

June 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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You've probably heard the expression, "The more things change, the more things stay the same." Right now there's a lot of change happening at our church! Things are getting replaced and renewed. Maybe you've driven by and seen the work being done on the steeple and roof, and maybe the shiny copper on the steeple surprised you. Did you know the steeple has always been copper?

Property Committee member Ron Ray explains that the original design plans called for copper clad construction of the steeple back in 1967, with it to immediately to be painted white, as noted in original architectural drawings. We will have a contractor follow the copper craftsman and return it to white. The spire is and will still be a weathered copper, although it may take several months to weather back to its patina. Things will be new on the inside, but on the outside it'll look the same.

There are other building changes that are visible to some people more than to others. The Kiddie Cushion on the playground might not mean much to the regular passer-by, but it'll sure make a difference to the children when they come off the slides. The Blessing Box was just painted and looks remarkably different but will serve the same purpose – just a little better.

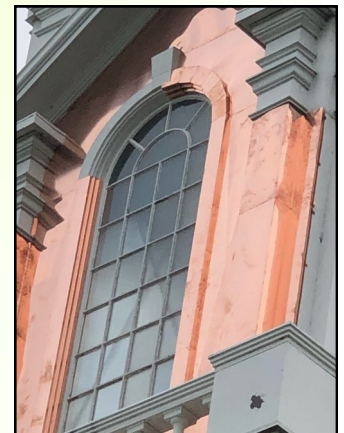
As people, we're not much different than buildings. We may have huge changes on the inside, but since we look the same on the outside, no one realizes the change. We all change over time, and perhaps you're very different inwardly than you were a few years or decades ago, but your outward look remains the same. Like our church building, we might look the same while being deeply different underneath. People may not realize how much work has gone into creating the person you are today.

Do we recognize that others can change inwardly, as well? We might harbor resentment for who people were in the past, but they're not that person anymore even though they look and sound the same.

Sometimes big, visible changes are not necessarily the best idea. If we had completely changed the color of the roof to something totally different – say, terra cotta, with a bright red steeple – there would be an uproar not just in this church, but in the community. There are people who see us as the landmark as sort of the start of town on the south side. We're a beacon as people come into town, and how we look matters.

In the end, the changes we're making (that won't necessarily look very different) are good for the church. May the changes you make within yourself be guided by your desire to be more like Christ, and may you be willing and eager to accept unseen changes in those you meet along the way.

Pastor Susan



JUNE WORSHIP
9:00 a.m.



June 2

Scripture—Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon—The River

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

June 9

Scripture—1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

Sermon—You Can't Always Get What You Want

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

June 16

Scripture—1 Samuel 15:34, 16:13

Sermon—Signed, Sealed, Delivered

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

June 23

Scripture—1 Samuel 17

Sermon—A Little Help From My Friends

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

June 30

Scripture—1 Chronicles 17:10-14

Sermon—The Kingdom of God

Preaching—Dave Roland

Summer Adult Sunday School

A class for those wondering why and how Presbyterians do things the way we do, and those wanting to deepen their faith formation.

Led by Pastor Susan—Fellowship Hall

June 2: Week 1: Who and What Is the Church

June 9: Week 2: A Confessional Church

June 16: Week 3: A Brief Statement of Faith

June 23: Week 4: Principles of Church Government

June 30: (Break: Susan out of town)

July 7: Week 5: Worship

July 14: Week 6: Sacraments



CURRENT REQUESTS



- 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
- Elizabeth Milligan (Tris's relative)
- Clark Slagle (Bruce & Cheryl Slagle's grandson)
- Jessica Jolly
- Jane Cooper (Jody Fetterhoff's sister-in-law)
- Barbara Ray (Freddie Crews' sister)
- Denzil McNeal (Micah's uncle)
- Cole Nettles (Sandy Weber's nephew)
- 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
- Linda Baker (Lana Parmenter's sister-in-law)
- Lucas Coari
- Luke Pickett
- Judy Lowery (Jody Fetterhoff's sister)
- Bob Wilburn (Janis Strode's son-in-law)
- Cathy Scholz (Betty Coari's friend)

JUNE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship 10:00—10:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre K—5th Grade Room 105

Sr. and Mid High Youth Room 300

Theocademy—Fellowship Hall

NEED A RIDE TO/FROM CHURCH?



