



First Presbyterian Church News

Keeping Our Faith Family Up-To-Date

October 2022

Pastor's Pen

1 Timothy 6: 18
Command them to do
good, to be rich in
good deeds, and to be
generous and willing to
share. 19 In this way
they will lay up treasure
for themselves as a
firm foundation for the
coming age, so that
they may take hold of
the life that is truly life.'

Dear Sweet Faith Family:

Taste and See that the Lord is sweet! (Psalm 34: 8)
Salute de la dolce vita (Here's to the sweet life!)
In a Presbyterian 1950's church cookbook: "We like
to think it's because of our Good cooking—our
ministers stay with us quite a long time!" Your
cooking is something special.

Paul, the coach of the young 22 year old disciple,
gives a final charge: find contentment in what's on
your plate, Timothy. You have enough. You have
enough in the grace of God through Jesus
Christ. You have the sweetness of Christ.

This stewardship charge to Timothy tells the young
22 year old to find CONTENTMENT in the sweet life
he's been given. Be content, Faith Family, with
what's been gifted to us...

Imagine a young man — call him Timothy — who has just finished his education and
is headed out into the real world. He's bright, talented and loaded with potential. Our
culture will encourage Timothy to dream several dreams. We live in a culture that
pursues happiness instead of spiritual contentment. And, Timothy, like the rest of
us, needs to find contentment in what we have: ENOUGH. The world's dreams
aren't the same as God's. The world needs more of the sweetness of Christ.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Cindy McGeehan
2 - Larry Burkhardt
2 - Lee Ann Merrick
4 - Sue Nichols
5 - David Scott
6 - Steve Ahrens
7 - Merlene Hockman
7 - Kimberly Wade
8 - Grayson Dunn
9 - Sara Lou Brydon
10 - Erik Dee
11 - Allegra Harrison
11 - Arleta Brickey
11 - Jeffrey Dodson
12 - Mary Watt
14 - Penny Gottschalk
14 - Carol Scott
14 - Allan Engle
15 - Todd Bone
18 - Ben Krause
19 - Frances Finley
22 - Mark Toomey
23 - Tim Collins
25 - Nancy Beard
25 - Vicky Ludwig
27 - Kelson Cook
28 - Karen Turner
29 - James R Strong II
29 - Janice Walker
29 - Kevin Myers
30 - Barbara Lamon
30 - Christopher Larivee

Paul warns us that "those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires" (1 Timothy 6:9).

Where are you TEMPTED and TRAPPED?

Christian discipleship, like athletes, requires training and sacrifice. ***Is it time for more athleticism on your part? What is holding you back?*** Think about what tempts you away from Jesus. Consider what traps you and holds you back from following God.

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, (1 Tim. 6: 12-13a)

"Amazing Grace" according to singer Judy Collins, is a song about letting go, bottoming out, seeing the light, turning it over, trusting the universe, breathing in, breathing out, going with the flow; timing is everything, trust your instincts, don't push the river, ease on down the road, get on your knees, let your guard down, drop your defenses, lighten up, like angels they know how to fly, don't be afraid, when all else fails, pray; there are a million ways to say it. If we don't, we crack up, break our heart.-Singer Judy Collins' explanation of what the hymn "Amazing Grace" means, quoted in Critique, April 2000, 15.

Grace, as Collins' describes and Paul fleshes out in his coaching of the young Timothy involves forceful verbs: fleeing, pursuing, fighting, taking hold of Christ, letting go of harnesses, and being SET free.

The key issue to note is that Paul is not recommending happiness, but contentment. Happiness is an emotion; a state a person can be in. The Bible uses the word *descriptively* in 24 of its 25 usages. Contentment, by distinction, is a trait — the language of *being* coming from the lexicon of the soul. The Greek word for "contentment" carries with it the notion of sufficiency — "enoughness." It implies satisfaction, and the Bible uses it *prescriptively*. In other words, people can be happy, but they should be content. This makes Paul's commendation to Timothy one of encouraging a spiritual discipline: "Young Timothy, in the face of a culture of money lovers, choose to be content. Choose sufficiency. Choose satisfaction. Choose 'enoughness.'"

