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Dear Faith Family at First Presbyterian Jefferson City,

The Difference a Greeting Card CAN MAKE...

Encourage one another and build each other up (1 Thes. 5:11 NIV)

Few things can light up a face like the arrival of a greeting card. It is one of the most welcomed forms of communication, and, creates a doorway into someone's heart. When you sign your name to a card you are saying "Here is what is in my heart for you. Please receive it as something I truly want you to know and hear."

When you send a card you are really sending a little part of yourself. There are so many people you know—friends, family, co-workers, church folks—who would be so blessed and encouraged to hear from you today.

To whom will you send a greeting card.... In the month of February?

From my home to yours I am holding your heart in prayer that you might feel God's abundant and unconditional love for you in a profound new way!

Honey Hearts

Makes 12 cookies-

Note: Chill dough after step 3

Mix 1/3 cup butter and 1/3 cup honey together

Add 2/3 cup oats, 1/3 cup dry milk, and 4 t. water. Mix well.

Add 3/4 cup flour (can be Gluten Free), 1 t. baking powder, 1/4 t. salt

Roll dough 1/4" to 1/2" thick

Cut with a heart shaped cookie cutter

Bake at 325 degrees for 10-15 minutes

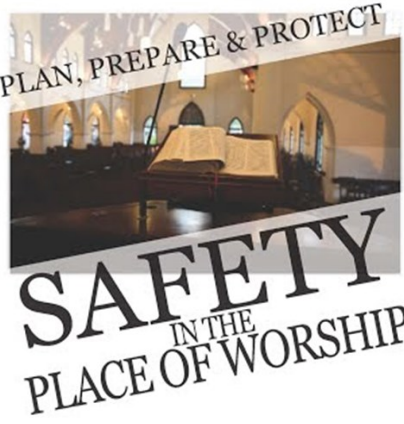
With my heart to you, the Faith Family,

Pastor Angela

PIZZA & TIGER BOUNCE - January 17th

The bad weather on Friday, January 17 postponed our fun time at Tiger Bounce – but only until noon on Saturday! We enjoyed pizza at church along with delicious brownies made by Mrs. Slevin. Then we rode up to Columbia and bounced and skated (and ran and ran and ran) for a couple hours before heading to McDonalds for a drink and cookies. We all arrived back safely, but tired out. Thanks to the adults who chaperoned: Pastor Angela, Vena Beza, Natalie Mendez and Jim and Marilyn Hofmann. It was lots of fun and a great way to keep 19 children active!





Churches United for Safety
Sunday, February 23rd
1:00 -3:30 p.m First Presbyterian 324 Madison
FREE event led by Officer Chad Stieferman, JCPD

You and your faith family, staff, and anyone interested in safety in places of worship are invited to attend

The training will include: an hour of educational awareness, question and answers about how security and customer service relate to each other, security teams, and physical church security, followed by 1.5 hours of Active Shooter response training with stress management techniques for high stress. Officer Chad instructs schools and staff, as well as numerous local churches and businesses. He is generously offering this event for an unlimited number of attendees. There is no charge for individual participants. Five local churches are making this event possible. Questions may be directed to Pastor Angela at 636-2149 ext. 102

sab·bath
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noun

1. a day of religious observance and abstinence from work, kept by Jews from Friday evening to Saturday evening, and by most Christians on Sunday. An old testament commandment (hint, one of the 10 in Exodus).

Why don't we celebrate the Sabbath as a weekly spiritual practice? What are the impediments for YOU to take sabbath?

The origin of the Hebrew sabbat [t'B;v] is uncertain, but it seems to have derived from the verb sabat, meaning to stop, to cease, or to keep. The theological meaning is rooted in God's rest following the six days of creation (Gen 2:2-3). The Greek noun sabbat [savbbaton] translates the Hebrew noun sabbat [t'B;v]. The noun form is used primarily to denote the seventh day of the week, though it may occasionally refer to the Sabbath week.

Seven of our college Presbys recently joined thousands of other college students at Montreat. Their focus was on the necessity of Sabbath. On January 15 I was blessed to celebrate 14 years of ordained ministry. One observance I have strived to adhere to is sabbath. Several of you have inquired 'What is Sabbath?' and 'Why haven't we seen this practice before?' Others of you have said 'What do you do on a Sabbath?' Or, 'why is sabbath important?' Perhaps, you are in need of a spiritual practice of sabbath?!

