

Pres-Bits Newsletter

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“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:19-21

Dear Friends,

I have an “Edward Jones Guy.” His name is Tony. Tony’s a good guy. Karen and I trust Tony. We meet with Tony a couple of times a year to go over our portfolio and lots of other information. Tony tries to make us feel either good or a little concerned. Tony shows us lots of paper, with lots of pretty colored graphs, and lots of lots of numbers. Tony uses big words I don’t understand. Tony makes me feel dumb.

I’m sure he doesn’t intend to make me feel dumb. It’s just that I don’t know a lot about investing. And, I don’t speak the financial world’s language. Karen knows much more than I do. And, for that, I am very grateful. I know that we have money invested...somewhere. I know we get lots and lots of stuff mailed to our house telling us about our investments. But, the only thing I really look for on those reports are two numbers. If the new number is bigger than the previous number, I am happy. If the new number is smaller than the previous number, I am sad.

That about sums up my interest of the investment world: hoping that one number is bigger than the other one. However, when it comes to “Investing in Our Ministry,” I am much more passionate.

The above quotation are the words of Jesus proclaimed from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus urged the listeners to be less concerned with investing with the goal of increasing treasures on earth, and instead to invest in things that impact our world in his name: treasures in heaven.

When we present our tithes and offerings to God, we are not paying membership dues, or buying an admission ticket, or purchasing goods or services. We are “Investing in Our Ministry.” We are ensuring that the various ministries of PCW will not only continue, but thrive. We are investing to create the possibility for new and exciting ministries that will continue to grow our church spiritually as well as numerically.

I do know that when Tony invests our money, he does so in investments that he believes in. And, if he really believes strongly in the positive future of that investment, he increases that investment.

I hope and pray you feel the same way about PCW. If you believe in the mission of PCW, “Invest in Our Ministries.” And, if you believe strongly in the positive future of PCW’s ministries, consider an increase as you “Invest in Our Ministries.”

Pledge cards and a personal letter from me will be mailed to all members of PCW this month. Each pledge card will bear the words of Christ as recorded in Matthew and the theme “Investing in Our Ministry.” We will celebrate the collection of pledges on Sunday, November 13th during worship.

Join us as we invest in the ministries of PCW and store up treasures in heaven!

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.

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The Lord’s Supper

The sacrament of Communion will be served on Sunday, October 2.

Communion Assignments for October:

Preparer: Kathy Froning

Servers: Vivian Marshall, Karen Ladd, Joy Kopp, Barbara Schofield

Worship Assignments for October:

Sound Tech:

10/2/2016	Allen Vogt
10/9/2016	Ian McCracken
10/16/2016	Joe Hagan
10/23/2016	Tom Ellenberger
10/30/2016	Tim Urban

Worship Leader: Miles McCracken

Ushers

Jean Weekly & Kay Hucke
Roland Schwarzen & June Gellhausen
Luther Bierbaum & Barb Hagan
Laura Evans & Jane Bugele
Jamie & Olivia Tucker

Greeters

Struckhoff's & Nancy Klingert
Tim & Gerry Urban
Don & Jenny Scheibe
Allen Vogt & Karla Becker
Dan Greer & Danielle Tucker

"These Days"

The new edition of "These Days" is available on the table outside the sanctuary. (Oct.-Dec.)

Choir

Choir practice starts at 9:00 each Sunday. We would love to see some new faces in the choir! Any questions please contact John Bugele at 636-346-2133.

Geek Church "Soft Opening"

For some time, you may have heard Pastor Pat talk about his idea for "Geek Church." Pastor Pat is an affirmed "Pop Culture Geek" and he knows he is not alone. Geek Church is still in its planning stages, but it would essentially be a gathering of people who share an interest in faith and "Geek Culture." Geek Culture could be Science Fiction, Fantasy, Tech and Gadgets, Comic Books, Video Games, Anime, etc. A small group of like-minded geeks are planning a "soft opening" of Geek Church for 7pm on Sunday night, November 20th. We hope this ministry could help our church reach out to younger individuals and families in the community.



All-Church Potluck

Pot luck was held Wednesday, September 14. Wow! It was so good to have the youth in attendance and to hear their report on their trip. The next pot luck will be October 12 at 5:30. Chili will be the main dish. The guest speaker will be Rev. Aimee Appel with Neighbors United. Come for the meal! Stay for the mission!

Taste of Home Cooking School

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016. BENEFIT: EMMAUS HOMES

This cooking school is nationally known and thousands subscribe to their "Taste of Home" magazine. For the 7th year, this wonderful event will be held at the First Christian Church (3-1/2 miles west of Hwy 47 on Hwy 100). Vendor booths open at 9:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. Box lunch available. Cooking school starts at 1:00 p.m. til 4:00. The entertaining chef will prepare recipes with overhead screen enabling you to intimately see exactly her every move. Attendance prizes. Cook books available. Take a friend! See you there! Sharon Fenner
VIP Tickets: call Chris Adams 1-636-534-5218. Admission: \$20.00 at the door.

Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends began the fall season and a new Presbyterian Women Horizon's Bible Study on Thursday, September 22nd. The study is called "Who is Jesus? – What a Difference a Lens Makes." In 9 monthly sessions we will study Jesus from the points of view of the evangelists, Paul, other world religions, and contemporary cultural interpretations. Circle of Friends will meet at 10:00 a.m. each month on the 4th Thursday of the month, except on Thanksgiving, and probably in July at the time of the Church Rummage Sale. - Jocelyn

Halloween Movie Night

Join us for a SPOOKY fun family movie night on Sunday, October 30th right after our All-Church Halloween Party as we watch Disney's *Hocus Pocus*! We will begin about 6:30pm if you want to come just for the movie. Bring your own lawn chair or grab one of our youth room's giant pillows and snuggle up to watch the hilarious Sanderson sisters in this great film. Popcorn, water bottles and soda provided along with a fantastic surround sound incredible movie experience in our own Fellowship Hall.

Alternative Gift Market

The Mission Outreach Committee is looking for a volunteer to help coordinate this year's Alternative Gift Market. The Alternative Gift Market has been a very profitable global mission project of the church for many years. Jean Van Der Kamp has successfully led this program for many years, but is looking to hand-it-off to new leadership. If you are interested, please contact Mission Outreach Chair Lois Kempf or Pastor Pat.

8th Annual TANNENBAUM (AND MORE) AUCTION

All Proceeds go to: Friends of Emmaus, Marthasville to benefit the Residents of Emmaus Marthasville

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

1121 Columbus Lane, Washington, Mo.

WHY? Businesses, organizations and individuals freely donate CHRISTMAS based items (and ALSO other SEASONAL items) for this amazing TANNENBAUM wonderland at the K.C. Hall. Ticket includes food and drink while you bid on silent and oral auction items...including full size decorated trees!!! The Emmaus Bell and Singing Choirs will entertain. Door Prizes! Proceeds benefit the Friends of Emmaus, a non-profit organization, who have and will CONTINUE TO SUPPORT all Emmaus residents in their home of choice, campus or community.

THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT AND GETS BIGGER EVERY YEAR!!

HOW MUCH: \$25.00 AT THE DOOR.

AVAILABLE: BRING YOUR FRIENDS FOR A TABLE OF 8: \$200.00

INFORMATION ABOUT DONATIONS, ETC.: 636-239-5206 OR 636-561-7747

Sharon Fenner



Warblers

Warblers will meet on Wednesday, October 26. 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.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry group meets every third Saturday of the month at 7:30 am for breakfast, fellowship and prayer. October's meeting will be Saturday, October 22.

Third Annual Pet Blessing

Our annual Pet Blessing Service will be held on Sunday, October 9th at 4pm, rain or shine, outside on our church's back patio. Please feel welcome to bring your pet, leashed or crated, so they may be individually blessed by our youth, get a free treat, bandana and a special ribbon! We celebrate the special bond between pets and their owners in the tradition of St. Francis and look forward to this event that is open to the public. Pass the word to your friends and neighbors as we hope to see many dogs, cats, horses, chickens and goats again this year!

October Birthdays



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

Food Pantry Items of Month

The shelves at Loving Hearts Outreach are still running low. In an effort to revitalize our sense of mission to this organization, we will be collecting specific items for the food pantry each month. October's items are **Canned Meats, Canned Fruit and Soups**. All through the month of October, you are encouraged to bring these items and place them in the donation box for Loving Hearts. They can also use canned vegetables, canned meats, and cake mixes – basically anything non-perishable. Empty egg cartons can also be used. Thank you for your generosity!

Warner's Warm-Up Coat Drive returns in November!

Once again, our church is partnering with the Warner's Warm-Up Coat Drive Organization and will be an important collection point and the county's only sorting venue. Please check all your closets for ANY coats or jackets that you could donate OR plan on donating a few dollars to the organization for them to buy new coats in bulk! The collection time is November 1st – 15th and our sorting day will be on Saturday, November 19th at 10am. If you haven't participated in this event in the past, you are missing out on lots of fun and we could use all the hands we can get, even with the many neighbors that come from other church groups. This is the Saturday before Thanksgiving weekend and it's always a great mission event!

Upcoming November Harvest Table event

Our next Harvest Table mission supper event will be on Saturday, November 19th (Yes, just happens to be the same day as the Coat Drive Sorting Day but at a different time!) Please look out sometime in October for our flyers on the planned meal and what donations we need to bring in order to have a wonderful and warm sit-down meal for our needy neighbors. Thank you!

PCW Scrip gift cards!

Please check out our church Scrip Table after each worship service each Sunday morning as EVERY dollar you spend on gift cards has a rebate for our church! There are literally hundreds of retailers, especially restaurants, and everyone knows that we Presbyterians know good food, so check out how we can all eat our way to an easy fundraiser. With Christmas just around the corner, this is a FANTASTIC and incredibly easy way to give gifts! If you have any questions at all about our program, please stop by and ask! We would love to tell you about all the exciting Scrip info! A big THANK YOU to the many members that regularly order with us as we just surpassed \$2500 in our grand profit total since we started last year!



