Are we ready to move forward?

Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne from the Presbytery visited with Session in September and will be joining us for worship on Sunday, October 9, to explain the upcoming plans for moving forward with the pastoral search. She will introduce the process during worship and have information to pass out to the congregation. This informational packet will contain scripture readings for the following two weeks as well as a summary sheet for everyone to complete.

Sunday, October 23, we will have a catered lunch following worship along with a two hour discussion session where we will review the summary sheets we received on October 9. We encourage everyone to plan to attend the discussion and to prayerfully complete the questionnaire. If you are not able to attend on October 23 please give your questionnaire to a friend or leave in the church office. The information from the summary sheets returned will be compiled and presented to session in November as a tool to be used in completing paperwork for our pastoral search team.

We hope to have presbytery approval to nominate a Pastoral Nominating Committee by November to get the process moving.
Do you love to sing?

PLEASE NOTE THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES IN THE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE
If you are interested in singing with the adult vocal choir this fall please email Charles Gran at: cgran@truman.edu so he can add you to the email list. The choir schedule is as follows:

Oct 1 (Sat) 5-6 pm Rehearsal
Oct 2 (Sun) 9:00 am Rehearsal, Service
Oct 15 (Sat) 5-6 pm Rehearsal
Oct 16 (Sun) 9:00 am Rehearsal, Service

Nov 5 (Sat) 5-6 pm Rehearsal
Nov 6 (Sun) 9:00 am Rehearsal, Service
Nov 19 (Sat) 5-6 pm Rehearsal
Nov 20 (Sun) 9:00 am Rehearsal, Service

Dec 3 (Sat) 5-6 pm Rehearsal
Dec 4 (Sun) 9:00 am Rehearsal, Service
Dec 17 (Sat) 5-6 pm Rehearsal
Dec 18 (Sun) 9:00 am Rehearsal, White Gift Service

Bell choir schedule
Practice first Sunday each month following First Feast
Practice second Sunday each month at 8:45 am
Ring for worship second Sunday each month

Presbyterian Women:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to everyone who contributed to Missouri Food Boxes for Fall Festival of Sharing. We doubled last year's total by taking eight boxes of food this year. We also took 28 packets of garden seed. All of these items will be distributed within the state of Missouri.

PW will meet at Jan Hartje’s home on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:00 pm. Our lesson is “Who is Jesus” According to Matthew. Please join us. We'd love to have you.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. The basis of belonging is concern for reconciliation, prayer for fellow Christians, intercession for those in special need of God's grace. The token of participation is a "least coin" set aside by the individual as each prayer is offered and contributed annually to a common fund which is given in the name of Christian women without identification of its original source. This fund is used for ministries of mercy on every continent; for experiences which create Christian community across national, racial, cultural, economic and denominational lines; and for work for justice and peace throughout the world.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
National Bullying Prevention Month
Fair Trade Month: www.befair.org
Oct. 2—World Communion Sunday
Oct. 9—Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday
Oct. 16—World Food Day
Oct. 23—Children’s Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World
Oct. 24—United Nations Day
Oct. 25—Orange Day

Feeding our community

Featured food for September: Dried Beans
Food donations go to the Christian Community Food Depot. Monetary donations may be designated for the Food Depot or for The Food Bank of Northeast Missouri.

Volunteers are welcome to help with the Mobile Food Pantry held on the third Wednesday of the month. Contact Lisa Ahrens or Joel Cagle for more information.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday. A gift to this offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.
### How well do you know me?

My favorite color is Green. The earliest church memory I have is sitting with the other children waiting for Mrs. Kerr to pound out “Thank You Lord” on the antique piano in the church basement.

My childhood was spent in a small village in northeast Missouri, oblivious to the rat race.

What brought me to Kirksville’s First Presbyterian Church? I was looking for a place to belong and here I have found a place where I am accepted for who I am, even if I’m not sure yet who that is.

Refinishing furniture and fiber arts are my favorite things to do. My “go to” Bible verse? Philippians 3:13-14

If I get to choose, I prefer to dine around a campfire. I have many favorite hymns and love to share them all.

Have you figured out who I am yet? (look for the answer somewhere in this issue of The Lantern)
September was a rough month at the Closet. Volunteers were down, the Fall Free Sale was not well supported or attended and a donation we received was a huge mountain of very grubby clothing. All during the time Brenda was off her feet with a major case of the flu.

That said, God never leaves you without a jewel or two! The sale set up and clear out went smoothly with enough people to help. Thank you Charles, Lynn, Jean, Mark and Aline! New Beginnings Mission was willing, as always, to haul off what we did not give away. We learned during the sale that our ministry is reaching all the way to the Honduras! That was exciting. “The Mountain” was very intimidating (and smelly), but members of the congregation donated to the cause or adopted over 20 baskets and boxes of laundry, washed them and hopefully prayed for the CC in the process. A big high five to Scrubby Duds Laundry for taking in over 120 pounds of dirty laundry as well! Now comes the process of putting it all away on third floor.

Thank you high school PYF for helping get the CC back into working order following the sale!

October 7 will find the CC at the Project Homeless Event giving out sweatshirts. Join us for an hour or so (from 11-4) and discover why this ministry is so special.