Sabbath is a day set aside to let Go and Let God. A period of resting. A period of stopping 'doing' to let God 'be' in the innermost parts of my 'being.' A time to 'see' and recognize the movement of God. In place of 'my movement' God's movements are more visible.

Sabbath is important for any pastor. It doesn't matter if the Head of Staff is a mom and wife or an older male with kids long ago out of the home. Sabbath is breath. I liken sabbath to my need for air. Sabbath is vital for any human. Any disciple needs it!

Typically on my sabbath, I take walks. I also eat lunch with my son. I sleep. I strive to pause emails and texts. In general all of us should assess our phone and social computer/business etiquette. Should we text before 8 am. if it's not an emergency? Should we call after 10 pm if it isn't an emergency? Should we really be up emailing in the middle of the night?

Many of you have given me ample illustrations of

what you liked about previous pastorates. Many of you have given me shared comparisons of what other pastorates 'used to do' and 'gee I hope you will do similarly.' I'm reminded that we are each individuals with distinct spiritual gifts. As Barbara Brown Taylor said in her book 'An Altar for the World' we are each called to be uniquely qualified 'living gifts of God' in the world.

Each year, according to Lifeway research, 250 pastors leave the ministry every single month. When I think about that statistic, I find joy in a pastor friend's quote of Steve Jobs: 'If you want to make everyone happy, Don't be a leader. Sell ice cream.'

In 2020, you have an opportunity to develop your heart into the best disciple that God needs you to be. A Jesus follower who can set the world on fire for Jesus: is that you?

Perhaps, you need to press the pause button, and take rest. Imagine what freedom your heart can feel from a day of repose.

For further reading on 'Why Clergy Cannot Rest' follow this link..

<https://religionnews.com/2020/01/06/god-rested-why-cant-clergy-take-a-break/>

Breathing in and out and ready for the gift of day 366, in this year of 2020 clear living,

Pastor Angela



ASHES TO GO

On Wednesday Morning, February 26th your pastoral team and several local ministers will be offering "Ashes to Go" a new approach to a centuries-old Christian tradition. Pastor Angela

has discovered much rich meaning in this outreach in previous years. This will be the first annual downtown Ashes to Go in JCMO.

Wednesday, February 26th, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Pastor Angela and Pastor Dave invite you to find us (and/or any one of our ecumenical colleagues) on any of the following corners: High/Monroe, High/Madison or High/Jefferson. Walk/Scout/Drive by and get your Ashes.

Ashes remind us of our identity...and this Ash Wednesday, we CELEBRATE that God "meets us where we are." Ashes to Go provides an opportunity for anyone who may have lost their connection to a faith community, or one who has never participated before. Bring your co-workers, neighbors, family, and yourself!

FEBRUARY Birthdays

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| 1 - Walt Vandelicht | 16 - Beth Archias |
| 2 - B.J. Jones | 16 - Eva-Rose Penserum |
| 2 - Matthew Reinhard | 17 - Don Lehman |
| 2 - Natalie Mendez | 17 - Marcia Reed |
| 4 - Judy Rapps | 17 - Lillian Wade |
| 4 - Tom Hickman | 17 - Jeannine Toomey |
| 5 - Zaia Pack | 17 - Andy Cleeton |
| 6 - Jennifer Hickman | 18 - Megan Clinton |
| 7 - Susan Lowry | 18 - Cole Ahrens |
| 7 - Linsey Snodgrass | 19 - Jan Haviland |
| 7 - Audrey Shinkle | 19 - Greg Schildmeyer |
| 9 - Duane Nichols | 20 - Mary Kabiri |
| 9 - Marilyn Hofmann | 20 - Mary Clark |
| 9 - Shelley Swoyer | 20 - Jack Ledgerwood |
| 11 - Stacie Holt | 22 - Amy Naaman |
| 12 - Shannon McPherson | 23 - Nell Hawes-Davis |
| 13 - David Epema | 24 - Abby Bax |
| 13 - Ray Schneider III | 26 - Carter Epema |
| 15 - Charles Jackson | 26 - Carly Merrick |
| 15 - Brian Long | 27 - Libby Hafley |
| 16 - Charles Brown | 28 - Sharen Lehman |
| 16 - Debby Howland | 29 - Roger Connell |
| 16 - Cheryl Smallwood | |

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Our opportunities to join in Bible Study include are **Sunday morning** Christian Education Classes at 8:30 and 10:45 am, our **Monday at 5:15** 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, February 21st. Good food, great fellowship and "amazing" (sometimes true) stories!

