

# Pres-Bits Newsletter

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“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.” – Ephesians 3:20

Dear Friends,

This year, I have been continually amazed and grateful for the level of generosity at PCW! Back in January, session presented a budget for 2015 that included an \$8,000 deficit. As the end of the year approaches, it is quite possible that, if everyone maintains their level of fearless generosity, we may finish the year breaking even. Who would have thought that was possible back in January? Amazing!

This especially did not look possible when you consider we also had the unexpected expenses of a new boiler and AC compressor this year. As I write this letter, both of those major expenses look to be pretty much covered through funds raised outside of our budget and on top of our membership’s pledges. Amazing!

This also occurs less than one year from completing a major funds campaign to eliminate our mortgage that raised over \$300,000 in pledges. The Fulfillment Team of our “Unlocking Our Potential” debt relief campaign informs me that it is within reason to expect our mortgage to be completely paid off in four more years. That’s fifteen fewer years than anticipated. Amazing!

It is true what the Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians. God can accomplish far more than we can ever imagine! Who would have thought we would be where we are financially even a year ago? God accomplishes amazing things that we don’t think are possible all the time. Jesus Christ accomplishes amazing things through us, when we allow him to work within us. The evidence of this is all around us.

As 2015 enters its final quarter, it is time to look forward to 2016. Imagine what God will accomplish at PCW next year. Then, realize that God can accomplish abundantly more than what you can even imagine!

The fearless generosity of PCW has inspired me and the Finance Committee to adopt a new theme for our 2016 stewardship drive. Over the next four to six weeks, we will hear those words “Fearless Generosity” echoed during worship and gatherings. We have seen “Fearless Generosity” at work in 2015 already. Will we see an even greater level of generosity in 2016? I believe we will.

Pledge cards and a personal letter from me will be mailed to all members of PCW this month. Each pledge card will bear the inspired words from Ephesians and the theme "Fearless Generosity." We will celebrate the collection of pledges on Sunday, November 8th during worship.

We have all seen the evidence that God does accomplish far more than we can imagine. Let us all grab a hold of that truth and anticipate even greater things in 2016. May we all experience an even greater level of Fearless Generosity in 2016!

Thank you all for your generosity so far and your generosity in the future!

Blessings,  
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.*



### October Office Hours

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

### Current Elders

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## **Worship Assignments for September:**

### **Sound Tech:**

10/4/2015 Allen Vogt  
10/11/2015 The McCrackens  
10/18/2015 Joe Hagan  
10/25/2015 Tom Ellenberger

**Worship Leader:** Miles McCracken

### **Ushers**

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

### **Greeters**

Whip Schultz & Nancy Klingert  
Tim & Gerry Urban  
Don & Jenny Scheibe  
Allen Vogt & Karla Becker

## **The Lord's Supper**

The sacrament of Communion will be served on Sunday, October 4.

## **Crop Walk**

"The slogan for the CROP HUNGER WALK is 'Ending Hunger One Step At a Time.' The CROP WALK raises money to help feed the hungry of our own communities in Franklin County through Loving Hearts in Washington and the Union Food Pantry, and also the larger world, through Church World Service. We walk, to be a visible presence and reminder in the community of the ever-present need to address hunger issues. The Walk will take place this year on Sunday, October 4th starting at 1 p.m., at Zion United Church of Christ in Union (on Springfield and Washington Streets in downtown Union.) Registration for the Walk begins at 12:30. On Saturday the 3rd there will be a "Rockathon", with persons in rocking chairs collecting donations at Frick's Market in Union and Wal-Mart in Washington from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participate where, when, and how you feel called: Walk. Contribute. Rethink your commitment to Loving Hearts year-round. Plan to commit to Harvest Table events in the future and other food-collection campaigns. Most importantly, Pray that we shall not only address Hunger, but that Hunger will be eradicated here and everywhere - 'One Step At a Time.' "- Jocelyn VanBuskirk and Jean Van der Kamp, Church Women United

## **Organ Rededication Concert by Andrew Peters**

Second Presbyterian Church's Pastoral Musician Andrew Peters plays a program of organ music to rededicate the church's Schantz organ following its extensive restoration. The program includes music of J. S. Bach, Franck, Mozart, Vierne, and more. The afternoon also includes George Akerley's "A Sweet for Mother Goose," a playful composition that will be narrated by local classical radio station host Kathy Lawton Brown. Don't miss the chance to hear the restored Schantz and this collaboration! The program is presented free of charge to the community.