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SHARE-A-RIDE MINISTRY

Call our dispatcher: 573-936-6625

STREAM SUNDAY WORSHIP ON LINE @ YOU TUBE

If anyone is needing assistance in learning how to stream live services on Sundays, please reach out to Michelle Doolittle with the Outreach Committee. We are offering to come to homes, nursing homes, etc., if needed to assist in learning how to do this.

Our church services are now being streamed live on **You Tube**.

Just go to: www.youtube.com

and search for: **Mexico First Presbyterian Church.**

(We are also on Facebook.)



Scan this QR code with your phone's camera to go directly to site.





Pentecost Sunday

Our scripture was read simultaneously in 7 different languages! Elizabeth-Korean, Elwood-American Sign Language, Jude-French, Sarah-English, Veronica-Spanish, Micah-Greek, Pastor Susan-German



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A Presser Pipes Concert
Presser Arts Center

Thursday, June 6, 2024 @ 7:00
The Mexico Woodwinds @ 6:40
\$8 or \$5 with 2 canned goods

IN LOVING
Memory

Kitchen Fund
Richard Schmidtke
Memorial Fund
Marian Rentschler

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY 20, 2024

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Mexico, Missouri met on Monday, May 20, 2024. Elders shared joys and concerns and the moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

The consent agenda was accepted into the record, including prior minutes, financial reports, and the meeting agenda. Stephanie Robinett was unanimously voted as clerk for this meeting.

Adult Fellowship: Whitney reported that the annual church BBQ will be on August 4, beginning at 10:30 AM. The committee is exploring new activity ideas. They are also working on Evelyn Bedell Award nominations and welcome ideas for that award.

Adult Education: Mike Briggs shared that adult classes will be on a summer break and Pastor Susan will be leading a six-week summer course.

Children's Ministry: KFC has finished for the school year. 6 children will be attending Try-It Camp and 2 youth will go to canoe camp.

Columbarium: Andy reported that the columbarium was cleaned and the bricks were resealed.

Local Mission: Elaine reported that baby Bundle Sunday raised \$603. The June Moment for Mission speaker will be Jody Dishman.

Music and Worship: Josh reported that the committee has traditionally given a gift to families upon baptism of babies, but is exploring options for gifts for people of all ages who are baptized. They're also working on decisions about offering collection procedures.

Outreach: Micah reported that the livestream is going well. The committee is sending cards to people who worship with us online.

Presbyterian Women: Elaine reported that the annual luncheon went well. Eunice Schnarre was recognized as the Lifetime Member.

Property: Ron reported that the steeple and roof are currently being worked on. Volunteers are being organized for lawn maintenance throughout the summer.

Scholarship: The committee reported that two scholarships were awarded. The committee made the motion to raise the amounts we award. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff & Administration: Andy reported that the committee agreed to terminate the employment of our custodian, Ryan Totten on May 15th with pay through May 31. Session unanimously approved the committee's action.

Stephen Ministries: Mike reported on the group's work, and that they're starting a new book study with *The Anxious Generation*.

Technology: Sound Solutions and Rob Dalton will be working on mic'ing the organ pipes so they can be heard in online broadcasts.

