

# August Newsletter



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## Sunday Schedule

### Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

### Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

### Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

### High School Youth

7:30 p.m. Sundays

*(First Presbyterian Church)*

### 6th—12th Youth

6:00 p.m. Wednesdays

*(First Christian Church)*

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## The Practical Trinity

Our adult Sunday School class just completed a class about Presbyterian beliefs, and one term that was reoccurring was the Trinity. Also, the men's Saturday discussion group had a recent session on the topic. Did you know the term "trinity" is not found in scripture? The concept certainly is, from the beginning of the earth at creation all the way through the Bible. The fascinating idea of God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has been studied for thousands of years. Today, I've been thinking about practical ways belief in the Trinity affect Christians.

One practical applications of the Trinity has to do with the way that God, who is three-in-one, handles relationships. Presbyterians (and Christian denominations in general) believe that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are equal in power and glory. Early in the history of the church it was decided that no one part is more or less than the other, and that all are God equally. One part of the trinity does not come out of another part. Rather, they are all three of the same substance; the Greek term for that is *homoousios*.

If we believe in this divine equality of the three parts of God, we can also believe that this is the way God created humans: That in our relationships with one another, we should regard all people equally. We shouldn't have hierarchies or think that some people are above or below others. Racism, sexism, ageism, and all other such isms are contrary to the model of the Trinity.

Further, the Trinity is relational. The three parts of it work together. Remember when Jesus prayed to God during his life on earth? Or how the Holy Spirit came to Jesus at his baptism? The three interact. In the same way, as people made in the image of God, we are made to be in participation with each other. God made us to share our lives together, loving and caring for each other the way God loves us.

This month, I hope we can remember those lessons from the Trinity: We're equal, and we're in it together. I hope you get a chance to ponder the Trinity beyond these ideas, too. We could study for the rest of our lives and still not fully grasp it, but it sure is beneficial to keep learning! Blessings to you this summer.

Pastor Susan



**AUGUST WORSHIP**  
9:00 a.m.

**August 4**

**Scripture**—Ephesians 4:1-16

**Sermon**—Words Matter

**Preaching**—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

**August 11**

**Scripture**—2 Samuel 12:1-9

**Sermon**—Let's Admit It

**Preaching**—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

**August 18**

**Scripture**—Exodus 1:8

**Sermon**—History

**Preaching**—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

**August 25**

**Scripture**—Ephesians 6:10-20

**Sermon**—Armor All

**Preaching**—Rev Dr. Susan Presley

**AUGUST SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship 10:00—10:15 a.m.

**Wired Word—Room 200**

**Knit Wits—Room 204**

(begins August 18th)

**PreK—5th**

(no Sunday school in August)

**Mid Hi & Hi School Youth**

(No Sunday school in August)



**AUGUST**

August holds significant biblical meaning as a **time of harvest and abundance**, reflecting God's faithfulness and provision in our lives. Just as the fields are ripe for gathering crops, this month serves as a reminder of the bountiful blessings that God bestows upon His children.

**KNITWITS PRAYER SHAWLS**

The Knit Wits have lovingly crafted prayer shawls for people going through hardships such as times of stress, bereavement, illness and or recovery. Giving a prayer shawl is a thoughtful physical reminder of God's love and prayers being said for a person. There is a supply of shawls in the Board Room.

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**Sunday Morning Nursery**

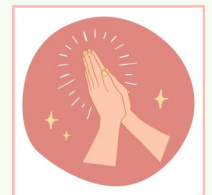
Infants and children are welcome to come and play during worship and/or Sunday school.

Our caregivers are Piper & Margaret.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Michael Schuessler (friend of the Ray's)
- Bob Marty
- Clark Slagle (Bruce & Cheryl Slagle's grandson)
- Jessica Jolly
- Kyler Green (deployment)
- Betty Coari
- Barbara Neumann
- Anna Rentschler
- Carl Smarr
- Rona Wilson
- Bonnie Kimbel
- Katherine Staley
- Bob Kimes (Pam Miller's father)
- Judy Wagner
- Connie Robley
- Barbara Ray (Freddie Crews' sister)
- Denzil McNeal (Micah's uncle)
- Cole Nettles (Sandy Weber's nephew)
- Linda Baker (Lana Parmenter's sister-in-law)
- Stan Beard Jr (Becky Fischer's brother)
- Nancy Fischer (Scott Fischer's sister in law)
- PK Karrenbrock (Tori Webber's friend)
- Tom Biesemeyer (Linda Sue's cousin)
- Lydia A. Neill (Linda Sue's cousin)
- Don Munford (Robby & Cara Miller's brother in law)
- Dan Kriwiel (Peggie's husband)
- Debra Kreyling
- Lucas Coari
- Luke Pickett
- Judy Lowery (Jody Fetterhoff's sister)
- Bob Wilburn (Janis Strode's son-in-law)
- Cathy Scholz (Betty Coari's friend)



WE  
*Still*  
DO.

