

## HOLY WEEK 2018

Come Worship With Us! March 25 - April 1

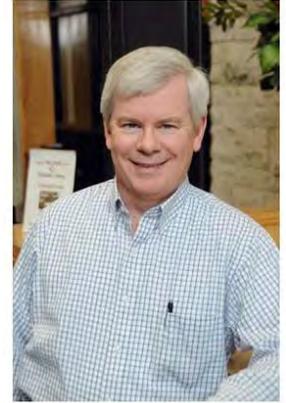
- March 25 **Palm Sunday Worship** - waving Palm branches to welcome Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. Join us at 8:30 am, 10:45 am and 5:00 pm.
- March 27 **Community Lenten Service** - 12:00 pm, followed by a light lunch. At Central United Church of Christ (118 W. Ashley St.)
- March 29 **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae and Communion Service** - 7:00 pm
- March 30 **Good Friday Vesper Service** - 6:00 pm. This thirty-minute service will help us walk with Jesus through the valley of death.
- March 31 **Silent Saturday Prayer Vigil** - from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary. For anyone who would like to spend some time in prayer, reflection or meditation in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection, and to support one another in our Christian journey.
- April 1 **Easter Sunday Services will include:**
- Easter Sunrise Service** - 6:45 am at the Governor's Garden, with Pastor Dave preaching on "God Did It!"
  - Easter Morning Breakfast** - 7:30 am in Knox Hall. A hot breakfast and time of fellowship.
  - Easter Worship** - 8:30 & 10:45 am morning worship, 5:00 pm evening worship. Sunday School classes will also meet at 9:45 am.



## *Welcome Reverend Barry W. Williams*

The Session has called Reverend Barry W. Williams to serve as the interim Head of Staff. He will start his tenure with First Presbyterian Church on March 6, 2018. Reverend Williams has worked as an interim pastor for the last 20 years in various churches in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. He is very experienced in guiding churches through transition from one head of staff to a new one. The Session has asked him to help us discern what God has planned for First Presbyterian of Jefferson City, including what is the appropriate staffing and program priorities. In the next few months, we will be examining all our programs, missions and resources to determine our priorities and how best to serve God's will.

Barry's roots are in Southwest Louisiana where he grew up in the 50's and 60's, learning a bit about Cajun culture and cooking. In the early 70's he attended Centenary College in Shreveport, La., earning a B.S. degree in Business. He attended seminary in Austin, Texas and went on to serve churches in the suburbs of Houston, Dallas, and Ft. Worth before moving to work with a congregation in Salina, Kansas in 1989.



In 1996 the Williams family (Brenda, his wife, and two sons, Stephen and Peter) moved to Southwest Missouri. Brenda is a Ph.D. Psychologist with the Cox Hospital System in Springfield. Stephen went to the University of Tulsa where he met Shelby Riker. They were married in 2008. Stephen is a Captain in the U.S. Army, having spent most of 2012 in Afghanistan. Stephen, Shelby, and our grandson Oliver just moved back to the States. Peter graduated from the University of Tulsa in 2012, went on to earn a Master in Financial Economics at the University of Oxford, and is working at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC.

Since 1996, Springfield has functioned as "home base" for Barry as he served as an intentional Interim Pastor in Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. He finished his thirteenth interim pastorate (in Norman, Oklahoma) at the end of December.

Barry is a Certified Interim Ministry Specialist in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He has been part of the PCUSA interim ministry education faculty since 2000.

His interests include fly fishing, cooking, and staying in contact with family, friends, and colleagues.

Barry will be living at the house at Camp Covenant Point.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MID MISSOURI FESTIVAL OF FAITHS

**APRIL 20TH - 7:00 PM**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

Concert featuring David LaMotte  
 Singer, songwriter, author, peace  
 activist

**APRIL 21st - 9:00am - 4:30 pm**  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
**CHURCH**

Plenaries, workshops, panel discussion &  
 lunch

**For more information, see Page 9**



### STEPHEN MINISTRY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STEPHEN MINISTERS are caregivers. They have engaged in 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving, including general topics such as listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness, and using Christian resources in caregiving. In addition, their training covered specialized topics such as ministering to the divorced, hospitalized, bereaved, and aging. Jim Crabtree and Jodi Hardman are the Stephen Ministry Leaders at First Presbyterian Church.

For our Friday morning prayer and devotion gatherings during this Lenten season, we are reflecting on readings from **The Ascent of the Mountain of God** by Edward Hays. Each week challenges us to climb another of the “mountains of God” as we approach Mount Easter. Our Lenten climb is not a solo journey. We need help and guidance along the way and we are also called by God and challenged to be the one to help and guide others. Hays offers this prayer for our reflection:

*Make me, O God, an answer to another's prayer. Inspire me to act, be willing to turn on a dime, to respond to someone in need, so that, even unknowingly, I may become an answer to the person's prayer to you. Keep me alert for all possible deeds of kindness. While hardly an angel, by my Lenten alertness may I become your angel of compassion and care. I rejoice in the great honor of that vocation to be your answer to another's cry for help. Grant me the grace to be an answer to prayer. Amen.*

During our Lenten journey, may we be guided to many opportunities to be the answer to another's prayer.

