



# The Presbyterian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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JANUARY 2020

*The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step...*



*Yet taking that first step can involve uncertainty.  
What if it's the wrong path? What if I slip? Who will I find at the end?*

At First Presbyterian Church  
we are exploring the path laid out through God's word...  
You'll find great music, biblical teaching and fellow travelers  
to walk with you on your journey!

Come join us in 2020!

**8:30 am Adult Contemporary Class - 3rd Floor Library**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

**10:45 am Christian Education for All Ages**

**5:00 pm Sunday Night 5 Alive**

*Learning about God's purpose for our lives together.*





## CHRISTMAS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



Eleven members of our Faith Family spread the joy of the season through song as we sang carols to some of our homebound members and others in Assisted Living.

Mrs. Claus (Susie Jones) visited the Preschool on December 17th to read to the children.



The Preschool Children celebrated Grinch Day (in their pajamas), and sang Christmas songs for the Retired Adults Fellowship on Dec. 18th.

## CHRISTMAS STAR PROGRAM



First Presbyterian adopted 13 families to bless for Christmas. Center. Volunteers helped pack presents for the families to be delivered.



## SPIRITUAL FORMATION JANUARY

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

*Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.*

Here's a question for you: ***What does joy look like?***

That's right, joy. ***How would you describe it? How might you paint a picture of it?***

If you had to come up with a universal symbol, a kind of catch-all image for this universal experience and feeling that we call joy, ***what would it be?***

Maybe pure joy is the father who holds his child after they awaken frightened in the middle of the night.

Joy is an interesting emotion. It's tough to explain and difficult to put into words, yet, when you see it, it's unmistakable and when you feel it, it's unforgettable. We've all seen it. We've all felt it. So again, how might you describe this thing called joy? What would you say is the *symbol* of joy?

"Any parent knows that the birth of a baby is a wondrous event," observes Julia Dray, Sunday school teacher and elder in a Presbyterian church. "Our own magi come to bring gifts, angels in the form of friends and family trumpet the news to the world, shepherds rise from the care of their own flocks and join in the joyful and reverent mirth about the cradle.

"But they all go home, eventually. And we, the parents, stare down into the wide-eyed face of this newly minted infant and trample wearily into a world where 2 a.m. feedings and colicky screams make our world even more chaotic than we'd dreamed it could be.

*"But we keep those Christmas feelings despite it all. The faces of our children as they sleep after a long day of driving us to distraction — they are so lovely, so wondrous that our hearts turn over and we feel ... Just like Christmas — the spirit of a peaceful center at the heart of the world."* (Homiletics Magazine, online).

Some people would argue that coming up with an all-encompassing symbolic image of joy is a lot easier than you'd think.

**Christmas Joy, as Mother Theresa said comes every single time you let God love others through you.**

Despite our broken condition—our messes—our foibles, failings, shortcomings and the unspeakable word 'sin'—we can still do what the prophet Zephaniah says 'rejoice' and share JOY. So, how do we really do that in this New Year of 2020?

tent. Outside, his camel whimpered and whined.

"Master," the camel begged, "let me put just my nose inside your tent, for it is cold out here."

The Master was a kindly man, so he invited the camel to stick its nose under the flap and into the warmth of the tent.

Soon the camel said, "Master, my nose feels much better. But the rest of my head is still outside. May I bring it in too?"

"Of course," said the Master. "It will not take much more room."

So the camel put its head inside. And in the same way, it manipulated the Master's compassion to get its neck inside. Then its front legs. And its shoulders. And its hump. The Master moved over a little, each time, to make room for the camel.

Until eventually the entire camel was inside the tent.

"This is quite a small tent," said the camel after a while. "There is not enough room for both of us. Since you are smaller than I am, perhaps it would be best if you went outside."