WHERE are you content? Where are you experiencing the reality of the good life in, the sweet life, in following God/Jesus Christ?

Salute de la dolce vita. Cheers to the sweet life...

1 Timothy 6: Verse 21 wraps up the good life in Christ: taking God's Good News to the world.

Our call to Stewardship: being content with what God is already doing in our lives and being eager to share the Good News with all we meet!

God bless us in our continuing journey together,

I'm deeply grateful to serve with you in this our 4th year together,

Pastor Angela, Your friend in Christ

October Session Highlights

Communion: The Lord's Supper was received by 87 people at our worship service on September 4, by 14 people at the Primrose service on August 14, and by 12 at the Primrose service on September 11.

Personnel Change: Elder Debby Howland, Chair of Personnel Team, presented a motion that Rev. Tagliaferre's employment contract not be renewed after its natural expiration date of October 31, 2022. There was discussion following Pastor Joe's presentation, a quorum was confirmed, and the motion passed. Pastor Joe has vacated his office, turned in his keys, and will not have any further Interim Associate Pastor duties through the end of his contract on October 31, 2022.

New Church Directory: Our church Administrative Assistant, Jaymee Toebben, will work with Unique Church Solutions by Universal Church Directories to produce a new pictorial directory for FPC. There will be no cost to the church. Each person/family unit photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 and a free directory. Photograph appointments will occur on Weekdays and Saturdays with no photos on the Sunday Sabbath.

Downsizing the Session and Board of Deacons: The Board of Deacons and the Session will each be reduced to twelve members. Deacons and elders serve three-year terms. Because of the number of members who will have time remaining on their terms at the end of 2022, the Nominating Committee will not have to find any new deacons or elders until the end of 2023. The downsizing reflects a shift since covid of in seat and Livestream worshippers, the number of members compared to 2002 (deaths and people moving out of the area), and the significant number of visitors we have each week (who cannot serve as deacons or elders until they become members). The Nominating Committee for 2022, which will do their work in the fall of 2023, is comprised of: Rev. Angela D. Madden, Katherine Best, Ruthie Caplinger, Jim Hofmann, and Anne Schneider and a Deacon delegate (to be selected by the Deacon's board) and an Elder Delegate (to be selected by the Session in 2023).

Visitors and Children: A look at our attendance records for this past year shows a significant number of visitors who are with us every Sunday, some of them on a long-term basis. We also have a good-sized bunch of children (52 children ages birth through high school) who are attending functions at our church. Visitors and children can become new members down the line.

Replacing the Ceiling in the Sanctuary: The Facilities Committee got FPC's plaster ceilings examined by a Autenrieb Church Painting, company skilled in plastering (this is a relatively small group of providers). The company has offered some possibilities, but we can't move forward until we resolve the issue of coverage with our insurance company.

Next Meeting: The Session meet again on October 11.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WORSHIP

OCTOBER 2 – WORLDWIDE COMMUNION AND PEACEMAKING SUNDAY (SPECIAL OFFERING INSERTS AND ENVELOPES), MISSION EMPHASIS MONTH, COMMUNION, & BAPTISM–

PEDESTALS BELONG UNDER PLANTS – LUKE 17: 5-10

OCTOBER 9 – MISSION EMPHASIS CONTINUES ALL OF OCTOBER, MAJOR ON THE MAJORS! TIM 2: 8-15

OCTOBER 16 – REV. BEAU UNDERWOOD PREACHING – IN THE CHURCH, WE'RE ALL PARENTS – PROVERBS 22:6

OCTOBER 23 – YOUTH SUNDAY – YOUTH & CHILDREN LEAD WORSHIP

OCTOBER 30 – DEACON SUNDAY

Each committee of the church family is OPEN to your participation as an at-large committee member!

Would you like to share/serve on a committee of the Session?