*Pastor Dave*

**ENDORSEMENT OF ALICE WILSON**

In the Presbyterian Church we believe that God “calls women and men to all ministries of the Church” (A Brief Statement of Faith line 64). When one of God's children senses a Call to ministry and makes that known to the leadership of her or his church's Session, the Session meets with the person to talk with them about their sense of Call and about becoming an Inquirer. An Inquirer is a person who is exploring the many possibilities of ministry in the PC(USA) – with one possibility that of being Called to and Ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament (Pastor). On Tuesday, February 13th Alice Wilson of our congregation met with our Session and was unanimously Endorsed as an Inquirer, and Elder Larry Burkhardt was appointed to be her Session Liaison. Alice will begin Seminary in July at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA and our Session, along with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) of Missouri Union Presbytery (Jeannine Toomey is a current member of this Committee) will support and guide Alice along her journey. Please pray for Alice as she discerns God's Call in her life.

*So many of you are helping to make this time of Transition an experience of renewed involvement in the life and ministry of our church. Thank you to all who continue in a spirit of optimism, joy and service to God, our community and beyond. Working together we continue to serve God by serving of church family, our community, our nation and all around God's world.* *-Pastor Dave*

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

Sunday School is important in the lives of Christ's disciples as it provides opportunities for grow in faith and fellowship with others in our church family. Join one of our Sunday School classes this Sunday!

**INQUIRER'S/NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will be held on Sundays, March 4th and 11th in the Church Parlor at 9:45 am. If you are interested in these Classes, see Pastor Dave. (The first Class was held on February 25th – if you missed this Class talk with Pastor Dave.)

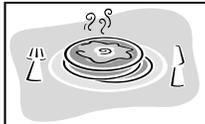


**PRESCHOOL SUMMER CLASSES**

Our Preschool program is offering a new summer program this year for children who are 4 years old to 6 years old (in kindergarten this year or going to kindergarten or staying in Preschool next year). The program will run 5 mornings a week from 8:00-12:00 during June and July. Cost of \$250 per month includes all special field trips. Mrs. Kimberly Neubauer will be the teacher and Ms. Shannon Evans will be the aide for the program. Please share this information with any families you know with children in this age group. Anyone interested in having their child or children attend should contact Marilyn Hofmann at 636-2149 ext. 105.

## MARCH Birthdays

1 - Fred Lamon	16 - Steve Brenneman
2 - Anthony Seneker	18 - Bill Washburn
3 - Mary Corley	18 - Scott Englund
3 - Bill Ruprecht	18 - Chris Nickolaus
3 - Xavier Andrews	18 - Jayla Anderson
4 - John Ostrander	20 - Sue Strong
5 - Jack Pletz	20 - Rosemary Hutson
5 - Aidan Haugen	21 - Michael Bloemke
7 - Linda Phelps	21 - Mackenzie Owens
7 - Emily Collins	22 - Lynn Ratchford
8 - Charlotte Hubbard	22 - Jack Gudde
8 - Caroline Wainaina	23 - Kyle Kittrell
9 - Quinn Hoell	25 - Debbie Wilson
11 - Phyllis Arthur	25 - Pattie Burkhardt
11 - Brenda Gudde	25 - Scott Englund, Jr.
12 - Libby Pool	26 - Mari Nickolaus
13 - Keith Brickey	26 - Susan Lewis
13 - Krista Brickey	28 - Carl Mosher
13 - Kurtis Brickey	30 - Robert Busch
13 - Tanner Haugen	31 - Tim Gaines
14 - Priscilla Klinger	31 - Debbie Engle
14 - Ron Morley	



### MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The group meets at the Downtown Diner on High Street is Monday, March 19th at 7:00 am. If you are fasting that morning, come for the lively conversation and interesting stories! It's a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship & join in prayer for those in need in our congregation & beyond as we share a meal.

### WANTED: SOUND/VIDEO ASSISTANTS

Every Sunday we record our 8:30 am morning worship service to be aired on local radio station KWOS and we video-record our 10:45 am worship service for our Livestream site, accessible through our church website. We also have volunteers monitoring the sound system in our sanctuary during both services. We are in need of additional volunteers to help with all of this work. Training will be provided. Please contact the church office to help us out!

### RETIRED ADULT FELLOWSHIP (RAF)

Will meet on Thursday, March 15th at 10:30 am at **Primrose Retirement Community** (1214 Freedom Blvd. Jefferson City) for fellowship, coffee and donuts and information about and tours of the Assistant Living and Independent Living facilities.