The story has many variations, but the theme is constant -- little by little, the camel took over the tent. The camel taking over the tent... ***What's that story really about? What are the camels in your life that are taking over Jesus' tent? What do you need to let go of in order to let Jesus' joy out? Happiest of New Years!***

***Thank you for calling me to ministry with you. Your friend and pastor, your fellow journeyer with Jesus,***

***Pastor Angela***

One night in the desert, the story goes, a traveller sat warming himself by a charcoal brazier in his

## JANUARY Birthdays

1 - Pat McGeehan	15 - Alice Wilson
1 - Isabelle Stewart	16 - Janet Shinkle
2 - Matt Weber	19 - Lee Pearson
3 - Jack Sanders	22 - Carmen Brown
4 - Pam Nuernberger	22 - Tanner Bone
5 - Marshall Wilson	23 - Brenda Waters
6 - Catherine Jones	25 - Delores Kopp
7 - Cindy Gaines	25 - Stephanie Mills
7 - Kurt Hafley	26 - Peter Crabtree
7 - Hollie Burrows	27 - Sue Haugen
10 - Don Sisson, Sr.	28 - Les Hancock
12 - Liz Lehmen	28 - Jon Beasley
13 - Amanda Delleart	29 - David L. Harrison
15 - Sandy Kanagawa	29 - Mariah Dee
15 - Jonathan Collins	29 - Lena Penserum
15 - Elizabeth Collins	30 - Katie Epema

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Our opportunities to join in **BIBLE STUDY** include are **Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:45 am**, our **Monday at 5:15 pm** class in the Church Library (studying *The Gospel of Mark*) and our **Tuesday morning at 9:30 am** class in the McAfee Room (studying *The Psalms*). There is room for YOU in our Bible studies – room at the table and room to grow in faith!

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** at the Towne Grill at 7:00 am on Friday, January 17th. Good food, great fellowship and "amazing" (mostly true) stories!

## RETIRED ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Retired Adults Fellowship (RAF) enjoyed a wonderful potluck lunch, time of fellowship and Christmas Carol singing in December. In January we will meet on Thursday, January 16th at 11:30. Following our meal we will have "Show and Tell". Bring something you would like to share with others and share the story. Everyone is invited!

**Please Note:** Our RAF has set an Inclement Weather Policy that **"If the Public Schools are closed we will not meet."**

## LIVING WINDOWS 2019

Living Windows was held on Friday, December 6th from 6:00-9:00 pm and many from our community were welcomed into First Presbyterian Church!

**Thanks to all who helped** that evening to make it an experience of wonderful hospitality. We estimate that between 700 and 800 folks from our community were welcomed to our Live Nativity and into Knox Hall for music by Missing Pieces, hot cider and cookies, viewing Nativities, Fair Trade Sales and fellowship!

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**January 5:** Epiphany. Isaiah 60: 1-6 *"Rockin Faith"* Jim Crabtree is Liturgist; Communion Happens

**January 12:** Pastor Dave will lead Installation and Ordination for Baptism of the Lord Sunday. Matthew 3:13-17 and Isaiah 42:1-4 *"Who's Got the Spirit?!"*

**January 19:** Pastor Angela *"The JOY in DIRT"* Psalm 40: 1-11 Epiphany Jim Crabtree is Liturgist.

**January 26:** I Cor. 1: 10-18, *"Waiting Game,"* other texts are Isaiah 9:1-4. And Psalm 27.

**February 2:** Micah 6: 1-8 *"Joy NOT GREATness"*

## SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

In our Sunday Evening Worship (Sunday Night 5 Alive), Pastor Mark Kiekhaefer will preach on Sunday, January 5th. From January 12th through February 23rd we will focus on *"Lessons From the Waters"*. What are the biblical stories you remember that focus on water (rivers, streams, living water)? Each week we will examine the lessons we can learn from these biblical texts and stories and each Worship experience will be followed by a wonderful meal and time of fellowship.

## GLORY TO GOD

On Saturday, January 25th, at 3:00 p.m., special guest David Gambrell, contributing editor to the *"Glory to God"* hymnal and present Executive of PAM (Presbyterian Association of Musicians) in Louisville, Ky., will lead a session entitled *Hymnal 101* in the church sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City.

He will describe the intensive planning that goes into the preparation of a hymnal that is intended to be used for the next twenty to thirty years. This is a particular challenge in a time of changing tastes in church music and a shift from printed material to digital sources.

The Saturday session will draw attention to the breadth of material in the new hymnal. Some hymns step back in time including selections such as *I Love to Tell the Story* and *Bringing in the Sheaves*—hymns not appearing in Presbyterian hymn books for many years. Some of the steps forward encompass many new hymns and styles.