If so, here are the chairpersons to reach out to:

- Lee Pearson, Stewardship and Finance
l.pearson1825@gmail.com
- Jodi Hardman, Missions
Jodihard@gmail.com
- Melissa Manda, Christian Education
melissamandajcmo@gmail.com
- Bev Morff, Fellowship
bkmorff18@yahoo.com
- Todd Holt, Facilities
toddholt1@mchsi.com
- Brenda Waters, Worship
bkwandthecat@peoplepc.com

Save the Dates:

October 3 - Facilities Meeting
October 4 - Deacon's Meeting
October 5 - PW Bible Study
October 6 - Worship Committee Meeting & Christian Ed Meeting
October 11 - Session Meeting
October 12 - Care for Creation
October 13 - PW Afternoon Circle
October 17 - Stewardship Meeting
October 18 - Missions Committee Meeting
October 19 - FPC Fall Festival @ Fischer Farms
October 20 - Retired Adult Fellowship
October 23 - Youth lead Worship with All Church Kid-Friendly Potluck following
October 24 - Hands for Mission
October 26 - Care for Creation
October 26 - Kaffee Klatsch @ HyVee Dining room
October 27 - Fellowship Meeting
October 28 - FPC Halloween Party
October 30 - Congregational Meeting to receive session approved budget

- ♦ **Save the Date: October 23 - Our celebration of National Children's Sabbath Sunday**



Our Children & youth will lead and share their stories from summer



The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Stewardship Luncheon on November 13 immediately following our church service. The menu will consist of three homemade soups (one being vegan) and a large variety of pies.

Mark your calendar now for an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and a fun time with your church family!!



All Church Kid-Friendly Potluck

Right after our Children & Youth lead
Worship on October 23, 2022
Bring your favorite Kid-Friendly dish



Our Community Coat Rack is back on the porch

Take a Coat, Leave a Coat . . .

Fall is here and winter is on the way. The coat rack is back on the front porch of our church and ready for sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets and coats! If you have an extra coat or other warm clothing to donate, please put it on a hanger and place it on the rack. If there's not room for the clothing on our rack, please try back in a few days or choose another coat rack in town. There are (or will soon be) several other outside coat racks around town - Whaley's Southwest on Southwest Blvd, Whaley's East End on High Street, Premium Pets Store at the corner of McCarty and

Lafayette and Building Community Bridges at 213 E Ashley St. This allows anyone looking for warm clothing, to take what they need at anytime.

Questions or need assistance? Please feel free to contact Karen Laves, Barb Slevin, Debbie Wilson or Vicki Schildmeyer.

Thanks for thinking of others' needs,
Missions Committee

Dear Church *family,*
It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **www.ucdir.com**, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mo221** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

Go to the Universal Church Directories website
(www.ucdir.com)

Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled
“photography appointment scheduling login”

Enter your church code **mo221**
Enter your church password **photos**

Click on the Enter button

Click on the desired photography date

Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography
appointment time

Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated
by the asterisk)

Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the
screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your
family's name

If you have more than six family members being photographed,
please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00
and 6:10)

Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's
photography appointment

**Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to
change or cancel your photography appointment**

573-636-2149

Prepare for your Professional Photography Session:



Formal



Semi-Formal



Casual

Great Gift Ideas:

Portraits
Wallets & up to 20x24's
4 Different Finishes
Package Deals
Frames
Retouch
Montages
Trios
Holiday Greeting Cards

Getting Ready

CLOTHING: Solid colors work best and will make you look thinner.

HAIR: Be yourself, avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair right before your session.

JEWELRY: If you have jewelry that has special meaning to you, wear it!

MAKE-UP: Apply make-up as you would normally for an evening out. Pay special attention to your eyes: they're the focal point in a portrait!

GLASSES: If you wear eye glasses all the time, you'll want to wear them in your portraits. Don't worry, we'll take care of any glare.

RETOUCH: Universal offers portrait retouching that can soften facial lines and correct blemishes.

We Make it Easy!

