

First Presbyterian Church  
**the LANTERN**

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## Where do we go from here?

Where is our congregation now compared to where we were three years ago? What are we looking for? Who do we want to grow to be? We all have our own set of questions right now.

Session met with Missouri Union Presbytery and Commission on Ministry (COM) liaisons at our recent meeting to discuss the possibilities. It was recommended that we participate in a short term congregational discernment process. This can be done individually or as a family activity using provided materials. The process will help us pause and listen to God as he leads us forward.

Once results are collected and compiled we will be able to seek out and then elect a PNC at a congregational meeting. While working on a PNC is very time consuming the COM will offer training for PNC members so the search for a new pastor can begin and go as smoothly as possible. If you are interested in learning more about the PNC contact a Session member for a chat.

No timeline for receiving materials has been received yet, but please be watching for a packet of information. Then we ask you to prayerfully work through the process to give us your opinions and thoughts.

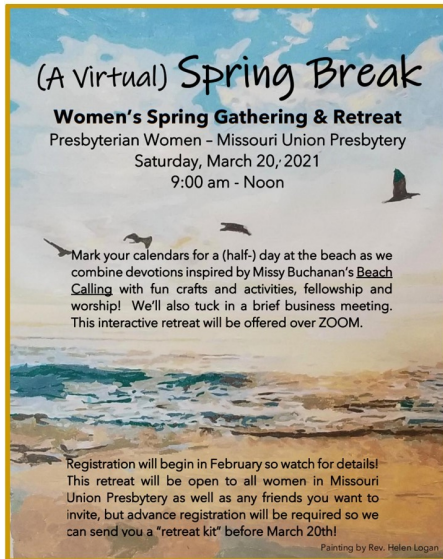
At a time when we are not able to meet together, we need more than ever to hear your voice. Be part of the process. Session members will be available to answer questions once we receive the information to share.



## 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.

Jan 17	Paul Yoder
Jan 24	Dale Stone
Jan 31	Dale Stone
Feb 7 *communion	Dale Stone
Feb 14	Jennifer Finley FUMC



Presbyterian Women will meet at the home of Margaret Ferrell on February 24 at 7 p.m. This month will be Lament Over the City. The main idea: the destruction of the constructed environment is cause for lament.

February Peace and Justice Calendar

African American History Month

National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

1--National Freedom Day

1-7--World Interfaith Harmony Week

7--Souper Bowl of Caring

12--International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers

14--One Billion Rising for Justice

15-21--National Random Acts of Kindness Week

17--Ash Wednesday

17--National Acts of Kindness Day

21--PDA Blue T-Shirt Sunday\



What is PDA Blue T-Shirt Sunday?

The first Sunday in Lent (February 14) is designated by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) as "Wear Your Blue T-Shirt to Church Sunday," a testament to one of the ways One Great Hour of Sharing is making a difference. (<https://pda.pcusa.org/>)



### Juvenile Center Book Drive

In conjunction with Truman's TRU 100: READ service learning class and the Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society, First Presbyterian helped raise a total of \$326 for the Bruce Normile Juvenile Center Book Drive this fall. The books were delivered to the Juvenile Center on Dec. 23. Thanks to all who contributed to this book drive! We hope to make it an annual event.

Do enjoy working with technology?

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

Contact the church office if you can help.



Be sure to join us Sunday, January 24, for our Annual meeting to elect Elders and Deacons. A quorum is needed to make the meeting official. The meeting will be held immediately following worship. Zoom links and phone numbers to join by phone will be provided by email, on Facebook and during worship services.



Congratulations to our newest church members on their confirmation. Daniel Marshall, Thomas Thatcher, Esme AuBuchon and Allie Yoder persevered through COVID-19 and postponed classes to finally complete their work. Be sure to welcome them to the family!



## Christmas Activities

Did you miss the White Gift Service? The kids did a great job and it was a treat to watch. If you would like to see the video it is still available on our church Facebook page. The post is dated December 20. A huge thank you to the adults who spent many hours putting this together.

The Christmas Eve Gingerbread Challenge was held online and the winners were:



First Meeting January 24



### 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

### Kirksville NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

To Join Email [sberke@truman.edu](mailto: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](http://namimissouri.org) to learn more about other NAMI Missouri programs.



While our building may not be echoing with the sounds we remember, there is still activity happening. Thank you to our custodial crew for taking on more tasks than just cleaning. The ladies have taken on trimming shrubs, vacuuming the organ screen in the sanctuary and now they have tackled a much needed facelift for the north bathroom.



Thank you to everyone who contributed their musical talent and read for the Advent readings. Also, a special thank you to Jocelyn Prendergast for organizing music and recording those who volunteered to help make our Christmas season special.

Music continues to be an important part of our worship and we look forward to hearing from everyone again soon!

Don't have internet or can't navigate Zoom or Facebook?  
Did you know you can call on your phone to join Zoom meetings and our worship services?  
You can contact the church office with any questions.



## Online assistance is available

Do you have questions about connecting to our online worship, meetings and social gatherings? If so, Scott Thatcher has offered a helping hand. He can offer technical support, advice, help purchase equipment to participate, and has one serviceable laptop with a webcam if it's needed. Let us know what you need to stay connected to your church family.

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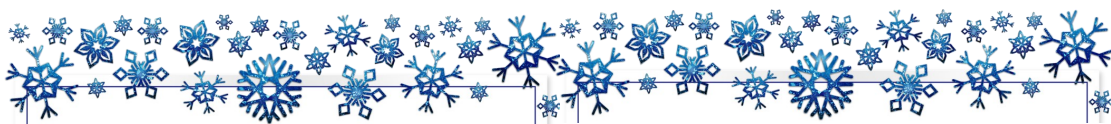
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Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Sunday School 11:00 am

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## Clothes Closet

A big thank you to Re/Max Realtors for their donation of coats and to Ron and Deb Fischer at Community Mission for hosting our Take One-Leave One coat rack following the closing of Take Root Café. If someone you know needs a coat, hat or scarf be sure to stop and check out the rack at its new location.



We are not taking general donations of clothing, but we can use donations of coats/hoodies for the coat rack. Coats may be dropped off at the First United Methodist Church from 8-12 noon each morning.

If you know anyone in need of winter clothing, please be sure to contact either the First Presbyterian or the First United Methodist Church office and we can arrange to shop for them.

Check out The Clothes Closet face book page for more pictures, updates on events and needs. [www.facebook.com/theclothescloset.kirkville](https://www.facebook.com/theclothescloset.kirkville)



2021 Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th is quickly approaching and time for you and your church family to be collecting soup for the 2021 Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit the Pantry for Adair County.

The traveling trophy is ready to hit the road running to a new home. First Presbyterian won the honor in 2019, First United Methodist won the honor in 2020 and has had the trophy in-house at 300 East Washington Street.

**START COLLECTING SOUP NOW !!** When you deliver the soup to the Pantry be sure to tell the volunteer who helps you, who the soup is from and on February 9th, the new winner will be announced and the traveling trophy will be delivered.