**ANNUAL BOY SCOUT GARAGE SALE** will be held in our Gym on Saturday morning, March 24th.

*In Christian Sympathy to...*

*The friends and families of these who joined the Church Triumphant:*

*Linda Grazier on February 3, 2018*

*Jim Chilcutt on February 14, 2018*

*Ione Hughes on February 18, 2018*

*Van Haviland on February 19, 2018*

*Ernest Perry, Jr. on February 19, 2018*

*May God bless you in your sorrow.*

### Welcome Little One!

*Congratulations to Asenath (Naaman) & Andy Pack on the birth of their daughter, Zaia Harira Pack, who was born on February 5, 2018. Zaia is the granddaughter of Abiathar & Harira Naaman.*

*Thank you for all of the emails, phone calls, cards, prayers and memorials. Knowing that you had us wrapped up in your loving care has helped us get through this difficult time. We are still in shock and saddened by the sudden loss. But your kindness helps.*

*God bless each of you,  
Bob & Valerie Weber*

### CANCER SUPPORT FOR MEN

In battling cancer this past year, I experienced the impact treatments, radiation and medications have on you physically and mentally. I also observed the difficulty other patients were living through as well. I discovered a mantra after living through experiences; "Don't wait...if you have something to give, give it now. Get in the game."

Pursuant to this goal, I am starting a Cancer Support group for men through Goldschmidt Cancer Center. The initial meeting is scheduled for March 15th, at 7am at Goldschmidt Cancer Center. Please pass the word that all men that have or have had cancer are welcomed to join us.

*Jim Crabtree*

**COLLEGE OF ELDERS DINNER** – for all those who have served as Elders in this church, or any other PCUSA Church – will be held on Thursday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm. Reservations can be made in the Church Office or with Elder Carol Scott.

*Presbyterian Women's Calendar*

- Mar 2** 1:00 pm World Day of Prayer at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Church Women United)
- Mar 4** Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday
- Mar 7** 10:30 am Bible Study with Pastor Dave, McAfee Room at church. No Gathered Luncheon.
- Mar 8** 12:45 pm Afternoon Circle, Church Library
- Mar 12** 10:00 am Hands for Mission will be working in the Chapel
- Mar 14** 1:30 pm Faith Circle & Bible Study, Heisinger Bluffs, Apt. 327
- Mar 20** 6:30 pm Evening Circle, Knox Hall
- Mar 21** 1:00 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Anne Schneider's House
- Mar 28** 10:30 am Kaffee Klatsch at HyVee Dining Room
- Apr 4** 10:30 am Bible Study with Pastor Dave, McAfee Room at church

**World Day of Prayer**

Please join other women from other area churches in our community for The World Day Of Prayer. There will be a time of devotion, followed by fellowship, coffee, and snacks. Our Savior Lutheran Church at 1529 Southwest Blvd. will be hosting the gathering, which begins at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2nd. Please plan to attend, bring a friend and hear a speaker tell us about the Jefferson City Hope Project.

**March 4<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Celebrating the Gifts of Women Service**

There's still room in our Women's Chorus for the March 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrating the Gifts of Women services! Anything else you'd like to do to help with these services? Email or call Anne Schneider or any member of the Coordinating Team to add your name to the list. Anne's email is akrsch@aol.com

**Hands for Mission: Sewing, Etc.**

Our Hands for Mission sewing group will be gathering to work on projects on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. If you'd like to help out on any on-going projects or begin new ones, call Jane Bedsworth at 573-338-5418 for more information, or just show up!

**Local Mission Collection**

Thanks to all who provided items for our **Back-to-School** supplies drive for our own K-Plus Program. Volunteers signed up for every item on our list – so thanks for helping this wonderful local mission of our church! PW's next local mission collection will begin in April, so watch for information in next month's newsletter.

**Presbytery-Wide PW Spring Gathering**  
 Mark your calendars for our Spring Gathering at the Presbyterian Church in Vandalia on **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Women from our church are being asked to lead worship, so we'll share part of our Celebrating the Gifts of Women worship service with the other PW groups! The meeting will include an optional tour of the **Agape House** in Vandalia.

**Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering**  
 In early August, 2018, women from across the United States and around the world will gather in Louisville for the triennial Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. It will be a sight to behold – a homecoming for many and an amazing experience of Presbyterian mission, fellowship and worship. Information about the Churchwide Gathering is now available on-line. Check out the array of workshops and other information at [https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what\\_we\\_do/build-community/churchwide-gathering/](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/build-community/churchwide-gathering/). We'll be planning a carpool!

**Presbyterian Women Leadership**

It's time to nominate women to lead our church's PW and plan activities for next year! There are also openings for leadership at the PW-presbytery level. If you have a few hours to spare and enjoy planning events (or keeping track of funds or taking minutes), please let Anne Schneider know as our nominations process gets underway!