### **All-Church Potluck**

September's pot luck was held on Wednesday, September 9 with our own Jon Althaus as speaker. The next pot luck will be October 14 at 5:30 p.m. and the main dish will be chili. The special speaker will be Lisa Bell from "Buddies not Bullies". Come for the meal! Stay for the mission!

### **Thank You!**

Thanks to Pot Luck for paying for the new light on the piano!  
Tim Culp & Anna Mae Boehmer.

### **"When the Saints Come Marching In"**

The Adult Sunday School class will begin September 13, convening at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. For eleven Sundays (until Advent) we shall be learning together about, discussing and exploring Christian sainthood, - what it means to be a saint, some specific people designated "saints" by the Roman Catholic Church, and Presbyterian Confessional Statements about the community of saints. You yourself as a Christian are a saint. Wouldn't you like to know what that means for and about you? "When the saints come marching in" to the church library on September 13, will you be among them? Jocelyn VanBuskirk

### **New Member Class**

In 2015, we have already added 11 new members. And now, we have an opportunity for even more people to join PCW. Pastor Pat will be offering a class open to anyone interested in becoming a full member of the congregation in October. There will be two dates to choose from for the class (both Sundays): October 4th and October 11th. Both classes will be held after worship at 11:30am. You do not have to attend both classes. Please prayerfully consider attending.

### **Warblers**

The Warblers sing at Cedar Crest the last Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. We would love to have more voices come. The only requirement is to make a "joyful noise." Call Anna Mae Boehmer for more information at 239-3344 or call 314-691-0473

### **Circle of Friends**

Let's enlarge our Circle of Friends. The women's circle will begin a Bible Study "Come to the Waters" on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter Circle will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10:00 a.m. (but not in December) All women are encouraged to share in this study. Bring your friends to our Circle of Friends.

### **Peace Making Offering**

Envelopes will be in the pews for collection of the Peace Making Offering on October 4. In too many places around the world, peace is merely a hope. Conflicts between nations, peoples, and ideas put peace at risk everywhere. Through missions, work projects and education, we witness to the peace of Christ for our sisters and brothers as the face some of the greatest challenges of our time.

## **Richard Gilewitz Concert**

Last fall, we received a very surprise guest concert by the very talented and charismatic Richard Gilewitz. Those who attended were moved by his music and amused by his stories. Richard is a world renowned acoustic guitar player. His 2015 tour is called "Acoustic Adventures: Guitar Notes, Tales from the Road, and Laughs Along the Way." This year's concert will be held at **7pm on Friday night, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** in our sanctuary. Tickets are \$15 a person and CDs will be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the church office or at the door.

## **Tannenbaum and More Auction**

The Friends of Emmaus will again have a TANNENBAUM AND MORE AUCTION:  
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4, 2015.

The LOCATION has CHANGED!!

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1121 Columbus Lane, Washington, Mo.

5:00 P.M. -- 9:00 P.M.

Proceeds will be used for an additional handicap van and scholarships for Exceptional Equestrians.

The Friends of Emmaus has provided support to the residents at Marthasville for the past 42 years. They will continue this tradition...

CHRISTMAS THEMED DONATIONS are especially welcome...but you may donate items for other categories such as: "I can't live without it" category! We have extended categories to all seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Info: Ginny Brinker: 239-5206 or E mail: [acenturyadv@att.net](mailto:acenturyadv@att.net)

Your donation earns you one free ticket of admittance.

Everyone who has ever attended TANNENBAUM WILL TELL YOU IT IS LOADS OF FUN! VENDORS SERVE FOOD TIL IT RUNS OUT!!

## **2015 Per Capita**

If you haven't already done so, it isn't too late to pay your portion of the 2015 church per capita tax. The amount this year is \$30.29 per person. Please note "per capita" on your check memo and envelope. There is an envelope in your packet of envelopes marked specifically for the per capita purpose.

## **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. October's food pantry item is **Boxed Cereals**. All through the month of October, you are encouraged to bring boxed cereals and place them in the donation box for Loving Hearts. They can also use canned vegetables, canned meats, cereal and cake mixes – basically anything non-perishable. Empty egg cartons can also be used. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Blessing of the Animals Service**

Our second annual Blessing of the Animals Service will be held on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm this year as we have it out on our church back patio. We had gorgeous weather last year, let's hope and pray for more of that this year! This event will be held rain or shine, so, if there's rain, we'll be in the church Fellowship Hall. This should last about 30 minutes at most and include a short service for all and then individual blessings of each pet/animal. Last year we blessed over 25 dogs, one cat and even one goat! Please have all pets leashed or caged, if small enough, and please feel welcome to bring in any Purina pet food donations in for our friends from The Franklin County Humane Service as they will be there with lots of info. Any questions? Please ask Vivian Marshall or Gretchen Farrell.

