

the LANTERN

First Presbyterian Church

July/August 2022



Exodus 20: 8-11 tells us, "Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it."

As Christians, our tradition is to remember the sabbath day on the "8th day" of the week also known as "Sunday". The reason we do this is to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ who rose on a Sunday. Each Sunday worship service is intended to be a little Easter celebration. But how do we keep the sabbath "holy"? I believe a clue to this is found in the meaning of the Hebrew word for sabbath "shabbat". It means to stop, or to rest. That can be hard to do these days with our busy and hectic schedules. God knew that rest is what we sometimes need and so God chose to make remembering the sabbath his 4th commandment. He allowed us 6 days to labor, but on the seventh we are to stop and rest.

Sometimes though, going to church doesn't feel like rest. It can feel like work! Getting the kids (and ourselves) clean, dressed, fed, and loaded into a car can be harder some days than others. The intention though is not for church to be work, but to be a place where we rest and hear God's word. There is a rhythm to worship that I think is sometimes lost in the business of preparing to worship or to simply get to the church.

The rhythm though is to gather to worship, listen to God's Word, respond to the Word in faith, and to be sent out to serve. Without gathering, it wouldn't be much of a celebration! Coming together in community to worship is intended to be the joy of the family of Christ. As we rest, we receive the word through the reading of Scripture and the message. Having received God's Word, we are then given the opportunity in the service to respond to what God has spoken to us that day. Lastly, we are sent out into the world to live out the joy and hope that is ours through Christ. By feasting, resting, and listening to God's word; we turn from our own desires and turn toward God to remember that God is in control. Our work can wait a day. Our rest is important to our spiritual, physical, and mental health. I hope to see you for our sabbath celebration soon!

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.



DORIS PICKENS BOHON (1923-2019) MEMORIAL

The Doris Marguerite Bohon Memorial was dedicated on June 19, 2022, during church Sunday morning worship Service. The daughter of Isaac and Gertie Pickens, Doris was born February 1, 1923, and passed away on March 1 2019. She graduated from Green City Schools and Kirksville State Teachers College (now Truman State University) in 1943. In 1944 she was united in marriage to Stanley Bohon and they were the parents of three children: Rick Bohon (Betty) of Columbia, MO; Connie Bohon of Washington D.C.; Libby (Don) Riley of Kirksville. Their 74 years of love and devotion was an inspiration to all. She was a 70 year member of First Presbyterian Church serving as both deacon and elder and on many church committees. She was also active in educational and community activities. She is survived by her husband and three children, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

The two beautiful ornate lanterns at the west, front door entrance of our church building have not been working for many years. The southern lantern was extremely damaged, rusted and in danger of falling off the building as well as missing its electrical wiring. It was hoped to restore the lanterns to their original beauty as in the original Irwin Dunbar 1922 brick Tudor Revival Style architecture. The memorial committee began its work and Beards Decorating Center was hired to renovate the beautiful 100 year old lanterns. This would include sand blasting, welding, painting, new globes and remote battery operated lights for evening illumination. Due to this generous Bohon memorial, these two historical lanterns now hang in restored beauty to compliment our church west entrance for another 100 years.

We honor the memory of Doris Bohon and accept this gift to the church as a sacred trust and will treasure it with reverence and gratitude. We thank our Lord for all the beautiful and good in her life and for the example of her faith and hope for our church.

Notes from Session

In this issue, we start a new feature that we hope will be present each month, letting the congregation know what's been happening in Session. If you ever have more questions about what's going on behind the scenes, feel free to talk to any session member: Scott Thatcher, Brenda Martin, Jeanne North, Samantha Shirk, Ginger Nolker, Greg Marshall, Kate Sandefur, or Krissy Giovannini.

- The Deacons have been discussing a **set of fun events for the church** in the coming months--stay tuned!
- Pastor Josh will be taking his **continuing education time** during the weeks from August 29 to September 11 this year, planning to do advance planning for the next year and studying Hebrew.
- A building use request was approved for the **Prairie Song Academy**, led by Ginger Nolker and Kate Sandefur, to use the church building during the 2022/23 school year.
- Plans were made for the Session to become more active in helping to review the Christian Education curriculum.
- The church is working to modernize its **accounting and record keeping**. While this may not be immediately visible to the congregation, we hope that improved information flow will mean better communication with members and a better ability to plan financially.
- Session is finalizing membership on a **Westminster House task force**, whose purpose is to examine all options for the future of the Westminster House property and delivering recommendations to Session. If you have an interest in serving, please contact a Session member. Session will formally appoint the committee at the August meeting, with concern given to creating a committee of workable size that is broadly representative of the congregation.
- Session wants your **feedback on ways to make the church more welcoming** to all members! We are also specifically considering changes to the **worship time**. There are many ways to give feedback. You'll find a paper insert in the bulletin, and we'll be hosting a "chat with an Elder" table at Fellowship time for the remaining Sundays in July and August. Then, on September 18, we will host a "town hall" style meeting to talk about all these ideas.