We want to thank our church home for the friendship, kind deeds, prayers, calls and texts during Grace's mother's (Ava Grannemann) brief illness. Ava enjoyed going to occasional services at church as well as attending our church's services at Primrose. A special thank you to Pastor Dave who visited and prayed with us while Mother was hospitalized as well as to Pastor Rob who visited us his last Sunday in Jefferson City, the visits gave us comfort and we could feel the presence of God. We know Mother is in God's Kingdom and without pain - so we celebrate her life and feel blessed we got to have her with us and celebrate her 97th birthday on January 1. We so appreciate the many cards, notes, calls and other gestures of kindness. What a blessing to be part of such caring church family. *Grace and Bob Rogers*

**NEWS FROM MALAWI:** In late July 2018, Kyle Kittrell will be leading a trip to Malawi, Africa. The first part of the trip will be to visit, speak and worship with the various partners of First Presbyterian Church. We will visit projects that we have been involved in over the past 12+ years: Water Well, Churches, Clinics, Teacher Housing, Clinic Staff Housing and Children's Centers. The second part will be a short safari in Zambia. The last part will be a Habitat for Humanity Build in central Malawi. This will be a hands on project where we will work side by side with the family to help change their lives. You are welcome to take part in any of these parts. If you are interested, please contact Kyle Kittrell.

- Part 1: July 23 - 25 Travel to Malawi  
 July 26 Travel to Mzuzu  
 July 27 - 31 Tour Synod of Livingstonia  
 August 1 Travel to Lilongwe
- Part 2: August 2 Travel home OR Travel to Zambia for Safari  
 August 2-4 Safari  
 August 4 Travel back to Lilongwe
- Part 3: August 5 Travel Home OR stay over for Habitat Build

**NEWS FROM PERU:** Elder Johnny has been one of our Partners in Mission in Tamshiyacu, Peru since our first visit to this Amazon River village in 2008. Johnny fulfills many roles in the church, keyboard player, liturgist, assistant to Pastor Johel and Elder, to name a few. Every year he helps us with our construction project, including helping us find materials in the village, often borrowing them from friends, and his wife and their children are always helping too – painting (and scraping up spilled paint), cleaning, helping prepare Bible School crafts and more. Johnny has never asked for anything in return (we do pay him for his hours of construction work). He serves out of his depth of love for God and his village. So, this year, with the approval of our Missions Committee and the support of our sisters and brothers of the Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church, we have decided that our summer construction project will be to make improvements on Johnny and his family's home. Currently and wooden structure has many "holes" and the dirt floor becomes mud when it rains (as it often does in the Rainforest) because of the many holes in the roof.

We currently have seven from our church family, Jeffrey Dodson, Lorraine Dodson, Brandy Hoelscher, Abbie Jansen, Michelle Jansen, Karen Laves, and Pastor Dave on the 2018 Peru Crew, and two from Middle Octorara Presbyterian (Quarryville, PA.)

***PERU MISSION TRIP 2018 DATES:***

Week I - Friday, June 8-Saturday, June 16.

Week II - Friday, June 15-Saturday, June 23.

Two Weeks – Friday, June 8-Saturday, June 23.

(Side trip to Cusco and Manchu Picchu is being planned for the end of the second week – extending to June 26 – this will involve additional cost.)

Cost (includes airfare, meals (except in-transit), lodging, boat transportation, guide/translator service, and a donation to the continuing work in the Peruvian Amazon through Medical Missions, Inc.):

One week - \$2600.00 per person. Two weeks - \$3200.00 per person.

If you are interested in participating in the **2018 Peru Mission Trip** talk with Pastor Dave. It is not too late to join us on this trip – but will be soon when we make our flight reservations.

**For more on International Missions, see Page 8**

**MARCH CALENDAR (from Page 10)**

**Monday, March 26**

**PRESCHOOL/KPLUS SPRING BREAK**

- 6:30 pm Faith Voices - Quinn Chapel  
 6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - Parlor  
 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study - Hofmann's Home

**Tuesday, March 27**

- 10:30 am Lenten Book Study - Primrose Retirement  
 Community  
 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service & Lunch - Central  
 United Church of Christ

**Wednesday, March 28**

- 10:30 am Ladies Kaffee Klatsch - HyVee  
 4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army

**Thursday, March 29**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion & Tenebrae  
 Service

**Friday, March 30**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

- 7:00 am Friday Morning Prayers & Devotion - Parlor  
 6:00 pm Good Friday Vesper Service

**Saturday, March 31**

**SILENT SATURDAY**

- 9:00 am Silent Saturday Prayer Vigil - Sanctuary

### A Summary of February 13, 2018 Session Meeting Minutes

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

Alice Wilson was presented to Session to be endorsed as an Inquirer. Rev. David Cook represented the Committee on the Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery described the process toward possible ordination. Alice spoke about her call to seminary based on a desire to do God's work. She will be attending the Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta starting this summer. As part of the congregation's support and encouragement, the Session was asked to appoint a Liaison from the congregation to walk directly with Alice while she is in the seminary. Elder Larry Burkhardt volunteered and was approved to serve as the Session liaison to Alice as she starts this journey.

