

the LANTERN First Presbyterian Church

September 2022



**Enjoy the changing of the Seasons this month as we say goodbye to Summer
and hello to Autumn.**

Notes from Session

These are the main highlights from August's 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.

- Deacons reported to Session several items: Deacons will begin to work with Josh to create a database for members and visitors. Cards to hand to visitors, or outreach to visitors after the service were also discussed. A class for new members was also discussed.
- Moderator Report: Pastor Josh attended the man hunt at 1000 Hills to help.
- We received a note of thanks from the Adair County Food Pantry.

- Employment contracts for the Christian Educator, Music Director and organist were approved.
- A curriculum was approved for the Christian Education programs. Youth group will join up with the Methodist Youth group this year. TBA for a Youth Lock-in.
- • An inter-generational game night is scheduled for **October 7**.
- • September 4 will be the kick-off for fall Sunday school.
- The motion to create four choir scholarships for this choir season for college singers at \$25 per event (rehearsal/worship), or approximately \$600/mo for 9–10 months, came from Worship and Sacraments, with endorsement from Budget & Finance. This will be revisited after a year.
- • The “Route 66” curriculum will be used for Operation J.O.Y., talking about Bible skills.
- • Children’s and MS/HS curriculum come from the PC(USA) materials.
- House and Grounds are hard at work getting things fixed and checked up on. Among the many items on the list, air conditioning to be looked at, a toilet was fixed, a spreadsheet was discussed to help keep track of things.
- Outreach Report: Brenda has been working with the Clothes Closet. The laundry outreach is picking up steam, and Worship and Sacraments has been asked about doing a quarter-oriented special offering. Jeanne is looking into restarting community meals with Take Root. The committee has been asked to give updates to the congregation during worship services.
- Westminster Task Force News: Westminster House Task Force. Interested congregation members include Linda Hudnall, Mary Giovannini, Joselynn McKenna, Matt Matheney, Greg Marshall, and Scott Thatcher have expressed interest. Scott is willing to coordinate the Task Force. Michele Yoder will also serve,

Clothes Closet

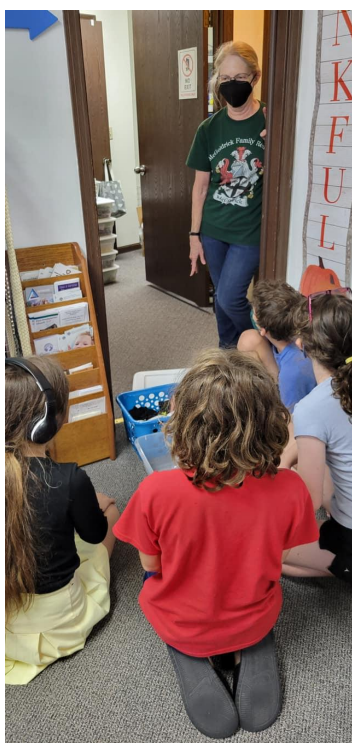
The Clothes Closet received the Community Partnership Fund this quarter. They are using the funds by hosting monthly laundry days, this is for those that don't have a way to wash their clothing. If you like to know more about the partnership fund give CAPNEMO at call at 660-665-9855.

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MORE CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS



Prairie Song Academy, a small equitable and non profit school that meets at First Presbyterian Church a few days a week, had their middle school do two hours of service at the Clothes Closet this month! They helped switch over the summer clothes to fall and learned alot about the amazing things the Clothes Closet does for our community! A big thankyou to both the Clothes Closet and the students for helping get ready for the cooler temps of Autumn!



Birthdays and Anniversaries!

September Birthdays

9/5 Linda Hudnall
9/5 Elaine AuBuchon
9/5 Betty Matheney
9/6 Brett Berke
9/7 Jan Hartje
9/9 Wanda Cagle
9/9 Isaac Murphy
9/10 Jackie Settlege
9/14 Krissy Giovanni
9/16 Maya Krebbs
9/16 Ethan Sandefur
9/19 Kate Sandefur
9/24 Burt Picht
9/27 Will Dublin

October Birthdays

10/2 Hattie Berke
10/3 Audrey Sandefur

(October Birthdays cont)

10/16 Sami Shirk
10/20 Garrett Elam
10/21 Dustin Hamilton
10/24 Jocelyn Prendergast
10/26 Carla Marmolejo
10/29 Nicole Marshall

September Anniversaries

9/2 Greg and Nicole Marshall
9/5 John and Sue Bryant
9/16 Brett and Sarah Berke
9/20 Russell and Rebecca Shirk
9/23 Alex Hall and Heidi Micheal

October Anniversaries

10/24 Todd and Susan Dublin
10/31 Micheal and Jaimee Miller

PYF YOUTH NEWS

Presbyterian Youth sharing their Musical Talents during Worship



Supporting Each other and Cheering Each Other On after a Musical Performance at Maples Theatre!