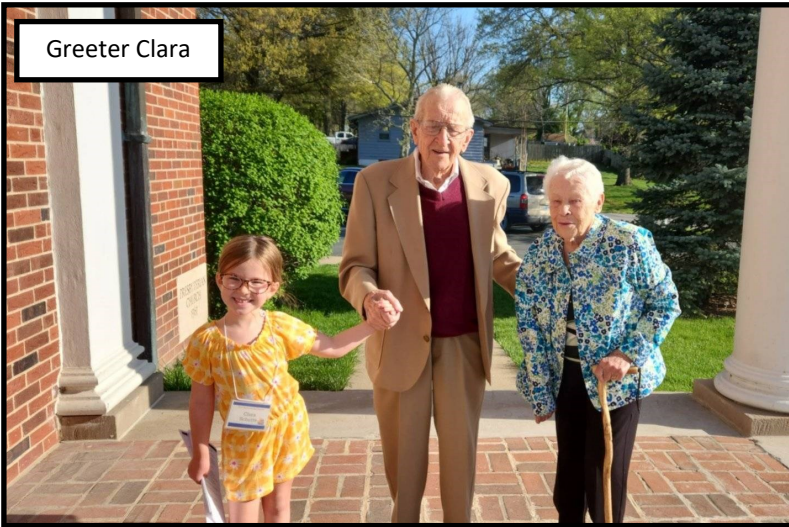
Youth and Young Adult: Micah reported that 10 youth will be attending the mission trip to Moberly. Triennium dates have been set.

Visioning: An update on progress toward recommended goals from Visioning was received.

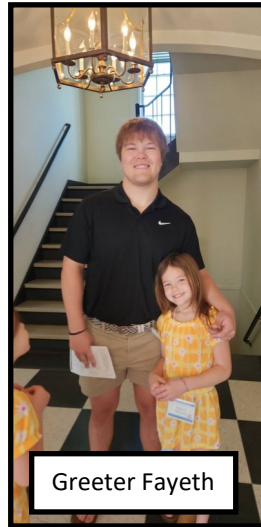
Clerk's Report: Stephanie reported that Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served on May 5, 2024 in worship and at the Kings Daughters Home by the pastor. On April 28, 2024, we welcomed Shyanne Fagan into membership by baptism and Jan Harlow was also baptized. On May 12, 2024 April Leeann Dawn Jones, daughter of Ashlie Kare Crawford was baptized during worship. Donald George Linss and Sharon Sue (Howard) Kossman were received into membership on April 21, 2024, during worship. Baptism of Carter Sue Cauthorn on June 2 and Ely Toellner, Everett Toellner, Ollie Toellner, and Lyle Toellner (on a date to be determined) were unanimously approved.

The meeting closed with a devotion and prayer from Andy Baker and the meeting was adjourned.

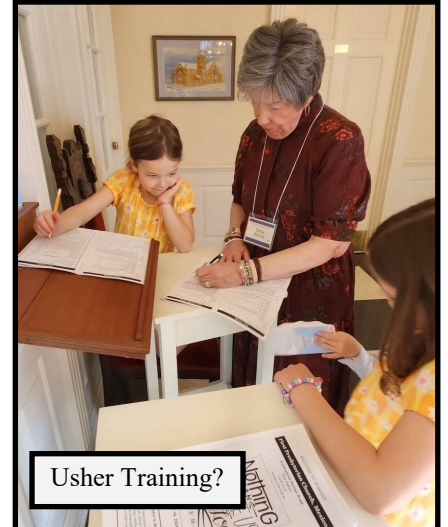




Greeter Clara



Greeter Fayeth

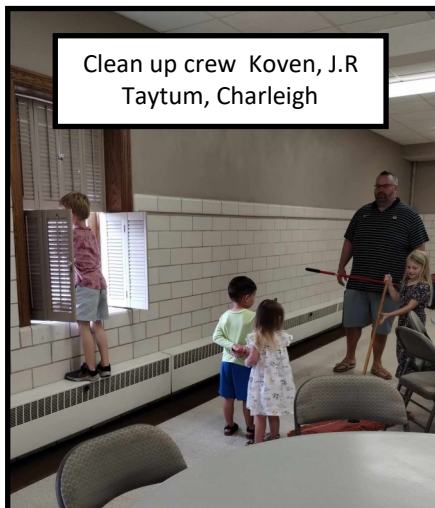


Usher Training?

WHO IS WATCHING THE KIDS??



