

May 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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A Redistribution of Happiness

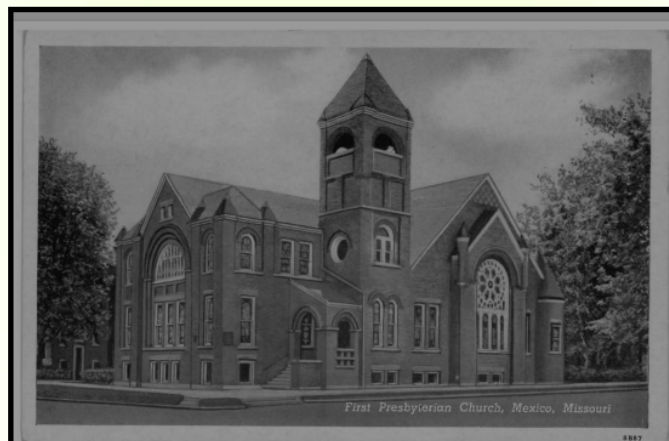
A letter came to the church last month from a man named Lowell Joerg of Stockton, California. Mr. Joerg lives in an assisted living facility there and will – God willing, as he says -- celebrate his 96th birthday in June.

As a hobby, Mr. Joerg frequents antique shops. When he finds a postcard or other item, he enjoys sending it “back to where it can be appreciated, because heritage is important,” as he says. He calls his hobby a “Redistribution of happiness – Our world sure needs it.” The PS of his letter says, “My daughter says you should check me out on Google,” and his daughter is correct. Look him up -- What an interesting man he is! He’s known as the “Postcard Man” and sends postcards back to their origins. He’s been spreading this joy for years.

Mr. Joerg’s letter and the enclosed postcard, from when our own First Presbyterian Church was in downtown Mexico, Missouri, were a delight to receive. We are glad to be in touch with him with our thanks! What a blessing he gives to others. If you’d like to communicate with Mr. Joerg and thank him for his thoughtfulness, let me know and I’ll pass his address on.

We have so much to be grateful for as Christians. It’s my hope that we can all be inspired by Mr. Joerg and redistribute some happiness this Spring and Summer as a thank-you for all God has done for us. Thanks, Mr. Joerg, and thanks to all who follow in his footsteps.

Pastor Susan



MAY WORSHIP
9:00 a.m.

May 5
Sermon—Senior Sunday
Preaching—Grace Matich

May 12
Scripture—Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Sermon—Roll the Dice
Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

May 19
Scripture—Acts 2;1-21
Sermon—The Bar Isn't Even Open
Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

May 26
Scripture—Isaiah 6:1-8
Sermon—Cussing Can't Stop You
Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley



MAY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 10:00—10:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre K—1st Grade Room 105
2nd—5th Grade Room 104
Sr. and Mid High Youth Room 300
Young Moms Westminster Room
Wired Word Room 200
Mere Christianity Room 305
Sermon Discussion Room 201
Knit Wits Room 204

Senior Sunday 2024

May 5th

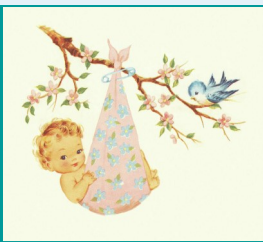
Grace Matich and Nate Robertson will be recognized during worship. There will be a reception for the graduates in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.



BABY BUNDLE SUNDAY

May 12th

Local Missions will be collecting donations for local charities.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19th

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit” Acts 2:4
Remember to wear red!



TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

May 19th

There will be a reception during fellowship to celebrate all of our teachers.



NEWER REQUESTS

Peggie Kriwiel
Ralph McDaniel
Judy Wagner



LONG TERM REQUESTS

Kyler Green (deployment)
Barbara Neumann
Anna Rentschler
Carl Smarr
Rona Wilson
Bonnie Kimbel
Katherine Staley
Betty Coari
Dick Schmidtke
Bob Kimes (Pam Miller's father)
Kennedy Kingma (Bruce & Cheryl Slagle's granddaughter)
Connie Robley
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)
Larry LaRue (Barb Brandt's brother)
Quinlan Gillette (Paul & Lawanah Gillette's grandson)
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)



Cub Scout Pack 57 held its annual Blue & Gold awards ceremony. Fifth grade Scouts also achieved the Arrow of Light rank and crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 38. Members of the Order of the Arrow were on hand to conduct the ceremony.

SCOUTS IN THE NEWS



Troop 38 served as Color Guard for the Vietnam Veterans' Day ceremony at the Missouri Veterans' Home

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL 15, 2024

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Mexico, Missouri met on Monday, April 15, 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, the meeting agenda, and an email vote.

New Members: Don Linss and Sharon Kossman presented themselves for new membership and were joyfully welcomed by Session.

Adult Education: Mike Briggs shared that most adult classes will take a break in the summer, and an adult class will be taught by Pastor Susan June 2 through July 14. Young Moms group will be off roughly the same time public schools are out.

Local Mission: Baby Bundle Sunday will be May 12. Local Mission will be working with the Sustainability Class this Fall and providing meals.

Music and Worship: Barb reported that bells hope to play once more before summer.

National and Global Mission: Steve Haag reported on both new and existing ideas, including Pine Ridge, Mobility Worldwide, and disaster relief and hygiene kits.

Outreach: The committee made a motion to mount a large TV in Fellowship Hall on the east wall to scroll announcements. Property offered other locations that would be beneficial as well. The motion to purchase at least one TV passed unanimously.

Presbyterian Women: Elaine reported that PW is working on updating their bylaws. They are also in need of new people on their board. PW will recognize a lifetime member on May 12. The date for recognizing 50 year members is pending.

Property: Ron reported that a new handrail is up in one staircase. Bids are being received for a ramp and automatic door at the side office entrance.