RETIRED ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Retired Adult Fellowship (RAF) enjoyed a wonderful meal, time of fellowship and "Show and Tell" in January. In February we will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 11:30. **Please Note:** Our RAF has set an Inclement Weather Policy that **"If the Public Schools are closed we will not meet."**

CAPITAL AREA INTERFAITH ALLIANCE will host an event on Thursday, February 6th from 7:00 -8:30 pm at First Baptist Church on the theme of ministry with Hispanic/Latino members of our faith community. There will be two presenters:

- Pastor Noah Angel, pastor of Familia Cristiana Internacional Baptist Church, which had its beginnings in the late 1990's in Jefferson City as an initiative of the Missouri Baptist Convention and First Baptist Church (to meet the needs of the growing Hispanic/Latino population in Cole and Moniteau Counties and
- Sister Guadalupe Ruiz representing the El Puente Hispanic Ministry of Jefferson City.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

- February 2:** Micah 6: 1-8 *"Joy NOT GREATness"*
- February 9:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112:1-9 *"Stumbling Blocks"*
- February 16:** Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Universal Day of Prayer for Students, *"Infant Servants Working Together"*
- February 23:** Matthew 17:1-9, Transfiguration of the Lord, *"Change. It Only Costs a Dollar"*

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

In our Sunday evening worship (Sunday Night 5 Alive), 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. Note: On Sunday, February 9th, Pastor Mark Kiekhaefer will preach and on February 16th Reverend John Bennent, retired Disciples of Christ pastor and strong advocate for God's justice for all, will be our guest preacher.

SAVE THE DATE!

We have tickets for the Sight and Sound Showing of NOAH in Branson on Saturday, March 7th, 3:30 pm showing. We will travel by Church Bus, or you may meet us there. We have 15 tickets and the cost is \$60.00 per ticket. We will leave the church at 9:30 am, eat lunch together in Branson, see the show and return home Saturday evening. See Elder Carol Scott or Pastor Dave to reserve a ticket (and let us know if you will be riding the Bus!)

"LEAP INTO MISSION" DINNER FUNDRAISER

Peru Mission Trip Fundraiser - in order to help make it possible for more of our members – particularly our high school and college young adults – to have the experience of a mission trip to work with one of our international partners in mission, we are holding a "LEAP Into Mission Dinner" on Saturday, February 29th (LEAP Day 2020) from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. An "International Dinner" will be served and stories and information about our International Mission partnerships will be shared. Donations for the meal and donations to assist with scholarships for youth and young adults joining our 2020 Mission Teams will be accepted. Our Fair Trade/Mission Sale items will also be available as these sales benefit our mission partners.

PW CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- February 5** 10:30 a.m. Monthly Bible study. McAfee Room.
- February 13** 12:45 p.m. Afternoon Circle. Church.
- February 18** 6:30 p.m. Coral Circle. Knox Hall.
- February 19** 1:30 p.m. Faith Circle. Heisinger Bluffs, Apt.327.
- February 26** 10:30 a.m. Kaffee Klatsch. HyVee Dining Room.

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

MEMBERS OF FAITH CIRCLE: Please note the change of date and time for your monthly circle meeting for this month.

Hands for Mission **WILL NOT MEET** in February. If you are interested in participating in this ministry of our church or would like more information about their current projects, contact Jane Bedsworth at (573) 338-5418 or beds_j@yahoo.com.

PW's first mission project for 2020 is going strong! Our paper goods collection for RACS, Halo House, Healing House and Koinoia House will continue through the month of February and conclude on Sunday, February 23rd (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday). Please see the display in Knox Hall for information on how you can provide assistance to these worthy organizations.

