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Proverbs 29:18a*

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Friends,

What a difference seven days can make! In the span of one week, I went from triumphant joy to crushing dejection. Sunday night, January 14, the Minnesota Vikings, a team that I have been loyally supporting for forty years, accomplished the "Minneapolis Miracle." I'm sure most of you have seen the play by now. The Vikings were down by one point with only 10 seconds left to play and no time outs. The only hope the Vikings had was to complete a long pass, get out of bounds with enough time left to attempt a very long field goal. Their chances did not look good and Karen and I sat watching the TV in dejection.

Then, on the final play, Viking's quarterback Case Keenum completed a pass to wide receiver

Stefon Diggs along the side line. The defender missed the tackle and Diggs sprinted down the sideline and into the end zone as time expired. The Vikings won on a miraculous play that only happens in sports movies. Karen and I went crazy! We were jubilant! My beloved team was advancing the Conference Championship Game, only one game away from playing in the Super Bowl.

All that week, nothing could damper my mood. I beamed everywhere I went. I couldn't wait for the next Sunday. In my spare time, I watched YouTube videos of the play and of fan reactions. I couldn't get enough. I ran the play over and over in my head, and each time that I did, it brought a smile to my face and joy in my heart. And, I couldn't WAIT for the following Sunday.

But then, the following Sunday happened. All my residual joy from the Sunday before quickly seeped away as my beloved Vikings were pummeled into embarrassing defeat, 38-7. And, most of that week, a cloud hung over my head, and smiling didn't come as easily. And, I am sure most Minnesotans and Vikings fans everywhere experienced something similar.

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I don't feel regret necessarily that my emotions can be so fickle as to be determined by a sporting event. I love sports and I will be rooting my teams on given the next opportunity.

But, how I wish I could harness some of the joy I feel after a big win and experience it within the time of worship. I wish that my excited anticipation for next Sunday's game mirrored my anticipation for next Sunday's worship. Miracles happen so infrequently in sports, but they happen every day in the life of faith. We just don't appreciate the miracles of creation, transformation, salvation, forgiveness and love that happen all around us. Worship is our time to celebrate what God has

done for us and for the world and show our appreciation.

My prayer for PCW this month will be for all of us to anticipate worship that resonates so much for us that we can't wait to go out into the world and live out our faith. And, I also pray that each of us would look forward to the next worship experience with great anticipation.

Enjoy the Super Bowl this month. I hope it is a thrilling game. And, may God move in all our hearts to find a similar thrill in serving God and worship God's name.

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Pat



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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.*

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CHURCH ELDERS

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FEBRUARY COMMUNION LEADERS & SERVERS

FEBRUARY 4

Leader

David Brunworth

Servers

Bruce Wiese

Christy Eckert

Joe Hagan

John Anglin



FEBRUARY USHERS

2/4 Kay Hucke & Jean Weekley

2/11 Roland Schwarzen & June Gellhausen

2/18 Barb Hagan & Don Scheibe

2/25 Linda Booher & Michelle Zumsteg



FEBRUARY GREETERS

2/4 Robert & Jan Eade

2/11 Bruce & Sharon Wiese

2/18 Allen & Becky Vogt

2/25 Roland & Pam Schwarzen



FEBRUARY SOUND TECHS

2/4 Allen Vogt

2/11 Miles McCracken

2/18 Joe Hagan

2/25 Tom Ellenberger



POWER POINT

Chris Brehe



WORSHIP LEADER

Ian McCracken



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2018 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christian Education

Meets the 3rd Monday at 6pm

Jamie Tucker*
Ian McCracken*
Vivian Marshall*
Gretchen Farrell
Jocelyn Van Buskirk
Gerry Urban

Church Life

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30am

Vivian Marshall*
Karen Ladd*
Jean Weekley*
Judy Bierbaum (chair)
Shirley Coulter
Jan Hardin
Anna Mae Boehmer
Sharon Wiese
Jan Eade

