

# *the* LANTERN First Presbyterian Church

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*Please stay tuned for a letter from our Pastor in the next issue of the FPC Lantern!*



***Now it is time to enjoy God's many gifts!***

Soak up the sunshine which gives us long days to enjoy the beautiful world and people around us during the beautiful month of June! Our gardens begin to give us delicious vegetables and juicy red strawberries are ready for picking! Wildflowers begin to pop on the roadsides, frogs begin to sing, and fireflies twinkle in the evening. Kids are home from school and playing with friends at the pool or lake and we begin to travel and visit new and old places! There are so many books to be read and trails to explore. Every day, there is much to be thankful for in the early days of summer in North East Missouri. Thank You God for all You give us.

***James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."***



**Presbyterian Women will meet June 28 at 2 p.m. at the home of Jan Hartje.** Our lesson is What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This? The main idea: the final lesson summarizes what the grandmothers of our faith have taught us and imagines what they may have taught Jesus. Through the stories of of outsiders and marginalized people we see the kingdom of God, in which the last are made first.

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Peace and Justice Calendar  
June 3--National Gun Violence Awareness Day  
June 5--Pentecost  
June 19--Juneteenth  
June 19--Father's Day; Men of the Church Sunday  
June 20--World Refugee Day  
June 26--PC(USA) World AIDS Sunday



The Board of Directors of Take Root were pleased with the turnout for our Gathering and most heartened by the favorable response from the people who came. There was a slide presentation prepared showing glimpses of the past, some of the events that Take Root did and a clear commentary of the difficulties that were part of the pandemic these past few years. Additionally, we discussed what we foresaw for the future. Take Root has plans to eventually start another café, and resume offering the community dinners that were enjoyed by many. Our efforts are continuing with our plan to rebuild our outreach to the Kirksville community and become an active part of sharing out mission for the future. We will continue to report our progress and thank all who came and showed their desire to help us take root again.



**June and July Birthdays and Anniversaries!**

**June Birthdays**

John Montgomery—6/5  
 Dominic Nolker—6/6  
 Alex Sandefur—6/7  
 Mary Hodges—6/11  
 Russell Shirk—6/13  
 Gabriel Nolker—6/13  
 Katelyn 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 and Bonnie Collier—6/6  
 Scott and Carol Thatcher—6/14  
 Chad & Sarah Mohler—6/19  
 Curran & Jocelyn Prendergast—6/24  
 Jesse & Kate Krebs—6/25

**July Birthdays**

John Giovannini—7/3  
 Hunter Giovannini—7/3  
 Julie Lochbaum—7/4  
 Andrew Giovannini—7/9  
 Brent Nolker—7/15

Scott Thatcher—7/17  
 Greg Marshall—7/19  
 Mike Ahrens—7/20  
 Mark Novinger—7/22  
 David Murphy—7/23  
 Ginger Nolker—7/29

**July Anniversaries**

Kate and Alex Sandefur- July 2  
 Tim and Elaine Aubuchon- July 5  
 Joel and Wanda Cagle- July 14



## Youth Ministry

The PYF had a fun lock in last month! Here are some photos from their night!!!



Stay tuned for information on VBS this summer!



#### Deacon News:

Friends of First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Time following worship has returned to First Presbyterian Church and everyone is invited to enjoy this time together. The following groups are asked to sign up to provide snacks and clean-up once a month, but you don't have to belong to a group to provide a snack or help clean up! Sign-up sheets will be available in the fellowship hall.

First Sunday: "First Feast" Potluck  
 ----Senior High and Middle School Youth  
 Second Sunday  
 -----Deacons  
 Third Sunday  
 -----Choir  
 Fourth Sunday  
 -----Session  
 Fifth Sunday  
 -----Book Club

#### Local Non Profit Spotlight:



Field of Dreams (a local animal rescue) has rescued some kittens from a hoarding situation and several of them need medical care (surgery) and food! If you would like to drop off bags of kitten food, they would sure appreciate it! Donations of any kind can be dropped off at Lindquist Veterinary Clinic -1203 N Baltimore, Kirksville. Or at Timberline Pet Ranch - 24252 Hwy 11, Kirksville. Monetary donations can be made through a donation button on our page, snail mail at P.O.Box 206, Kirksville MO 63501. Our Venmo is @fieldofdreams-rescue. (And you can say hi to Nina Thomas, a Church member who works there as a receptionist!)