**PW CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2020**

<b>January 8</b>	10:30 am Monthly Bible study. McAfee Room.
<b>January 14</b>	1:30 pm Faith Circle. Heisinger Bluffs.
<b>January 16</b>	12:45 pm Afternoon Circle. Church.
<b>January 21</b>	6:30 pm Coral Circle. Location TBA.
<b>January 22</b>	10:30 am Kaffee Klatsch. HyVee dining room 11:45 am CT Meeting. HyVee dining room.

**NOTE:** Please double-check with your circle leader to ensure that the above dates and times are correct.

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**PW'S FIRST MISSION PROJECT FOR 2020 IS SET!**

Beginning on January 5th, PW will again be collecting paper products – toilet paper, paper towels and Kleenex – for several area organizations, including RACS, Halo, Healing House and Koinonia House. Please see the display in Knox Hall for additional information. This mission project will conclude on Sunday, February 23rd (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday).

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**SPRING GATHERING**

The plans have been finalized for the PW Spring Gathering! On **Thursday, April 30th**, the women of Missouri Union Presbytery will be gathering at the First Presbyterian Church of Boonville for a program delivered by our synod representative, Rhoda Frasier; group activities; and luncheon. To register for the Gathering, just provide your name to Anne Schneider. The cost of the Gathering is \$10 – you may pay the fee up-front or at the door on the 30th.

In addition, you will then have the option of joining a guided walking tour of Warm Springs Ranch – to see the new Clydesdale foals! Reservations for the Warm Springs Ranch Tour are \$16.50 and must be made and paid for before February 14th. Checks should be made payable to PW-MUP and sent to the PW/MUP Treasurer, Ruth Thompson, at 3400 W. Hwy 124; Harrisburg, MO 65256.

For additional information about the Gathering and the Warm Springs tour, contact Anne Schneider, Brenda Waters or your circle leader.

*From Shannon McPherson, Director of Christian Education*

I would like to offer my thanks to Mary Kabiri for playing the piano during the Christmas Concert, as well as to all our fabulous kiddos for being so brave to sing in front of everyone. Well done, little friends!

Our Christian Education classes are covering many interesting topics this month. Everyone is encouraged to attend. A new year means a new start and fresh curriculum for most of our classes. Now is a great time to join in! This month we're highlighting the Calvin Class schedule!

- January 5th – A Place for the Ark (1 Kings 8: 1-13; 2 Chronicles 5: 1-14)
- January 12th – Solomon's Speech (1 Kings 8: 14-21; 2 Chronicles 6)
- January 19th – Solomon's Dedication Prayer (1 Kings 8: 22-53; 2 Chronicles 6: 12-42)
- January 26th – Solomon's Blessing (1 Kings 8: 54-66)

Don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page! The name is First Presbyterian Church Jefferson City MO. Parents, there is a page just for you! Like and follow FPC (Jefferson City, MO) *Parenting in the Pews.*

*By the time you read this, many of you will already know that I have chosen to resign as the Director of Christian Education. It has been a joy and a privilege to worship and serve God next to each of you. I will miss sharing the children's sermons (my favorite part of the week) and spending time with my little friends most of all. God bless all of you and thank you for the enrichment you have brought to my life.*

Remember you are loved all the time,  
*Shannon*

**FAIR TRADE MISSION SALES**

During the Advent Season, members of our Faith Family and community purchased over \$2500.00 of Fair Trade and Mission items! These funds are used directly to support our mission partners of Common Ground and in Nepal, Malawi, Peru and Ukraine/Hungary. Thank you!



**EVERY SUNDAY**

8:30 am Adult Contemporary Class-3rd Floor  
 9:30 am Worship Service  
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall  
 10:45 am Christian Education for All Ages  
 5:00 pm Sunday Night 5 Alive Worship Service  
 5:45 pm Shared Meal in Knox Hall

**Wednesday, January 1****NEW YEAR'S DAY****COLLEGE MONTREAT PARTICIPANTS LEAVE****Thursday, January 2****PRESCHOOL/KPLUS ON VACATION UNTIL  
JAN. 6**

5:30 pm Worship Committee - Library

**Sunday, January 5****EPIPHANY SUNDAY****Monday, January 6**

5:00 pm Facilities Committee - Knox Hall

6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - Parlor

**Tuesday, January 7**

5:00 pm Stewardship Committee - Library

**Wednesday, January 8**

9:30 am Meals on Wheels

5:15 pm Church Growth & Evangelism Committee  
- Library

**Thursday, January 9**

12:45 pm Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle -  
Library

**Friday, January 10**

10:15 am Meals on Wheels

**Saturday, January 11**

9:00 am Church Officer Training (until 1:00 pm)