Finance

Meets the 3rd Monday at 10:00am

Bruce Wiese* (chair)
Karen Ladd*
Christy Eckert*
Bob Eade*
Becky Vogt
Kay Hucke
Tom Ellenberger

Mission/Outreach

David Brunworth*
Jean Weekley*
Christy Eckert*
Gretchen Farrell
Barb Hagan
Lois Kempf
Jolene Patterson

Personnel

Meets the 2nd Thursday at 6pm

Tim Urban* (chair)
Bruce Wiese*
Joe Hagan*
Mary Ellenberger
Gretchen Farrell
Roland Schwarzen

Property

David Brunworth* (chair)
Joe Hagan*
Bob Eade*
Anna Mae Boehmer
Scott McCracken
Barbara Schofield

Worship

Meets the 4th Wednesday at 7:00

John Anglin* (chair)
Jamie Tucker*
Anna Mae Boehmer
Karla Becker
Judy Bierbaum
Tom Kempf
Barbara Schofield

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Around Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery

Now that Pastor Pat is Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery, we felt it was wise to communicate to the members of PCW some of the events that are happening within the Presbytery in February. We will run a similar article each month. You can visit www.glpby.org for more information on these events.

- Celebration of Ministry in Tower Grove Presbytery Building on Sat., Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. The Presbytery Center will be relocating to Creve Coeur this spring.
- Presbytery Gathering @ FAITH365 Conference Saturday, February 24 at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church.
- Courtney Loveless jazz concert at Second Presbyterian Church of St Louis, February 21 at 4pm.
- Denise Atty and Friends blues concert at Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church in St Louis, February 17 at 2pm.
- The Installation of Rev. Ellen Gurnon to First Presbyterian of Cape Girardeau, February 11 at 4pm
- The Installation of Rev. Clyde Crumpton to Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church in St Louis, February 18 at 3pm.
- The Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) will also be in contact with churches this month to organize and recruit volunteers for this summer's General Assembly hosted by our Presbytery.

Look for the next issue of "The Remote" in the March issue of Pres Bits.

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THANK YOU

There aren't words enough to thank everyone for the blessings of a loving, caring church family. Luther received such wonderful get well cards and all manner of caring thoughts and deeds and prayers from so many people. Thank you too for the loving support you have shown me since Luther's death. I have never before felt such overwhelming kindness and caring from so many people. You are perfect examples of "Love thy neighbor". It is a comfort to know so many people have me in their prayers during this difficult transition in my life. The PCW church family truly is a blessing. God bless you all.

In Christian Love,
Judy

POTLUCK

The date for our next all-church potluck dinner is Wednesday February 8th at 5:30 p.m. The main entrée will be chicken breast. There will be no guest speaker due the Ash Wednesday service. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway.

FOOD PANTY ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY

Loving Hearts is in desperate need of the following items during the month: **canned fruit, bread mix, & cereal.** You can drop off items at the church. Our donation box is located outside of the library. The food shelves are low. If each person would bring one item per month, it would really help. Thank you for your generosity.



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SAVE THE DATE...VALENTINE'S DINNER FOR ALL!

Please join us for a wonderful night on Saturday, February 10th at 5pm to celebrate love and friendship as we invite any adult (single, married, dating) to a Greek themed dinner and movie night as we enjoy a catered 4 course buffet dinner then watch the movie 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding' all in our church Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$25 per person. Please see the sign-up list in the narthex and come join the fun. OPA!!
Contact Tom Farrell with any questions, cell #314-852-9101.



SOUP-ER BOWL 2018 COMING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

Let's get ready for some DONATIONS!! Canned goods, pantry goods, and good old cash and checks will do! Our annual SOUP-er Bowl of Caring will be on Sunday, February 4th and we are needing everyone's help to bulk up on donations for our Youth Group to get to Loving Hearts Outreach (all the food items) and to The Presbyterian Children's Home in the St. Louis area (all the money.) Our Youth Groups have been involved with this wonderful national agency for 17 years and hope for another record-breaking year, thanks to you! Please help fill our giant SOUP Bowl and cart on February 4th, 2018!