Preacher Jethro



Clean up crew Koven, J.R
Taytum, Charleigh



Choir Everett



Usher Frederick



All Together Youth Playground Restoration

Blessing Box

June—Fruit canned/cups

July—granola bars, protein bars

August—canned meat (tuna, chicken) and vegetables

September—cereal, oatmeal, crackers

October—soup

November—pasta, sauce

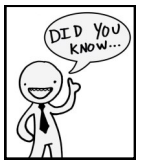
(all donations welcome anytime)





Bible Buddies

The **Bible Buddies** program began in 2019. It is based on Educational Benchmarks developed by the Children’s Ministry Committee—what children should know year by year in developing their understanding of the faith. The teaching task is carried out by a Bible Buddy assigned to each student. The Bible Buddy meets with the child on a regular basis to study for about 10 minutes per session. As the child reaches each benchmark, a sticker is placed on their certificate. When all the benchmarks for a grade level have been completed, the certificate is framed and presented to the student. Come and see the children’s progress wall, located in first wing! If you would like to know more about the program talk to Pam Miller or Micah. (pictured: Certificates were awarded to 6 children by their Bible Buddies on April 28, 2024) Charleigh, J.R., Bryce, Fayette, EllaBelle & Raigan



KFC Fishing Day 2024

SENIOR SUNDAY

Happy Graduation to Grace Match and Nate Robertson!



Congratulations
CLASS OF 2024

CONGRATULATIONS EUNICE SCHNARRE

2024 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Shane Brown	1	Robert Cusick	12
Amy O'Brien	1	Tim Mitchell	12
Sean Phillips	1	William Cox	15
Karen Bakke	3	Jolene Matich	16
Wanda Davis	4	Sydney Schutte	16
Whitney Lewis	4	George Comfort	17
Eric Meranda	4	Jeanie Crews	18
Marvin Rice	4	Micah McNeal	18
Kevin Shopher	5	Nancy Oliver	18
Betty Coari	6	Logan Ray	24
Karsten Ekern	8	Berry Azdell	29
Paula Presley	8	Elayna Samm	29
Carol Wegener	8	Darlene Shopher	29
Phyllis Wirths	8	Kaden Benne	30
Raegan Samm	10	Marquita Rothrock	30
Fayeth Schutte	10		



Camp Mission

The kids going to camp have been asked to collect adult sized back packs and school supplies for Missouri foster students. If congregation members would like to donate, please drop off before June 7th. (If more trickle in, we have more kids going at later dates).

Thank you,
Whitney
Children's Ministry
Committee



Camps at Joetta

1272 Hwy MM, Clarence, MO 63437



Try It Camp June 7-9 -Prek-2nd grade
CYF July 8-13—completed 9th-12th grades
Elementary July 15-17 –completed 2nd-3rd grades
Junior July 15-19 –completed 4th-5th grades
Chi Rho July 28-Aug 2 –completed 6th-8th grades

Registration Link:

<https://mid-americaandmupcamps.godaddysites.com/>

ELEMENTARY SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Elementary Sunday school will be combined into one class for the summer. We are inviting students that will be in preschool this fall to try out their Sunday school class this summer during the months of June and July.

Class will meet in room 105.

We will not have elementary Sunday school in August.

Instead, we will have teacher training, VBS and our

Back to School Kick-off!



Mexico United Methodist Church August 11, 12, 13



Contact Micah, Whitney or Stephanie if you are interested in volunteering at this years spectacular VBS. Sign up at Mexicofpc.com



Kids for Christ

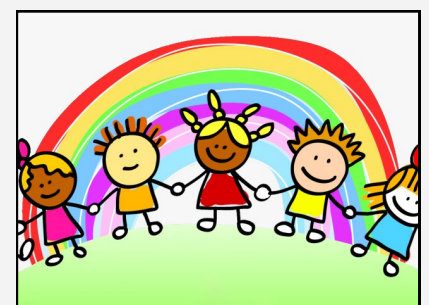
On the last day of Kids for Christ, each child was given a piece of a paper quilt with a circle drawn in the middle. Come and see our completed quilt in Fellowship Hall.