CALLING ALL SPEAKERS, SINGERS, ELDERS AND WOMEN OF THE CHURCH! FPC will celebrate its annual Gifts of Women Sunday on March 1st and we need your help. No previous experience is needed – just a willingness to represent the women of FPC. We'll supply the script – you supply the talent. For additional information on being a part of this event, contact your circle moderator or Brenda Waters at (573) 659-8109 or bkwandthecat@peoplepc.com.

THERE IS STILL TIME to participate in a guided walking tour of Warm Springs Ranch to see the new Clydesdale foals as part of the PW Spring Gathering. **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.

On **Thursday, April 30th**, the women of Missouri Union Presbytery will convene at the First Presbyterian Church of Boonville for our annual Spring Gathering. There will be a presentation by our synod representative, Rhoda Frasier; group activities; and a tasty 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.

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

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Personnel - The Committee moved to receive the resignation of Shannon McPherson as Part-time Christian Education Director effective Dec. 31st, 2019. This was approved. The committee received approval to not fill the part-time position of Christian Education. The Committee requested the Session approve the revised position description for the Youth Director to add in the duties from the Christian Education Directory. This was approved.
Stewardship - The Stewardship report of receipts and expenses through Dec. 2019 was discussed and approved. The Committee moved for approval of the 2020 Budget, noting it provides a solid foundation for the growth of the church. This was approved. Pastor Angela mentioned an article from the Presbyterian Today called "No More Stingy Stewardship" which called for giving to be done out of a spirit of gratitude not fear. Despite the loss of 24 church members in the last year, the church was able to maintain the budget.

	December	Year to Date	Budget
Income	\$68,174	\$671,982	97.05%
Expenses	\$57,620	\$651,390	94.08%

Facilities - The Committee recommended that during the Sunday 5:00 pm worship service only the front entrance door by the office be used for entry and exit. All other doors are to remain locked. The front door will be locked by the pastor or kitchen volunteer following the service and meal on or about 6:15 pm. This was approved. The Committee received approval for FPC to hold a church-wide safety program on Feb. 23rd at 1:00 pm led by the Jefferson City Police Officer Chad Steiferman for a \$200 honorarium. The Committee is seeking volunteers to lock the building and turn off lights on Sunday mornings after Sunday School is over.

Old Business - none

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Ash Wednesday - 6 pm Lenten Service and presentation of ashes.
- Spiritual Leadership Development - Jan. 25th
- Glory to God hymnal presentation - Jan. 25th
- Congregational Meeting - Jan. 26th

The Session adjourned at 8:16 pm following a prayer by Pastor Dave.

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

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

Sunday, February 2

2:00 pm Worship at Primrose
 5:00 pm Mid-High/Senior High Super Bowl Party - at the Carr's home

Monday, February 3

5:00 pm Facilities Committee - Knox Hall
 6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - Parlor

Tuesday, February 4

5:00 pm Stewardship Committee - Library
 6:00 pm Deacon Committees - Chapel
 6:30 pm Board of Deacons - Chapel

Wednesday, February 5

9:30 am Meals on Wheels
 10:30 am Presbyterian Women Bible Study - McAfee Room

Thursday, February 6

5:30 pm Worship Committee - Library

Saturday, February 8

11:30 am Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments

Monday, February 10

4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 2 Court of Honor - Knox Hall

Tuesday, February 11

6:30 pm Session Meets - Chapel

Wednesday, February 12

4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army

Thursday, February 13

12:45 pm Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle - Library

Friday, February 14

VALENTINE'S DAY

10:15 am Meals on Wheels

Monday, February 17

PRESIDENT'S DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - Parlor

Tuesday, February 18

6:30 pm Presbyterian Women Evening Circle - TBD

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 20

11:30 am Retired Adults Fellowship - Knox Hall

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

11:30 am Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments

Sunday, February 23

1:00 pm "Safety in the Place of Worship" - Knox Hall

Monday, February 24

6:30 pm Faith Voices - Quinn Chapel

Tuesday, February 25

SHROVE TUESDAY/MARDI GRAS

6:30 pm Social Justice Ministry Team - McAfee Room

Wednesday, February 26

ASH WEDNESDAY

10:30 am Ladies Kaffeeklatsch - HyVee
 11:00 am Ashes-to-Go (see article on Page 3)
 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Vesper Communion Service