## **Capital Campaign Progress Report**

Thank you and congratulations! Nine months ago, prior to our three year capital campaign, our debt was over \$434,000.00 to be paid over the next 19 years. Thanks to 56 participants' generosity our current debt is \$336,543.41. Nearly all pledge commitments are being faithfully met – Thank you!

Some pledges are weekly, some monthly, some yearly and some are one time. The current weekly and monthly pledges are nearly equal to our monthly mortgage payment of \$2,539.00. Most yearly and one-time pledges have been applied to either the principal or a much needed escrow account. The current escrow account has enough funding to pay the monthly mortgage for one year. After the first of the year we will again evaluate the next major payment on principal.

Given our current course of action we may be able to have a mortgage burning celebration within four years (unless someone would like to move up the date with a significant one time pledge). Your fulfillment team: Luther Bierbaum, Mary Eleanor Farrell, Richard Duemler and Carol Ramsey

## **Faith-Based Support Group – THE REFUGE**

This month's meeting will be October 8, 2015. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:00 P.M., in room 12 of the fellowship hall. For more information email [RefugeWashMo@gmail.com](mailto:RefugeWashMo@gmail.com) or call the church office 239-3178.

## Serving Others

**1 Peter 4:10** "Each of us should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's Grace in its various forms."

We will be updating our "I Will Serve" directory this fall. If you are not familiar with this program, please pick up a copy from the table across from the office in the Narthex. It is printed on lavender paper. The volunteer sheets are being revised and will be available soon.

## Schnucks eScrip Cards

If you are a Schnucks shopper, there is an easy way you can support our youth group. Every time you shop and swipe your card, Schnucks will contribute up to 3% of your purchases to our church for the benefit of the youth group. Cards are available in the church office in a basket on top of the wooden mailboxes. Pick one up today and support the youth!

## Halloween Party



**Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 18th 4:00 p.m.**



Come join us for our annual Halloween party. Enjoy the famous Annamazing Chilli and great fun. Wear your silliest, scariest or any goofy costume and join in the fun and games. Prizes for all! OR just come to eat and laugh at everyone. Start practicing for the **PUMPKIN BOWLING! Adult winner takes home a pumpkin pie baked by Judy Bierbaum.** There will be a basket in the Narthex for candy or prize donations.

## Harvest Table

Our next Harvest Table supper that we will sponsor is on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, so please look for the sign-ups in the Narthex in the next couple of weeks. Also, for everyone's information, we have signed up for four suppers for the 2016 year for Harvest Table and those dates are: January 23, April 9, August 20, and November 12. Thank you! Gretchen Farrell and the Mission Committee.

## 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, October 13th. Arrive any time that works for you.

## 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.

## **Church Pictorial Directory**

It has been five years since our last directory and everyone is excited about seeing our church family in a new directory. Appointment times are pretty well filled so don't delay scheduling your appointment. Photos will be taken Friday, October 9th from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Saturday appointments will be from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Allow about one hour for checking in, photography and choosing your photo for the directory.

Photography appointments can be made in person at the church after worship through September. Appointments may also be made online by logging on to the church website ([www.presbywashmo.org](http://www.presbywashmo.org)) and clicking on a link to the Lifetouch appointment calendar. [Scroll to the bottom of your screen. Click on "PHOTO DIRECTORY COMING". Click where it says HERE.](#) The online scheduling is very simple and straightforward. If you are unable to have your photo taken Oct. 9th or 10th, please see Judy Bierbaum for other possible arrangements.