Gretchen Farrell with Ian McCracken and our Youth Group



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FOOD FOR SPIRIT AND STOMACH

We are thinking of beginning a "Food for Spirit and Stomach" Bible Study on a weekday from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Participants would bring their own brown-bag lunch. We would end promptly at 12:50 p.m. if you need to return to work. If you would be interested in such a class, please respond below and put your response in the offering plate or give to Jocelyn.

I would attend such a class _____ weekly
_____ every two weeks
_____ once a month.

I could attend: _____ Monday
_____ Wednesday
_____ Thursday
_____ Any of the three

I would like to study:
_____ a book of the Bible. Which one(s)?

_____ the scripture passage(s) to be preached on next Sunday.

_____ Biblical treatment of a Christian topic, For example: Christian Ethics _____
Hope _____

Or a theological idea, like revelation or Christian community _____

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Per Capita For 2018

The Per Capita for 2018 will be \$32.00. There are special envelopes included in your contribution envelope packets you received in December. Or, you can just use a "Welcome" envelope available in the sanctuary. Please designate "Per Capita" on the outside.

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



NAME BADGES

Sometimes we all need a little help putting names and faces together. Please consider this as encouragement to wear a name-tag for Sunday Worship. It's not necessary to be a member of the congregation to wear a name badge!

Whether you are a visitor or new member, our church family would like to get to know you. If you have lost your nametag please request a new one. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the cork bulletin board. You may choose a pin on or lariat style.

OFFICE HOURS

Church Office hours are
Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.



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Faith365 Conference

Our Presbytery gathers once a quarter. This quarter, our gathering will be unique as it will also coincide with the Faith365 Conference. Elders Bruce Wiese and Vivian Marshall are commissioned to represent PCW at the business meeting, which will be separate. However, all Presbyterians are invited to attend the conference. Faith365 will be held on Saturday, February 24 at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church from 9am to 4:30pm. The Conference will be run by Christian author and nationally renowned speaker Brian McLaren. There will be keynote addresses, a panel discussion and workshops all geared toward the theme: "Moving your passion from your heart to the world." Current session members can attend the conference for \$25 (a 50% discount). Other members can attend for \$50. For more information about the conference, visit www.wgpc.org/faith365 and talk to Pastor Pat if you are interested in registering or if you have questions.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry will meet on Saturday, January 27th at 7:30 a.m. Please bring a bag breakfast.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

SERMON AUDIO AVAILABLE ONLINE

Did you miss last week's sermon? You can now listen to Pastor Pat's past sermons online at www.presbywashmo.org. Every sermon since August 27 is available to take a listen.

Thank You

Thank you for the Christmas gift. It was deeply appreciated. Happy New Year to you and your families.
Ken Roetheli

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Ash Wednesday Service

On Wednesday night, the 14th of February, at 7pm, we will gather as a church family to begin our Lenten journey to the cross and to the empty tomb. This year's Ash Wednesday Service will include multiple readers, interactive contemplation, "hands on" prayer, and the imposition of the ashes. Please come to experience a very different service of worship. Everyone is also encouraged to come early for our monthly potluck dinner at 5:30 and hear an update from Pastor Pat on our various church mission projects.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 ELLIOT RITCHEY
4 KEVIN CARPENTER	5 JOY KOPP	6	7 JANET HENDERSON	8 DONALD CONRAD FRANCIE TURNURE LAURA CONLEY	9 CHARLENE JACKSON	10
11	12	13	14 DANIELLE TUCKER	15 ROBBIN THAYER	16 PAM SCHWARZEN	17 GERRY URBAN
18 KAY HUCKE	19 SAM FARRELL ROLAND SCHWARZEN PAMELA KELLERMANN	20	21	22 PEGGY OTTO	23	24 OLIVIA MAHON
25	26	27	28			

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The Presbyterian Church of Washington
proudly presents an amateur production of:

GODSPELL

This Production Directed by John Anglin

Conceived & Originally Directed by John-Michael Tebelak

Music & New Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Originally Produced on the NY Stage by Edgar Lansbury/Stuart Duncan/Joseph Beruh

February 22, 23 & 24,
~ 2018 ~

All performances at 8:00 p.m.

