



February 2021/March 2021

First Presbyterian Church the LANTERN

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Discernment Booklets have been mailed

Hopefully your family has received its Discernment Booklet in the mail by now. If not, please contact the church office to have one sent out right away. We hope everyone in our church family will take part in this exercise of prayerful listening so our soon to be selected Pastor Nominating Committee has some guidance on where to start looking for our next pastor.

We will begin this period of discernment Sunday, February 14. Your work begins on February 15 and continues through February 28 as you read and meditate on the scriptures and jot down your thoughts and questions. Please summarize your thoughts and ideas on the last page of the booklet so you will be ready to discuss them.

Sunday, February 28 immediately following worship there will be Zoom meeting. This is for our official members as well as our friends who are also part of our church family. We will meet together, then break off into smaller groups to discuss the information gathered.

It is very important for us to hear from all of you, young or not as young, member or friend, married or single, engaged in our church affairs or just watching where we are headed. **Every voice is important.**

If you are not able to join us by Zoom, we would be happy to receive your summary sheet by email, postal service, over the phone, or drop it off at the church. If not meeting online please have your information to the church by Monday, March 1.



Thank you to those who are making sure our services happen each week.

Please join us for worship each Sunday morning as our service is livestreamed on the church Facebook page, or you can call in. If you need the phone number for joining the service please request an email, or contact the church office.

	<u>Pulpit Supply</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Music</u>
Feb 21	RIM Massey	Scott Thatcher	Victor, Adriana, Lucia
Feb 28	RIM Massey	Esme AuBuchon	Brenda Martin
March 7 *communion	Dale Stone	Lisa Ahrens	
March 14	RIM Massey	Marshall kids	
March 21	Charles Gran	Christine Gran	

Presbyterian Women will meet March 31st at 7 pm at the home of Margaret Ferrell. Creation Laments is this month's focus. The main idea: Creation itself laments.

Peace and Justice Calendar for March:

Women's History Month 5--World Day of Prayer

7--Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday 7-13--PW Together in Action for Women's Empowerment

8--International Women's Day 14--Self-Development of People Sunday

15-26--UN Commission on the Status of Women 21--Justice Advocacy Sunday

22--World Water Day 29-Apr. 7--Ten Days of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Roma



World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

- It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.
- It is symbolized by an annual day of celebration observed on the first Friday in March to which all people are welcome.
- It brings women of different races, cultures and traditions together in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.
- Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world.

The motto of World Day of Prayer is *"informed Prayer and Prayerful Action."*



Our church usually comes together to raise money or donate food for Super Bowl

Sunday. This year, we have dropped the ball, so to speak. Even though it's late, we once again have an opportunity to help families in Venezuela. Because of shipping issues, ***we won't collect any goods; instead, we will be donating money.*** Adriana and Becky will spend the money online to buy items and pay the shipping costs.

If you would like to donate to this project, you may send a check to the church with "Venezuela" in the memo, or give online and write "Venezuela" in the comment section. We would like to have the donations collected by Sunday, February 21st.

Thank you,
The Marquez-Ovalle family and session

February Birthdays

Jay Bulen—2/1
Heidi Michael—2/2
Sarah Berke—2/3
Christine Gran—2/12
Robert Sprehe—2/19

March Birthdays

Rebecca Shirk—3/4
Elliott Jennings—3/10
Mary Giovannini—3/12
Christopher Marshall—3/13
Murilyn Koutstaal—3/16
Grace Achimbi—3/21
Barbara Stone—3/23
Ellie Dublin—3/25
Beth Shirk—3/30

February Anniversaries

Robert & Diane Baer—2/10
Mike & Lisa Ahrens—2/15

March Anniversaries

Brent & Ginger Nölker—3/6
Paul & Michele Yoder—3/27
Eddie & Mary Hodges—3/31

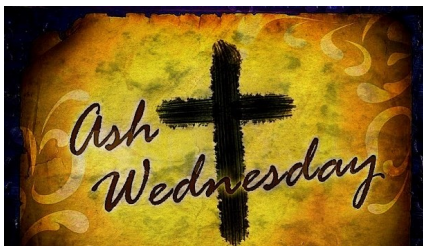


Ash Wednesday Meditation

Wednesday, February 17, the church sanctuary will be open from 4:00-6:00 pm for a time of mediation and prayer.

