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Summer

C.E. News: How to Spend Your Summer Vacation

Phew!!! The school year is over, and the summer calendar is filling up fast. It is easy to forget there is a lot going on at church in the summer—and we don't want you to miss it. Just because Michael will be away 4 weeks this summer doesn't mean you should be too.

Adults will enjoy a summer study, where each Sunday during the Sunday School hour a different service organization will present their objectives and how we might become involved if we feel called to do so.

The children will have a fun summer of WATER! How many Bible stories can you think of

with water as a central element? Whoever presents the largest correct number gets a prize. My list has 14 for the Sundays from May 30–August 29. Get your list started today.

Did you know that Kirksville Schools start up on the 18th of August—only 79 days away? I need a quilt of the liturgical year—all 52 Sundays—made in the next 79 days for our fall Sunday school. We could buy it, but I thought it might be better if we tried to make it. If you are a quilter, please see me. Don't let your God-given gift go to waste.

Blessings in Christ, Elizabeth

Volunteer for Food 4 Kids!

Food 4 Kids will again be serving the children of Kirksville a free lunch this year. The schedule has been expanded to eight weeks due to Kirksville schools offering only an abbreviated Summer School program. The lunches will be distributed Monday to Friday from June 14 until August 8. Food will be distributed from noon until 1:00 pm at four Kirksville parks: Brashear Park, J.C. Park, Memorial Park and P.C. Mills Park.

First Presbyterian Church is scheduled to work the week of June 28 to July 2 and the week of July 12 to July 16. We will need thirteen workers each day: four volunteers

to work in the kitchen each morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, two volunteers to pass out food in Brashear Park, two volunteers for Memorial Park, two volunteers for P.C. Mills Park, and three volunteers to pass out food at the J.C. Park from 11:30 to 1:00 pm.

John Rowe is the *Food 4 Kids* coordinator for First Presbyterian Church. The schedules will be available for volunteers to sign up at our Sunday morning worship services. You may also volunteer by contacting John on the phone at 665-8759 or via e-mail at jrowe835@cableone.net.

Layettes Delivered, but You Can Still Help!

The ladies, at last Tuesday's Circle meeting, assembled 12 layettes which we delivered to the Methodist Church—their members are attending a State meeting in Springfield, MO. The Festival of Sharing will be gathering layettes from all over the state to send to Haiti. The approximate cost of each layette is \$38.00.

Members of our church circle purchased needed materials from various sources—so, in

order to put these layettes together, much individual money was spent. The treasurer of The Circle off-set some of the individual costs. If some are interested in contributing to this cause, cash donations designated to the First Presbyterian Church Circle would be accepted with pleasure.

Jackie Settlege

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June Lectionary

JUNE 6

10th Sunday in Ord. Time
1 Kings 17:8–16 (17–24)
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11–24
Luke 7:11–17

JUNE 13

11th Sunday in Ord. Time
1 Kings 21:1–10 (11–14)
15–21a
Psalm 5:1–8
Galatians 2:15–21
Luke 7:36—8:3

JUNE 20

12th Sunday in Ord. Time
1 Kings 19:1–4 (5–7)
8–15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23–29
Luke 8:26–39

JUNE 27

13th Sunday in Ord. Time
2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14
Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20
Galatians 5:1, 13–25
Luke 9:51–62

Dana's Service in Memphis

Dana's service in the Memphis church begins on June 1st, with her first official Sunday on June 7.

From Dana Slavin: An Invitation to an Ordination

Dear friends,

Ten years ago on a Tuesday evening, I met with members of session in fellowship hall and entered into covenant as what our denomination calls an "inquirer." That night, I had no idea where God was leading me or the detours I would take. What I did know is that I felt called to pursue ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Since that night, I have served on session, attended and graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, served a church in Chicago as pastoral intern and director of church growth, incurred more student debt than I ever imagined, served as interim campus minister at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, taught Bible and ethics classes at Moberly Area Community College, provided pulpit supply over northeast and central Missouri, put too many miles on my cars to count, led retreats at presbytery... and never stopped giving thanks for all the words of encouragement, prayers, and support I received from you, my home congregation.

My only regret has been that pursuing my call meant less and less time spent in the congregation that has nurtured and supported that same call. It has been more than 20 years since John and I first visited First Pres, and I still remember Fran Norman warmly greeting us. But it wasn't only Fran, it was the entire congregation. Warm. Friendly. Inviting... and not pushy.

