



First Presbyterian Church  
**the LENTERN**

Brenda: [brendak75@hotmail.com](mailto:brendak75@hotmail.com)  
Margaret: [mferrell1950@yahoo.com](mailto:mferrell1950@yahoo.com)

## Let's Connect This Summer!

Fellowship is one of the primary purposes of the church, and we've been staying connected as best we can during a pandemic. It's been a challenge for all of us, so we're continuing to work on new ways to connect with one another. We want everyone to feel supported by our church community!

Here are **five ways we can connect beginning in May:**

### Livestreamed Sunday Morning Services

This will continue to be our primary way of gathering on Sunday mornings; it's the safest option, and protecting all of our members is our priority! **Tune in on Facebook at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings** on the First Presbyterian Facebook page, every Sunday except the fourth Sunday of the month (which will be outdoors; see number 2 below!). The comments section is always active throughout the service, which helps us maintain connections with one another even when we can't physically be together. And our new technology committee is working to make our livestream experience even better!

### Outdoor Sunday Morning Services

Our services on the **fourth Sunday of each month** will be held outdoors! We'll meet at Rotary Park; the service will be held in the amphitheater to give us some shade and protection for sound equipment. *We will continue to mask and distance at these services, regardless of the county mask mandate expiring.* Children can play at the playground during service as well! May 23rd, June 27th, and July 25th will be outdoors at Rotary Park. Our outdoor service in August will actually be the 5th Sunday (August 29th) at the Point at Thousand Hills, for our annual lakeside service.

### Limited In-Person Seating in the Sanctuary

For those who are unable to participate in the livestream during our online services, we are making limited in-person seating available as safely as possible. It will not

*(Continued on page 2)*

## Oh no! We are in need of volunteers!

In order to make our worship service more comfortable for our guest speakers and more meaningful for our congregation, we need volunteers for liturgists and music. Please contact Elaine AuBuchon for instructions to be a liturgist or provide music. Vocal music will continue to be recorded before the service.

	<u>Pulpit Supply</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Music</u>
April 18	RIM Massey	Help!	Help!
April 25			
May 2	Jennifer Finley		
May 9	RIM Massey		
May 16			

(continued from page 1)

look or feel like pre-pandemic “normal”, but hopefully will meet the needs of those for whom online services are not practicable. The first Sunday in which limited in-person seating will be available is **May 2nd**.

**For the safety of all attendees, the following measures have been adopted** for in-person attendance in the sanctuary:



*Masks are required* upon entering the building and at all times while within the building, for everyone ages and up. This applies regardless of the county mask mandate expiring.

Anyone wishing to attend in-person on a given Sunday must *pre-register for the service that Sunday*. This may be done by calling Becky at the church office or by using the Google form on the church website.

Every other pew has been roped off. Open pews may be occupied by either one family of 3+ people or by two families of 1-2 people each, on opposite ends of the pew. A *seating chart will be drawn up* based on pre-registration, and greeters will show attendees to their seats.

Attendees may enter the church up to 15 minutes prior to service beginning, and are expected to *exit the building as soon as the service concludes*.

*We recommend that anyone considering in-person attendance be fully vaccinated.*

**If you attend in person, the procedure will be as follows:**

Enter via the *west door*. No greeter will be inside these doors. Proceed upstairs to the sanctuary.

A *greeter will show you to your assigned seat*, where there will be a bulletin for the service.

*All attendees will remain in their seats, with masks on at all times*, for the duration of the service. There will be no Passing of the Peace or other greeting time.

Attendees will be *dismissed by row* at the conclusion of the service, and are expected to exit the building immediately. The pastor or speaker that day will not be at the back greeting attendees.

If you choose to visit with other attendees *outside the building* after service, *please continue masking and distancing*.

**4) Outdoor Movie Nights!**

<p>The <b>first Saturday of the month</b> will be church-wide movie nights! Everyone is invited; while the movies will be child friendly, this is <b>not just for kids!</b> We will project movies on the side</p>	<p>of Westminster House, and everyone can <i>bring their own blankets or chairs and snacks and drinks</i>. We'll all make sure our blankets/chairs are 6 feet from other families,</p>	<p>and <i>mask when not eating or drinking</i> (and eating and drinking only on your blanket/chair). Movie nights will be Saturday, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, and August 7th.</p>
--	--	--

**5) Book Club**

The **second week of the month** is for adult book club! We'll choose a different book to read each month, and then *meet once a month* to discuss it. Our first meeting will be via **Zoom on Sunday, May 9th at 1:00 p.m.** During this meeting we'll decide on a recurring meeting time, day of the week, and location (Zoom or somewhere outdoors) that will work for those who are interested. Because it will be a different book each month, and we're just meeting monthly, you can choose to attend all book club meetings or just a few; whatever works with your schedule.



Congratulations Nina Thomas on your baptism and church membership on Easter Sunday!

Presbyterian Women will meet April 28 at 7:00 pm at the home of Margaret Ferrell.

The main idea of this lesson is God laments.