#### Associate Pastor/Moderator's Report

Pastor Dave:

- Recommended that the College of Elders Dinner be held on Mar. 22nd at 6:00 pm with the program led by the interim Head of Staff. This was approved.
- Recommended that the Annual Garage Sale be set up and held Oct. 25th-27th, coordinated by a Garage Sale Task Force comprised of Karen Laves, Carol Scott, Barb Slevin, Mari Nickolaus, Catherine Jones and Pastor Dave (other members are welcome) and the proceeds be distributed in part, via stipend based on the numbers of hours worked to the youth who participate in the set-up, sale and clean up, for mission or Montreat trips in 2019. The remaining funds will be split for feeding missions, building projects and an educational mission to sponsor a child in Nepal. This was approved.
- Received approval to hold an Inquirer's Class to be held in the parlor at 9:45am on Feb. 25th, Mar. 4th and Mar. 11th.
- Recommended that Rev. Mary Hilliard, pastor of the Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, be invited to officiate at the wedding of Amanda Cook and Andrew Campbell on Jul. 28th. This was approved.
- Received approval to Install Liz Lehmen and Valerie Holt as Deacons at the 10:45 am service on Feb. 25th.
- Reported on classes he is leading on Monday evenings and the Chapel Class on Sunday. He also reported on the first Sunday service at Primrose. He is also leading Lenten Study groups on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday mornings at Primrose. He updated the Session on the Capital Area Interfaith Alliance on Religious Art and the Festival of Faiths.
- Presented the report from the Board of Deacons.

#### Associate Pastor of Youth & Contemporary Worship Report

Pastor Zac reported that he met with the young adult fellowship "Faith Uncorked", leads the weekly Wednesday even youth group, leads the mid-high Sunday School class and fills in for the senior high Sunday School

class when needed, meet with the Worship Committee, leads the Sunday Night Live @5 worship, and has worked with Alice Wilson as she prepares to enter the Inquirer phase of ministry. He is participating in Presbytery and Synod committees. He will lead a youth mission trip to Lincoln, Nebraska Feb. 16th-19th.

Elders Reed and Busby reported on Feb. 13th Missouri Union Presbytery meeting.

#### Committee Reports

Personnel - Elder Jim Crabtree gave an update on the search for an interim Head of Staff and provided biographical information on Rev. Barry Williams, who will meet with the Session at a called meeting on Feb. 20th. The Personnel Committee recommends calling Rev. Williams for the interim Head of Staff position.

Stewardship - Elder Collins presented the stewardship report of receipts and expenses through Jan. 2018. He also gave an update on the plan to move the computer operations to the cloud as the current computer server is failing. The Facilities committee indicated this shift would be covered under the utilities item of the budget.

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income	\$61,118	\$61,118	7.94%
Expenses	\$60,172	\$60,172	7.82%

Worship - Elder Corley presented the following for approval: the Good Friday service on Mar. 30th will be held at 6:00 pm as a Vesper service; women of the congregation will lead worship on Mar. 4th at all three services and at the service a Primrose. Pastors Dave & Zac will lead the communion service; Youth Sunday will be held on Aug. 5th and youth who are Deacons will serve communion; Easter Sunrise service will be held at the Governor's Garden at 6:45 am. These were approved. There was a discussion about holding a prayer vigil on Mar. 31st from 9am to 12 pm if there is sufficient interest and support from the congregation.

Facilities - Elder Howland noted that when the roof over the sanctuary is being replaced this spring, no one will be permitted in the sanctuary for safety reasons. This will be scheduled not to impact Sunday services. The committee is exploring options to increase security of the entry doors.

Mission - Elder Kittrell requested the Session approve Pastor Dave to lead a mission trip to Peru Jun. 8th-26th. This was approved. Reported on a desert fellowship and program for the Ripple-Nepal Sponsors and anyone else who is interested in being a sponsor on Feb. 23rd at 6:30 pm in Knox Hall. He also gave updated information about missions trips to Malawi and Peru.

Elder Schneider offered a prayer of thanks for the committees and their works.

Parish Life - Elder Scott requested and received approval of a calendar of events through Dec. 2018. The committee is working to update their committee description and is working on expanding the Loaves & Fishes fellowship to include new groups.

Communications - Elder Schneider reported on a Frequently Asked Questions communication piece during the transition period. The tri-fold bulletin board in Knox Hall will be used to highlight different groups or programs of the church each month, and groups will prepare their display.

## International Missions from Page 6

**NEWS FROM NEPAL:** The Mission Committee has approved a mission trip to Nepal in late October and early November. This trip will be a combination of working with our Nepalese partners, touring Nepal and a Habitat for Humanity Build.