11:30 am Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments

**Sunday, January 12****ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH  
OFFICERS****Monday, January 13**

10:00 am Hands for Mission - Chapel

4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army

**Tuesday, January 14**

6:30 pm Session Meets - Chapel

**Wednesday, January 15**

1:30 pm Presbyterian Women Faith Circle -  
Heisinger Bluffs, Apt. 327

**Thursday, January 16**

11:30 am Retired Adults Fellowship "Show and  
Tell" - Knox Hall

**Friday, January 17**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Towne Grill

5:00 pm K-5th Grade Pizza & Mystery Outing

**Monday, January 20****DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army

6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - Parlor

**Tuesday, January 21**

6:30 pm Presbyterian Women Evening Circle-TBA

**Wednesday, January 22**

10:30 am Ladies Kaffeeklatsch - HyVee

4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army

**EVERY WEEK**

5:15 pm Monday - Bible Study - Library

7:00 pm Monday- Boy Scouts Troop 2 - Gym

9:30 am Tuesday - Bible Study - McAfee Room

1:30 pm Tuesday - Recorder Practice - Choir Room

1:30 pm Tuesday - Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Wednesday - Choir Practice

4:30 pm Thursday - FPC Pickleball - Gym

**Saturday, January 25**

9:00 am S.W.A.T. - McAfee Room

11:30 am Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments

3:00 pm "Hymnal 101" with David Gambrell - Knox  
Hall

**Sunday, January 26**

9:30 am "Glory to God" Hymnal with David  
Gambrell

**10:30 am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING****Monday, January 27**

6:30 pm Faith Voices - Quinn Chapel

**Tuesday, January 28**

6:00 pm Mission Committee - Library

**Wednesday, January 29**

5:30 pm Social Justice Ministry Team - McAfee  
Room

**DEACONS****Class of 2020**

Cecil Caulkins  
 Bill Covington  
 Deb Denning  
 Cody Epema  
 Mark Ludwig  
 Allison Pearson  
 Lynn Ratchford  
 Blaine Smallwood  
 Jeannine Toomey

**Class of 2021**

Katherine Best  
 Keith Krueger  
 Sally Lepper  
 Bill Wilson  
 Albert Naaman (1 yr)  
 Andrew Naaman (1 yr)

**Class of 2022**

Jane Bedsworth  
 Roger Connell  
 Rich Denning  
 Rosemary Hutson  
 Sharon Keating  
 David Larrick  
 Dustin Roberts

**ELDERS****Class of 2020**

Judi Busby  
 Jan Haviland  
 Dan McPherson  
 Bob Rogers

Shelley Swoyer

**Class of 2021**

Steve Brennaman  
 Ruthie Caplinger  
 David Epema  
 Susie Perkins  
 Vicki Schildmeyer  
 Nathan Weinert

**Class of 2022**

Christa Johnston  
 Todd Larivee  
 Brian Long  
 Sue Nichols  
 Debbie Wilson  
 Paul Wilson

**SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**  
**(chairs in bold)**

**Church Growth & Evangelism** - **Ruthie Caplinger(2020) Todd Larivee (2021)** Bob Rogers (Elder Member), Shannon McPherson, Jeannine Toomey, Ben Krause, Katherine Best, Barb Long, Madelyn Doyle.

**Christian Education** - **Judi Busby(2020), Paul Wilson (Elder Member)**, Shannon McPherson, Marilyn Hofmann, LeAnne Gottschalk, Vicki Schildmeyer (Elder Member), Tina Owens, Madelyn Doyle.

**Facilities** - **Dave Epema (co-chair with Jim Hofmann 2020), Christa Johnston (2021)**, Tom Carr, Jim Hofmann, Marilyn Hofmann, Nick Lepper, Ray Schneider, Diane or Cynthia.

**Missions** - **Shelley Swoyer (2020), Dan McPherson (Elder Member), Vicky Schildmeyer (Elder Member)**, Annell Bailey, Jane Beetem, Sheryl Bowles, Kent Burson, Jim Hofmann, Charles Jackson, Kyle Kittrell, Nick Lepper, Melissa Manda, Jeff Sanders, Greg Schildmeyer, Anne Schneider.

