

# First Presbyterian Church the LANTERN

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## It was a day of celebrations



Senior Recognition  
High School – Evan AuBuchon, Christopher Marshall, Nina Thomas,  
Hattie Berke, and Samantha Gran  
College – Elisabeth Shirk  
Service of Baptism, Confirmation, and Membership  
Opening Words  
Introductions for Baptism, Confirmation, & Membership  
Isaac Murphy, Kaden Ndzana, Jason Gran, Aidan Prendergast,  
Eric Aubuchon, Samuel Thatcher, Kate Marshall



## Check out our upcoming speakers

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.

Date	Speaker	Liturgist
May 30	Sarah Berke	Jeanne North
June 6	Julie Lochbaum	Linda Hudnall
June 13	RIM Massey	
June 20	Dale Stone	
June 27 Outside	Chad Mohler	

## Let's Connect This Summer!

### ◆ 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.

### ◆ Outdoor Sunday Morning Services

Our services on the **fourth Sunday of each month** will be held outdoors! We'll meet at Rotary Park at 9:30 am; 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.* 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

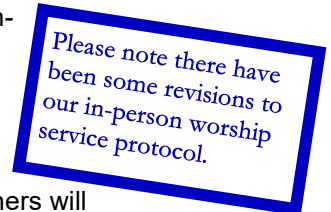
For those who are unable to participate in the livestream during our online services, we are making limited in-person seating available to meet the needs of those for whom online services are not practicable.

**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. This applies regardless of the county mask mandate expiring.



The session voted to alter the in person worship service. We will continue to wear masks and social distance, but we will not be required to sign up before or have a seating chart. We will sing the hymns and take the offering. Plates will not be passed, but ushers will carry the plates down the center and side aisles. 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.

*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. 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.*

### ◆ Outdoor Movie Nights!

Our first movie night was a success, although small due to the wet, chilly weather. Thanks to Sami and Scott, the equipment worked perfectly! Our next movie will be *The Emperor's New Groove* on June 5th, 2021 at 7:00. The **first Saturday of the month** will be church-wide movie nights! Everyone is invited; while the movies will be child friendly, this is **not just for kids!** We will project movies on the side of Westminster House, and everyone can *bring their own blankets or chairs and snacks and drinks*. We'll all make sure our blankets/chairs are 6 feet from other families, and *mask when not eating or drinking* (and eating and drinking only on your blanket/chair). Movie nights will be Saturday, June 5th, July 3rd, and August 7th.

### ◆ 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 book club had its first meeting mid-May. Thank you Sarah Berke for getting the ball rolling on this.

The club chose to read *The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It* by Peter Enns. We will meet to discuss the book at the church fellowship hall on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

If you would like to participate, but would prefer to Zoom in, please contact Sarah Berke at [sberke@truman.edu](mailto:sberke@truman.edu) to arrange the Zoom meeting.

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.



God Laments is the main idea for the May meeting of Presbyterian Women which will meet at the home of Margaret Ferrell on May 26 at 7 pm. Presbyterian Women will not meet in June.

#### May Peace and Justice Calendar

22--International Day for Biological Diversity

23--Pentecost

30--Mission Worker Sunday

31--Memorial Day

June 4--National Gun Violence Awareness Day

June 19--Juneteenth



Operation JOY will continue meeting in person on Wednesday evenings from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. All activities will be held outdoors (weather permitting) with masks and social distancing.



High School and Middle School PYF will also meet during the summer, the day and times are still to be determined.

Sunday School is still on hold, but plans are in progress for Vacation Bible School.

—Michele Yoder

The PNC will be meeting with Presbytery representatives the end of May to learn how to begin their search for our next pastor. Please be in prayer for this group as they begin their work.

#### May Birthdays

David Bulen—5/27

#### May Anniversaries

Matt & Brenda Matheny—5/30

#### June Birthdays

Janie Picht—6/3

Lanier White—6/3

John Montgomery—6/5

Dominic Nolker—6/6

Alex Sandefur—6/7

Mary Hodges—6/11

Russell Shirk—6/13

Gabriel Nolker—6/13

Kaitlin Prendergast—6/15

Mark Easley—6/21

Charles Gerdes—6/25

Charles Gran—6/29

Eliana Nolker—6/29

Esme AuBuchon—6/30

#### June Anniversaries

Bryan & Bonnie Collier—6/6

Scott & Carol Thatcher—6/14

Chad & Sarah Mohler—6/19

Curran & Jocelyn Prendergast—6/24

Jesse & Kate Krebs—6/25

Burt & Janie Picht—6/25

### **We are looking for one/two Clothes Closet Coordinator(s)**

Lead coordinator(s) oversees the ministry together with the coordinator from First United Methodist Church. Hours needed vary according to demand, but a broad range would be 5-10 hours a week.

Carol Lockhart is currently the FUMC coordinator and contacts volunteers from FUMC. Brenda Martin tends the Facebook page, but the coordinator will also be added as an administrator to post emergency needs, cancellations, etc.

#### **Responsibilities include, but are not necessarily all inclusive:**

Overseeing volunteers stocking during the week

Assuring there is a lead volunteer during open hours to assist other volunteers

Emergency contact for family emergency assistance or police/fire emergencies

Do building checks weekly for: locked doors, leaks, air/heating, lighting, cleaning, donations left outside (all building requests are turned into FUMC)

Checking in with both church offices concerning help requests and donations left at the churches

Search out, complete and follow up on grants to help with the monthly cost share due to FUMC (CAP NEMO has awarded us funds in the past and they require statistics to complete the application)

Place Bombas sock order annually (statistics are sometimes required, all orders and communications are done by email) and secure the order once delivered.

Search out community events to attend or assist, such as Community Connect in the fall, Kiwanis Halloween costumes in October

Connect with other community agencies: Community Mission, Department of Family Services, Headstart, etc.

Keep statistics from all events and open days: dates, number of families and number of individuals in the families

Coordinating college group volunteers (2-3 groups might contact us for hours)

#### **Final decision maker for:**

Accepting donations, how and where to collect items and making appeals for items we need

Arranging in-house events (swimwear, Christmas, holidays, etc.)

Community events and volunteers to cover such events

Hours and days open, calling volunteers for closure during bad weather, lack of volunteers, etc.

Bombas sock distributions (must monitor as people tend to forget to share)

Disposing of donations that are not usable

Limits for customers

(many of these items can be delegated to additional volunteers)



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

The technology committee is still working to make the livestream more audible and clear. The team will be checking our equipment to determine what we will need to improve our online experience.

You may make a donation for the Pentecost Offering through June 13. Please note "Pentecost" on your check or online donation,



The Clothes Closet will re-open on Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00 and possibly on Tuesday later in June. Masks are required for everyone in the building. The number of people in the building will be limited as well as the length of time allowed for shopping. If you are interested in helping please contact Lisa Ahrens.

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.



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)