**Part 1** - The first part of the trip will be for Kyle Kittrell and anyone interested in our Church's Nepal Mission Projects. The group will be visiting, speaking and worshipping with the various partners of First Presbyterian Church. We will visit some of the children that we are sponsoring. Dates Oct 30th - Nov 4th (Arrive in Kathmandu Oct 30th)

**Part 2** - The second part will be a side trip in Nepal. Two trips are being planned at this time (one Trek and one sight seeing) Dates Nov 5th - Nov 11th

**Part 3** - The last part lead by Kyle, Habitat for Humanity Teams will Build homes east of Kathmandu. This will be a hands on projects where we will work side by side with the families to help change their lives. The hope is that 2-3 houses will be built during the week. At this point 24 people from across the country are registered for this build. There is only one opening for this part of the trip. Dates Nov 11th - Nov 18th. Need to be at the Hotel by Sunday (Nov 11th) Evening - Can travel Home on Nov 19th.

Please let Kyle Kittrell know if you have questions or are interested.

**NEWS FROM UKRAINE/HUNGARY:** Through the generous donations received in our Alternative Christmas Giving efforts and our Mission Sales we continue to support the ministries of David Pandy-Szekeres with the Roma families in Ukraine.

### Session Report from Page 7

Pastor Dave offered a prayer for the committees that hold the church together.

Christian Education - Elder Busby reported that there are five youth preparing for confirmation on May 20th. The committee requested and received approval to hold Vacation Bible School on May 23rd-25th from 8:30 - 11:30 am using the Rolling River Rampage curriculum.

Children's Weekday Ministry - Elder Beetem requested and received approval to conduct a Presbyterian Preschool summer program in June and July, five days a week, from 8:00am - 12:00 pm with tuition of \$250 per month for children 4 years old or who are entering or just completed kindergarten.

Youth Ministry Team - Pastor Zac reported that 15 youth and 4 adults would make a mission trip to Lincoln, Nebraska on Feb. 16th-19th. The Senior High lock-in on Jan. 19th was a success. Mar. 9th-10th is the MUP Mid High/Senior High Retreat in Kirksville.

Pastor Zac offered a prayer for the committees who work with children.

### Old Business

Elders Schneider and Scott will coordinate a team to prepare for the Missouri Union Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church on May 19th. They will need help with set-up, greeters, preparing a meal, snacks, parking, ushers, clean-up and communion servers.

### New Business & Upcoming Events

There will be a called meeting on Feb. 20th at 6:30 pm to meet Rev. Barry W. Williams, the recommended candidate for interim Head of Staff.

On Mar. 24th there is a joint meeting of the Session and Deacons for Safety and Security training.

### OUR BOARD OF DEACONS

The Board of Deacons met on February 6.

- Assistance Given to Community Neighbors in January: 40.00 in gas vouchers; \$618.49 for housing/shelter; \$100.00 in utility payments; 1 bus pass; \$34.95 for medicines.; \$95.62 for supplies and clothes for family who lost their home in a fire; \$67.97 for two families moving into apartments who had nothing; diapers; shoes, backpack & shirts to a homeless Community Neighbor; shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, coats, hats, socks, gloves, etc. to Community Neighbors, donated by a Sorority (Kathryn Nesmeyer is a member).
- Thanks was expressed to all who are helping in many ways to make this a smooth and forward thinking transition.
- Mission JC is set from Sunday, April 29th. If you know of Service Projects we could complete that Sunday morning, let Deacon Karen Myers or me know.
- APPROVED the Distribution of funds in the Prison/Recovery 2018 Budget Line Item –to be evenly divided between Healing House/New Beginnings (Women) and Koinonia House (Men) with each receiving \$94.00 per month through the 12 months of 2018.
- Our Coat and Shoe Drives are continuing as the need for coats and other warm clothing, blankets, shoes, etc. continues to be high. We distribute coats and other clothing to our Community Neighbors, throughout the week and especially on Sunday evenings.
- Three Deacons are currently serving on our Missions Committee which oversees the “whole” mission of the church, local, national and international. They are Sheryl Bowles, Melissa Manda and Kent Burson.
- We expressed our deep sympathy to the family of Deacon Melissa Manda whose mother made her transition to life eternal with God on January 20th.
- We rejoice with the family of Deacon Janet Shinkle on the birth of her first great grandchild, Hadley Rhadell Schroeder, born to her granddaughter Celia and her husband Mark on January 23rd.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM**

Will meet on Monday, March 5th and Monday, April 2nd at 5:30 pm in the McAfee Room. This Team of church family members seeks to follow the prophetic word of scripture to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God” as we discern ways to be advocates for those who are often forgotten or neglected in our society – and follow through with God’s guidance. All are welcome to join us! See Elders Cynthia Quetsch or Anne Schneider or Pastor Dave for more information.

