and bodies, as well as our personal material resources including our homes, our vocational calling, and our money. And as a church family it includes how we care for the people resources who comprise our congregation, our pastoral and lay leadership resources, and our various material resources, including our buildings, our ministries, and our money.

Moving forward both into another year of mission and ministry in our community and beginning our search for our joint Designated Pastor is a time to particularly consider how we steward the human and material resources God has given us, both as individuals and as a congregation. We know our two churches are small in member numbers but large and generous of heart. We also know our two churches have been blessed to receive generous bequests that enable us to meet our expenses and continue our ministry commitments despite monthly shortfalls in our income. Prospective pastor candidates will be interested in and will weigh how we steward both our people and our material resources as they discern whether God is calling them to come and serve with you in these two churches.

Psalm 24 teaches that everything we are and everything we have are gifts from God. As such, stewardship of ourselves and our material resources is less about what we can give and share and more about our relationship with the God who has given them to us. In particular, then, our financial giving to our church and its ministries is a form of thanksgiving for what we have received irrespective of the moneys the church has in investments from which to draw.

Toward that end, this month I invite you to prayerfully consider the sharing of yourself and your material resources with our church family in the coming year. Are you able to increase your participation in our congregational life and God's ministries through our church, and if so, in what ways? Are you able to increase your financial giving to God's ministries through our church, and if so, by how much – one percent, three percent, five percent, seven percent, ten percent? I invite you to challenge yourself, as you are able. We will dedicate your 2019 financial pledges during worship on Sunday, October 28.

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

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Marilyn



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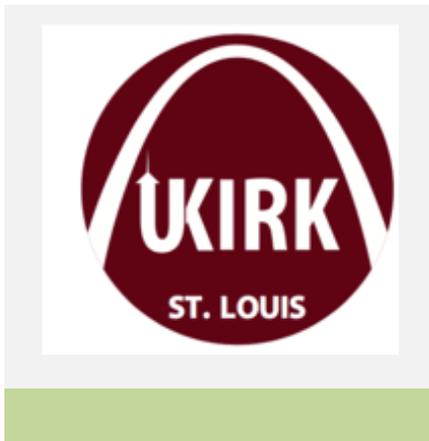
Saturday, November 3

Neighbors United Undoing Racism (NUUR)
Harvest Dinner at First Presbyterian Church, Union
 Pot Luck Dinner at 4 p.m.
 NUUR will provide roast turkey
 Bring a side dish or a dessert
 All are welcome

November 6

Presbyterian Women are hosting a brunch
Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 All are cordially invited - no charge
 Program presented by Church Women United
 Speaker: Mary Albert, with information on the
Maplewood Sanctuary Church

Worshiping and serving God, loving and accepting all



Serving Dinner to members of UKirk

Sunday, November 4, we have the opportunity to provide a meal for UKirk. UKirk is a worshipping community that sings, reflects, prays, and celebrates communion together. UKirk serves together, plays together, and rejoices in Christ together. Students from Washington University and St. Louis University meet at 7 p.m. at Trinity PC(USA) Church in University City. Everyone interested in preparing a meal and delivering it to UKirk be sure to put November 4 on your calendar.

Sunday Morning Worship for October

October 7 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday – Communion – “Attending God’s Banquet” from Luke 14:15-24

October 14 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Emphasis – “Following Jesus Is Hard” from Mark 10:17-31

October 21 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Emphasis – “Becoming Servants” from Mark 10:35-45

October 28 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday/Stewardship Emphasis – Dedication of 2019 Financial Pledges – “Re-Forming the Church” from Mark 10:46-52



Fellowship List for October

- Oct 7 Laura & Mike Hill
- Oct 14 Susan Buchanan,
Amy Weber
- Oct 21 Dorothy & Phil
Clarkson
- Oct 28 Dale & Georgia Paulus

Usher List for October

- Oct 7 Jim & Betty Mechem
- Oct 14 Marie Wolf,
Karen Calvin
- Oct 21 Dutch & Carole
Hutchinson
- Oct 28 Erik Bugl, Mike Hill

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



CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 7, 2018
Walk begins at Zion UCC Church
115 S. Washington Ave., Union
Register at 12:30 - Walk at 1 p.m.
Benefits: Union Food Pantry, Second Blessings FP,
and Leslie Tri Food Pantry
Plus worldwide hunger/water projects
CROP ROCK-A-THON - Frick's Market in Union
Sat., October 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thank You!!!

A big THANK YOU to Ralph Sudholt and the Presbyterian Women for cleaning up and planting the church's back flower bed around the cross. Presbyterian Women selected and covered the costs of the new plantings, and Ralph then spent most of a day clearing and doing the planting.