Allow 45-60 minutes for professional photography and portrait previewing.



What can I bring?

- You may invite extended family members for a **multi-generational photo**.
- **Bring your pets**, we know they are an important part of the family! Please check with your church.
- **Bring props** that express you and your family's personality, e.g., **instruments, sports equipment and hobby items**.

Share your portraits with family & friends!

Porch Praise 2022

September 18



The Journey at FPC

Youth Group



We read James 3:13-18 and learned there are two kinds of wisdom, but only the wisdom demonstrated through humility comes from Heaven. Humility comes with wisdom. Live wisely, live humbly and live well. We then made our own humble pies... humble pizza-pies that is. The kids had fun making their own pizza creation.



Our scripture reading started with 1 Kings 8:61 "And may your hearts be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time." Then we read Luke 14:27-30. We discussed committing to Him fully and wholeheartedly. Jesus had used the example of a building project (specifically building a tower) in those verses. So the youth group built a tower of their own, a tower of cans and other items for the FPC Food Pantry. These items were donated by the Jefferson City 4H Club.



We discussed walking with Jesus, opening our hearts and listening for the Holy Spirit's guidance at each intersection we come to. Several youth shared of difficult decisions made this past week and one of our students read aloud the poem Footprints in the Sand. He truly walks with us and even carries us in the lowest points of our lives.

Our snack dinner was "walking tacos" and we walked from the church to Adrian's Island.



After our drive in movie night to see Back to the Future, we were surprised with a visit from Doc Brown and his "Time Machine". We would like to thank Jan Haviland for making the arrangements for Dr. Jim Logan to bring his beautiful DeLorean out for the kids to get an up close look at the famous car from the movie. The kids enjoyed being able to look around and even sit and pretend to drive it 88 mph. We had 50s carhop burgers and fries from Daisy Delight. After our snack we turned our focus to the most important thing in our Wednesday's and everyday, Jesus! We talk about the Balm of Gilead reiterating Pastor Angela's sermon this past Sunday on the verses Jeremiah 8:21-22. We learned that Jesus is our most valuable and rare balm, He heals and soothes. The night was finished by making our own lip balm.

If you have a child in grades 6 - 12, we invite you
to join us for fun, learning, and fellowship every
Wednesday from
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm!

Sunday School

*with Guest Teacher
Mrs. Brenda Hancock*





Sunday School Options

2 YEARS OLD – 5TH GRADERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starts right after cookie fellowship. At 10:35 am please bring your children down to the gym to meet their teachers, Natalie and LeAnne.

