

“Christ is all and in all.” Colossians 3:11

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(Jesus) said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” –
Mark 6:31a

Ahh, summertime!

What a wonderful time for relaxation, enjoying nature, being outdoors, sipping cold beverages and taking some much needed time off for rejuvenation (I myself will be taking some time off this summer).

Many families will be travelling this summer to take a much needed vacation. Vacations are wonderful times to build new memories, strengthen familial bonds, recharge your inner batteries, and see parts of the world you’ve never seen before. Rest is something we all need, and it is even something our God requires us to do (Mark 6:31a)!

I once knew a church that had a fun summer program: “Take Pastor Chuck on Vacation!” This did not literally mean that the members of the church had to invite Pastor Chuck to go with them to the Bahamas. Instead, every family that was going on vacation would bring a life-size cut out of Pastor Chuck’s smiling face on a stick. Then, they would take group photos of the family with “Pastor Chuck” while on vacation. The photos were uploaded to the church’s web-site and everyone had fun sharing the photos.

That’s a pretty fun idea. But, I’m less concerned about families taking ME on vacation than I am about ensuring that God comes with on the vacation as well.

If you are going on vacation and travelling anytime this summer, I am very happy for you. Rest is something we all need. And, who doesn’t love to travel?

But, unfortunately, many of us tend to take vacation not only from work, stress and other obligations, but also from church and from our faith. So, if you are travelling this summer, make sure you work in time to worship. Visit another church. You won’t be “cheating on me” if you go to worship at another church and enjoy it. In fact, I would be delighted that you did! In fact, you have my blessing to worship at a non-Presbyterian church! Gasp!

And, when you visit another church while on vacation, collect information. Bring a bulletin

home, or a brochure, or any item the church may bless their visitors with. And, pay close attention while you're visiting. What is it about the church/building/worship that you like? What did the members do or did not do to make you feel welcomed? If you lived in that area, would you consider that church a potential new home? Why or why not?

We can learn from other churches. We can learn from their strengths and their weaknesses. And, when you come home, drop me a line and share what you experienced!

So, this summer, take some time to rest, get away for a while, rejuvenate your spirits. Just don't forget to worship.

Summertime Blessings to You All!
Pastor Pat

Our Church Mission Statement

Jesus Christ calls us to:

- *Enliven our spiritual lives by experiencing God among us,*
- *Grow in love for one another as children of God,*
- *Invite all to share in our fellowship,*
- *Demonstrate God's love through service to others.*



June Office Hours

The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Worship Assignments for June:

Sound Tech:

6/7/2015	Allen Vogt
6/14/2015	David Brunworth
6/21/2015	Joe Hagan
6/28/2015	Bill Kellermann

Worship Leader: Barbara Schofield

Greeters

1. Whip Schultz & Nancy Klingert
2. Tim & Gerry Urban
3. Don & Jenny Scheibe
4. Allen Vogt & Karla Becker

Ushers

Shirley Coulter & Mauri Truesdell
Richard & Barbara Duemler
Luther Bierbaum & Barb Hagan
Laura Evans & Jane Bugele

The Lord's Supper

The sacrament of Communion will be served on Sunday, June 7.

Save The Date!

The annual church rummage sale will be Friday & Saturday, July 24 & 25. Set up will begin Sunday, July 12. Mark your calendars!

Boiler Fund

As of May 24, \$31,791.74 has been donated for the boiler. All contributions for the boiler fund received now are deposited into the savings account.

All-Church Potluck



May's Pot Luck was held on May 13 at 5:30 with 25 present. The next pot luck will be Wednesday, June 10 at 5:30 with parmesan crusted chicken being served. The guest speaker will be Kathy Carr from the Children's Advocacy Center. Come for the meal! Stay for the mission!

Harvest Table Mission – June 20th

Our next Harvest Table supper event is on Saturday, June 20th (we switched from a July date due to a schedule conflict), so please watch the Narthex bulletin boards mid-May for our entree, salad item and volunteer sign-ups. The Harvest Table is an ecumenical group that organizes a sit down warm meal every Saturday evening at St. Peter's UCC for ANYONE in need, social, financial or otherwise. Please plan on helping out in some way as our church prepares and serves the entire evening's meal that night and we expect about 80 people to attend. Any questions? Just ask any Mission Committee member.

Adult Sunday School

Question: What do these 4 have in common?

- 1- A pro football player from New Orleans who carries the ball through and around the enemy with fancy footwork and skilled hands.
- 2- A large, long-haired breed of dog named Bernard who rescues the frozen and lost, and leads them to safety.
- 3- Simon Templar, a dapper 20th century fictional spy, who, working alone, courted danger to solve mysteries and to remedy injustice.
- 4- Every-day Christians, like you and me.