Saturday, February 29

LEAP DAY

11:00 am Kids Leap Day Adventure
 5:00 pm Leap for Missions Dinner Fundraiser



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

This is the 30th year of the annual Souper Bowl of Caring! We will receive our annual Souper Bowl Offering following

Worship on Sunday, February 2nd. Our Youth will be available at the back of the Sanctuary with large soup pots for your donations of cash, checks, cans of soup or other non-perishable items – all for our FPC Food Pantry which serves 50-60 families per month! Let's make this a SUPER day of providing food for those who are hungry in our community and "Let's Tackle Hunger Together" - AND GO CHIEFS!

WHAT'S NEW IN KNOX HALL?

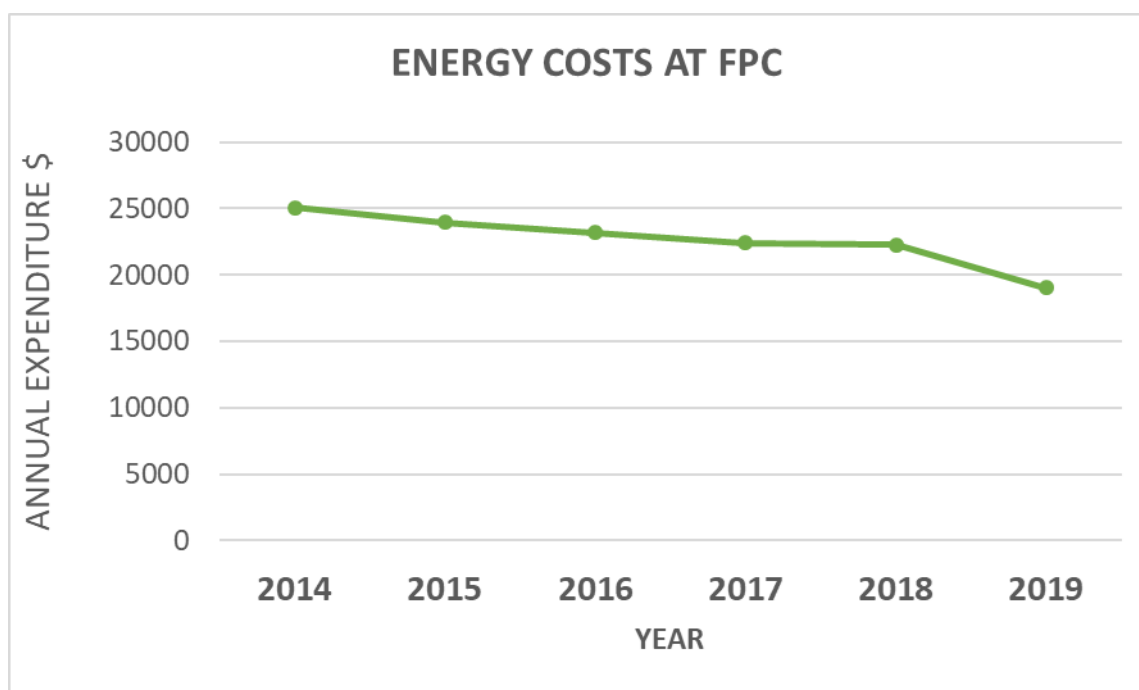
If you haven't already heard the great news, we are getting ready to make updates to Knox Hall! The Session was called upon in December to revisit the intentions of the remaining donations in the Capital Campaign and match them to the current needs. The result was a resounding "YES!" from the Session to proceed with adding technology (both video and audio). We will also be creating a permanent welcome center, completing the flooring, and updating the closet areas. With screens and better audio in Knox Hall, the Sunday evening service benefits, but so will any church group who wants to project slides, a video, or even watch a movie. Stay tuned for more as the process continues!

ENERGY SAVING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

As most homeowners know, the costs of heating, cooling, lighting, and operation of equipment can affect the amount of money that is paid to the energy supplier. Such is true for our church building.

In November 2017 the Facilities Committee recommended and effectively implemented the major conversion from incandescent and fluorescent fixtures to LED throughout the building. The following year (August, 2018) we installed motion activated sensors in the restrooms for safety and energy saving purposes.