In addition to our appreciation, Welcoming Table guests have particularly mentioned how nice it looks as well.

Well done and THANK YOU!



**Mound Ridge
 Work and Play
 Day**

All are welcome to spend the weekend in Fellowship with Pacific Presbyterian Church at Mound Ridge Retreat and Mission Center on **October 26th and 27th.** Come early on Friday, spend the night and play! Saturday will be the work day as the pool house is in need of painting along with other needed chores.

For more information you may contact **Kathi Risenhoover at 314-406-1103.**



Our Mission and Ministry Study Report

A big THANK YOU to Carol Gruber and Bev Stobie for writing our Mission and Ministry Study Report for submission to the Presbytery. Copies have been emailed to members and friends of our congregation and are also available for pickup in the narthex of the church. It is also posted on our church website and Facebook page for ease of access by both our members and prospective pastors as they check us out.

This report, along with Pacific's Mission and Ministry Study Report, and a joint report prepared by Carol Gruber and Marianne Perez are all going to the Presbytery's Pastoral Transitions Team Commission's meeting October 10 along with a request for permission to form a joint/yoked Designated Pastor Nominating Committee.

THANK YOU Carol and Bev!

Welcome Lisa Schoonover!

Beginning October 1st our two churches will be hosting Lisa Schoonover as a field education intern as part of her preparation to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor. Lisa is a member of John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Bridgeton. Details about when and where she will plug into each of our churches' mission and ministry are still to be determined but because she is still working full-time we probably won't see her very much during the week. She will be with us for worship approximately three Sundays a month. Watch the bulletins and listen for worship announcements about opportunities to meet and to begin working with Lisa!

And you can learn a little more about Lisa in the brief bio she has provided below:

My name is Lisa Schoonover. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you for the next several months. I've been married to my best friend Lonnie for 15 years. Chelsea is my daughter. She is 30 and has recently beat breast cancer. I am a HUGE Cardinals fan which is evident by the tattoos on my feet and ankles. I enjoy crocheting when I'm not studying.

I feel led into the ministry because of several events that have happened in my life. It's been a long process but I'm finally here. I love learning...especially about God and His Word. I find this to be very fulfilling. To see joy on other people's faces when they discover something new about God is priceless.

I look forward to getting to know each of you better and consider it a privilege to share God's word with you. Please let me know how I can pray for you.

Llsvy7@mail.umsi.edu

Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 21, 2018

The Session has called a congregational meeting, “if the way be clear,” following worship Sunday, October 21, 2018 for the purpose of electing three members and an alternate to serve on a joint Designated Pastor Nominating Committee (DPNC) with members of Pacific Presbyterian Church.

The meeting is called “if the way be clear,” meaning the meeting will be held IF the Presbytery’s Pastoral Transitions Team Commission (PTTC) approves the two churches’ Mission and Ministry Study Reports and our request to form a joint DPNC. The PTTC will receive our reports and our request when it meets on October 10, 2018. Please hold the PTTC in your prayers on that date.

The Yoking Committee recommended to each Session that our two churches seek a joint/yoked Designated Called and Installed Pastor. Union’s last called and installed pastor, Rev. Linda Maconochie, came first as a Designated Pastor who was then called as a traditional called and installed pastor after two years. Our joint Designated PNC would trust the Presbytery to review and pre-screen for our two churches ALL candidate applications, contacting candidates Presbytery thinks would be a good match to confirm their interest in being considered, and would do an initial reference check before referring the candidate applications to the DPNC for consideration. Presbytery would then do a more thorough background check on our selected finalist(s). Our finalist would be presented to the two congregations for approval and would be installed by the Presbytery to serve for a designated period of two to four years. Within the last six to nine months of the designated period all parties – the pastor, the two churches, and the Presbytery – would either agree to make it a traditional called and installed position or to not continue the relationship. If the decision is to continue the relationship, new terms of call removing the designated language would be presented to the two congregations for approval and the pastor would be installed by the Presbytery to serve indefinitely.

Pastor Marilyn to Attend Mission Development Resources Committee Meeting in Louisville, KY October 21-23, 2018

During the 223rd General Assembly meeting in St. Louis this past June Pastor Marilyn was elected to a four-year term serving on the Mission Development Resources Committee (MDRC) of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA). Although her term does not begin until January of 2019 she will be attending an orientation meeting for new committee members October 21-23 in Louisville, Kentucky. Pastor Marilyn will travel to Louisville following both worship services and called congregational meetings on Sunday, October 21, and will then be out of each church’s office October 22 and 23.