Answer: All of them are Saints. And they all have traits similar to those rare, unique persons throughout history who have been designated by the Roman Catholic Church as "saints."

What about the Catholic saints? What were they like? They were many things – inspiring, exasperating, greedy, generous, loving, unscrupulous, baffling and blessed, notorious, flawed, charming and fun. Collectively they were everything that humanity has come up with to be in cahoots with God. Everything except perfect. Not necessarily exemplary. Not always likeable.

Come to church for my "Summer Sunday Sizzling Study of Christian Saints", June 14th - August 30th - 9:00 a.m. No study guide or books! No homework! No class preparation! This is as laid back as it gets for adult Christian Education! Together as we learn lessons from some famous / some infamous saints we might learn some things about our own sainthood! Jocelyn VanBuskirk, Parish Associate

Community Picnic

Sunday, June 7, noon to 4 p.m. at the Washington City Park Pavilion by the city pool on High Street. Fried chicken and sides will be served. You are asked to bring beverages and desserts. The theme of the picnic is "Undoing Racism." Hosted by Neighbors United.

Faith-Based Support Group – THE REFUGE

Founded and facilitated by Robbin Thayer, this group was formed in order to provide **refuge** to those experiencing sadness, grief, stress, anger, or any other negative feeling caused by life's endless obstacles. The Refuge is an open door support group. You may come once or as often as you'd like. An oath of confidentiality is expected by all who attend. Facilitator is not a licensed therapist. Group will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 P.M., in room 12 of the fellowship hall. This month's meeting will be January 8, 2015. For more information email RefugeWashMo@gmail.com or call the church office 239-3178.

“Camp Peace” Registration Open!

Registration is open for our “Camp Peace” summer program for children and youth. If you wish to register your child, you can download a registration form from the “Camp Peace” page on our web-site: www.presbywashmo.org or call the church office. “Camp Peace” is open for all students entering 1st grade through 5th grade in the fall. Older youth can participate as volunteers. This is a FREE program of the church. Spread the word! Invite your extended family and the kids of your neighbors, coworkers, and friends! The registration deadline is Monday, July 20th.

Presbytery Gathering

The next gathering of the Presbytery will be Thursday, June 11th at Steelville Presbyterian Church. The meeting convenes at 1pm with a docketed adjournment at 4:30pm. Please pray for our commissioners Vivian Marshall and Don VanBuskirk as well as Rev. Pat Gruber and Rev. Jocelyn VanBuskirk as they meet with other teaching and ruling elders from the Presbytery.

Hospitality Dinner

The session of PCW is looking forward to serving the members of the congregation a free fish fry dinner on Monday, June 1st at 6pm. Pastor Pat will lead the gathering in a workshop on Radical Hospitality following the meal. If you are a member or regular attendee, you are invited. If you have not signed up, please don't worry. You are still highly encouraged to attend.

Help Needed

Looking for some volunteer opportunities to serve our covenant family? Here are just a few areas of life in the church where your service would be most welcomed.

1. **Building Attendants** – We are looking for volunteers to be present during three wedding receptions. Two volunteers will be needed for each event. Volunteers need to be active members and have a key and security code. Attendants are expected to extend hospitality to our guests, answer questions and ensure that the fellowship hall is left in acceptable condition. Dates needed: (all Saturday evenings) July 11, September 26, and October 10.
2. **Sound System** – We are looking to train a handful of people who are willing to volunteer in the sound booth no more frequently than one Sunday a month. Volunteers need to be regular attendees, but not necessarily members.
3. **Power Point** – We are looking to train more people to run the power point presentation during Sunday morning worship. Volunteers need to be regular attendees, but not necessarily members.

If any of these opportunities interest you, or if you have any questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Pat.

Food Pantry Item of Month

You may have heard that the shelves at Loving Hearts Outreach are running low. In an effort to revitalize our sense of mission to this organization, we will be collecting a specific item for the food pantry each month. June's food pantry item is **Boxes of Cereal**. Please don't donate "Family Size" boxes. All through the month of June, you are encouraged to bring boxes of cereal and place them in the donation box for Loving Hearts in the hallway. Thank you for your generosity!

Breakfast at the Riverfront

The Church Life Committee is bringing back our warm weather activity many enjoyed last summer. Bring a breakfast from home or grab a fast food breakfast and join us at the Rennick Riverfront Pavilion to enjoy eating and visiting together. It is a very pleasant, peaceful place to relax with a cup of coffee and enjoy watching the river. Picnic tables with benches are there but you might prefer to bring a lawn chair from home. People mostly arrived between 8:30 and 9:30. We will gather again on Tuesday, June 9th. Arrive any time that works for you.

Welcome to our Covenant Family, New Members!