The following table shows the annual costs that we have paid to Ameren for energy usage since 2014. It is clear that our average, per year, costs have been trending downward. However, there is a notable downward "spike" in years 2018 and 2019. This reduction amounted to more than \$3,000 in 2019, approximately 15% **under budget** for the year. This dramatic drop, following the previous year's building modifications seems more than coincidental. Thanks to this committee for their leadership. We look forward to additional recommendations and improvements in this area.



MISSOURI UNION PRESBYTERY EDUCATIONAL EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

During each Stated Meeting of Missouri Union Presbytery there is time built in for an "Educational Event" – a speaker, program or workshops to help our elders and pastors delve deeper into an area of ministry, mission, theology or denominational programs which are vital to our health as a Presbytery. Three of the events for 2020 have been scheduled:

- Saturday, February 22nd at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Marshall - Several members of our Faith Family and Pastor Dave will present the 1:00 pm Educational Session on "*Planning and Participating in Short Term Mission Trips*". This will be focused on our experiences related to our International and Domestic Mission Trips. If you would like to participate in this, please contact Pastor Dave.
- Tuesday, May 19th – place to be determined – Rodger Nishioka, Director of Adult Educational Ministries at Prairie Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS and previously Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary. (Specific topic to be determined.)
- Tuesday, November 17th at First Presbyterian in Kirksville – J. Herbert Nelson (who has been with us here at FPC and preached for us here in the past), Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church, USA. (Specific topic to be determined.)

OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM will meet in February on a day to be determined since our regular meeting day is Ash Wednesday, February 26th and we will be sharing in our evening Vesper Communion Service. Note: We have received word that the Reverend William Barber, co-director of the Poor People's Campaign, will be in Springfield on Thursday, March 26th. Details will be announced soon.

"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 well over 180 coats have found new owner since we put out the coat rack. Many of those coats came from Encore and 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 traveled 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. Deadline for registering for this trip is January 31st (some space may be available after that date). Some scholarship funds are available for this trip for high school/college/graduate students. In January our partner church – Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church in Quarryville, PA and our Mission Committee sent funds for the Medical Clinic held in Tamshiyacu during Pastor Dave's trip there. Pastor Dave also worshipped with the Tamshiyacu faith family, preaching there on January 18th and 19th and worked with the leaders of the congregation to plan our activities and projects for our summer trip.

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 2020, contact Deacons Deb Denning or Cecil Caulkins.

FAITH FAMILY MEMBERS NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH!

Our Deacons 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!)

ANNUAL HALO DINNER AND AUCTION is Friday, March 6th from 6:00-10:30 pm at Capital Bluffs Event Center at Turkey Creek, 1616 Oil Well Rd., Jefferson City. Tickets are \$75.00 and can be purchased online at HALO, Jefferson City, MO. HALO provides housing – and compassionate love and care for homeless children in Jefferson City. HALO represents far more than food and shelter. It represents the day their entire life changed. At the JC HALO Home, the doors and the hearts of the Staff and volunteers are open to pregnant, parenting and non-parenting girls ages 16-21 and their children, who are in homeless or high-risk situations.

A Summary of January 14, 2020 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 Swoyer moved to receive as members by transfer Suzie and Jerry Quick from First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Georgia. This was approved.

Elder Rogers moved to remove Millie Rasp from the church roll at her request. This was approved.

The Clerk of the Session reported on a letter from the Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) noting that Anne Schneider is part of the Churchwide Coordinating Team from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 and asking the congregation to support her during these 3 years. The Clerk also shared a letter from Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne announcing she is now serving as both the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery and the General Presbyter.