### April Peace and Justice Calendar

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

17 - International Day of Farmers' Struggles

18-21 - Ecumenical Advocacy Days

22 - Earth Day

24 - Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

28 - Denim Day



Operation JOY will begin meeting in person, starting May 5. The church van will pick up from the Primary and Ray Miller. Any parent currently homeschooling can drop off their child, or request the van come to their house.



All activities will be held outdoors (weather permitting) with masks and social distancing.

PYF will also resume in May, day and times to be determined.

—Michele Yoder

Our Pastor Nominating Committee will begin once the Presbytery office gets them off and running! Be sure to thank our committee members for taking on this task:

Michele Yoder, Matt Matheney, John Montgomery, Jaquelyn Settlege, Nina Thomas, Alex Sandefur, Charles Gran, Krissy Giovannini and Mary Giovannini

### April Birthdays

Evan AuBuchon—4/2

Eddie Hodges—4/7

Sue Bryant—4/9

Katherine Marshall—4/11

Nina Thomas—4/16

Sarah Mohler—4/16

Allie Yoder—4/18

Tim AuBuchon—4/19

Susan Dublin—4/21

Bonnie Collier—4/22

Byron Berke—4/25

Mark VanDolah—4/26

Jesse Krebs—4/27

Aidan Prendergast—4/30

### May Birthdays

Melina Matheney—5/6

Matt Matheney—5/7

Lucia Barrios—5/8

Mary Novinger—5/11

Brenda Matheney—5/12

Eric AuBuchon—5/14

Margaret Ferrell—5/14

Colleen Allen—5/15

Samuel Thatcher—5/16

Jeanne North—5/16

David Bulen—5/27

### May Anniversaries

Matt & Brenda Matheney—5/30

### Question 1: God's Hope for Our Church

Total Hospitality All groups welcome. 27

Christlike Action 29

Education Children and Youth 21

Education College 3

Education Adult 7

Music 20

Local Community Outreach 21

Pastoral Relations 25

### Question 2: A Pastor to Realize God's Hope for Our Church

A pastor with experience in pastoral care of children and youth. 3

A pastor with experience in pastoral care of elderly. 3

A pastor that does Pastoral Care well. 25

Awareness of congregational needs. 11

Committed to and skilled in fostering church growth. 16

Engaged in learning about and practicing social justice. 15

Committed to outreach and mission in the community. 19

Adept at balancing outreach commitments with job and home life. 2

Affinity for Small Town Life 29

Empathetic and active listener. 15

Conflict mediator: engaged in active peacemaking. 6

Diplomatic. 3

Good at relating to children and teens. 9

Outgoing personality to all ages. 15

Good communication skills. 12

Loves God passionately. 11

Full of grace for their ministry. 14

Dynamic speaker. 12

A pastor that leaves politics out of the sermons. 8

Educator for congregation & local community. 9

Demonstration of effective leadership and mentoring. 18

Respect for and understanding of church traditions 7

A Pastor that will get to know us, and not try to change us right away. 10

Open to any level of pastoral experience (0 years experience). 10

Seasoned pastor (more than 5 years experience). 10

A pastor used to and likes smaller towns, and the Midwest. 6

### Discernment Survey Results



# the LANTERN

First Presbyterian Church

Primary Business  
Address  
Address Line 2

Email articles: [brendak75@hotmail.com](mailto:brendak75@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.presbykv.org](http://www.presbykv.org)  
[www.facebook.com/firstpresbykirksville](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresbykirksville)

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## Do you enjoy working with technology?

A new Technology Committee is being formed to help organize our electronic presence online. Are you interested in helping evaluate and operate equipment? Maybe you are creative and would enjoy maintaining our website. As online worship services continue more help is needed to keep our volunteers from becoming overwhelmed. Contact Sami Shirk if you are willing to be part of this new group.



Saturday, April 24 and Saturday, May 1 the Clothes Closet is planning outside events.

Set up at 9:30am, distribution from 10am-12 noon and take down right after noon. The Event will be cancelled by 8:30 am if the

weather is bad. Volunteers are required to be masked.

Because we have not been receiving our usual community donations for the past year our selection of children's clothing is limited. We are now accepting clothing donations from our church families.

Clothing may be dropped off at First UMC between 8-12 Monday-Friday, or in the bin next to the office at First Presbyterian on weekday mornings. We are specifically needing children's spring/summer items and jeans.

## Take Away Supper

The next meal is coming up Tuesday, April 20, and there are openings for volunteers.

We could use two people to work in the kitchen Sunday, April 18 from 1:00 to 3:30 to prepare the meals we want to deliver to church members. We will be cooking roast beef, mashed potatoes and a vegetable, plus rolls and cookies. We have drivers lined up already.

On Monday, April 19, we could use 1 to 2 volunteers to come in the morning from 9 to 12 to help prep the Tuesday meal.

Tuesday, we will need people in the afternoon. Some Truman students are expected to come and also one volunteer who is planning to show up then.

If any of these times, duties or possibilities interest you, please let me know.

Peace,

Jeanne North

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