Scott and Becky Fischer invite you to attend their 50th wedding anniversary celebration where they will renew their wedding vows.

**Saturday, August 3rd @ 2:00 p.m.**  
Sanctuary  
First Presbyterian Church

*No gifts please. Your presence is presents enough!*

**MEXICO SOYBEAN FESTIVAL**



The Outreach Committee will have a booth at this years Soybean Festival. Come by and say "hello". If you would like to help out with the booth, please contact Micah.

**ALL CHURCH  
BAR-B-Q**

**Sunday  
August 4th  
@ 10:30 a.m.**

**Food provided by  
Fellowship & Adult  
Fellowship Committees**

Please come and enjoy great fellowship and food. There will be games and fun outdoors.  
**\*No Sunday School\***

**MO Union Presbytery Meeting**



Tuesday  
August 27, 2024

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Columbia, MO

Andrew Cauthorn was elected to be the commissioner for this meeting.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN

**Inquirer's Class?**

Pastor Susan will lead a class for anyone who might be interested in becoming a church member, or anyone who wants a refresher or has questions about the church.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**10:15 A.M.—BOARD ROOM/CENTRAL OFFICE**  
Next class is August 18th



Scouts from Troop 38 and Troop 57 decorated the town square with flags for Independence Day.

# THANK YOU!

We want to thank all who kept Quinlan Gillette, our grandson, in their prayers these past 14 months. He has recovered from his Aplastic Anemia/Bone Marrow transplant and is off the prayer list. He is now off all anti-rejection drugs and is gradually returning to the life of a happy healthy little boy. No words can express our heartfelt gratitude for the special young man who donated his bone marrow. Thank you all for your kind thoughts and prayers throughout this ordeal.

Praise be to the Lord for miracles of prayer, modern medicine and gifted doctors!

Paul and Lawanah Gillette



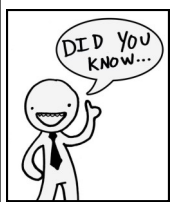
## Creeds and Confessions

During our summer Sunday school class, we had a session in which we learned about the PC(USA)'s creeds and confessions. Some 25 years ago, women of our church made beautiful, intricate banners to represent each creed and confession.

The somber brown color represents the difficulty and rigor of early Christianity under persecution; also, the monastic tradition.

The purple arches represent the entrances to caves or catacombs, where early Christians met in secret; also, the shape of Gothic church windows.

The anchor cross represents security in Christ, as found by the apostles, some of whom were fishermen.



The fish is an ancient symbol for the Christian faith, perhaps a secret code mark. Letters of the Greek word for fish can be used as first letters in the phrase "Jesus Christ God's Son Savior."

The chalice represents the Lord's Supper, and thus the earnest and simple fellowship of the early church.

The upside-down cross is for Peter, chief of the apostles, who, in legend, is said to have been crucified upside down because he thought himself unworthy of a death like his Master's.



Photo shared by Bryce Kristofferson



## Blessing Box

**August**—canned meat (tuna, chicken) and vegetables

**September**—cereal, oatmeal, crackers

**October**—soup

**November**—Pasta, sauce

All donations welcome anytime!

Lyle Toellner	1	Elaine Mensching	12	Kathy Cusick	26
Vanessa Lamb	2	Ans Schmidtke	13	Raigan Robinett	26
Larry Frey	3	Elizabeth Albin	15	Clifford Wilson	26
Lauren Hanley	3	Ashlie Crawford	15	Kathy Quick	27
Stephanie Robinett	3	Robert Dalton	16	Lindsey Yancey	28
Kamden Ekern	5	Bruce Oliver	16	Vicki Briggs	29
Don Decker	7	Vanessa Miller	17	Connie Cox	29
Carol Gallaher	7	Kimberly Robb	17	Susan Chitwood	30
Michael Myers	7	Nancy Decker	18	Janet Heaton	31
June Wagner	7	Charlene Thompson	18		
Emogene Fox	9	Joy Young	18		
Brenda Gordon	9	Robert Fenlon	19		
Shirley Brauer	10	Elizabeth McNeal	22		
Randy Huddleston	10	Stu Miller	22		
Kim Sydenstricker	10	Lois Runnels	22		