Change for Chickens

Are your pockets dragging you down with too much change? Are you paying for things with pennies and nickels to get rid of change? How about making a donation to Change for Chickens? A worthwhile cause to help others and get rid of that pesky change.

CROP Hunger Walk

The annual Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 2 here in Washington. It will begin and end at St. Peter's United Church of Christ at 5th and Market Streets.

Registration will begin at 12:30 pm followed by the walk at 1 pm. The walk is usually one mile, but you can walk a longer distance.

25% of the monies collected will be divided among 6 food pantries – 3 in Washington, 2 in Union and 1 in Leslie. The rest of the money will be distributed by Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief and Catholic Relief Services. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP. This walk is planned by Church Women United of Franklin County. Jean will be taking contributions this Sunday in the Narthex and possibly a short while on Oct. 2, the day of the walk.

Youth Group

Youth Group got off to a great start with an Ice Cream Sundae Party in August and then in September, we made cookies for our November Harvest Table event and then had some end of summer fun by going to Paradise Custard. In October, we will meet on Wednesday, October 5th and 19st. We also have 13 YG members and family attending a special 'Beauty & the Beast' Theatre Show starring our own Kaci Conley! We will 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 and on the third Wednesday, we usually have a fun activity(always a surprise!). All Youth from 6th – 12th 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.



HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 30TH



You won't want to miss out on the fun and games on Sunday afternoon, October 30th at 4 pm when we gather in the fellowship hall for our annual Halloween/Harvest party. Start planning your costume now! Once again our youth will host a Spooky Haunted House and as a little one asked, "Are we going to get to throw pumpkins again?" Yes, there will be a pumpkin bowling contest and games for all ages. We will top off our fun with bowls of ANNAMAE ZING chili for dinner. Invite your friends and neighbors!

The Refuge

This month, "The Refuge" will have special focus: **Survivors of Unhealthy Relationships**. If you have been a victim of an unhealthy relationship, we pray that this gathering will allow you some respite. This special gathering of "The Refuge" will be on Thursday night, October 13th at 7pm. We will meet in the middle classroom off of the Fellowship Hall. "The Refuge" is an open door support group. You may come once or as often as you like. An oath of confidentiality is expected by all who attend. Robbin Thayer will facilitate.

Wish List

The WISH LIST has been updated and is now available on the small table outside the Sanctuary for you to take and review at your leisure. The WISH LIST shows all the items already purchased with church member gifts up to now along with the \$35,000 Boiler replacement last year. It has been a real blessing to the church needs and programs to receive all these special gifts not able to be in the budget this time. The WISH LIST itemizes the remaining wishes submitted by various committees of the church. Anyone wanting to purchase an item can do so by sending a check to Carol in the church office and she will handle getting the item(s). Partial gifts are welcome on some of the items and we will deposit the money in an escrow awaiting the balance to be contributed by others. Thank you all for your support of this WISH LIST. It has made a big impact on the needs of the church and enhancement of its programs.

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.



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.



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

Meetings are normally 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, Janet Aaron, Scott McCracken, Laura Fenner, Joy Kopp, Jean Van Der Kamp, Patricia Bagley, Pam Schwarzen.

GRANDVIEW: Christine Lewis

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

CEDAR CREST: June Kleberger, Dorothy Mutert, Beth Saunders, Lisa Conrad

BARATHAVEN SPECIAL CARE: (Dardenne Prairie) Boots Bonney

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)

Anna Roetheli (friend of the church)

Laura Leigh Rhoades (daughter of Laura Evans)

Dixie Kottwitz (friend of the Bierbaums)

Jeff Pierce (son of Barbara Pierce, brother of Janet Aaron)

Rick Kresse (father-in-law of Mauri Truesdell's daughter)

Sarah McGurthy & family (daughter of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)

Taylor Bierbaum (grandson of Judy & Luther)

Holly Stoltz-Smith (friend of the church)

Betty Buerk (relative of Schultz, Vogt, Struckhoff)

Jean Kimme (friend of Barbara Schofield)

Rena Middendorf & Family (niece of Kathy Froning)

Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)

Ray Tucker (father-in-law of Jamie Tucker)

Joe Bryant (friend of Lya Struckhoff)

McKenna Kleinheider (granddaughter of June Gellhausen)

Felix Frye (brother-in-law of Trisha Bagley)

Charles Bagley (brother of Trisha Bagley)

Jill Ince (friend of the church)

Alex Settles (friend and coworker of Robbin Thayer)

Debbie Bernardoni (friend of Tim Culp)

Annabelle Krueger (granddaughter of a friend of Tim Culp)

Lorraine Kellermann (mother of Bill Kellermann)

Lisa Brule (sister of Vivian Marshall)

Eddie McGurthy (son-in-law of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)

Beth Bonney (daughter-in-law of Boots Bonney)

Allie Mooney & Patrick Jensen (sister of Jenny Bieg)

Eunice Linda (sister of Jim Watson)

Family of Phil Colter (friend of Mauri Truesdell)

Brad Crider (Loving Hearts Outreach)

Maxine Lohr (mother of John Bugele)