- Each family photographed will receive a complimentary 8 X 10 color photograph and a free full color printed directory for participating. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits for yourself, family and friends. Receive a \$5.00 coupon towards a purchase for booking your photography session online.
- **FEED THE NEED** is a program to help Loving Hearts Outreach. Donate a non-perishable food item at your photo session and you will receive \$5.00 off your portrait purchase. All food will be donated to Loving Hearts.
- Pets are family too! You may bring your pet to your photo session. **Please notify Judy Bierbaum 636-432-1293 if you will be bringing your pet.** There will be "pet caregivers" available to hold or walk your pet.
- You may bring several generations for a family group photo. Two time slots are required for groups of seven or more.
- **The Lifetouch Photography Outreach Program** is an opportunity to have new families visit our church. It's simple. "Every family bring a family" (or person). Invite your family and friends to book a free professional portrait session. All families photographed will receive a free 8 X 10 color portrait. Business card size invitations are available to hand out. Only church member photos will go in the printed directory.

Judy Bierbaum, Church Life Committee

## **Coins for Chickens**

For all those with loose change rattling in your pocket or purse, put it to good use. We are starting the Coins for Chicken campaign. For every \$20 we collect, we can provide chicks (and training in their care) for African and other third world families through the Heifer International Project. Hens can lay up to 200 eggs a year, providing a reliable source of protein and income. The collection container is located just outside the church office. For more information, see Christy Eckert.

# October Birthdays



10-2	Elsie Truesdell	10-12	Tim Urban
10-3	Jamie Tucker	10-13	Richard Duemler
10-7	Tim Culp	10-23	Alex Johnson
10-8	Hailey Joyce	10-25	Sharon Wiese
10-10	Liz Becker	10-27	Boots Bonney
10-11	Gail Taubel	10-27	Ian McCracken
10-12	Tom Fenner	10-28	Don Scheibe

## Youth Group

We had a wonderful Youth Group Kick-Off mtg at the Kellermann's home on September 16<sup>th</sup> with fantastic weather! We had supper together, swam, made smore's and enjoyed each other's company again as we shared summer adventure stories. Our upcoming Church Youth Group will meet on October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>. We continue to meet on our regular schedule of meetings with the first and third Wednesday nights in the Church Youth Group room (Room #10), the first room to the right off of the Fellowship Hall. The first Wednesday of the month we usually do a mission project (this month, we'll bake dog biscuits for our Blessing of the Animals service!) and on the third Wednesday, we usually have a fun activity(always a surprise!). All Youth from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades are welcome to come have some fun, snacks, a short Bible Lesson and a great time to be with other Christian Youth. Any questions? Just ask any of the YG sponsors: Laura Conley, Gretchen Farrell and Ian McCracken.

## Name Tags

A new name badge signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Nametags are important to all to all of us, and especially so for new members and visitors. Both lanyard and pin on badges are available. Please sign the sheet or contact Judy Bierbaum at 636-432-1293.



## 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 – Note New Day!

Beginning in August, our group changed our day of meeting to Tuesday at 9:00. Meetings will be every Tuesday of the month. The quilt frame is set up and quilting is going strong! For information, please contact Barbara Duemler.



### MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Heather Miller, Barbara Pierce, Whip Schultz, Don & Connie Conrad, Karla Becker, Janet Aaron, Roni Fowler, Scott McCracken, Laura Fenner, John Anglin, Jenny Scheibe, Lisa Conrad, Jim Watson.

GRANDVIEW: Christine Lewis

VICTORIAN PLACE: Beth Saunders

SOUTH POINTE: Elsie & Jack Truesdell, Elaine Dodson, George Peters

CEDAR CREST: June Kleberger, Glenda Nagel, Dorothy Mutert

PARK PLACE ASSISTED LIVING (O'Fallon) Sam & Boots Bonney

MARYMOUNT (Eureka): Joan Schultz

### FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)

Cindy Demitroff (friend of Paul & Lya Struckhoff)

Jim Lebreton (friend of Barbara Schofield)

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)

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)

Ardis Harnagel (friend of Karen Ladd)

Paula Pursley (grandmother of Hailey Joyce)

Patti Mathews (sister-in-law of Joe & Barb Hagan)

Taylor Bierbaum (grandson of Judy & Luther)

Dottie Shelton (sister of Shirley Coulter)<sup>5</sup>

Debbie Stone (daughter of Jack & Elsie Truesdell)

LeRoy Riechers (cousin of Karla Becker)

Holly Stoltz-Smith (friend of the church)

Kay Hazel (friend of the church)

Betty Buerk (relative of Schultz, Vogt, Struckhoff)

Jean Kimme (friend of Barbara Schofield)

Barbara Lais Shroyer (daughter of Mary Lais)

Susan Conrad (daughter-in-law to Don & Connie Conrad &  
sister-in-law to Paul & Janet Henderson)

Confirmation Class