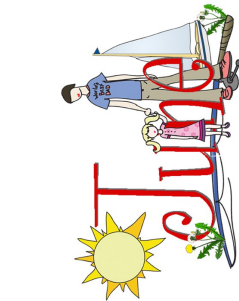


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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



At the groundbreaking, representatives of the larger Church and community: with me are the Rev. Craig Howard, Presbytery Leader, Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy; and the Honorable Hal Patton, Mayor of Edwardsville

"Groundbreaking Remarks," Gospel of Mark 4:30-32; Hebrews 11:8-10, Joshua 1:2, 9

During the past few months, FPCE made a special effort to remember our heritage and honor our spiritual ancestors. As we prepared to leave a campus after 133 years, we remembered the story that God has been telling through Presbyterian Christians up to the present day. It's a story of courageous sacrifice and compassionate generosity demonstrated by our mothers and fathers, (many of whom we remember, not with us today physically, but with us in spirit) to preach the good news of Christ, to further freedom for peoples long oppressed, to seek God in worship, and proclaim God's amazing grace, to educate children and youth, to create not one but four homes for the advancement of Christian mission and ministry, always building: programs, services, staff, and facilities through additional renovations and expansions, all the way to the edge of breaking ground for a new building in this year of 2017.

In the story God is telling through us, an important chapter begins today; It's a chapter that circles back to pick up a thread of the church's story from the year 1998, when a Facilities Task Force recommended the purchase of new land, and continued in 1999 when a Land Search Committee recommended purchase of 30 acres here at Ridgeview Rd. At that stage, the dream of a new home for mission and ministry was something like the mustard seed of which Jesus spoke, very small, but once sown, grew and grew.

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SANDWICH NIGHT



On the fourth Monday of the month, January through October, First Presbyterian provides a snack meal of sandwiches, chips, cookies and bananas to clients of the Glen Ed Pantry. **Sandwich Night** food preparation will be done on **Sunday, June 25th** in the manse kitchen and served on **Monday, June 26th**, from 3-6PM. On Sandwich Night we have two shifts: 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS** to cover these shifts. We appreciate the people who serve each month, but we need additional assistance. If you are able and willing to give just 90 minutes of your time once a month, please contact **Eric Voss** at 618-218-8506.

FIRST READ BOOK CLUB

The First Read Book Club will not meet during the summer. At our May meeting, we chose books for September, October and November. On September 20th, Kay Siegrist will lead a discussion on **Lindberg**, by A. Scott Berg. Jane Klopfenstein will guide us through **The Underground Railroad** by Colson Whitehead on October 18th. Our read for November 15 will be **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Krueger, with our discussion led by Mary Anna Davis. For more information, contact Donna Crider at 343-1404.

NEW LOCATION FOR JUNE PW LUNCHEON

Presbyterian Women will host a potluck luncheon on **Wednesday, June 7th** at noon at the **Glen Carbon Senior/Community Center, 157 North Main Street, Glen Carbon**. Plates, napkins, beverages and cups will be provided. Please bring your own silverware (a limited number of plasticware will be available) and serving pieces for your dish.

PW will not host a luncheon in July or August, so I hope you will join us in celebrating our end-of-the-year party! ALL members of the church are welcome. For more information, contact Donna Crider at 343-1404.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS:



There will be no summer Sunday School classes for Grades 4th -12th. These age groups will stay in worship until the fall schedule begins. Have a great summer – see you in worship!

For all you young at heart **adults**, come join the *feast* at 9:15 at Goshen Elementary School. Dine and quench your thirst with class leaders **Eric Voss, Jerry Barber, Donna Crider, and Terry Trueb.**

GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

As our youth and adults meet to prepare for the two upcoming mission experiences, I am aware of the tremendous support you as their church family have provided in supporting our fundraisers, encouraging our young people and volunteering your time and talents on special events. Without your support, these valuable faith building trips would not be possible. We covet your prayers in the days leading up to the mission trip that all may grow in their understanding and love of God and of God's great purpose for each of our lives. Below is the list of this year's participants.

Great Escape for Middle School Students: July 10-15th in Green Lake, Wisconsin. The group will leave July 9th and return July 16th. Thanks to **Jerry Barber** for his securing a school bus for us to use for this trip!! Participants are **Jonah Hallquist, Isaac Groene, Julia Towell, Katherine Donovan, Grace Kirkpatrick**. Chaperones are: **Jerry Barber, John Hallquist, Sarah Kirkpatrick and Janet Riley.**

Montreat Youth Conference for Senior High in Montreat, North Carolina Youth V: July 23-29th "A Missing Peace"