PYF and First Methodist Church Youth Group joined up for some Ga Ga Ball Fun last Sunday! A great start to a new school year or PYF fun!!





Presbyterian Women begin their year with the Bible study: Celebrating Sabbath. It considers Sabbath as:

- a celebration
- God's intent for all creation
- one day of the week
- a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust God will provide
- a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God.

September (lesson one) Sabbath and Celebration is the key idea. As Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus invites all of us who are weary to celebrate a Sabbath that is more about "yes" than "no."

In October, Sabbath and Creation is the key idea. Sabbath celebration is something that God has built into the structure of creation. Receiving this gift is part of what deepens our friendship with God, others, and the rest of creation.

Peace and Justice Calendar for September

1--World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
4--Season of peace begins
5--Labor Day
8--International Literary Day
15--October 15--Hispanic Heritage Month
21--International Day of Peace
23--Native American Day

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to our mission projects Your support is greatly appreciated!

Peace and Justice Calendar for October

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Fair Trade Month
2--World Communion Sunday
9--Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday
11--International Day of the Girl Child
11--National Coming Out Day
11--National Indigenous Peoples' Day
16--World Food Day
24--United Nations Day

(Prebysterian Women continued)What Our Grandmother's Taught Us was this past year's Bible study. Our fall gathering expanded on the theme with Grandma's Tea Party. What a gift from God that we could meet in person, share knowledge gained, stories, memories, lessons learned and fellowship. And just to catch up with friends from other churches. The pastor at Mexico is our own former member, Susan Presley!



Outreach Committee Minutes from August Meeting

The Outreach Committee met on August 1, 2022.

The committee started with a discussion of the Clothes Closet. Brenda has a problem in finding a crew to be at the Clothes Closet this coming weekend. She has received summer clothing that helps with the shortage of cooler clothing. They have had a donation from Bomba for underwear. They also got more socks. Getting the t shirts and undies was a huge blessing. The Cloths Closet have also been able to provide \$10 rolls of quarters to people who cannot afford to wash their clothing.

Jeanne and Josh talked about starting a non-profit to provide the community with meals.

Members also discussed attending City Council meetings.



Deacon Meeting Highlights

Deacons worked hard on the Outdoor Service at the Point and yummy food. Future Events are

- October 7th. Intergenerational game night

The Deacons and Pastor Josh talked intensively about how to make new members or visitors of the Church feel more welcome! Many great ideas were shared! From welcome cards to mugs, Deacons are working hard on new and fresh ideas making sure everyone is welcomed like how Jesus welcomed us all.

Church Events and Happenings: Sept/October

Sept 12: Budget and Finance Meeting
(5-6 pm)

Sept 13: September Session (7 pm)

Sept 14: Choir Practice (6-7 pm)

Sept 15: Operation JOY

Sept 18: Worship In Person on Online
9:30 am (Fellowship/Sunday School
following service)

Bell Choir Practice (11-12 pm)

Sept 21: Choir Practice (6-7 pm)

Sept 22: Operation JOY

Sept 24: Clothes Closet open (10-12 pm)

Sept 25: Worship in person or Online
9:30 am (Fellowship/Sunday School
following service)

Bell Choir Practice (11-12 pm)

PYF Game Night (6-7 pm)

Sept 27: Clothes Closet open (1-3 pm)

Sept 28 : Choir Practice (6-7 pm)

Sept 29: Operation Joy

October

October 1: Clothes Closet open (10-12
pm)

October 2: Worship in person or Online
(9:30 am) Fellowship and Sunday School
to follow

Bell Choir Practice (11-12 pm)

PYF: Trip to Scotty's (Leave at 12
and return 5ish)

October 3: Christian Education Meeting
(5:30- 6:30 pm)

October 4: Clothes Closet open (1-3 pm)

Deacon's Meeting (6-7 pm)

Outreach Meeting (6:30-7:30 pm)

October 5: Choir Practice (6-7 pm)

October 5: Operation JOY

