



Bio of our Gap Pastor Jay Summerville

Jay Summerville, the newly-appointed Gap Pastor for the Pacific and Union churches, a lifelong Presbyterian, grew up in a small town in northwestern Pennsylvania about 25 miles from Lake Erie in the notorious "Lake Erie Snow Belt". He was very active in his local congregation growing up. The three simple words, "Jesus Loves Me" which he learned in pre-K Sunday School at age 4 have been the ballast and inspiration for his life ever since. Jay graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota (an even smaller town!) with a B.A. in English and then attended Washington University School of Law in St. Louis with a tuition scholarship supplemented by part-time evening and weekend and summer jobs. Following graduation from law school, Jay practiced law in St. Louis for forty years with most of that time being spent as a litigation partner for Armstrong Teasdale LP. For the last 6 of those years he also served the firm as its first General Counsel, advising the firm's attorneys on ethics, professionalism, malpractice avoidance and "best practices". Jay had always been very active in the polity of the Presbyterian Church (USA) at every level and in the social outreach efforts of the larger church and his local congregation, Second Presbyterian Church of St. Louis. Always also having felt called to God's service and to ministry, Jay enrolled at Eden Seminary in Webster Groves upon his retirement from his law firm and received the Master of Divinity degree in May, 2016. Having simultaneously navigated the ordination requirements of the PCUSA and having passed all of the standard written ordination exams in the summer of 2015, Jay was certified as eligible for ordination subject to call and was ordained as the Rev. Jay Summerville on September 18, 2016. His first call was as the first full-time chaplain for Aberdeen Heights, a 400 resident senior living facility in Kirkwood in four levels of care sponsored by Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America. At Aberdeen, Summerville conducted weekly worship services in each of the four levels of care, conducted weekly Bible study, conducted a spiritual book club, performed special services and funerals, and provided pastoral care for 400 residents and about 200 staff. After a summer break in 2018, Rev. Summerville was employed as a parish associate at Trinity Presbyterian Church in University City until the opportunity to serve as Gap Pastor at Pacific and Union presented itself. Jay lives in Clayton and his favorite leisure activities are reading, swimming laps, sailing (in the summer), biking, hiking, listening to music, enjoying quiet meditation, prayer and study time, watching good movies and attending the theater. Jay is very close to his two sisters and their children despite their living far away, as he was to a younger brother who is no longer living. Jay is also very close as well as to his 93 1/2 year old mother who moved from Independent Living at Aberdeen Heights into Jay's home last October after 7 years at Aberdeen. Jay is also the loving owner of a truly extraordinary ginger cat named Atticus. He looks forward with enthusiasm and great inspiration to leading worship and forging new relationships in Pacific and Union. Building on the excellent preparatory work of Marilyn Gamm, Jay yearns to help lead the people of the newly-yoked churches as they approach their Jordan River, ready for their new more permanent pastors to lead them across.

Jay will begin his ministry at First of Union on Wednesday, February 20.

Blessings and peace, Rev. Jay Summerville



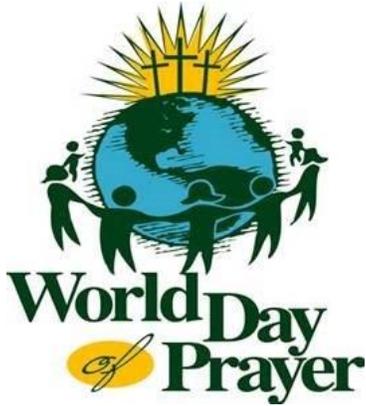
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World Day of Prayer



All are invited to WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, which will be held at First United Methodist Church, on Main Street in Union on **Friday, March 1**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Aimee Appell with Peace ELCA will be the speaker. Light refreshments will follow the service.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. With the theme of "Come-Everything Is Ready" World Day of Prayer, 2019, was written by women of Slovenia. Slovenia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991. This country of two million inhabitants is smaller than our state of New Jersey.

Worshiping and serving God, loving and accepting all

Presbyterian Women



The next meeting is **February 22**, hostess is Cheryl Shollenberger. Bible study led by Betty Mechem.

WEST CLUSTER WINTER GATHERING

First Presbyterian Church of Sullivan
(285 East Springfield Road, (573) 468-6364)

Friday, March 8, 2019

9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Registration – coffee, tea and coffee cakes

The Kitchen Band will entertain from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Speaker Lauri Osseck, Adult Outreach Coordinator for Scenic Regional Library. Her presentations are interesting and full of fun. She will talk about famous women throughout history.