Our three daughters have all been baptized and confirmed in this church. Our oldest, Kate, served as youth delegate to General Assembly. All three fell in love with Christ and the greater church at Montreat youth conferences. Kate and Caroline were blessed to be able to go with the MUP delegation to the nationwide youth gathering "Triennium"... and Sydney will be attending later this summer.

At the May meeting of Missouri Union Presbytery, I was examined and approved for ordination, membership in the Presbytery, and to serve as stated supply pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Missouri (where I have been providing pulpit supply and which happens to be John's mother's home church!).

It has been an amazing journey. From the first time I nervously served as liturgist at Sunday worship to standing in front of the gathered Presbytery on May 25, I have felt the love and support of this congregation.

As Paul wrote to the gathered church in Philippi:

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you.... It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me....

*The congregation and friends of
First Presbyterian Church of Hirksville
are warmly invited to attend*

*the ordination of
Dana Ridgway Slavin
to the office of
Minister of Word and Sacrament
of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*at 4 o'clock in the afternoon
First Presbyterian Church
Hirksville, Missouri*

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Mike's Page: Commencement and Resurrection

Pentecost has come and we might experience the celebration of the Holy Spirit among us as "newness." There are a few new things to celebrate: new events and new people.

Joan Erickson was elected on May 25 as Missouri Union Presbytery's new General Presbyter. Joan is an ordained Elder in the church and has had considerable experience both as a C.E. director and as an Associate Presbyter in Arkansas. She taught at Friends University in Kansas. I think Joan will bring a "newness" to our presbytery: new perspective and new experiences. As the presbytery seeks to live out its call, Joan's leadership will be of paramount importance.

Another new thing, or event of "newness," will be Dana Slavin's service of Ordination on June 27 at 4:00 pm in our sanctuary. Dana, as you know, has been a candidate under care of our presbytery, has completed all of the four ordination exams, the bible content exam, and has even finished a unit of clinical pastoral education in a hospital setting. Most recently she has been preaching at First Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Missouri. The Session of Memphis and Dana both felt led by the Holy Spirit to find a way to be together more permanently. Once ordained, Dana will serve the Memphis Church as Stated Supply Pastor. Her ordination service will be a time of great joy and celebration. And "newness."

At the same time, I will be in Kansas City, doing my summer Doctor of Ministry seminars. I think these classes will be a time of renewal and "newness." I leave for our discipleship retreat on June 18, where we will take three days for prayer and silence (or marginal silence!) at the Abbey of Conception near Maryville, MO. The first seminar follows on June 22, "The Person and Role of the Minister as Leader." Everyone I have spoken to is excited to be a part of this class since it will be taught by Lovett Weems, a renowned scholar in the area of leadership in the church. This course will be followed closely by "Prophetic Ministry." I have been in study and reflection preparing to go for these seminars. I hope to feel, not tired, but renewed.

In my absence, Maria Evans will fill the pulpit on June 20 and 27. Maria is a pathologist in town and also a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. She has been preaching more regularly and—not to steal her thunder—word on the street is that Maria is working toward licensure in lay preaching within her own denomination. I imagine that Maria will tell you about it, get all the facts correct, and share with you about herself as well as preach the Word of God.

That is a perfect place to stop: at the supreme location of "newness": The Word of God. "Behold, I am doing something new. Now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah) God is always doing something new among us. If we are quiet, and even if we are not, we will hear it. Let us then orient ourselves to the new things God is doing among, through, around, and to us. New events, new people, new opportunities, new blessings. Thanks be to God.

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For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

And so it is with great love and humility that I invite you to my service of ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 27, at our church here in Kirksville, Missouri.

*Grace and peace in the name of Christ,
Dana*

Mike's Office Hours

MONDAY:

8:30 am – Noon

TUESDAY:

8:30 am – Noon

WEDNESDAY:

1:00 – 5:00 pm

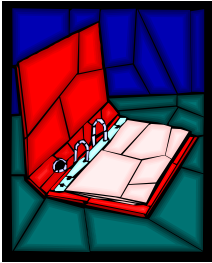
THURSDAY:

8:30 am – Noon

FRIDAY &

SATURDAY:

No office hours.



Notes from Session

MEMBER NEWS

David Pfohl, who has been singing in the choir this year, will be joining us as a new member. He's been invited to stay on for three more years at Northeast Regional.

Paul, Michelle and Allie Yoder have joined the church as well. They come to us from a U.C.C. background and hail from St. Louis.