**RIVER CITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (RCHF)**

Has been a vital mission of our congregation for nearly 25 years, as members of this church family were instrumental in the organization of the local Habitat Affiliate here. Over 105 families have been given a “hand up” as they were chosen by Habitat to receive a home – after hours of “sweat equity”, classes in owning and maintaining a home and much more. RCHF depends heavily on volunteers for construction work, proving meals on work days, assisting in the ReStore, helping with the Annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser, publicizing this mission and more. To introduce folks to RCHF and its mission, and elaborate on **Volunteer Opportunities**, there will be two **Information Meetings** at the Habitat Office (1420 Creek Trail Drive) on **Monday, March 19th – one from 8:30-9:00 am and the other from 5:30-6:00 pm.** If you are interested in attending see Elder Carol Scott or Pastor Dave – or just come by! **We need your help!**

**FAITH VOICES FOR JEFFERSON CITY**

The next monthly **Assembly Meeting** will be on Monday, March 26th at 6:30 pm at Quinn Chapel. Tickets are available for our 2018 Faith Voices for Jefferson City **Fundraiser Dinner and Silent Auction** which will be on Friday, March 16th at Lincoln University. Contact Amy Rogers or Pastor Dave for more information.

**10TH ANNUAL HALO HOME AUCTION AND FUNDRAISER**

Will be held on Friday, **March 2nd** at the HALO Home (3519 Bennett Lane) from 6:00-11:00 pm. Check out the HALO website for tickets and other information. HALO provides safe housing for teenage girls and other valuable ministries. See Pastor Dave for more info.

**CONNECTIONALISM**

Our congregation is part of the **Presbyterian Church (USA) (PCUSA)** and we are “connected” to all other PCUSA churches. One way we demonstrate this connectionalism is through our work in **Missouri Union Presbytery (MUP)** – a group of 60 PCUSA churches in mid-Missouri. MUP operates through a number of Committees and Councils, and holds quarterly **Presbytery Meetings** attended by Pastors and Elder Commissioners (we send two Elder Commissioners from our Session to each Presbytery Meeting.) Through the years many members of our Congregation have served in leadership positions and on Committees of our Presbytery. Currently these members and pastors are serving in our Presbytery:

- Bob Bailey, Administrative Commission
- Jim Carder, Treasurer.
- Todd Holt, Camp & Outdoor Ministries Committee.
- Karen Laves, Finance Committee.
- Jim McAdams, Permanent Judicial Commission.
- Anne Schneider, Moderator of Presbytery for 2018; member of Presbytery Council; Bills and Overtures Committee; Personnel Committee; Administrative Commission, Commissioner to the 2018 General Assembly (in St. Louis, MO).
- Shelley Swoyer, Sexual Misconduct Response Team.
- Jeannine Toomey, Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM).
- Dave Henry, Leadership Development and Education Committee.
- Zac Wolfe, At-large member of Presbytery Council; Permanent Judicial Commission, Sexual Misconduct Response Team.

If we have missed anyone, please let us know.

**OUR SAFETY AND SECURITY TASK FORCE**

Will hold a Training for all current Deacons and Elders on Saturday, March 24th from 10:00 am until noon. Jay Bosch and the Safety and Security Team will lead the Training. TO Elder and Deacons: If you have not yet indicated that you will be here, please email or call the Church Office soon. This will be the annual Joint Meeting of our Session and Board of Deacons.

**MID MISSOURI FESTIVAL OF FAITHS (from Page 2)**

**April 20th - 7:00 pm**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Concert by David LaMotte**

Tickets are \$10 for the Friday Concert, \$10 for the Saturday Event or \$15 for both.  
[www.midmofestivaloffaiths.org](http://www.midmofestivaloffaiths.org)

**April 21st - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm**  
**First United Methodist Church**

Speakers & Presenters on April 21st: Paul F. Knitter, Ghazala Hayat, Sean Thompson, Dan Reich and David LaMotte.

**EVERY SUNDAY**

8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Knox Hall  
 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages  
 10:45 am Worship Service  
 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in Knox Hall  
 5:00 pm Sunday Night Live @5 Worship Service  
 5:45 pm Shared Meal in Knox Hall

**Thursday, March 1**

5:30 pm Worship Committee - Library

**Friday, March 2****NO PRESCHOOL**

7:00 am Friday Morning Prayer & Devotion - Parlor  
 1:00 pm Church Women United World Day of Prayer  
 6:00 pm HALO Auction & Fundraiser

**Sunday, March 4****THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY**

9:45 am Inquirer's/New Member Class - Parlor  
 9:45 am Lenten Book Study - Youth Library (3rd floor)  
 2:00 pm Worship at Primrose Retirement Center  
 3:30 pm Lenten Book Study - Parlor

**Monday, March 5**

5:00 pm Facilities Committee - Library  
 5:30 pm Social Justice Ministry Team - McAfee Room  
 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study - Hofmann's Home