**Fellowship** - **Susie Perkins (2020) Debbie Wilson (2021)**, Carol Scott, Barb Slevin, Sherry Simon, Sharon Keating, Grace Rogers, Bonnie Wood, Rex & Barb Hall, Lou Brydon, Vicki Schildmeyer.

**Personnel & Administration** - **Nathan Weinert (2020)**, Don Shinkle, Larry Brickey, Priscilla Ford, Jack Pletz, Jim Crabtree.

**Worship** - **Jan Haviland (2020), Sue Nichols (2021)**, Carmen Brown, Kim Kliethermes, Karen Larvick, Anne Schneider, Shelley Swoyer (Elder Member)

**Youth Ministry** - **Nathan Weinert (2020) (vacancy for Elder)**, Shannon McPherson, Cheryl Smallwood, Dan & Joni Carr.

**Stewardship** - **Steve Brennaman (2020), Brian Long (2021)**, Karen Laves, Tom Carr, Cynthia, Jan Haviland (Elder Member)

**OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM** will meet on Wednesday, January 29th at 5:30 pm in the McAfee Room. The vital work of God's justice in our world is the work of the disciples of Christ!

**OUR MISSIONS COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:00 pm in the Church Library. You are invited to join in the work of our Mission Committee by joining the Committee of joining us in one or more of the many outreach ministries and missions of our Faith Family.

**"NEED A COAT, TAKE ONE; HAVE AN EXTRA COAT, LEAVE ONE"**

Our coat (and scarves, gloves, hats) giveaway located on the front porch of our church has provided warmth for many of our community neighbors already. We estimate that between 75 and 90 coats have found new owners since we put out the coat rack. Many of those coats came from Encore and we appreciate their wonderful donation. Most of the coats remaining are "light-weight". If you have winter coats to donate bring them by anytime – hangers are available on the rack.

**PERU MISSION TRIP 2020!**

Our dates for our 2020 Mission Trip to the Amazon Jungle of Peru to work in partnership with our friends in Tamshiyacu and Iquitos have been set:

Week I	June 26-July 4
Week II	July 3-11
Two Weeks	June 26-July 11

Cost is \$2600.00 for one week and a total of \$3200.00 for two weeks and includes airfare, room and board, materials for use with construction projects, services of the Medical Missions of Iquitos Staff and translators. Pastor Dave will travel to Peru in January to work with our friends there to discern our construction projects for 2020 – we will also be involved in leading a Bible School for the children, distributing medicines, building relationships and worshipping & fellowshiping with our friends there. See Pastor Dave for more information. In December our partner church – **Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church in Quarryville, PA** and our Missions Team will send funds for the church family in Tamshiyacu and the children of the village to have a **Chocolada** – a Christmas Party with food and hot chocolate and music and games!

**PERU MISSION**

Pastor Dave will travel to Iquitos and Tamshiyacu, Peru in January (January 15th-24th) to work with local Peruvian pastors, plan our projects for our June/July trip, help with the distribution of medicines, preach during worship and share the Good News of Christ's love.

**MALAWI MISSION TRIP 2020!**

The dates for our Mission Trip (and International Habitat Build) in Nepal have been set. Kyle Kittrell will be leading this trip and Pastor Angela will be a participant on the trip. Dates are:

July 13-22 Mission in Northern Malawi  
 July 23-25 Safari  
 July 26-August 2 International Habitat Build

During the first week participants will visit the feeding programs we support at the Community-Based Child Care Centers, churches, clinics and nursing housing we have helped build, worship with our mission partners in the Synod of Livingstonia including Reverend Levi Nyondo and more. See Kyle Kittrell for more information.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE IN THE NEW YEAR!**

Our Deacons coordinate the serving of a **Lunch at the Ken Locke Apartments** on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month. Three Volunteers are needed, one to provide the meat/main dish, one to provide a salad or vegetable and one to provide a dessert – for about 20 people. The food is prepared at home and brought ready to serve at 11:30 am. If you would like more information or would like to help with a meal in December or in 2020, contact Deacon Todd Holt or Deacon Deb Denning.

