



Dear God, bless us in our school today. Help us grow more like Jesus everyday. Amen.

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## *From the Pastor's Study*

Dear First Presbyterian Members and Friends,

As many of you know, we are currently in a capital campaign to purchase new hymnals, *Glory to God*, for our church. Each hymnal costs \$20 a piece, and we are seeking to raise enough for 200 hymnals. This means we need to raise \$4000 in order to meet our goal. The end date for the capital campaign, August 12, is quickly approaching. We hope to be able to have the hymnals ready for use in worship on September 2. Over the last several weeks we have raised close to \$2000. I'm writing to you this month asking you to consider donating to the purchase of new hymnals.

As I've written in our Sunday bulletin over the last several weeks, *Glory to God* was published by the in 2013 after the work of several Presbyterian agencies and committees made up of musicians, scholars, pastors, and theologians. *Glory to God* removes 213 hymns from our current 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal. This may seem like a lot but of those 213 hymns I only have a record of us singing 33 of them, most of those only once. *Glory to God* adds more than 450 new hymns! Some of those are classics never before seen in any Presbyterian hymnal. These include: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "His Eye is On the Sparrow," and "I Love to Tell the Story." In total there are 853 hymns in *Glory to God*. Compare that with our current hymnal's 605 hymns, we can see just how much we are gaining.

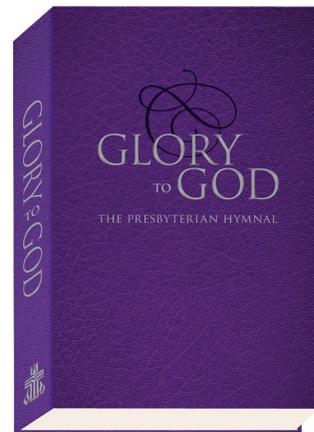
There are theological reasons for purchasing a new hymnal. In the Presbyterian tradition we say, "Once reformed, always reforming, according to the Word of God." In other words, we are never complete. As we listen to the Word of God we are open to the new ways God is leading us and we are formed to be God's people in the world. Because we are people who are always listening to the Word of God, theology is constantly changing and evolving. Hymns are theological, and as theology they continue to grow and expand. Church music has changed, grown, and expanded in the almost 30 years since the last hymnal.

Roughly 25% of the hymns in *Glory to God* have been composed since 1990 when the last hymnal was released. These new hymns reflect developments in theology and become for us one of the ways we confess our faith to the world. This presents a great opportunity for our music to be more reflective of the theological growth and development over the last 30 years. It allows our music to continue to shape and form us as a community. The new hymnal enriches the already strong and important music of our community.

There are practical considerations. The 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal is no longer in print. Accompaniment for it is no longer sold either. Our choir and musicians do a great job and providing them with the most current resources will only better serve them and in turn better serve the church.

If you have not yet had a chance to donate to the new hymnal, please consider one of the following options: First, during worship or in the church office you can fill out a bookplate request. Bookplates will be placed in the front cover of the hymnals in honor or in memory of a loved one, or as a gift donated in your family's name. Second, hymnals can also be donated with no bookplate, but as a gift to the church.

—Rev Anders

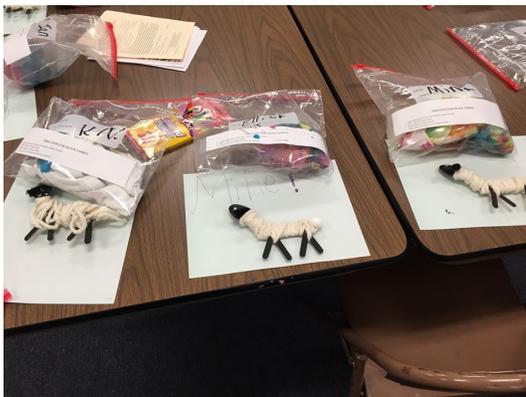




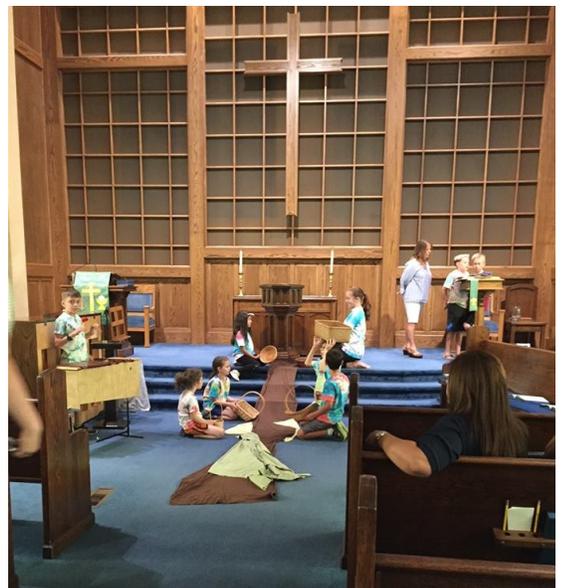


Congratulations to all those who worked so hard for so long! The Pantry for Adair County opened its door to the public in July and the ribbon cutting was held on July 25. Many new families have been to visit which means more food is making its way into homes in our community.

### Vacation Bible School-Finding Jesus



This year our children learned about the benefits of clean water. They built water purifiers and collected can goods to build structures with the congregation voting on their favorite. All money collected went to Living Waters for the World to help them build water purification systems around the world.



### Night Owl Camp

We had four campers attend camp at Covenant Point this year. Looks like they had a great time.



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Sunday Worship 9:30 am      Sunday School 11:00 am

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Volunteers are needed for Saturdays and Tuesdays.  
Be sure to sign up in Fellowship Hall, ask for the Google doc link , or check out our church face book page.**



Our largest endeavor to date has to be working in coordination with the First United Methodist's Back-to-School Supply event. Those coming to the event for school supplies are also able to stop by, look for clothing and pick up some new socks for school. The challenge has been keeping inventory available for twice as many families as we normally serve. The first day we had 39 families visit in a two hour period.

It's been a busy summer in the Clothes Closet. Several large donations have been received and we have a growing winter inventory. That said, a growing inventory also means a need for more volunteer hours. Summer is always a difficult time for volunteers and this summer has been no different. We have had great help sorting on Sunday mornings, but have come up short several times on days we are open. In July we had 180 families come in, many which were first time visitors. Those 180 families totaled over 830 people served.

With school starting and the weather starting to turn it will soon be time to think of warmer clothes and jackets. Consider what part you can play in being God's hands to those we see each week.

Join us Sunday mornings at 11:00, Tuesday mornings at 9:30  
or Thursday afternoons at 1:30 for our sorting parties.

Check out The Clothes Closet face book page for updates on events and needs. There is also a group for volunteers, including an online sign up sheet. Ask Brenda to add you anytime!

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