



First Presbyterian Church, Union MO

Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

Dear fellow children of God at the First Presbyterian Church of Union:

I am grateful to have been called by God, through the voice of this congregation (and the Pacific congregation), to serve in your midst. I am glad to be among you as your pastor as we travel on this journey of faith and discernment, mercy and love!

As I think of our calling, your situation, and my gifts...

1) I intend worship to be my primary work in your midst. Quite honestly, much of the work I do in preparation for worship will be unseen by most of you. Yet, as worship – both a faith-shaping and faith-sharing experience – is crucial to our life together, so too worship will be front and center to my time and effort.

2) My second focus will be pastoral care, including (especially initially) getting to know you. As part of this, I will be talking with the Session about how we might encourage getting together to know each other better. And you don't need to wait for someone else to plan something; if you want a call or a visit or a listening ear, let me know! (573-576-6088; pastorbillv@gmail.com)

3) Also, I intend to work closely with the Session as we together seek to lead and guide the life of this congregation, even as we look to be guided by God in the mission and ministry God intends for us in this time and this place.

Regarding my weekly schedule, I will plan for office hours in Union on Wednesday mornings and Thursdays. (I'll be in the Pacific office on Tuesdays, and Wednesday afternoons.) We'll see how this plan works out and make adjustments as needed. (I intend Mondays and Fridays to be flexible time, i.e., not tied to office hours.) Feel free to give me a call (573-576-6088) or send me an email (pastorbillv@gmail.com) if you need anything or have a question or want to make an appointment or want to get together to visit. Also, if you know you're going to be in the hospital, please let me know I can't come visit you if I don't know you're there.

Finally, let me share with you a helpful way I think of my calling as a pastor: the gifts I bring, the shape of my ministry, what I have to offer.

I am a Communicator of the gospel, yes, primarily in and through worship and preaching; but also through teaching, both in formal and informal settings; and through how I relate to people and how I treat people: in all of this, seeking to communicate the love of God, the faithfulness of God, the presence of God, and the call of God.

I am a Companion on the journey, here to talk and listen; here simply to be with you through the ins and outs, the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows of life; whether it be in times of sickness or death, in the hospital or on the front porch.

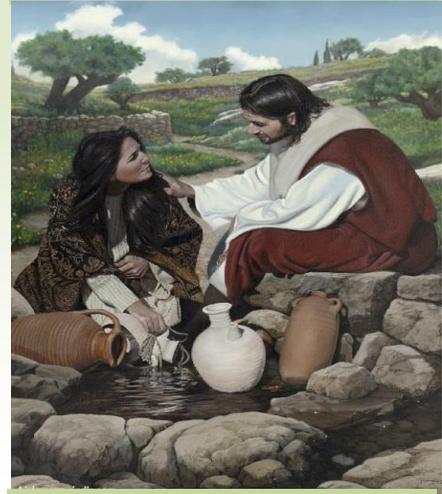
I am a Catalyst for action. If my chemistry serves me well, a catalyst is an agent that helps an interaction take place; an agent that helps two (or more) groups work together, think through ideas, and develop plans. A catalyst helps that happen. I can help you get together and do things. I cannot do for you. But I can help you do.

I am a Coach in ministry, keeping before us the big picture (the 'game plan'); encouraging here, nudging there; cheering people on as they give of and invest themselves in ministry, service, and worship.

So, here we go, off and running in the race set before us to love our neighbor and be faithful to the God who loves us and claims us and calls us God's own!

Peace in Christ,
Bill Vincent

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Presbyterian Women will meet **August 23**, Dorothy Clarkson will be hostess. Discussion will be on Lesson 7, "God with us as Emmanuel".



POTLUCK!

"Get to know you lunch" for Rev Bill and Deana. Friday, **August 16 at noon** at church. It will be a casual potluck with lunch dishes and desserts. Help with set up and cleanup appreciated. Please let Carol Gruber know if you can attend.

Worshiping and serving God, loving and accepting all

Save the Date:

Downton Abbey Tea



Saturday, **September 14** from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Webster Groves Presbyterian Church
45 West Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves

There will be tea, scones, finger sandwiches, tarts, biscuits, jam, muffins, cookies, iced tea, lemonade & more.
Come in costume for a chance to win \$100 Chase Park Plaza movie tickets. Bring your love of Downton Abbey knowledge. There will be drawings for movie tickets, Ted Drewes, and Cyrano's gift cards, plus silent auction tables.

\$25 per Adult \$15 for Children 12 or younger
Sponsored by Partners For Just Trade

Watch Sunday bulletins for registration information.



Fellowship List for Aug

- Aug 4 Jackie Jany, Violet Lansford
 Aug 11 Karen Calvin, Bonnie Woodruff
 Aug 18 Phil and Dorothy Clarkson
 Aug 25 Ralph and Dinah Sudholt

Usher List for Aug

- Aug 4 Ralph & Dinah Sudholt
 Aug 11 Rich and Leighann Hoekel
 Aug 18 Michael Murray
 Aug 25 Carole & Dutch Hutchinson

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 are recovering well, but still need our continued prayers.

The Welcoming Table

Every Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00pm
 First Presbyterian Church cooks and serves the meal on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are always welcomed. Set up is at 4:30, meal served 6:00 – 7:00pm, and clean up afterwards.



1:30 – 3:00 pm every Thursday is “shop/you pick” pantry time.

3:15 – 4:30 pm every Thursday is prepared bag(s) are handed out.

There are more food options in the “shop/you pick” pantry time, but the prepared bags will still be good amount to help each week.

All must still be registered with us to receive either option, but registration is easy.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	2	3
4 Fellowship- Jackie Jany, Violet Lansford Usher -Ralph & Dinah Sudholt	5	6 The Welcoming Table - Zion UCC Serving 6:00 PM	7	8 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	9	10
11 Fellowship -Karen Calvin, Bonnie Wood- ruff Usher -Rich and Leighann Hoekel	12	13 The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	14	15 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	16 Potluck Luncheon 12pm with Pastor Bill and Deanna	17
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