**FAITH FAMILY MEMBERS NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH!**

Our Deacon coordinate rides for members of our Faith Family who no longer drive to get to Worship and Sunday School each Sunday morning – and occasionally to other church activities. With a smaller number of Deacons now on the Board of Deacons, we are looking for some folks who would be willing to join our Driving Team and be on the schedule to provide rides. Those who ride are so thankful – and a delight to share time with on the drive. See Deacon Moderator Cecil Caulkins or Pastor Dave if you would like more information – or would like to sign up to drive! (In most cases there is no need to use the Church Bus – you can use your own vehicle!)

**FUNERAL ASSISTANCE TEAM**

With more Celebration of Life Services being held in our church and with more families choosing to not have Funeral Home Staff assisting at the church, we have a need to form a Funeral Assistance Team. Team members will help with greeting and welcoming folks, directing folks to the Registration book and the visitation area, answering questions, distributing bulletins, etc. If you would like to be part of this Team please contact one of our Pastors.



## A Summary of December 10, 2019 Session Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church was called to order at 6:30 pm. The Session meeting started with prayers for those in need of healing in the congregation.

### Clerk's Report:

- Elder Quetsch moved to ratify the electronic vote accepting an offer of purchase for \$80,000 for the Phyllis Arthur house. This was ratified.
- Baptisms: Curtis Brooks Dee, Curtis Jr., Erik, La'nya, Mariah, Aaron, Kylee, Zion, Laycee & Kannon Dee were baptized Nov. 17th.
- New Members: Curtis Brooks Dee & Gerwanda Dee joined as members, on Nov. 17th.
- Deaths: Russell Greenhagen, Charlie Palmer, Rex Hardman & Charles Johnson.
- Members moved to Inactive: Abigail Beard, Todd & Ann Crawford, Kathleen Wilson Brizendine, Shannon Cave, Lori Claypool, Emily Van Zandt Day, Juliana Decker, Anthony & Ginger DeWitt, Ann Gilley, Katie & Stephen Glassner, Teresa Haab, Herman & Beebe Heil, Cedric Hughes, Terry & Melanie Myers, Laura Morris, Elizabeth Watson Patton, Corwin Ryck, Jennifer Schildmeyer Clements, Katherine Denning Schumacher, Melissa Gottschalk Seckinger, Laura Simon, Bevin Toomey Stokes, Abigail Johnston Stotler, Jessica Teter, Kim Thornberg, Tami Turner, Katherine Van Zandt Will, Kamry Volkmer Hager, Siri Wagner, Tiffany Ludwig Wessler, and James & Cynthia Whaley.
- Correspondence from Tom Ault on the Live Stream video and lack of sound was reviewed. The Clerk will prepare a written response and Elder Smallwood will reach out to help him administer the program.

### Associate Pastor's Report

Pastor Dave

- Requested and received approval for Communion for the 5:00 pm service on Dec. 29th, which will be communion for Dec. 2019 and Jan. 2020.
- Reported that he will be leading 6 college students to a conference at Montreat, NC Jan. 1st - 5th.
- He will be in Peru in January.
- He reported that from Jan. 1st through Dec. 5th, 2019, twenty-four members of our Faith Family have made their transition from this life to eternal life with God.

### Head of Staff Moderator's Report

Pastor Angela

- Reported on her first 120 days at First Presbyterian. There have been 9 deaths, 12 baptisms and 5 Session meetings. She has led funerals, baptisms, Sunday worship and attended numerous committee meetings, made residential and hospital visits and participated in community events

- Requested and received approval for the annual church planning checklist (copies available in the Church office).

### Committee Reports

Stewardship - The Committee requested and the Nov. financial report was approved.

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$55,876	\$603,807	87.20%
Expenses	\$54,163	\$593,770	85.76%

Christian Education - The Committee received approval for Sunday School classes to take a Sabbath on Dec. 29th to allow everyone to attend the fellowship brunch.

Church Growth & Evangelism - Elders Jim Crabtree & Barbara Long made a presentation on changes to the layout of Knox Hall with an estimated cost of \$53,500. The Committee moved to reallocate \$27,500 from the "Raise the Roof" Capital Campaign from the "Worship Ministry Support" classification to a new classification "Technology Upgrades, Knox Hall Renovation and Cry Room" to more accurately describe the current needs. The Young Adult Class Project in the balcony of Knox Hall was removed as the class no longer meets there. The motion passed. The Committee moved to make a request to families that memorial funds be used to complete the funding for the Knox Hall improvement project. The motion was withdrawn.