**Location: 4834 South Point Rd.
Washington, MO**



Ticket Cost: \$10.00

Tickets available by calling 636-239-3178

This show is composed of various musical parables from The Gospel According to Matthew. Jesus Christ recruits a group of followers and teaches them various lessons through song and dance.

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MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Heather Miller, Whip Schultz, Don & Connie Conrad, Laura Fenner, Boots Bonney, Lisa Conrad, Tim Culp, Laura Evans, Jamie Tucker, Barbara Pierce

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

CEDAR CREST: Dorothy Mutert, Lorene Brunworth






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)
Jeff Pierce (son of Barbara Pierce, brother of Janet Aaron)
Eddie & Sarah McGurthy & family (daughter and son-in-law of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)
Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)
Maxine Lohr (mother of John Bugele)
JoAnne Hagedorn (friend of the Fenners and Shirley Coulter)
Betty Marshall (mother-in-law of Vivian Marshall)
Sharon Kempf (sister-in-law of Lois Kempf)
Fran Talken (co-worker of Tom Kempf)
Ralph & Luaine Roloff (father & mother-in-law of Nancy Thater and friends of Allen & Becky Vogt)
Vivian Anglin (wife of John Anglin)
Bernice Anglin (mother of John Anglin)
Louise Gordy (mother of Beth Brehe)
Cheryl McFarland (volunteer at Loving Hearts)
Michelle Stewart (daughter of Annette & John Bogdanor)
Herbert Hucker (friend of Tim Culp & Ron Kuntz)
Majorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)
Wilma Kunezel (aunt of Jolene Patterson)
Oliver Jones (brother of Virginia Whyte)
Shirley Matthew (mother of Kathy Rogers)
Ron Kuntz (friend of Tim Culp)
Barney Schmitz (nephew of John & Jane Bugele)
Diane Pierce (daughter in law of Barbara Pierce)
Sandy McDaniel Siess (friend of Kathy Froning)
Epiphany (friend of Marcy Ritchey)
Wes Rider (friend of Rebecca Brehe)
Vicky Turner (friend of Tom & Lois Kempf)
Warren Schaub (brother of Francie Turnure)



February 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	FEBRUARY 			PFL 9:00a FC Singles 7:00p Rehearsal 7:00p	Bridge 7:00p	Rehearsal 9-noon 3
4 Scout Sunday Soup-Er Bowl 2018	5 Session 7:00p Rehearsal 7:00p	6 PDO 9:00a Yoga 5:30p Scouts 7:00p Rehearsal 7:00p	7 Rehearsal 7:00p	8 PFL 9:00a Personnel 6:00p Rehearsal 7:00p	9 Bridge 7:00p	10 Valentine's Dinner 5:00p 
11 Property 11:30a	12 Rehearsal 7:00p	13 PDO 9:00a Church Life 9:30a Yoga 5:30p Scouts 7:00p Rehearsal 7:00p	14 Potluck 5:30p  Service 7:00p Rehearsal 7:00-	15 PFL 9:00a Rehearsal 7:00p	16 Bridge 7:00p	17
18 Rehearsal 6:30p	19  Finance 10:00a Christian Ed 6:00p Rehearsal 6:30p	20 PDO 9:00a Yoga 5:30p Scouts 7:00p Rehearsal 6:30p	21 Service 7:00p Rehearsal 6:30p	22 PFL 9:00a Circle 10:00a "Godspell" 8:00p	23 Bridge 7:00p "Godspell" 8:00p	24 Men's Ministry 7:30a Meals on Wheels 8:00a "Godspell" 8:00p
25	26	27 PDO 9:00a Yoga 5:30p Scouts 7:00p	28 Warblers 11:00a Worship 7:00p			

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

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***Then Jesus was led by the
Spirit into the wilderness to
be tempted by the devil.
²After fasting forty days
and forty nights, he was
hungry. Matthew 4:1-2***