Finishing Touches

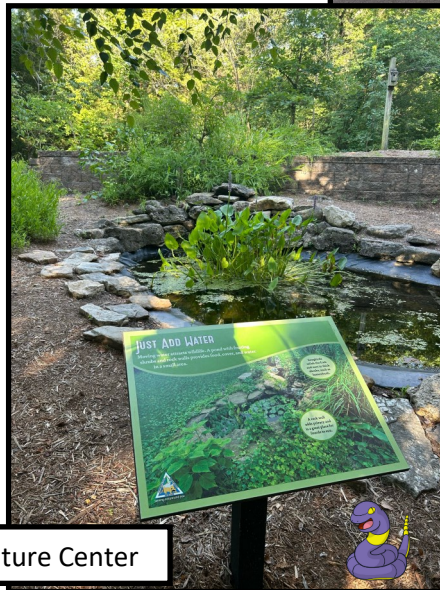


New Patio Area



Runge Nature Center

## Summer Work And Play



Runge Nature Center

Concrete Repair



**Start the Party VBS 2024**  
**Mexico United Methodist Church**  
**August 11, 12, 13**  
 Register for this years spectacular VBS.  
 Sign up at [Mexicofpc.com](http://Mexicofpc.com) or this QR



**Blessing of the Backpacks**

Bring your backpacks to church on **August 18th**, to receive a blessing for the new school year during the Children's Moment! Then,,,

,,,join us during Fellowship time for ice cream because it is **Sundae Sunday!!**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING**  
**August 25th @ 10:15**



Troop 38 Summer Camp

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.



## LUNCH BUNCH

The July Lunch Bunch met at Dagwood Jr's. Join us at 11:30, August 21st at:

## ORI HIBACHI

621 E. Liberty



### Memorials

#### Columbarium Memorial

Doug Erdel

#### Endowment

Charlie Stuart  
Dick Schmidtke

#### Memorial

Charlie Stuart  
Dick Schmidtke

#### Collins Scholarship

Charlie Stuart

#### Music & Worship Honorarium

Margaret Willows—Happy Birthday

*(These monetary memorials were received in the last 30 days)*

### BUDGET REPORT As of 7.17.2024

INCOME	Actual \$	Budget for Year \$	Actual vs Budget %
Pledged Giving	\$159,954.31	\$325,000	49.22%
Non pledged	\$55,571.14	\$87,250	63.69%
Other Income	\$12,631.01	\$12,750	99.07%
<b>Total all income</b>	<b>\$228,156.46</b>	<b>\$425,000</b>	<b>53.68%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administration	\$1,824.56	\$6,050	30.16%
Adult Ministries	\$331.89	\$850	39.05%
Children's Ministry	\$624.33	\$4,000	\$15.61
Local Mission	\$4,420.01	\$13,000	34.00%
National & Global Mission	\$20,580	\$42,280	48.68%
Other programs	\$1,872.01	\$3,500	53.49%
Outreach	\$691.44	\$2,200	31.43%
Property	\$35,367.16	\$66,810	52.94%
Personnel	\$170,812.53	\$318,548	53.62%
Technology	\$5,347.29	\$8,000	66.84%
Worship	\$1,967.10	\$4,500	43.71%
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$983.17	\$6,000	16.39%
<b>Total all expenses</b>	<b>\$244,821.49</b>	<b>\$475,738</b>	<b>51.46%</b>

### NEED A RIDE TO/FROM CHURCH?

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SHARE-A-RIDE MINISTRY  
Call our dispatcher: 573-936-6625



**Stephen Ministers** are trained to be CONFIDENTIAL and compassionate listeners to persons experiencing special needs:

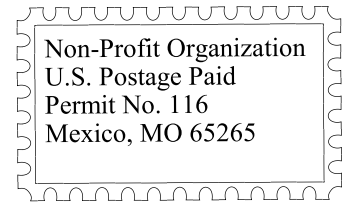
- Loss of Loved One
- Separation or Divorce
- Terminal Illness
- Job Crisis
- Financial Stress
- Loneliness or Depression
- Hospitalization
- Being Homebound Spiritual Crisis
- ... And many more!



If you or someone you know could use the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Susan or send your name and phone number to the church in care of "Stephen Ministry, Confidential," 400 Lakeview Rd., Mexico, MO 65265.


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400 Lakeview  
Mexico, MO 65265



Return Service Requested

# DATED MATERIAL

2024	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
<b>Liturgist</b>	Megan Schutte	Dustin Lewis		
<b>Children's Message</b>	Teresa Carlson	Joanne Nelson	Steve Haag	Lana Parmenter
<b>Flowers</b>	Scott & Becky Fischer		Rob & Lee Dalton	
<b>Ushers</b>	Susan Atkins Alan Atkins Lori Ray Ron Ray Andrew Cauthorn JR Cauthorn	Nancy Oliver Bruce Oliver Linda Woods Bill Woods Andy Baker Bryce Robinett	Stuart Miller Pam Miller Paul Parmenter Lana Parmenter Kim Sydenstricker Fayeth Schutte	Judy Dye Jim Dye Mary Creason Karen Linnemeyer
	<b>Communion Servers</b> Dianne Maguire Pat Maguire Mike Briggs Robby Miller	<b>Communion Preparer</b> Jody Fetterhoff	<b>August Deacon Of the Month</b> Liz Schutte	<b>KFC QR SIGN UP</b> 