Mission - The Committee moved to transfer \$10,000 in the Restricted Undesignated Estate Fund from the sale of Phyllis Arthur's house to the 2020 Church budget to enable an additional \$10,000 contribution to the Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly 2020. Elder Weinert made a motion to amend the wording of the motion to "Increase by \$10,000 the line item in the Challenge budget for Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly contribution for 2020 from the amount approved at the prior Session meeting using funds from the undesignated estate fund." The amendment passed. The amended motion was not approved.

Worship - The Committee requested and received approval to allow the Presbyterian Women lead worship on March 1, 2020 at the 9:30 service, at Primrose and at the 5:00 pm service and administer communion at each service. Elder Turner requested and received approval to authorize Deacons to serve communion at the Christmas Eve services.

### New Business & Upcoming Events

- Elder Smallwood received approval to reduce the clutter in the sound room and sell excess equipment. Elder Smallwood will work on improving the operation of the sound room
- Christmas Eve services at 5:00, 7:30 and 11:00 pm.
- Community Appreciation Open House for the Faith Family and Community partners Dec. 18th - 11:00 am - 1 pm.
- Brunch as a Faith Family at 10:30 am on Dec. 29th.

The Session adjourned at 9:15 pm following a prayer by Pastor Dave.

### **AFRICA BAGS**

Todd Pettit who started Africa Bags over 15 years ago will be in Jefferson City the first weekend in January. He was in Malawi last month and brought back Chief Chimaliro for his first visit to the US. Chief coordinates the 7 villages that are a part of the Africa Bags program. We hope that you are interested in hearing from Todd and Chief on how the Malawians that are involved in Africa Bags are helping themselves.

You are invited to an Open House at the Kittrell's home (2104 Lowell Dr) on Saturday, January 4th from 4 to 6 pm. Also Todd and Chief will make a presentation at Church on Sunday, January 5th at 10:45, in the Chapel.

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING**

Our Youth and Missions Committee will receive the annual Souper Bowl of Caring Offering on Sunday, February 2 following our 9:30 Worship. You are invited to drop a monetary donation or some canned goods or other non-perishable items in the big "souper soup pots" at the back of the sanctuary that morning. All donations will be used to feed those who hungry in our own community.

**Sarah Holloway**, daughter of Craig and Michelle Holloway (now living in Wichita, KS) graduated recently from The Missouri University School of Science and Technology with a degree in Electrical Engineering and will begin working for Proctor and Gamble in Green Bay, WI early in 2020. **Congratulations, Sarah!** (And updating other Holloway family news, Will continues his studies at The University of Tulsa and plays percussion at their football and basketball games and Michelle is working for the US Attorney's Office as a Budget Analyst – in the same building where Craig works.)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **JANUARY 5TH - EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 5TH** - 10:45 am - Chapel  
AFRICA BAGS PRESENTATION

**JANUARY 11** - Spiritual Leader training, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm with a catered lunch.  
Breakfast items available at 8:30 am.

**JANUARY 12** - Installation and Ordination for Spiritual Officers.

**JANUARY 17** - 5:00 pm - **CALLING ALL KINDERGARTNERS THROUGH 5TH GRADERS** - FUN and SURPRISE winter outing. Arrive at the church for Pizza at 5 pm, and then a surprise FUN trip. Details to follow. Pastor Angela and Mrs. Marilyn hosting.

**JANUARY 25** - 3:00 pm David Gambrell, contributing editor to the "*Glory to God*" hymnal and present Executive of PAM (Presbyterian Association of Musicians) will lead a session entitled "*Hymnal 101*" in the church sanctuary.

**JANUARY 26** - Congregational Meeting

### **COLLEGE STUDENT CONFERENCE AT MONTREAT!**

Seven of our College Students, along with Jennifer Hickman and Pastor Dave will attend the annual College Montreat, leaving on January 1st and returning on January 5th. The theme is *Remembering Sabbath*. "We live in a society that tells us to go non-stop. We celebrate those who are constantly busy and consider those who take time off to be unproductive. The practice of Sabbath invites us to be still and know God, any day of the week. However, the reality of our society and the economic demands of our world prohibit many from even considering a few hours of rest." Please be in prayer for all those attending this Conference – that all might experience Sabbath at Montreat and learn how to be better "Sabbath-keepers" when they return.



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