Susan Presley graduates in December, and she plans to go to seminary at Austin Theological Seminary, with a focus on hospital chaplaincy. Her first step will be as an "inquirer." A motion to that effect was passed.

Dana Slavin's ordination will take place here at 4:00 pm on the 27th of June.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Michael would like to place books for sale (discretely marked) on the back shelf in the Narthex.

JOINT DEACONS/SESSION MEETING

Food 4 Kids needs 10,000 No. 8 brown paper sacks, 10,000 zip-lock sandwich bags, 10,000 zip-lock snack bags, and 10,000 napkins, along with food preparation gloves, tableware and other items.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Elizabeth has been reviewing our safe child policy. She has been working on background checks for those who work with children.

An outline for a Christian Education internship for Shannon Tanner was provided. She will give 10 hours per week, half of which will be dedicated to our Campus ministry program. She will live in Westminster House.

Operation J.O.Y. has concluded for the year. During the summer, the program will be reviewed.

BUDGET AND FINANCE/TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular giving was about average for what we need to meet our budget. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering brought in \$2205, with an additional \$100 given in May.

In addition to regular expenses, we purchased a new color copier (which we love), completed repairs to the nursery and painting for Fellowship Hall, and paid the first installment for stained glass repair.

The committee discussed the salary for the Christian Education position, cautioning that we don't want to put the church back into a hand-to-mouth financial position.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT

The stained glass work should begin soon. Roof work should also begin soon. We'll hear more next month on elevator bids.

PERSONNEL

The review of Elizabeth McCormack's service as Christian Education Director was generally excellent. The Personnel Committee recommends a regular half-time appointment. After some discussion of salary, the motion was approved.

HOUSE AND GROUNDS

We would like to raise our room usage fee from \$15 to \$25 for new reservations. The motion passed.

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

Our portion of the Pentecost offering will be devoted to *Food 4 Kids*.

OTHER BUSINESS

A representative from Life Touch photography will be coming to the church to talk about a new photo directory.

There will be a carry-in dinner for new and departing elders and deacons at 6:00 pm on June 8, prayer at 6:45 pm, and a regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

Congratulations June Birthdays and Anniversaries!

BIRTHDAYS

Leslie Traylor
Katy Slavin
Brenda Hunter
Mr. Lou Wollenberg
Bayli Riley
Paula Presley
Trevor Allinson
Paige Allinson
Mary Hodges
Johanna Wood
Sydney Slavin
Emilie Twining Gerdes
Charles Gerdes
Elizabeth McCormack
Bryan Ferrell

Kim McClanahan
Esme Grace AuBuchon

ANNIVERSARIES

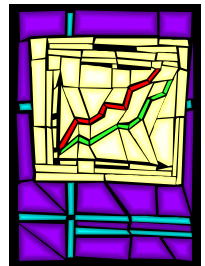
Marlow & Mary Ediger
Bryan & Bonnie Collier
Sue & Sydney Ross
Jeff & Jana Arabas
Jackie & John Settlege
Scott & Carol Thatcher
Ronnaug & Danny Bull
Scott & Evelyn King
Martha & John Rowe
Dana & John Slavin



Financial Report

APRIL 2010

	Month Income	Month Expense	YTD Income	YTD Expense
Giving & Other Revenue				
Restricted Program Transfers				
Designated Income/Expense				
Direct Mission				
Pastoral Leadership				
Worship & Music				
Christian Education				
Administrative Support				
House & Grounds				
General Needs				
Campus Ministry				
Membership Shepherding				
Community Ministries				
Rollins Ministry				
Westminster House Ministry				
Total				
Undesignated Cash Checking Account:				



Congratulations, Graduates!

Paige Allinson will be attending Truman, with an interest in Art History. **Kelvin Hodges** will be attending the University of Indiana School of Medicine.

Trevor Allinson will be attending Truman, with an interest in finance. *[If your name has been omitted, please let us know, and you'll be included in the July issue!]*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
June 2010			1:15: Bible Study	1:30: Budget & Finance		
		6	7	8	9	10
10:30: First Feast		Session/Deacons: 6:00: Potluck 6:45: Prayer 7:00: Business Meeting	1:15: Bible Study			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			1:15: Bible Study	9:00: Presby Seniors at Rosie's		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			1:15: Bible Study			
27	28	29	30	June Food: Canned Beans! 		
4:00: Dana Slavin's Ordination Service	Food 4 Kids Week 3:30: CE Comm.	Food 4 Kids Week 7:00: Presbyterian Women	Food 4 Kids Week 1:15: Bible Study			