



First Presbyterian Church, Union MO

Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

I don't know about you, but September always feels like 'turning the corner'.

When Deanna and I had children in school, September was, of course, the time when school really began to gear up, with classes and schedules and extra curricular activities. Even without our own children in school, the yellow buses go through their daily schedule, the lights flash in school zones, and many school activities affect people's schedules.

And so we turn the corner.

But we also begin to turn the corner regarding the weather and the seasons. Yes, September can have days as hot as August (or maybe this year it will be 'as wet as!'). But there is also a noticeable hint of cooler days to come. And not as many flowers are blooming. And the green of the trees seems different, anticipating colors of a different sort soon to come. And the evenings become darker sooner. And the mornings stay darker later.

And so we turn the corner.

Summer is identified as the season of vacation, and with summer over, there tends to be a more regular rhythm to the days, including (it seems) attendance at worship. And let us not forget to mention (wait for it!) ... Christmas! Have you already seen Christmas decorations in the stores? or advertised on your favorite website? Yes, Christmas is coming, and we already begin to set our minds on getting ready for it.

And so we turn the corner.

The thing about turning a corner is, you never know exactly what you may find. Oh, we think we know what will be coming with fall weather and fall colors, with football games and advance Christmas shopping, and with schedules that we assume will remain steady and regular. But will they? And do we really know what we'll find 'just around the corner'.

When I was growing up, I enjoyed a book entitled 'Just Around the Corner': a children's book of poetry that celebrated all the things you might discover 'just around the corner'.

There can be exciting discoveries 'just around the corner'. There might also be some stellar disappointments 'just around the corner'. Or maybe there will be something different and unexpected, and we won't be sure whether or not it is something to be celebrated and embraced, or to be grieved and maybe even resisted.

We (this congregation and I) have turned a corner, it seems. Deanna and I are here, and the process of searching for a new pastor is over, and we have all begun to get to know each other and maybe even begun to feel comfortable with each other.

But what will we find just around this corner we have turned? Will it be something we expect, possibly settled and comfortable? Will it be something we don't expect, maybe unsettled and uncomfortable? Might it be a little of both?

Right now, I'm not sure any of us knows for certain. Yes, we can do all the planning we want to do, and that can be good and helpful. Still, even the best laid plans.... Well, you know.

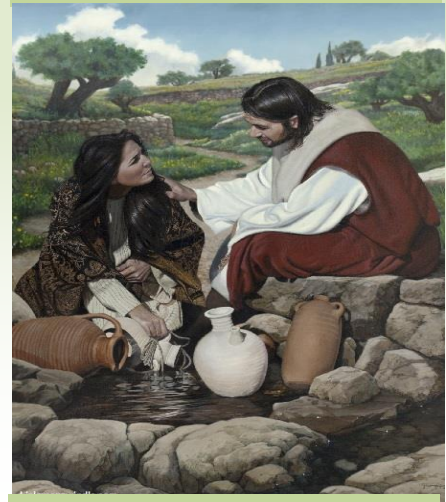
'Just around the corner' you just might find ... what?

Whatever it is, God will be there with us 'just around the corner'. And God will be there to help us decide whether to embrace or scoot around what we find around the corner. And God will be there (and is here) to help us work with and live through and even thrive through whatever it is that we find 'just around the corner'.

So, whatever it may be, whatever we may find, and wherever we may find ourselves just around this corner or the next or the next, remember: God will be with us to love us, to carry us, to guide us, to help us, and to hold us, both on this side of the corner, and just around it!

*In Christ,
Bill Vincent*

Volume 31; Sept 2019



Contents

Message from Pastor	1
Presbyterian Women	2
Fellowship/Usher list	3
Calendar	4



Presbyterian Women will meet Sept. 27,
Hostess – Martha Ann
Bible Study led by Dorothy Clarkson
Lesson 8 will be the discussion.

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.

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.

Worshiping and serving God, loving and accepting all

On August 27, Brunsmann Roofing replaced the west-facing roof that was damaged and leaking after a Spring rain storm.



Taking off the old shingles



Mike Hill watches the roofing process



Blue underlayment and beginning of laying shingles



Fellowship List for Sept

- Sept 1 Carole and Dutch Hutchinson
 Sept 8 Myron and Carol Gruber
 Sept 15 Dale and Georgia Paulus
 Sept 22 Michael Murray
 Sept 29 Leighann and Rich Hoekel

Usher List for Aug

- Sept 1 Betty and Jim Mechem
 Sept 8 Bev Stobie, Susan Buhanan
 Sept 15 Myron and Carol Gruber
 Sept 22 Georgia Paulus, Violet Lansford
 Sept 29 Laura and 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



Prayers & concerns

Alice Kuenz, Jim Mechem and are recovering well, but still need our continued prayers.

Karen Calvin having shoulder surgery

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 a good amount to help each week. All must still be registered with us to receive either option, but registration is easy.



Nearly finished



Work is complete

September 2019

First
Presbyterian,
Union

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fellowship— Carole & Dutch Hutchinson Usher—Betty & Jim Mechem	2	3 The Welcoming Table - Zion UCC Serving 6:00 PM	4	5 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	6	7
8 Fellowship –Myron & Carol Gruber Usher –Bev Stobie, Susan Buchanan	9	10 Church Women United at 1:00pm The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	11	12 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	13	14
15 Fellowship –Dale & Georgia Paulus Usher –Myron & Carol Gruber	16	17 The Welcoming Table - Second Blessings Serving 6:00PM	18 Session Meeting 7:00pm	19 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	20	21
22 Fellowship—Michael Murray Usher Georgia Paulus, Violet Lansford	23	24 The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	25	26 Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	27 Presbyterian Women	28
29 Fellowship—Leighann & Rich Hoekel Usher—Laura & Mike Hill	30					