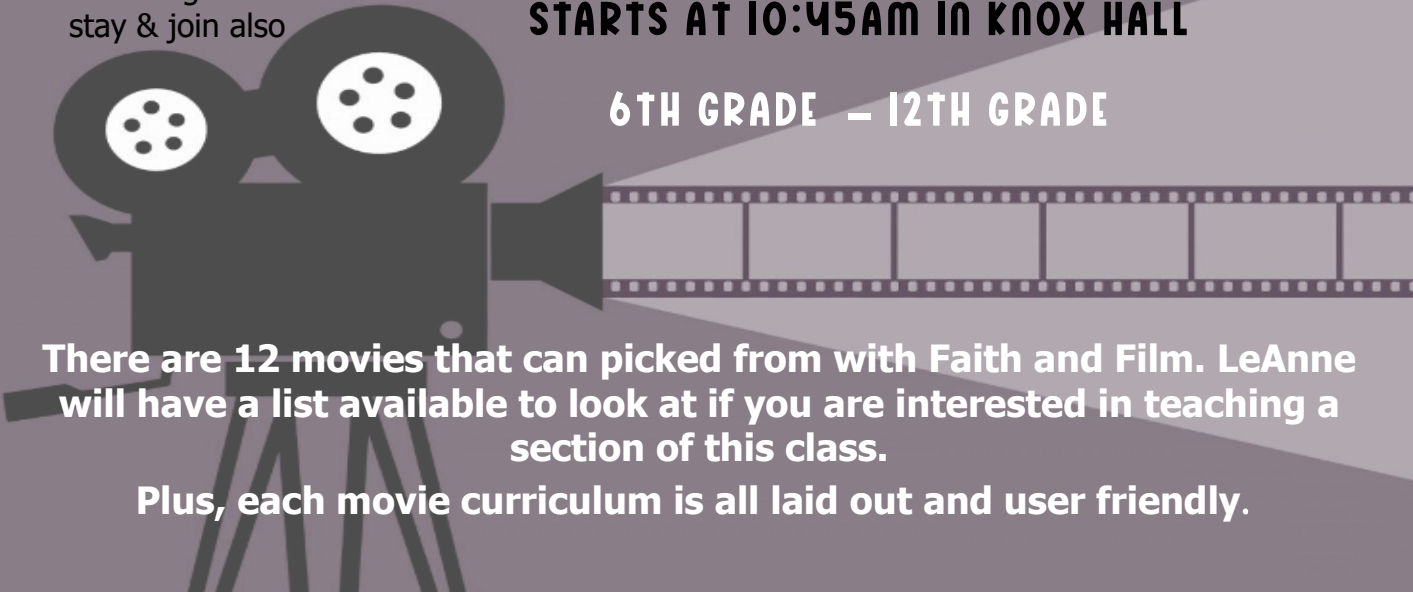
**Children will need to be picked up from the gym at 11:30.
You may use the McCarty Street entrance if the main doors are locked.**

FAITH, FILM, AND FAMILY

Adults are
encouraged to
stay & join also

STARTS AT 10:45AM IN KNOX HALL

6TH GRADE – 12TH GRADE



There are 12 movies that can be picked from with Faith and Film. LeAnne will have a list available to look at if you are interested in teaching a section of this class.

Plus, each movie curriculum is all laid out and user friendly.



PW NEWS AND NOTES – OCTOBER 2022

The PW Bible study for 2022 – *"Celebrating Sabbath – Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight"* – is off to a great start!

The monthly PW Bible study will meet on Wednesday, October 5th, at 10:30 a.m. in the McAfee Room. Please join us as we continue to explore ways that we can celebrate God's gift of Sabbath in the 21st century.

The Afternoon Circle will meet on Thursday, October 13th, at 12:45 p.m. in the church library. Come join this lively group of Presbyterian women as they continue their study of ways to incorporate Sabbath into their daily lives. If you would like to become a part of this group, contact Barb Slevin at slevin_b@yahoo.com.

Coral Circle is still deciding on the exact date and time that it will meet each month. Watch your E-mail newsletter and/or the church bulletin for information on the "when and where." And if you would like to join our evening study group, contact Brenda Waters at bkwandthecat@peoplepc.com.

You too can start your own Bible study group! For information on how to get started, contact Brenda Waters at bkwandthecate@peoplepc.com.

Kaffee Klatsch continues going strong! Join us on Wednesday, October 26th, at 10:30 a.m. in the HyVee dining room for good coffee, good company and excellent conversation. And the pastries are pretty good too!

2024 will be here before you know it, and with it the opportunity to join with women from throughout the United States – and around the world – for the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women! The Gathering in 2024 will be in St. Louis – only two hours down US50 and I44! – from August 8th – August 11th, 2024, and the theme will be "Shall we Gather at the River..." Make plans to join with us as we worship, learn and connect with old friends – and make new ones!

Thought for the month:

A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be.

Rosalynn Carter

Autumn is here! ENJOY!



Peru Missions

Throughout the year the church has sent funds to Medical Mission Inc (MMI), our partner in missions in Peru. Most recently funds were sent to purchase medical equipment and supplies. Some of the funds come from our church budget; but many of the funds come from restricted gifts from our congregation as well as from the congregation of Middle Octorara Church in Pennsylvania.