**Tuesday, March 6**

10:30 am Lenten Book Study - Primrose Retirement Community  
 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service & Lunch - Central United Church of Christ (118 W. Ashley)  
 6:00 pm Deacon Committees - Chapel  
 6:30 pm Board of Deacons - Chapel  
 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team - Senior High Room

**Wednesday, March 7**

10:30 am Presbyterian Women Bible Study - McAfee Room  
 6:30 pm Lenten Vespers Communion Service - Knox Hall

**Thursday, March 8**

7:30 am Stephen Ministers Leaders - Library  
 12:45 pm Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle - Library

**Friday, March 9**

7:00 am Friday Morning Prayer & Devotion - Parlor  
 10:15 am Meals on Wheels  
 5:00 pm Mid High/Senior High MUP Retreat - Kirksville

**Saturday, March 10**

11:30 am Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments

**Sunday, March 11****FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

9:45 am Inquirer's/New Member Class - Parlor  
 9:45 am Lenten Book Study - Youth Library (3rd floor)  
 3:30 pm Lenten Book Study - Parlor

**Monday, March 12**

10:00 am Hands for Mission Sewing Group - Chapel  
 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 - Staff Meeting  
 5:45 pm Wednesday - SWAG (Mid Highs) Meet  
 7:00 pm Wednesday - EPIC (Senior Highs) Meet  
 7:15 pm Wednesday - Choir Practice

6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - Parlor

7:00 pm Lenten Book Study - Hofmann's Home

**Tuesday, March 13**

10:30 am Lenten Book Study - Primrose Retirement Community  
 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service & Lunch - Central United Church of Christ  
 4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army  
 6:30 pm Session Meets - Chapel

**Wednesday, March 14**

1:30 pm Presbyterian Women Faith Circle - Heisinger Bluffs, Apt. 327  
 4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army  
 6:30 pm Lenten Vespers Communion Service - Knox Hall

**Thursday, March 15**

10:30 am Retired Adults Fellowship at Primrose Retirement Community

**Friday, March 16**

7:00 am Friday Morning Prayer & Devotion - Parlor  
 6:30 pm Faith Voices Dinner & Silent Auction

**Sunday, March 18****FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

9:45 am Lenten Book Study - Youth Library (3rd floor)  
 3:30 pm Lenten Book Study - Parlor

**Monday, March 19**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Downtown Diner  
 8:30 am Habitat Volunteer Informational Meeting  
 4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army  
 5:30 pm Habitat Volunteer Informational Meeting  
 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study - Hofmann's Home

**Tuesday, March 20**

10:30 am Lenten Book Study - Primrose Retirement Community  
 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service & Lunch - Central United Church of Christ  
 6:30 pm Presbyterian Women Evening Circle - Chapel

**Wednesday, March 21**

6:30 pm Lenten Vespers Communion Service - Knox Hall

**Thursday, March 22**

6:00 pm College of Elders Dinner - Knox Hall

**Friday, March 23**

7:00 am Friday Morning Prayer & Devotion - Parlor

**Saturday, March 24**

7:00 am Boy Scout Garage Sale - Gym  
 10:00 am Deacon/Elder Meeting - Knox Hall  
 11:30 am Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments

**Sunday, March 25****SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT - HOLY WEEK BEGINS  
PALM SUNDAY**

9:45 am Lenten Book Study - Youth Library (3rd floor)  
 3:30 pm Lenten Book Study - Parlor

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### “ADOPT-A-SIGN” FOR EASTER



Adopt a FPC yard sign and invite people to “*Come Home to First Presbyterian Church.*” FPC members are asked to pick up a yard sign in Knox Hall (or use one you already have) and

display them for the two weeks leading up to Easter.

Easter is a time when many people consider returning to church, but may feel intimidated about attending a new church for the first time. Most people would feel more comfortable visiting a church if they already knew someone who attended. This simple sign makes a bold statement indicating that you are proud of your church...enough to invite others to attend. It may even spark a conversation, allowing you to personally extend an invitation to “*Come Home to First Presbyterian Church.*”



greeters

### HELP WANTED: GREETERS

We’ve joked that being a Wal-Mart greeter would be a fun retirement job: you get to be the first smiling face they see and let everyone know they are welcome. Well, we have opportunities like that at church – and the hours are shorter! The Communications Committee is recruiting for “greeters” to welcome our members and visitors as they enter our church on Sunday Mornings.

The task is super easy: For about 20 minutes before one of the morning services is underway, a Greeter (or two) would be in Knox Hall to welcome everyone as they enter the front glass door. We’d like to have two volunteers for the 8:30 and the 10:45 services. A schedule will be prepared for all the participants. **Smiles and a willingness to talk to folks whose names you do not remember (or know) are the key prerequisites!**

Please let the church office know you’d like to help and any preference of service – a brief written “job description” is available, and we’ll talk with you further about scheduling.