The Clerk noted the 14th year anniversary of Pastor Angela's ordination on Jan. 15th, and the Session expressed congratulations.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Angela:

- Announced that Elder John Smallwood has resigned. She moved to receive the resignation and to receive the report of the Nominating Committee for Jim McAdams to serve the one-year term. This was approved.
- Moved to elect Jim McAdams as the 2020 Clerk of the Session and Nathan Weinert as the 2021 Clerk of Session. This was approved.
- Elder Long moved to report to the Presbytery the two call packages of the 2 pastors following the congregational meeting, noting no change from last year. This was approved.
- Reported that the General Assembly believes that the congregation has 918 members based on the 2018 Statistical Report, which was not entered electronically in January 2019. Instead, it was hand delivered to the Presbytery by the Church Administrator. In December 2018 there were 584 members. In January 2020 there are 508, 280 women and 226 men. Action will be taken to get the correct data on the statistical website.
- The Clerk reported that the 2020 Session consisted of ruling elders, 9 men and 9 women and teaching elders, 1 woman and 1 man.
- Elder Long requested and received acceptance of the Necrology report of Elders who died in 2019 and report that list to the Presbytery. The list includes: Jo Frappier, Peter Newquist, Harold Kanagawa, Dick Caplinger, Betty Crabtree, John Ostrander, Morrie Trout, Lorna Wilson, Margaret Coplen, Sue Strong and Charles Palmer.

- Elder Debbie Wilson moved to elect Elders Swoyer and Brennaman to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2020. This was approved.
- Moved to appoint Cliff Cain as Parish Associate and Theologian in Residence for an indefinite period. This was approved. It was also approved to permit Cliff to present his book "*Attunement: Living in Harmony with Nature*" on Mar. 29th.

Associate Pastor's Report

Pastor Dave:

- Elder Long moved that the Sacrament of Communion be celebrated during the Sunday Night 5 Alive services and at Primrose Retirement Community on Feb. 2nd, Mar. 1st, Apr. 5th, May 3rd, Jun. 7th, Jul. 5th, Aug. 2nd, Sept. 6th, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st and Dec. 6th. This was approved.
- Reported receipt of a \$13,000 gift from anonymous donors. He met with them to determine how the gift should be spent. Elder Rogers moved that it be distributed as follows: \$8,000 for scholarships for youth and college students to go on the mission trip to Peru with recipients and amounts determined by a committee made up of 3 members of the Youth Ministry Committee and 3 members of the Mission Committee; and \$5,000 to provide scholarships for college age young adults to attend the College Conference at Montreat or other conferences endorsed by the Youth Ministry Committee with recipients and amounts determined by the Youth Ministry Committee. This was approved.
- Elder Caplinger moved that a "Leap of Faith Mission Dinner" Fundraiser be held on Feb. 29th to raise funds for scholarships for youth and college students to participate in international missions with recipients and amount of scholarships decided by a committee made up of 3 members of the Youth Ministry Committee and 3 members of the Mission Committee. This was approved.
- Was approved to baptize Cielo Alessia while in Iquitos, Peru in Jan. 2020.
- Elder Swoyer moved to permit Rev. John Bennet to preach on Feb. 16th and other times as needed at the Sunday Night 5 Alive services. This was approved.

Committee Reports

Christian Education - received approval for the following to Sunday school teachers and curriculum for Jan. to May 2020: Preschool - LeAnne Gottschalk, Madelyn Doyle; Kindergarten - 4th grade - Melissa Manda, Stacie Holt, Natalie Mendez with Bible stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, Jesus (during Lent) and the history of the beginning of the church; 5th - 8th grade - Jeannine Toomey, Steve Brennaman - Theocademy Confirmation Curriculum; High School - Guy Krause; Adults - Jim McAdams, Vicki Schildmeyer and Tom Holt. VBS was approved for Jun. 1st-5th with Marilyn Hofmann as leader using the Knight of the North Castles curriculum.

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LITTLEST PRESBYTERIANS REJOICE!

Our congregation is dedicated to accommodating young families and we look forward to creating a space for young parents who wish to keep our littlest congregants with them during the service, but who may also need time-out for diaper changes or nursing. The cry room will be located directly behind the sanctuary in what was once the pastor's study, but has been most recently occupied by Marilyn Hofmann. Hurrah for her flexibility and support of the cry room! As you know, Marilyn always keeps our littlest Presbyterians close to her heart. Funding for the cry room was allocated in the Capital Campaign. With new Presbyterian babies on the way, we plan to begin work as soon as possible.

FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH WINTER/SPRING 2020

- Activities for:
L = Lessons
E = Energizers
N = Neat things to make
T = Treats

During Sunday School time February 23rd

LEAP DAY ADVENTURE

February 29th 11:00 - 12:30 pm - Gym
Help make a time capsule to be "dug up" in 4 years and other fun things!