Ashes and written meditations will be available for use as we begin our Lenten journey.

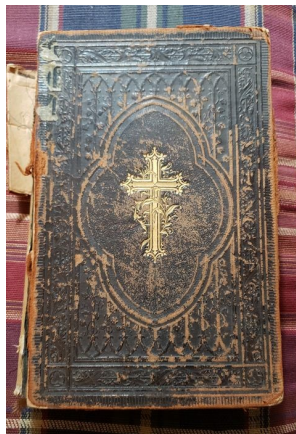
Please enter through the west door, wear a mask and practice social distancing while in the building.



History shows up on our Facebook page

Recently the church received a message on our Facebook page from a gentleman in Michigan and with his permission I would like to share this bit of church history with you. The story begins with finding one of our church bulletins from 1915.

"I apologize about the lengthy message I'm about to send, but this is the story about how my father, who lives in Wisconsin, came into possession of this German Bible dated 1901. My father came into possession of this Bible, I'm guessing 40+/- years ago. He had a friend who had a box of books that were old that he was just going to throw away. My dad didn't want that to happen so he grabbed them and took them home. I believe nearly all were written in different languages, German and Swedish mostly. Not knowing either language, they sat down in the basement all this time. My dad has been going through the house, getting rid of things he didn't need, and had these books sitting in the box. Since I was visiting, I thought I would grab a book out at random and just try to figure out what he had. First I grabbed one of the Swedish books, and I believe it was an old devotional book. Long story there, but my 13 year old boy is really interested in things like different languages and cultures, and he's the one who determined it was Swedish, based on the alphabet. So we did some more digging trying to figure out what each book was, when towards the bottom of the box we came across the Bible. I felt it was pretty obvious that it was a Bible just based on size and shape, plus the cross on the cover is a give away. So we opened it up and saw that this one was in German and came across the bulletin inside of it. We paged through it and came to the names at the back. My dad suggested it would be neat to find



the family of who this one belonged to and return it. That is when we went back to the bulletin and I thought I would search out and see if your church was on Facebook. This is what really amazed me. On the bulletin, it says the church was at the corner of High St and McPherson. Upon finding your page, I noticed that your address was High St and my dad and I both were excited that after all these years, the church is still there. That is when I reached out to you." Andrew

I researched the dates and family names Andrew sent and discovered this family was once well established here. The father was a language teacher at what is now Truman State. Several of his descendants were baptized in our church. With the help of a friend I actually located family still living in the area. However, that is where the story stops for now. I am praying Andrew, his father and his son were able to contact the family and will let us know the Bible has found its way home.

Next meeting February 14



What are NAMI Connection Recovery Support Groups?

They are free, confidential and safe support groups for individuals living with mental health concerns. Groups are made up of peers that offer support through their learned wisdom. Group members are no longer alone and have a renewed sense of hope.

What are the goals of a NAMI Connection support group?

- To encourage, support and empower individuals living with mental illness and other mental health concerns
- To provide support groups that are led by trained facilitators living in recovery themselves
- To offer these free support groups in a safe, confidential environment

Kirkville NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group

2nd and 4th Sundays

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

To Join Email sberke@truman.edu

Or Phone (203) 687-5210 for more info

About NAMI Missouri

NAMI Missouri is the statewide organization for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for those affected by mental health challenges and their families. NAMI Missouri advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness, fighting stigma, educating to promote mental health and building communities of hope throughout Missouri.

Visit us online at namimissouri.org to learn more about other NAMI Missouri programs.



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Sunday Worship 9:30 am	Sunday School 11:00 am
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark your calendar!
Take Away Church Supper
March 17
Time to be determined
Watch for opportunities to
volunteer.



Check out The Clothes Closet face book page for more pictures, updates on events and needs. www.facebook.com/theclothescloset.kirksville

Do enjoy working with technology?

We are looking for someone to help livestream our worship services.

Contact the church office if you can help.

Have you exercised you voice lately?

Please let Elaine AuBuchon or Jeanne North know if you are willing to be the liturgist for an upcoming worship service. We also need volunteers to provide music each Sunday.

Are you needing a chance to visit?

Contact a Deacon and volunteer to make calls to our church family just to say hi and check in.

Service Opportunities