The conference starts on Sunday evening, July 23rd with registration and housing check-in from 3:00-5:30p.m. and ends on Saturday, July 29th with breakfast and check-out from 7:30-8:30a.m. We are planning to leave Saturday, July 22nd and spend the first night in Maryville, Tennessee as registration starts Sunday afternoon and the first plenary is that evening. Participants are **Patrick Driscoll, Evan Driscoll, Nick Trueb, Kara Lowry and Maggie Brumback**. Chaperones are **Janet Riley and Ron Brumback.**

2017 INCOME AND EXPENSES

THROUGH APRIL 30, 2017



	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 99,379	\$101,668
Other Income	\$ 9,301	\$ 12,144
Savings Transfer	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>17,044</u>
Total Income	\$108,680	\$130,856
Total Expenses	\$118,697	\$130,856
Net Deficit	\$ 10,017	

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

Commemorative bricks are available to be reserved. The deadline for reserving an engraved brick is pending the construction timeline for the new church. At this time, reservations are being taken, but no cost or deadline has been determined yet. The engraved bricks will be on new pavers, not the old bricks. The old bricks will be used in the garden structure however, as well as given to members if desired. Contact **Lucia Weber** at llweber@yahoo.com, or **Judy Baisch** at jubaisch@charter.net to reserve your brick.



UP, UP AND AWAY FOR FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day balloons will be displayed on June 18th. Please consider remembering or honoring a father-figure in your life by using the form in the Window in each Sunday bulletin until June 11th.

There will be a bulletin insert on Father's Day, with a list of the names of donors and those remembered or honored.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

EDWARDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

- Eve Blanton**
- Ryan Brumback** **Columbia College in Chicago Majoring in Graphic Design and Illustration**
- Tyler Farrar** **Tulane University in New Orleans, LA**
- Jackson Hallquist** **SIUE Edwardsville majoring Jazz Performance**
- Hannah Warren** **SIUE with plans to later transfer to Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia**

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

- Bailey Jo Hutton** **B.A. from Peabody Music Conservatory and will be entering Graduate School at Peabody Music Conservatory**
- Emily Bastholm** **B.A. in Social Work from Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois**
- Christina Wegman** **B.A. in Graphic Design from IUE**



HELP CHILDREN AND YOUTH BUILD A LIFE OF FAITH

The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost which this year is **Sunday, June 4th**. The Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. The remaining 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations. This year our church's portion of the Pentecost Offering will be used towards the supportive living group currently housed in the May Apartment Building in Edwardsville. Funding for the group is largely overseen and managed by **SEEC, INC. (Socially and Educationally Engaged Community)**, which is an organization that helps special needs adults navigate their community for meaningful employment, safe housing, and social opportunities. *Please* give generously.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bill Warren, Ashley Grimm
- 2 Mary Diamond
- 3 Helen Davis, Emily Hembruch Hart
- 4 Thomas Pauk
- 5 Eric Voss, Jason Coomer, Raleigh Brazier
- 6 Janet Belshe
- 7 Patti Wegman
- 8 Claire Van Meter
- 9 Stacey Towell, Jack Rogers
- 10 Emma Noto
- 16 Lee Bernard
- 17 Marjorie Chassels
- 19 Morgan Kerlin
- 20 Alice Heidbrink, Evan Driscoll
- 22 John Hembruch, Nathan Albrecht
- 24 Bob Gibson, Stephanie Rhoten
- 25 Vicki Lantz
- 27 Christopher Loyet, Patrick Lambdin, Spencer Lambdin
- 28 Phil Bailey, Abigail Busker
- 29 Jack Miller, Maggie Brumback, Kara Lowry

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The thread continued through staff changes, a 2004 study of mission, program, staff, and facility, a 2005 Ministry Plan and Feasibility Study, years of patient perseverance for many members of the long-range planning task force, and construction readiness committee. For nearly 20 years, some of you have trudged on through the work with the faith of Abraham, convinced of God's call, but not always knowing where you were going, or whether you would see the promise.

Today, the pages of the story turn to a new prospect. Like the ancient Hebrews who were in the wilderness a long time, we have to be encouraged that what we see here isn't an optical illusion. The Lord says that it's time to cross over into the new land: "Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

In Christ's Service,

John C. Hembruch, Pastor

Pastor's Blog: <http://jchembruch.wordpress.com>

Like our business page on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fpcedw>



UKIRK SUMMER GATHERINGS

UKirk, or "university church," is the Presbyterian Church (USA) Campus Ministry at Washington University & Saint Louis University and is open to college-aged students. They gather from 6pm to 8pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6800 Washington Ave., St. Louis. **For more information email Pastor Miriam at ukirkstl@gmail.com.**

- ◆ Sunday, June 18th Dinner & Worship
- ◆ Tuesday, June 27th Dinner & Game Night
- ◆ Saturday, July 1st Service Opportunity-check for time & place
- ◆ Tuesday, July 11th Dinner & Worship
- ◆ Saturday, July 15th Outdoor day-trip—watch for more info
- ◆ Sunday, July 23rd Dinner & Information session on Montreat College Conference