Nurse Margarita Diaz Seminario reports that she and the hospital staff continue to work under difficult circumstances. They are currently using a temporary hospital while the new one is being built. There have been many delays and concern with misappropriation of funds for the hospital. It may be 3 more years before the new hospital is complete. There is a great need for hospital equipment now, but a need to ensure items purchased will be taken to the new hospital when completed. They are involving hospital staff and the director to prioritize needs. They've purchased hospital nightstands; mattresses to prevent pressure sores; wheelchairs for various departments; stretchers; bedpans; and some neonatal equipment.

Margarita shares that the neonatal equipment will be used to detect congenital cataracts and cardiac anomalies in newborns. One of the photos below is of a baby with a heart problem, helped by this equipment. She believes they will be able to solve these problems with the help of this equipment.

She also shared a story of a young man who is a nurse, who was injured when hit by a truck in March. He was hospitalized in serious condition, but is getting better. This was a young man with little financial means and he needed a wheelchair. They were able to provide him with one (see photo below). Of course, without this wonderful partnership with MMI and Margarita, we would not be able to participate in God's mission work in Peru. She says their hearts rejoice - and of course, ours do too!

If you have questions or want additional information please feel free to reach out to Debbie Wilson, Shelley Swoyer, Vicki Schildmeyer or Karen Laves. We are a subcommittee of the church's Mission Committee that focuses on Peru. If you wish to make a donation to our Peru Missions, you can send a check and note Peru Missions, Account #820150 in the check memo line or on the contribution envelope. We will be sending additional funds to Medical Missions Inc (MMI) later this fall.



From Tom Ault

My dear Presbyterian friends,

I have been a bit slow about telling all of you how very much I appreciate the efforts you have made to help me since Paulette's death and my own recent health situation. I am on the mend and it is because of the many prayers, calls and cards you have all sent to me during the time. God is my savior, my mentor, my everything. He has been my rock that has been the one steadfast thing since last July 29, 2021 for without Him I would not still be among the living.

A special thanks to those that have sent food, called me continuously, and shared food at my home from time to time.

God sent Romeo to me, of that I am certain. He has been my continuous companion and goes with me everywhere. No doubt those that park in the back of the church have heard him after the Sunday service as he is there protecting my car and anxiously waiting for me to open the door to the car and know that I am safe.

Again, thanks really does not cover it all, but I love you all for what you have done and are doing.

With God's love,

Tom Ault

Common Ground 10th Anniversary

Common Ground celebrated their ten year anniversary with staff and volunteers during a dinner on September 23rd. Common Ground is a community service organization that provides innovative and relationship focused strategies to address needs for those experiencing poverty in our community. It is located at 1015 East Atchison in Jefferson City.

First Presbyterian Church has provided financial support to Common Ground through mission giving, since its inception. We also have continuously supported Common Ground with congregational members serving on the Board of Directors and as volunteers. Nell Hawes-Davis currently coordinates our volunteers with Common Ground and Scott Johnston is our representative on the Board of Directors. In 2021 Common Ground provided over \$123,000 in assistance to 734 families in our area, and successfully referred many to other services in the community to meet basic needs.

Funding for Common Ground is largely supported by church partners, (53% in 2021) and other governmental and private sources, including individual donors, local businesses and community organizations.

Services provided by Common Ground focus on temporary financial assistance and professional resource counseling to families in the Jefferson City Public School District. This aid includes utility assistance, rental/deposit assistance and gas vouchers/ bus passes for critical transportation needs. Other types of assistance are determined on a case-by-case basis. In its 10 year history Common Ground has earned a reputation as a trusted and effective resource for our community.

Living Windows 2022

Please come and be part of FPC's Living Windows 2022! Natalie Mendez has volunteered to

Guide this year's Living Windows! She is looking for volunteers...

This dynamic group will meet Monday, October 3rd at the Hy-Vee dining area from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

If you're still interested in participating, but can't make this meeting, we WILL have MORE!