Presbyterian Women will not meet in July.

Justice and Peace Calendar for July

3--Immigration Sunday

4--Independence Day

Justice and Peace Calendar for August

6--Hiroshima Day

9--International Day of the World's Indigenous People

14--Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula

19--World Humanitarian Day

21--Public Education Sunday



The Clothes Closet will be attending the NEMO AHEC annual Back to School Fair on Thursday, August 4. They anticipate serving 500 students from Kirksville this year. While the Clothes Closet has an abundance of adult sized socks, we are looking for donations of new socks for preschool through lower elementary children. Monetary donations are welcome and can be dropped in the offering plate or given online designated for "Socks". New socks may be dropped off at the church. All donations need to be at the church by Sunday, July 31.



July and August Birthdays and Anniversaries!

July

John Giovannini - 7/3
Alex & Kate Sandefur - 7/2
Hunter Giovannini - 7/3
Tim & Elaine AuBuchon - 7/5
Julie Lochbaum - 7/4
Joel & Wanda Cagle - 7/14
Nicole Summers - 7/8
Andrew Giovannini - 7/9
Stanley Bohon - 7/10
Jay Bulen - 7/12
Jean Crawford - 7/14
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

AUGUST

Paul Yoder - 8/1
Dale & Barbara Stone - 8/6
Lisa Ahrens - 8/3

Mark & Lynn Van Dolah - 8/10
Kaitlyn Summers - 8/5
Jonathan & Nicole Summers - 8/11
Samantha Gran - 8/6
Dustin & Courtney Hamilton - 8/13
John Bryant - 8/9
Charles & Mary Giovannini - 8/17
Mary Elam - 8/20
Charles & Christine Gran - 8/23
Thomas Thatcher - 8/20
Joel Cagle - 8/22
Joshua McKenna - 8/23
Curran Prendergast - 8/23
Bryan Collier - 8/27
Miles Krebs - 8/28

Many apologies for my editing of the birthdays and missing this great guy's Big Day in the last Lantern! You can still send cards, I am sure he would LOVE them! July 10th was Stan Bohon's 100th birthday. If you would like to send him a card it can be mailed to:

**1306 Cherry Ln
Kirksville, MO 63501**

September Birthdays and Anniversaries: (because the next Lantern won't be out til after our September Session meeting) SEPTEMBER

*Linda Hudnall – 9/5 Greg & Nicole Marshall – 9/2
Elaine AuBuchon – 9/5 John & Sue Bryant – 9/5
Betty Matheney – 9/5 Brett & Sarah Berke – 9/16
Brett Berke – 9/6 Russell & Rebecca Shirk – 9/20
Jan Hartje – 9/7 Alex Hall & Heidi Michael – 9/23
Wanda Cagle – 9/9
Isaac Murphy – 9/9
Jacquelyn Settlage – 9/10
Krissy Giovannini – 9/14
Anders Edstrom – 9/15
Maya Krebs – 9/16
Ethan Sandefur – 9/16
Kate Sandefur – 9/19
Burt Picht – 9/24
Wil Dublin – 9/27*



Deacon News:

- **Lost items ALERT!**
Have you seen?
 1. White plastic cover for plate caddy in fellowship hall.
 2. Blue plastic tub with paper products
 - 3. Curriculum and books ordered for last year's Sunday School. Also a DVD, workbooks, etc.
- Deacons have a box of all-occasion cards. Please see Becky or a deacon if you would like to send cards to people. Just fill out, address and leave the with Becky to be mailed.



You have some terrific parents to help guide you through!

If you would like to send Alex and Heidi a card or letter, their new address is:

**13711 Lincoln Street
Oak Park, MI 48237**

**Alex and Heidi's precious baby girl
Penelope!!! Welcome to this
beautiful crazy world, little one!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!!

VBS will be held on July 18-21 from 1:00 to 3:00.

The youth will be learning how to become sowers of peace and love with seeds and soil, as well as becoming stewards of the Earth! The Green VBS Renew is about hope, opportunity and service. Kids will serve their community and learn that being Green can be faithful and fun!



Miss Michelle will happily pick up any children who need rides to VBS in our Church van! Just let her know!

Invite your friends and neighbors!

If you have any baby jars or small tin cans (like tomato paste cans) or toilet paper rolls, or extra seeds, our VBS would love to have them for our activities!

BEACH OTTUMWA!!!!

Join us for some Beach Ottumwa fun this July 29! We will be leaving Church at 11:30!

Please stay tuned for dates for a trip to Scotty's Fun Spot in Quincy, IL later this summer!

