

The JUNE Leaven 2023

Dear Friends,

Well, we knew this day would come. I have accepted an invitation to become the Interim Pastor at Parkville Presbyterian Church in Parkville, Missouri. I will begin my work with PPC on August 1st. So, my final Sunday with First Presbyterian Church, Leavenworth will be July 16.

I am so blessed to have been in ministry with you. I am so grateful to God and to you for the last year and a half. I know that God has you in good hands and as you continue to be faithful, God will complete a good work in you.

But I am not gone yet. Join me on Sunday morning, Monday morning, or Tuesday evening in June as we put the “fun” back in funeral and we look at what it means to plan a funeral – and what it means to God.

We will honor graduates this month, hear from the Presbyterian Foundation, celebrate fathers, and folks will spend the night under the stars as we raise awareness for those who are homeless. And on June 11, Freda and I are going to have a “sermon with the organ”. That’s a full June.

And then, we will be blessed on July 16 to have 16 students from Omihachiman, Japan worship with us. This is part of the Leavenworth “sister city” tour – we will have lunch after worship to fellowship with the students, and say our goodbyes too.

I will be wrapping up my preaching with you by spending most of my final Sundays with you exploring Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Take time to read Philippians – it is probably Paul’s most heartfelt letter, and it expresses some of my feelings for you.

Grace and peace – Krista

JUNE POT LUCK DINNER

Our **June Monthly Potluck** will be after worship on **June 11**. Sherri Finke, the regional Ministry Relations Officer from the Presbyterian Foundation, will be our guest. She will update us on the work of the Presbyterian Foundation and talk about planned giving as a way to continue to support our church. Please join us.

Potluck **A-C**-Main Dish **D-M**- Salads, Sides, and/or Bread **N-Z** – Dessert

NEW ADULT CLASS – PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

Join us as we take a funny and serious look at funerals – and you will be invited to think about your own funeral. Classes begin in June and will be offered three different times:

Sundays: June 4, 11, 18, and 25th at 9:00am in Classroom 8

Mondays: June 5, 12, 19, and 26th at 10:00am in Classroom 8

Tuesdays: June 6, 13, 20, and 27th at 7pm via zoom.

PWC NEWS

Our Bible Study on "Celebrating Sabbath" ended with a combined Circles Meeting at Krista and Mindy's home in Eudora. Fifteen of us traveled south and were greeted by Krista with a house tour and a chance to see Mindy's artwork! The Bible Study was led by Marti and the discussions began! We enjoyed this year's study and found that we could have "Sabbath" in many places and different ways. Next we took off to Barbed-Wire BBQ and had a delicious lunch. Our day in Eudora included a visit to the Quilt Shop, with a discount for the "Church Ladies" and we concluded our trip by stopping by the Ice Cream Store for dessert! Thank You Krista and Mindy!! Fun was had by all.

Look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for the new Bible Study order sheet. Books will arrive in late July. Village Presbyterian Church will again hold the Bible Study Workshop in July with the author of the new Study. Time and Cost will be announced later.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – AVAILABLE CAMPS

Heartland Center (heartlandcamps.org) has several camps for children and families. Christian Education will help pay some of the cost for a youth camper from this congregation this summer. Let Rick Nichols, Jim Garrett, Rev. Kiger, or Ann Keeling know if your child is going to a camp at Heartland Center this summer. Day Camps are for youth who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. Overnight camps are for youth who have completed 2nd through 12th grade which range in cost from \$240 to \$735. There are also camps for grandparents and grandchildren (June 17-18) and family camp (June 23-25). There is also an intergenerational handbell camp (handbellcamp.org) July 9-13 for youth who have completed 6th or older and adults. The cost ranges from \$550 to \$580 for double occupancy. New handbell campers can apply for a \$75 scholarship. In the past commuters pay slightly less because they will not be sleeping at the camp for four nights.

We will not be doing our own VBS, but will be helping First Methodist in the mornings during the week of July 17-21 and in the evenings that same week at First Christian. This is an opportunity to get to interact with children and help our neighbors. Contact Ann Keeling if you are willing to help.

PRAYERS

Immediate: Scott Williamson (Cindy S.), Herb Montgomery (Strands), Eric Jourdan, Gun Violence in our Country, Michael Brock (Cindy S.), Patricia Siblee (Cindy S.), Lisa Rees, Dale (Cindy S), Cathy Tillotson, Sam Sanford, People of Turkey, Syria, Ukraine and Iran, Dana Guanciale (Ginnie S.), PNC, Elaine Coffman, Brianna Hoffman and Family (Cindy S), Abby (Cindy S.)

Ongoing: Rick Nichols, Erika Johnson, Margie Holland, John Clinton (Linda Barry), Jim and Lorna Mathison, Maria Gordon (C. Tillotson), Barbara-Sue Rose, Le Thomas, Mike Graham (Norma Graham), Greta Sharp, John Garner (Carolyn T.)

JUNE FELLOWSHIP TREATS

June 4 – Circle 5

June 11 – Potluck

A-C-Main Dish **D-M**- Salads, Sides, and/or Bread **N-Z** – Dessert

June 18 – Deacons June 25 – Session

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6- Margie Holland 7-Ryen Litewski 10-Harold Hathaway 10-Phil Comstock
13-Lorna Mathison 15-Jim Garrett 18-Linda Huggins 19- Miriam Bowman
20-John Zillman 23-Susan Thomas 24-Arlene Hansroth 27-Rick Nichols

JUNE ANNIVERSARY

2- George & Ellen Morton 7-Jim & Merna Roe 8-Paul & Ann Keeling
28-Dale & Anna Hurt 29-Bill & Barbara Katzenberger

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 Church Office Closed 1:00pm ESL	3
4 Fellowship Treats-Circle 5 Mission Committee Meeting 9:00am Planning Your Funeral Class 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	5 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 10:00am Planning Your Funeral Class	6 10:00am Bible Study	7 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 11:00am Deacons Meeting 6:00pm Special Needs	8 <i>6:00pm Session Meeting</i>	9 Church Office Closed 1:00pm ESL	10
11 Fellowship Treats- Potluck 9:00am Planning Your Funeral 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	12 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 10:00am Planning Your Funeral Class	13 10:00am Bible Study 11:45am Endowment Committee Meeting 5:30-Finance	14 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship	15	16 Church Office Closed 1:00pm ESL	17 10:00am League of Women Voters
18 Fellowship Treats- Deacons Worship Committee Meeting 9:00am Planning Your Funeral Class 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	19 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 10:00am Planning Your Funeral Class	20 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm - 6:00pm Community Meal	21 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship	22	23 Church Office Closed 1:00pm ESL	24
25 Fellowship Treats- Session 9:00am Planning Your Funeral Class 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	26 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 10:00am Planning Your Funeral Class 6:00pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting	27 10:00am Bible Study	28 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship	29	30 Church Office Closed 1:00pm ESL	1