Please call/text Natalie at: with any questions



Retired Adult Fellowship

Fall is fast approaching and that brings thoughts of little ghosts and goblins along with treats and, perhaps even tricks! Our next RAF meeting is on Thursday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall. Barb Slevin, Becky Washburn, and Jean James will be the hostesses for the meeting. (All good cooks so lunch will be delicious!) Our program will consider Superstitions so recall those traditions you and your family observed in the past—some with reason and some silly!

We hope to see you then!

CHURCH OF CENTRAL AFRICA PRESBYTERIAN

SYNOD OF LIVINGSTONIA

HEALTH DEPARTMENT



15th September 2022

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Brethren in the Lord,

The word assures us in Isaiah 55:6 that we should seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near and in Ps 145:18 The lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

The above verses have prompted me to come to you with a plea that together we should seek the Lord because of the situation that I and many other Malawians are in at the moment.

Our Malawi is caught in a very hard vicious cycle and as days pass by things become worse which I feel I need to share with you so that you may stand with us in prayer.

The past growing season has seen the country without enough food supplies According to an IPC Chronic Food Insecurity Report, approximately 5.4 million people in Malawi living in rural and secondary urban centers are facing Moderate or Severe chronic food insecurity. Other reports are indicating that close to half of the Malawi population is in dire need of food. The cause has been attributed to recurrent shocks and hazards, particularly floods and prolonged dry spells; poor livelihood strategies; poor policy implementation and high poverty levels. This cycle is prone to continue because of the rise of fertilizers. Last year fertilizer rose by 80% and this year another 30% and we are told it will continue to rise. This clearly shows that most Malawians of which more than 70% live below the poverty line cannot afford it.

We have had a 25% currency devaluation and since then we have seen a rise in all commodities. The commodities are rising almost on a weekly basis to the extent that when we are trying to source quotations for procurement, we are only given a few days for the quoted prices.

There is a recurrent electricity blackout since January where we have been in the dark for 8 to 12 hours and this has adversely affected the hospitals whereby we have to rely on fuel dependent generators to supply electricity in the hospitals. This has been costly beyond

explanation as the price of fuel is also exorbitant. Last week, we were also informed that they were switching off one power plant for 15 days for repairs which has increased the length of the blackouts and load shedding.

Since last month, the country has been experiencing severe fuel shortages and vehicles have to be on long queues to get fuel. At the time the pumps are dry, we resort buying fuel from the black markets to run ambulances and generators and the cost of this is almost double the pump price. We are not managing and it is becoming harder by the day.

As if the above are not enough, since last month we also have a cholera outbreak, last week in the whole Northern Malawi we did not have Intravenous fluids to resuscitate people with cholera. We are buying the IV fluids from Lilongwe which is the Central Region and this has further increased the cost due to the addition of transportation costs.

This is where I feel that, the complex problems of Malawi cannot be dealt with by human endeavors. We need to seek the face of God otherwise we will perish. This faith of mine which is as small as a mustard seed tells me that God is above all our struggles and when we go to him, He hears our prayers and He can save us. Please stand with us in prayer for the following:

1. That we can have wisdom to deal with the problems highlighted above
2. That we can be able to cope and be able to assist the people under our care
3. That the situation should not affect us adversely
4. That we can find solutions both long term and short term to deal with the problems which we are facing.
5. That Malawi like any other country can enjoy the God given life.

I always thank God that I have people whom I can turn to, who can stand with me in all situations. May God be with us as you support me in prayer.

DID YOU KNOW



Did You Know & What Can You Do? From the Social Justice Ministry Team



Did you know that fresh water algal blooms have increased in the last few decades and are a problem in all 50 states? In addition to runoff carrying fertilizer into streams and lakes, higher temperatures increase algal blooms. Some algal blooms, like red tides in oceans, are toxic to aquatic life and humans.

We can reduce the causes of harmful algal blooms by reducing the nutrient pollution we are unintentionally causing. We can reduce the amount of chemical fertilizer we put on our lawns and gardens and reduce the runoff that carries it from our property. Don't run sprinklers until water runs down the gutter to the storm drain that goes directly to streams. Pick up after your dog and dispose of his waste in the toilet. Use compost on your plants because it will give both nutrients and organic matter to the soil in your garden. Using compost on your soil will keep carbon dioxide in the soil and not in the atmosphere. Plant trees, especially on slopes, to reduce runoff, take in carbon dioxide, and release oxygen.

