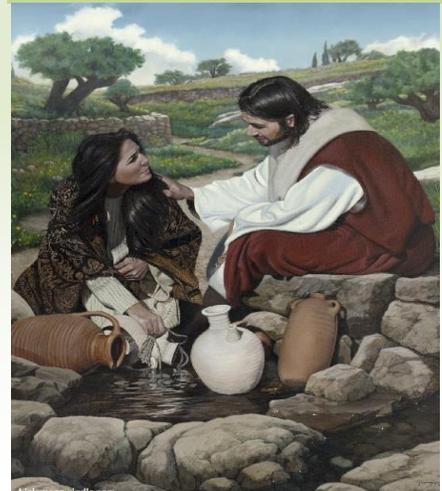




First Presbyterian Church, Union MO

Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

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For your reflection:

OCTOBER

O Over is Summer.

C Coming is Winter.

T Today I can feel them both in the Autumn air.

O Only in the harvest of the fruit of Summer
in preparation for the sustenance of Winter – only

B By

E Embracing both (and all) at once will I

R Remember: Spring is God's signal of burgeoning hope.

*In Christ,
Bill Vincent*

Bill and Deanna Vincent have moved (finally!) to their new 'digs'. Please note their new address:

Bill & Deanna Vincent
1101 West Fifth Street
Washington MO 63090

Pastor Bill will be on Vacation Sunday, October 17th & 24th. We recommend you check out the following for online worship opportunities (in lieu of our own in-person worship):

St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Ballwin MO

www.discoverstmark.org

Click on Livestream Worship Services – 10:00 am

Southminster Presbyterian Church, Crestwood MO

www.southminsterstlouis.org

Scroll down to This Week's Service – 10:00 am

John Knox Presbyterian Church, Florissant MO

Worship at 9:30 am - Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JohnKnoxPresbyterianChurchFlorissantMO/>

And speaking of October 17th, we have another opportunity to recommend to you:

Chenoa Stock is a PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker, serving in Peru as the Partnership and Delegations Coordinator for the accompaniment program, PERUSA, with her husband, Jose, and their three-year old son, Leandro. A program of the Joining Hands Network, PERUSA serves to build bridges of long-term partnership between our Peruvian partners and PC(USA) congregations through mission experiences to Peru.

Arrangements have been made to have Chenoa share about her journey, serving as a Mission Co-Worker in various countries, as well as her family's journey to Peru, in their continuous accompaniment of and learning from our Peruvian partners before and during the pandemic.

A Zoom link will be sent to all email addresses for Chenoa's presentation at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 17th.

Invite a friend who may not have available internet and join together for this wonderful opportunity to hear and learn about the work and ministry to which we are connected with our sisters and brothers in Christ in Peru.

Worshiping and serving God, loving, and accepting all



You are invited to be part of the celebration of the

CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 10, 2021

This is the 30th year of CROP Walks in Franklin County! One fourth of the funds raised will be divided between the Union Food Pantry and the Harvest Table at St. Peters UCC in Washington.

Church World Service is the umbrella organization of the CROP Hunger Walk. CWS has been deeply involved in Afghan refugee resettlement for decades. A portion of the CROP donations will go to assist Afghan refugees coming into the US. In addition, a portion of the funds will be donated to hunger and safe water projects around the world.

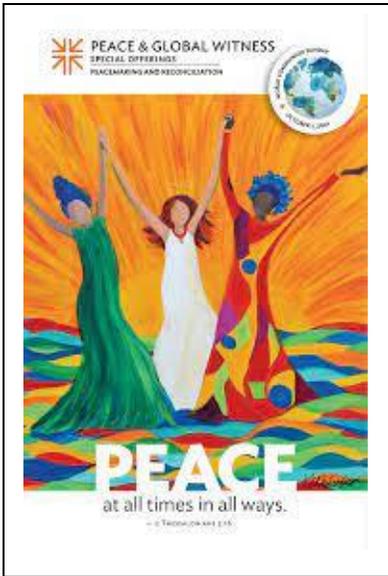
The Walk will begin at Zion United Church of Christ in Union
Registration is at 12:30, and the Walk begins at 1 p.m.

Be sure to greet Norma Klemme who, in honor of her 90th birthday, has been walking one-block-segments each day since early in July and will have walked 90 segments by the October 10 Walk.

Walkers are encouraged to walk according to their ability, but the actual route is less than a mile.

If you can't be at the Walk and would like to donate, checks should be made out to CWS - CROP and given to Dorothy Clarkson at church or mailed to the church - 105 East Main Street, Union 63084, c/o Dorothy.

There will be a CROP "Rockathon" at Fricks Market Saturday, October 2 from 9 - 4 p.m.



Fall is in the air and with it news of a special mission opportunity! The **PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering** is now through October 3, culminating with World Communion Sunday. The Peace & Global Witness Offering gives light to those in the shadows and guides us into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. 25% of this offering stays with our congregation to support a non-profit organization of our choice. This year we are donating to The Foster Closet in Union. 25% of this offering will go to joining with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% of this offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

If you write a check, please make it out to First Presbyterian Church of Union, with Peace and Global Witness in the notation. Our Treasurer, Laura Hill, will distribute the funds appropriately. The check can be placed in the offering basket, or mailed to the church, 105 E. Main Street, Union, 63084 - c/o Laura Hill.

Hymnals

At its September meeting, the Session agreed that the risk of transmission of the coronavirus is low when it comes to touching most surfaces. Therefore, hymnals are back in service and available for use during worship, as you might like. We will continue to read the first hymn responsively and sing (with masks on) the final hymn. And if you'd like to pick up a hymnal to sing along, feel free to do so!



A reminder:

Prayer concerns can be shared with me via email or phone before worship (preferably by Saturday evening); or you can write them down (legibly, please) on a piece of paper and place them in the basket that will be located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pastor Bill

Sunday Worship service will be Streaming live on Facebook on Sunday at 9:00 am. The bulletin will also be available on Facebook and the church website (www.unionfirstpresby.org), posted by 8 am Sunday morning.

Link to Facebook: www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchunion

Bulletin can be found here: <http://www.unionfirstpresby.org/church-bulletins/>