If you have not already done so, please take the time to welcome our new members! Joining the church family on Sunday, May 17th were: Tom and Mary Ellenberger, Jeff Pierce, Melissa and Hailey Joyce, and Robert and Wilma Luker. We are so blessed to have you among us!



Mary & Tom Ellenberger



Melissa & Hailey Joyce,
Jeff Pierce



Robert & Wilma Luker

June Birthdays



6-1	Jessica Taubel	6-16	Elaine Dodson
6-2	Matthew Benedict	6-19	Lois Kempf
6-4	Vivian Anglin	6-21	Jocelyn VanBuskirk
6-4	Katie Farrell	6-24	Becky Vogt
6-5	Heather Miller	6-25	Gretchen Farrell
6-7	Paul Henderson	6-26	Janet Carpenter
6-12	Joseph Brunworth	6-26	Joe Hagan
6-12	Jamie Conley	6-27	Dan Greer
6-13	Lya Struckhoff		



Loving Hearts Outreach There is an urgent need to replenish the mission's supply of foods. Shelves are almost empty. They can use canned vegetables, pastas, canned meats, cereal and cake mixes – basically anything non-perishable. Empty egg cartons can also be used. Please bring items and place them in the box in the Narthex and Jean Van Der Kamp will deliver them to Loving Hearts.



Bridge

Please join us on Fridays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. to play Bridge. Everyone is welcome to come and play. Bring your friends.



Creative Hands Group

The group meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. except the third Wednesday of each month. The quilt frame is set up and quilting has begun! For information, please call Barbara Duemler.

Prayer for Life (PFL) meets Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m.

Prayer can be the glue that holds individuals, couples, ministry teams, families, and churches together and the fuel that makes them soar. It is the means by which we can all engage in ministry to each other. Join us on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. We study and learn a variety of prayer methods, both as individuals and as a group, to connect people and their needs to God.



"Camp Peace"

coming soon to the Presbyterian Church of Washington!!!

Mound Ridge Camp is partnering with the Presbyterian Church of Washington to bring a FREE "Camp Experience" to Children and Youth

Who: Youth grades K-5

What: Fun and exciting worship, recreation, nature, art, energizers, camp fire, team building exercises, an overnight campout - fun, fun, fun!

When: July 27-31, 2015
8:00am until 2:00pm on M-W,
Overnight Camp on Th,
Closing Service 8-9am on F

Where: Presbyterian Church of Washington
4834 South Point Road
Washington, MO 63090

How to Register: download registration form from www.presbywashmo.org and mail to above address by Monday, 7/20 or call 636-239-3178

Guaranteed spots to the 1st 75 registered children!



MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Heather Miller, Don VanBuskirk, Barbara Pierce, Whip Schultz, Don & Connie Conrad, Karla Becker, Janet Aaron, Roni Fowler, Elsie & Jack Truesdell, Scott McCracken, Laura Fenner, John Anglin, Jenny Scheibe.

GRANDVIEW: Christine Lewis

VICTORIAN PLACE: Beth Saunders

SOUTH POINTE: Joan Schultz

CEDAR CREST: June Kleberger, Glenda Nagel, Dorothy Mutert

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

George Peters (parent of Nancy Thater)
Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)
Cindy Demitroff (friend of Paul & Lya Struckhoff)
Jim Lebreton (friend of Barbara Schofield)
Jordon Creason (friend of Nancy Nolting)
Anna Roetheli (friend of the church)
Doug Holtmeier (friend of Karla & Mike Becker)
Laura Leigh Rhoades (daughter of Laura Evans)
Rose Pitman (friend of Elsie Truesdell)
Dixie Kottwitz (friend of the Bierbaums)
Jeff Pierce (son of Barbara Pierce, brother of Janet Aaron)
Macy Lynn Crecielus (friend of Sam & Boots Bonney)
Joan Archer (friend of Barbara Schofield)
Phil Colter (friend of Mauri Truesdell)
Rick Kresse (father-in-law of Mauri Truesdell's daughter)
Becky Lunsford (friend of Lya Struckhoff)
Sarah McGurthy & family (daughter of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)
Mary Bray Wheeler (friend of Barbara Duemler)
Larry Bernardoni (friend of Tim Culp)
Geri Waller (Gail Taubel's sister)
Ardis Harnagel (friend of Karen Ladd)
Paula Pursley (grandmother of Hailey Joyce)
Patti Mathews (sister-in-law of Joe & Barb Hagan)
Harmon Wright (husband of Helen Wright)
Linda Creech (friend of Carol Ramsey)
Taylor Bierbaum (grandson of Judy & Luther)
Dottie Shelton (sister of Shirley Coulter)
Debbie Stone (daughter of Jack & Elsie Truesdell)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call the office if you would like to add someone to the prayer list. Also please notify the office if you have made a prayer request for someone who should be removed from the list.