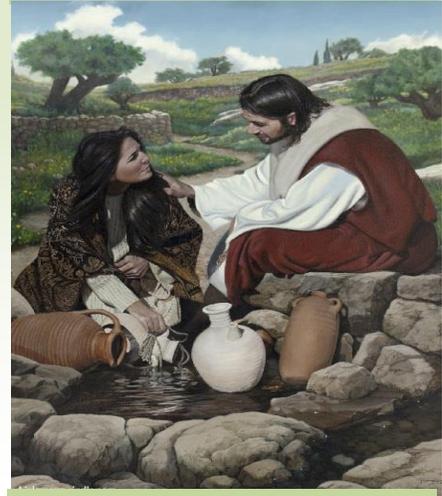




First Presbyterian Church, Union MO

Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

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October: the month of harvest. Of harvest festivals. Of combines making their way through the fields. Of reaping the rewards of hard work and patience.

*"Bringing in the sheaves
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We shall come rejoicing
Bringing in the sheaves"*

Of course, for there to be a harvest, there need to be seeds. And the seeds we plant determine the harvest we reap.

If we expect a harvest of hope, how and where have we been planting the seeds of hope?

If we expect a harvest of joy, how and where have we been planting the seeds of joy?

If we expect a harvest of peace, how and where have we been planting the seeds of peace?

If we expect a harvest of love, how and where have we been planting the seeds of love?

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One cannot also help but wonder: if the harvest we reap tends to be one of despair, sorrow, strife, and apathy, could it possibly be because those are the very seeds we have sown? Not always, mind you; but sometimes?

We cannot expect others to do it for us. We have to plant the seeds for the harvest we desire ... and that God desires. For

God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. Those who plant only for their own benefit will harvest devastation from their selfishness, but those who plant for the benefit of the Spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit. (Galatians 6:7-8)

Earlier on in that same letter to the Galatians, Paul noted that

the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

What a marvelous harvest!

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those in the household of faith. (Galatians 6:9-10)

Let us always be alert to planting good seeds, that we might reap a harvest of hope, joy, peace, and love.

*Peace in Christ,
Bill Vincent*



Presbyterian Women will meet
October 25th. Hostess will be Susan
Buchanan
Lesson 9 will be led by Karen Calvin

The Giddings-Lovejoy
Coordinating Team of
Presbyterian Women will meet at
Pacific Presbyterian Church, on
Wednesday, **October 9,**
2019. The meeting will run from
9:30 to 12:00, followed by lunch
in the fellowship hall. The
Coordinating Team would love to
have anyone interested join in the
meeting OR at noon for lunch.
They would like to get out into the
churches in the areas of our
Presbytery, and welcome you to
join them. Please see Carol
Gruber or Susan Buchanan for
more information..

SAVE THE DATE!

World Community Brunch will
be **Tuesday, November 5** with
registration at 9 a.m.
Our own Presbyterian Women
serve as hosts. Church Women
United of Franklin County
provides the program. Lynda
Burgman, founder of Kindness
in a Box (featured on Oprah
Winfrey), will be the speaker

Worshiping and serving God, loving and accepting all



**The Downton Abbey
Tea on Saturday, Sept.
14, at Webster Groves
Presbyterian was a big
hit.**

We were treated to finger sandwiches, scones, muffins, cookies and of course tea (and coffee). There were drawings for movie tickets, ice cream shop tickets and dessert specialties. There was an array of silent auction baskets. Downton Abbey trivia questions challenged our knowledge of the show that ran for 6 seasons on PBS. Amazing hand-crafted items from Partners for Just Trade were for sale. The Tea was a benefit for PJT.
Standing left, Carol Gruber, Bev StoBie, Deana Vincent, Susan Buchanan seated.



Fellowship List for Oct

- Oct 6 Violet Lansford, Amy Weber
 Oct 13 Bonnie Woodruff, Barbara Vancil
 Oct 20 Michael & Laura Hill
 Oct 27 Beth Baker, Susan Buchanan

Usher List for Oct

- Oct 6 Phil Clarkson
 Oct 13 Jackie Jany, Susan Buchanan
 Oct 20 Ralph and Dinah Sudholt
 Oct 27 Rich and Leighann Hoekel

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, Leighann Hoekel, and Karen Calvin are recovering well, but still need our continued prayers.

The Foster Closet will open Tuesday, September 10. They have been preparing for months and have a good selection of children's clothing and equipment. They will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families will be able to select clothing for their foster children at no charge. Amber Raney is principal contact person. She says that they can use volunteers to sort and hang clothes. If you would like to volunteer or for more information please call Amber: 417-838-8178



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.

Save the Date:

-Sunday **October 6** we will be taking the church van to "A Slice of Pie" in Rolla after service.

-Sunday **October 27** we will have a Blessing of the Pets ceremony at 1:00 pm.

-the weekend of **November 3rd** is when we turn our clocks backwards with the end of Daylight Saving Time

-Pastor Bill's installation service will be Sunday afternoon, **November 10th** - put it on your calendars - more details to come.

-Sunday **November 24th** worship will be a Hymn Sing, focusing on the themes of the Lordship of Christ (it being Christ the King Sunday) and Thanksgiving - details to follow in the November newsletter

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 The Welcoming Table - Zion UCC Serving 6:00 PM	2	3 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 -4:30pm	4	5
6 Trip to A Slice of Pie in Rolla after service	7	8 The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	9	10 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 -4:30pm	11	12
13	14	15 The Welcoming Table - Second Blessings Serving 6:00PM	16 Session Meeting 7:00pm	17 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 -4:30pm	18	19
20	21	22 The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	23	24 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 -4:30pm	25 Presbyterian Women	26
27 Blessing of the pets 1:00 pm	28	29 The Welcoming Table - Kiwanis Serving 6:00PM	30	31 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 -4:30pm		