Your Circle Matters

Sunday Morning Nursery

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

Our caregivers are Piper & Margaret.





LUNCH BUNCH

The May Lunch Bunch met at Pig Up & Go. Join us in June at::



**Wednesday
June 19th, 2024**

1801 East Liberty Street
Mexico, MO 65265

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

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.



Fellowship. Fun. Friendship. Faith.

The Adult Fellowship Committee is looking for a few people who would like to join our group! We meet once a month for an hour or less. This committee comes up with ideas and activities that offer opportunities for fellowship beyond the typical fellowship time on Sundays after service or other regularly hosted church events. A few of the repeat activities we help organize are the monthly Lunch Bunch, Christmas caroling, and teaming up to help with the Church BBQ. Beyond this, it is the committee's goal to organize other special events and times for connection throughout the year. To name a few events that have been organized in the past – meeting up at Hickory Ridge Orchard, trips to see the Amish, going to plays and shows, chili cookoffs, special presentations from church members about specific topics, etc.

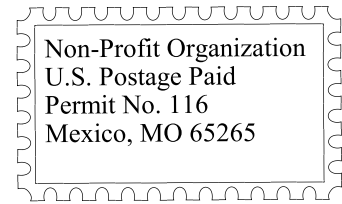
We have so many ideas floating around for fun activities to be in community with one another and are looking for a few more people to help execute plans and bring their own ideas to the table. We are excited to hear from you! If joining the Adult Fellowship Committee interests you, please contact Sandy at the FPC office or the committee chair Abby Ray.

BUDGET REPORT As of 5.20.2024

INCOME	Actual \$	Budget for Year \$	Actual vs Budget %
Pledged Giving	\$122,796.66	\$325,000	37.78%
Non pledged	\$36,678.20	\$87,250	42.04%
Other Income	\$9,012.53	\$12,750	70.69%
Total all income	\$168,487.39	\$425,000	39.64%
EXPENSES			
Administration	\$1,323.96	\$6,050	21.88%
Adult Ministries	\$161.79	\$850	19.03%
Children's Ministry	\$467.76	\$4,000	11.69%
Local Mission	\$3,153.35	\$13,000	24.26%
National & Global Mission	\$14,700.00	\$42,280	34.77%
Other programs	\$1,327.55	\$3,500	37.93%
Outreach	\$525.96	\$2,200	23.91%
Property	\$28,677.27	\$66,810	42.92%
Personnel	\$127,852.50	\$318,548	40.14%
Technology	\$3,399.69	\$8,000	42.50%
Worship	\$1,604.95	\$4,500	35.67%
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$483.39	\$6,000	8.06%
Total all expenses	\$183,678.17	\$475,738	38.61%

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Return Service Requested

DATED MATERIAL

2024	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Liturgist	Jackson Lamb	Josh Yancey	Keith Louder	Amy O'Brien	Micah McNeal
Children's Message	Lana Parmenter	Micah McNeal	Deb Haag	Teresa Carlson	Joanne Nelson
Flowers	Jerry & Darlene Isaacs	Paul & Lawanah Gillette	Bob Kerr	Becky Hogan	Hans & Barbara Neumann
Ushers	Jim Dye Judy Dye Karen Linnemeyer Mary Creason Andrew Cauthorn J.R. Cauthorn	Bruce Oliver Nancy Oliver Bill Woods Linda Woods Liz Schutte Bryce Robinett	Mark DeJaynes Jerry Ahillen Mark Schnake Donna Haerer Liz Rice Fayeth Schutte	Alan Atkins Susan Atkins Larry Webber Carl Gallaher Whitney Lewis Charleigh Lewis	Brad Brett Jan Douglas Stephanie & Raigan Robinett
	June Communion Servers Rob Dalton Freddie Crews Ron Ray Jeanie Crews Jim Bruner	June Communion Preparer Darlene Isaacs	June Session Devotional Josh Yancey	June Deacon of the Month Danielle Louder	