We are encouraged to bring personal health care items and school supplies for Life House Youth Center in Sullivan, a non-profit, after-school center open 2 to 8 p.m. for youth ages 10 - 17. Marsha Thompson, Assistant director will explain more about LHYC.

The morning will include worship and communion.

Registration fee of \$10 includes lunch of sandwiches, soup, green salad and dessert. Registration forms will be mailed to churches in the cluster.



Fellowship List for February

Usher List for February

Feb 3	Michael Murray,	Feb 3	Myron & Carol Gruber
Feb 10	Bev Stobie, Amy Weber	Feb 10	Leighann & Rich Hoekel
Feb 17	Bonnie Woodruff, Barbara Vancil	Feb 17	Dinah & Ralph Sudholt
Feb 24	Dale & Georgia Paulus	Feb 24	Carole & Dutch Hutchison

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

Prayers & concerns

Alice Kuenz, Jim Mechem and Bev Stobie are recovering well from surgeries/illness but still need our continued prayers

Festival of Sharing

Thanks to all who have been saving **Best Choice UPC codes**. We are collecting them in the basket near the water fountain in the Narthex. The Best Choice UPC codes are donated to the Festival of Sharing, where they are exchanged for cash. The Festival of Sharing has changed from being held at one location at the state fair grounds in Sedalia. Share Fests are now held at several locations around the state in the Fall. As in years past, the Festival of Sharing benefits us locally, as well as providing assistance to other countries. Local food pantries receive quantities of rice and beans from the Festival.

Rev. Carol DeVaughan

Fill in pastor for the first 3 weeks in February will be Rev. Carol DeVaughan, HR, graduated from Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, and was ordained to a call to Cedar Hill, later Hillside Presbyterian, where she served for almost 18 years. Since “retirement” Carol has served short-term in several congregations, filling in for pastors on sabbatical, between pastors, or as Interim. Her most recent service was with the newly merged LoveJoy United Presbyterian in Wood River. Carol has been active in Presbytery, serving with CPM and COM, and served as Moderator in 2009. She just completed serving as the co-Moderator and organizer for Giddings-Lovejoy hosting General Assembly in 2018. Carol has two grown sons and two grandchildren, all living in the STL area.



Thank You!

Thank you very much First Presbyterian and Pacific Presbyterian Church families for the beautiful engraved crystal cross. I will cherish it and the memories of each of your congregations and our transitional ministry together that it commemorates. Thank you, too, for the lovely joint reception.

Thank you as well to the First Presbyterian Session for taking me to dinner before our January meeting. And most of all thank you for being YOU - beautiful, loving, welcoming, hard-working beloved children of God. It has been a true joy for me to serve with you these past 14 months and I am going to miss you!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Marilyn



Marianne Perez of Pacific, Rev. Gamm and Lisa Schoonover, Field Education Intern, for both churches October, 2018 through January, 2019. (reception for Rev Marilyn in Pacific)



Carol Gruber, left, Clerk of Session for Union, Rev. Gamm, and Marianne Perez, Clerk of Session for Pacific (reception for Rev. Marilyn in Pacific)

The Foster Closet

At the January Session Meeting, the non-profit Foster Closet was approved use of two rooms in the upper level of the church for display of clothes and other items for children in foster care. This is a new venture for Amber Raney and others who are dedicated to providing (at no charge) foster families with clothing for children, ages new born through teens that are in their care. In addition to having three children of their own, the Raney's are foster parents. They discovered how difficult it is to take in children, often on an emergency basis, who come to them with little or no clothing of their own.

The Foster Closet is getting started and in the process of setting up racks and shelving. When they are set up, they will accept donations of clean, sorted clothing for children. Bags of unsorted, unwashed clothing will not be accepted. Money donations in the form of checks should be made out to First Presbyterian, with Foster Closet in the memo line.

February 2019

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Union, MO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Rev. Carol DeVaughan fill in pastor	4	5 The Welcoming Table - Zion UCC Serving 6:00 PM	6	7 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm- 3:30pm	8	9
10 Rev. Carol DeVaughan fill in pastor	11	12 The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	13	14 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm- 3:30pm	15	16
17 Rev. Carol DeVaughan fill in pastor	18	19 The Welcoming Table - Second Blessings Serving 6:00PM	20 Session Meeting 7pm	21 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm- 3:30pm	22 Presbyterian Women meeting	23
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