And pray for those impacted by climate change, in flooded areas, wild fire zones, drought stricken farmers, and in heat wave zones.



Wanted

*The Christian Education
Committee is asking for
donations of candy for our
annual Halloween Party!!*

PLEASE PUT ALL YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BASKET OUTSIDE
OF MS. LEANNE'S OFFICE

Missouri Union Presbytery Youth Committee

Presents

Fall Youth Retreat 2022

FOR ALL YOUTH GRADES 6TH THROUGH 12TH

Saturday, November 5, 2022 10:00am — 6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church 324 Madison St. Jeff City, MO 65101

Pastor Angela
Speaking



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 12, 2022 (if you want a t-shirt).

Otherwise you can register up till November 1.

Cost: \$15.00 includes Lunch, dinner, T-Shirt and all activities

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT: Rev. Joel Lynn— Moberly (660-833-3620) jwlynn44@gmail.com

OR Your Youth Pastor/Director



Missouri Union Presbytery Youth Committee
Presents

Fall Youth Retreat 2022

Saturday, November 5, 2022 10:00am — 6:00 pm

**First Presbyterian Church
324 Madison St. Jefferson City, MO 65101**

Cost: \$15 Covers 2 meals on Saturday, a t-shirt, and all activities
Make checks payable to "MUP" or "Missouri Union Presbytery"

WHAT TO BRING: Bible; weather appropriate clothing (dress layers), clothes that can be worn while doing service around the town; comfortable tennis shoes fit for running/ walking; jacket.

WHO'S INVITED:

ALL YOUTH GRADES 6TH THROUGH 12TH

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Rev. Joel Lynn— Moberly (660-833-3620)

jwlynn44@gmail.com

OR Your Youth Pastor/Director



The Parent Permission Form with copy of Health Insurance Card and the retreat cost, must be completed and returned to your Youth Pastor/Leader OR Rev. Joel Lynn, 601 W. Coates St. Moberly, MO 65270

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 12, 2022 (if you want a t-shirt).
Otherwise you can register up till November 1.

Missouri Union Presbytery - Release Form
Fall Youth Retreat - November 5, 2022

Participant Information

☐ Male Home _____
☐ Female Church _____

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Home Phone _____

Address, City/State/Zip _____ Participant Cell _____
NOT Parent/Guardian Cell

Participant Email Address _____
NOT Parent/Guardian Email

T Shirt Size: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large ☐ XX-Large ☐ XXX-Large

Parent/Guardian Information

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Other Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Medical Information

Current Prescription Medications: (Please list drug and dosage)

Name of the Family Doctor or Clinic: _____ Phone _____

Health insurance carrier: _____ Policy/Group No. _____

Photocopy of front and back of HEALTH INSURANCE CARD must be with this form

Medical Diet Restrictions: _____

Chronic or recurring illness or medical condition: (list and explain any info we would need to know)

****Please submit a physician's statement regarding any condition which may limit youth participation****

IMPORTANT - MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ATTENDANCE: To my knowledge, this health history is correct and complete. The person described and named above has permission to engage in all retreat activities except as noted. I give permission to Missouri Union Presbytery to provide routine health care, administer prescribed medications or Tylenol/Advil if needed, and seek emergency medical treatment including ordering x-rays or routine tests. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes. I give permission to Missouri Union Presbytery to arrange related transportation for me/my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I also give permission to the physician selected by the Presbytery to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named above. This form may be photocopied for use of transportation. I give permission for my child/me to participate in all regular event activities and for pictures taken of me and/or my child during the retreat to be used for presbytery publicity, including but not limited to website or social media.

Participant/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____
if not over 18

☐ Opt Out of photo release - Initial _____

HALLOWEEN PARTY

WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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