The MDRC is an advisory committee of the PMA Board of Directors. This committee makes decisions on Walton Awards for excellent New Church Developments and Mission Program Grants for New Worshiping Communities, and for Presbytery-level Transformation grants supporting churches). The MDRC meets face-to-face twice a year and otherwise meets at least quarterly via conference call.

Pastor Marilyn previously served on the MDRC as a liaison from the PMA Board of Directors 2013-2014 until she became the PMA Board of Directors Chair 2014-2016.

* * USHERING PROCEDURES

There are ushering “badges” in the ushering cabinet drawer. They can be worn to identify you as an usher.

1. Hand out bulletins and ask guests to sign the guest register. **If the guest is a first-time attendee, please write their name(s) and address on a separate piece of paper and leave it on Lila’s desk with an explanation. Lila has on file a letter written by Rev. Gamm addressed to first-time attendees.**
 2. Check to be sure there is a glass of water at the pulpit for the minister. After the service, return the glass to the kitchen, wash it and put it away.
 3. Fill out an attendance card. Attendance cards are stored in the top drawer of the usher’s cabinet. The ushers cabinet is in the narthex, immediately to the right door entrance to the sanctuary. Put the attendance card on Lila’s desk at the end of the service.
 4. Matches are kept in the usher’s cabinet. Light the candles on the communion table in the sanctuary using the candle-lighting wands. Wicks for the wands are kept in the usher’s cabinet. Candles are kept in a box under the communion table.
 5. Just before the service starts, bring the guest registers to the front of the sanctuary, giving one to the left of the aisle and one to the right of the aisle. Put the filled-out registers on Lila’s desk at the end of the service
 6. Bring up the two small square purple wicker-like baskets to the front of the sanctuary when it is time to collect the offering. Those baskets will be placed in the offering plates that the minister will give the ushers. When the offering has been taken, place all offering money in the plates into one plate and put the other plate under it. Place the offering money from the wicker baskets into one basket. Take the offering plates and baskets back up front to the minister when the Doxology is played.
 7. During the last hymn, extinguish the candles on the communion table and walk back with the wick on the candle extinguisher lit.
 8. The ushers will observe a quiet and respectful atmosphere in the church’s narthex area. The ushers will be sure any late comers receive bulletins. The ushers will be watchful at both the front entrance and side entrance during the church service.
 9. After the service, check the pews for forgotten items or bulletins left on the pews.
- * If we have a pulpit supply minister who has not been at our church before, show him/her to the minister’s office and where to hang a robe. Please be sure a first time pulpit supply knows about the lapel mic. Greg Potter will show him/her how to operate the lapel mic. Show him/her where the offering plates are kept under the communion table.

Thank you so much for providing this valuable service!

World Communion Sunday October 7, 2018

Our World Communion Sunday celebration will be October 7 and this year will feature five different breads partially representing churches around the world. Planned breads include a Irish Soda Bread, Pita Bread, Banana Bread, Corn Bread, and Biscuits.

We will then continue to enjoy the breads with appropriate complimentary goodies during our fellowship time following worship.

According to the National Council of Churches website, World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches (predecessor of the NCC) in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity.

The key word for World Communion Sunday is communion, or unity. It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal – when Jesus instituted what we now call the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance – and of Jesus' self-sacrifice. But there is a flavor of the Christian celebration of Pentecost as well, when people from around the Mediterranean world came together in mutual understanding and inspiration, by the power of the Holy Spirit. World Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the globe – in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy – the Lord's Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. At its best, therefore, World Communion Sunday serves two purposes: it is both a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and a mind-opening exposure to different Christian traditions from around the world.

October 2018

First Presbyterian Church
Union, MO 63084

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 The Welcoming Table - Zion UCC Serving 6:00 PM Pastor Marilyn out of the office on this day.	3	4 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm- 3:30pm	5	6
7 World Communion Sunday Fellowship - Laura & Mike Hill Usher - Jim & Betty Mechem CROP Walk 12:30pm	8	9 The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	10	11 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm- 3:30pm	12	13
14 Fellowship - Susan Buchanan, Amy Weber Usher - Marie Wolf, Karen Calvin	15	16 The Welcoming Table - Second Blessings Serving 6:00PM	17 Session Meeting 7:00PM	18 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm- 3:30pm	19	20
21 Congregational Meeting Fellowship - Dorothy & Phil Clarkson Usher - Dutch & Carole Hutchison	22	23 The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM Pastor Marilyn out of the office on this day.	24	25 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm- 3:30pm	26	27 Mound Ridge work and Play Day
28 Mound Ridge work & play day Fellowship -Dale & Georgia Paulus Usher - Erik Bugl, Mike Hill	29	30 The Welcoming Table- Kiwanis Club Serving 6:00PM	31			