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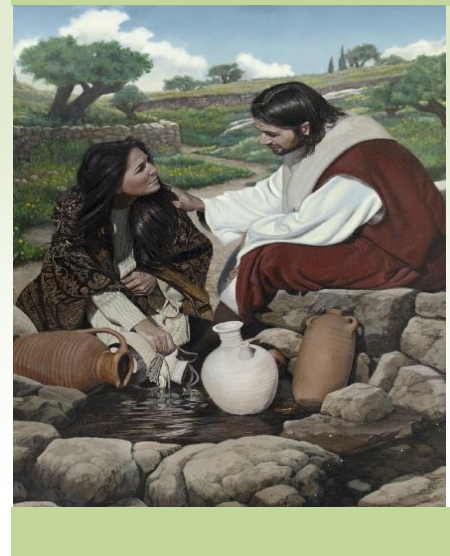
Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

Two items of note for this June (and beyond!):

-1) On Sunday, May 26th I began a series of sermons based on the gospel of Mark. I plan to preach through the Gospel over the next weeks (with occasional breaks). One of the books I have appreciated as I have studied and prepared for this series is N.T. Wright's book *Mark for Everyone*. Wright offers easy to read comments and devotional insights on the gospel readings

I would encourage you to take this opportunity to use the book for your own personal study alongside the sermon series.

To that end, we have purchased several copies available at \$10 a piece. Contact me (see below) if you're interested. (Or you can order a copy at thethoughtfulchristian.com – make sure it says “20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide.”)



ALSO...

-2) 2024 is an Anniversary Year for both of our congregations. Pacific will be celebrating their 160th anniversary in July. First:Union is making plans to celebrate their 190th Anniversary on October 27th.

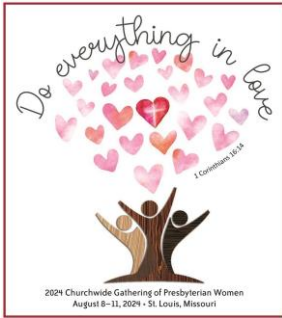
So that we can join in the joy and celebrate our heritage together, the Sessions have agreed to have joint worship services on those Sundays. Pacific's service will be at 11:00 am on July 14th in the sanctuary (410 W St. Louis St, Pacific).

All members of Pacific AND First:Union are invited to attend worship and the anniversary program, as well as the catered meal following (at no cost). If you are planning to attend the meal, we need to know by June 20th, so please make your reservation by calling Kay LeClaire (314-409-5274) or emailing Pam Manuel (pacpresby@gmail.com).

Learning and growing, and celebrating life...together!

*In Christ,
Bill Vincent*

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Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering (CWG) is celebrated every three years! In 2024, the CWG will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 8–11. Plenary and large-group sessions will be held at the America's Center Convention Complex. Gathering attendees will receive a special conference rate for hotel rooms at the Marriott St. Louis Grand (across the street from the America's Center), which will house other Gathering programming and opportunities (i.e., shopping and dining!). Save these dates, share these dates, and plan to joyfully join Presbyterian Women in an exciting, faith-filled time of renewal, connection, and fun. An online option will be available, as well, with a select menu of options. Visit presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for full details

Early registration for the Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering, "Do Everything in Love", has passed, but there is still time to register. Complete information on the conference and the link for registration can be found at www.presbyterianwomen.org. There are scholarships available through the national PW and from the PW of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. For a Presbytery scholarship application (deadline June 1st), contact Deanna Vincent (vincentdeanna83@gmail.com).

Also, Deanna has registered as an online participant and will be able to live stream the 4 plenary sessions and the closing worship service- She is inviting ALL women to come to her house (1101 West 5th Street, Washington MO) for viewing parties. There's no need to act now, but know that this option will be available for participation in the Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering

Presbyterian Women:

The Presbyterian Women will be meeting on Friday, June 28, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. at the home of Juanita Youngberg. She lives at 1055 Saint Andrews Drive in Union, MO. The Bible Study will be Lesson 7 led by Dorothy Clarkson. All women are invited to attend.

Worshiping and serving God, loving, and accepting all



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

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