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 11th - 12:30 - 2:30 - Hofmann's Farm
Easter Egg hunt and Lunch

MAY MISSION FUN

We will plant flowers, decorate the pots they are planted in and then share them with others. More details coming.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 1 - 5 8:30 - 11:30 am*
*Early Drop Off at 7:45 am



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Jeannine Toomey and Steve Brennaman are teaching the Confirmation Class for students in 5th—8th grades. The class meets in the Youth room above the gym during the Sunday School hour (10:45-11:30). They

will be working through the THEOCADEMY curriculum this semester with the goal of the students being confirmed on May 31st (Pentecost Sunday). All students who have not been confirmed, even if they are older than 8th grade, are invited to join this preparation time. Mrs. Toomey and Mr. Brennaman are excited about sharing their faith with you as we all learn together and grow in our faith. Join us!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 2
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
March 7th 7:00 - 11:30 am
Eagles Club, Missouri Blvd.
Pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy.

COLLEGE STUDENT CONFERENCE AT MONTREAT!

Seven of our College Students, along with Carol Scott and Pastor Dave attended the annual College Montreat in early January on the theme is *Remembering Sabbath*. Those who attended were Valerie Holt, Amy Naaman, Ashley Brent, Kelvin Beza, Ben Krause, Chris Nickolaus and Patrick Rogers. **College Students – mark your calendars for January 1-5, 2021 and plan to attend this excellent Conference!**

Here are some comments from our students about this Presbyfabulous Conference:

“Over this Montreat conference, we talked a lot about Sabbath. We discussed how one would spend their sabbath, what the sabbath meant etc. Although there was partial confusion in our discussions, one thing that resonated with me was being able to remember the sabbath. We live in a world where we are moving too fast for our own good, but we need to slow down and take a deep breath. We need to be able to take one day out of the week and use it to rest and recharge the batteries in all areas of our lives.” -- *Kelvin Beza*

“At College Montreat this year, the theme was “Remembering the Sabbath.” I learned the importance of the Sabbath, and that it was not created for God, but for humans to be able to rest. This rest strengthens our relationship with God and others. It is meant to rejuvenate and prepare us for a week of unknown obstacles and surprise revelations. This was an amazing and profound experience for me, and I sincerely thank our congregation and youth leaders for allowing us to attend these conferences. --*Valerie Holt*



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY at Pastor Dave's House



YOUTH ESCAPE!!!

FPC Youth tested their skill at the Epoch Escape Room at Capital Mall on January 26th.



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Cliff Cain, Parish Associate & Theologian in Residence for First Presbyterian Church will present his new book on March 29th, 10:30 - 12:00 pm in the Chapel. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

"Attunement is my 10th book, and taps resources that might help us to gain new perspectives on "living in harmony (and then operate as good and faithful stewards) with Nature" by examining four historical figures who were ahead of their time, even unique, in regarding and acting in creation.

St. Hildegard of Bingen was one of the most remarkable persons--regardless of gender--in the 12th century. St. Francis of Assisi was named in 1992 as the patron saint of ecology by Pope JP II. Current Pope Francis has emphasized caring for the environment, as well as the poor, as a Christian duty and obligation in his latest encyclical, *Laudato 'Si*. And finally (this comes from my time living in Japan), Taigu Ryokan, a Zen Buddhist monk, wrote nature poetry and lived a simple life enchanted with the natural world (he is a household name in Japan, for all ages of persons, like a Robert Frost or Emily Dickinson in the U.S.).

Attunement was written especially for a general audience and not a bunch of erudite theologian-types! The reason behind this was that I am hoping more and more that public discourse, and especially Church education and discussion, will address environmental challenges as spiritual issues. As Karl Barth once said, "theology ought to be of the Church and for the Church." Particularly in this case, I think he is right!

So, *Attunement: Living in Harmony with Nature* is accessible for laypersons as well as by clergy and religion professors. It completes a series of four of my books on religion and the environment. Preceding its publication were *An Ecological Theology* (2009), *Down to Earth* (2010), and *Many Heavens, One Earth* (2012)."