Scholarship: The committee reported that two applications from graduating seniors were received and are being reviewed.

Stewardship & Finance: Robby reported that the church had a strong first quarter and is in a good spot financially.

New Business: Andy Baker will be the commissioner at the May Presbytery meeting in Trenton, MO.

Clerk's Report: Dianne reported that Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served in Sunday morning worship on March 31 and April 7, during Maundy Thursday on March 28, at the FCA meeting on March 24, and at the Kings Daughters Home by Pastor Susan. Session voted to reinstate inactive member Jacqueline Wessel (Shire) to active status at her request. Stephanie Robinett agreed to serve as clerk during the May Session meeting.

The meeting closed with a devotion and prayer from Mike Briggs and the meeting was adjourned.



Adult Education Committee

The Adult Education Committee met after church on March 24th. The Summer schedule was discussed. Pastor Susan will teach a class titled "Theocademy" from June 2nd thru July 14th. Lessons will include: Who and What is the Church, A Confessional Church, A Brief Statement of Faith, Principles of Church Government, Worship and Sacraments. The class will not meet June 30th as Pastor Susan will be away.

The other Sunday class teachers all opted to take a summer vacation during this time period. The Young Moms group will be off roughly the same time public schools are out.

Educational pamphlets have been purchased and will be placed out for easy access to the congregation on Sunday mornings. They will cover a wide array of topics.

Mike Briggs, Adult C.E. Chairman



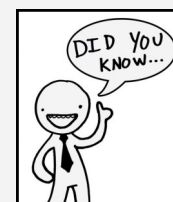
A Wonderful Message From 2011

A Message from Outreach Committee

My father would often quote, "Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man". If Samuel Foss, who died in 1911, was writing this poem today, he might want to be inclusive and write, "be a friend to all". We worship in the church beside the road. Are we a friend to all who enter our doors?

Let us be so hospitable that each person who crosses the threshold of First Presbyterian Church knows we are glad they have come no matter their background, their appearance, their age, where they are on the journey of life or where they are on the journey of faith. Let us receive them with joy. Let us be a church that invites others to share our joy, to know its source and to enter the circle of friendship. Let us worship in the church by the side of the road and be a friend to all.

Roslyn Dial,
2011 Outreach Committee



APRIL LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met at Dagwoods in April (shown above). On May 15th the group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at **Pig Up and Go**. Come join us for lunch! (look for us on the patio)



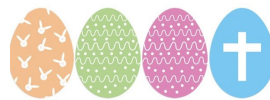
On April 18th, Adult Fellowship sponsored a trip to Amish Country. They visited shops in the area where they purchased home made items and beautiful plants. Those attending were: Chuck Rentschler (driver), Anna Rentschler, Eunice Schnarre, Gloria Williams, Linda Sue Galloway, Joanne Nelson, Elwood Rice, Liz Rice, Scott Fischer, Rebecca Fischer, Lee Dalton, Nan Cox and Tris Myers.



Palm Sunday



Easter Sunday



Holy Humor Sunday



Joan DeJaynes	1	Jeff Brown	16	Lindsey Pound	29
Scott Fischer	1	Charles Lind	17	Larry Huffman	30
Drew Rothrock	2	Brixten Louder	17	Kaitlin Harlow-Brown	31
Liz Rice	3	Bradley Rothermich	17	Edward Hodge	31
Kay Ogar	4	Tori Webber	17		
Eli Toellner	4	Jesse Barjenbruch	20		
William Kessler	5	Chuck Rentschler	20		
Craig Kimbel	9	Hope Newsom	21		
Dianne Maguire	9	Melissa Duncan	23		
Charles Stuart	9	RC Smith	23		
Nancy Brunner	12	Judy Burkemper	25		
Michelle Vogt	12	Samantha Elliott	25		
Ella Robertson	13	John Lummis	25		
Rebecca Robertson	13	Benjamin Zinkel	25		
Hayden Colley	14	Ali Grace Fryer	29		
Brad Brett	15	Ellen Phillips	29		



Wednesday Youth Group

6th grade & up
6:00–7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church

Sunday Night Youth Group

9th grade & up 7:30-9:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

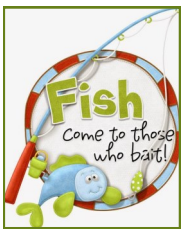


Our nursery is open on Sunday mornings! Infants and children are welcome to come and play during worship and/or Sunday school.

Our caregivers are Piper & Margaret.



LET'S GO FISHING



Kids for Christ fishing day will be Wednesday, May 1st! Join us at Lakeview Park around 3:45. This is an "all hands on deck" event. Kids will be dismissed at 5 p.m. at the church or with parents from the park. (rain date is May 8th)

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



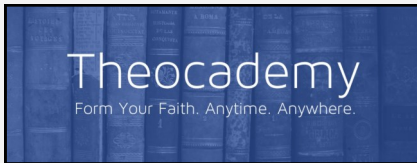
Contact Micah, Whitney or Stephanie if you are interested in volunteering at this years spectacular VBS.

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—Room 201

- 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



Presbyterian Women Birthday Luncheon

Join us Thursday, May 2nd at 12:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall for lunch and a program. A Lifetime Member will be recognized. This is always a lovely event, you will be glad you came!



April Easter Memorial
Bernard Strode



Blessing Box Focus Items

- May – Peanut Butter and Jelly
- 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)



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.**

A friend is one who comes in when the rest of the world has gone out. **If you don't call, we can't Help!**

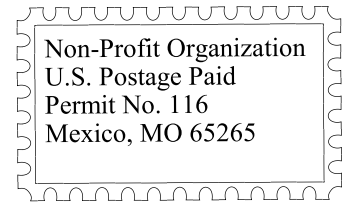
BUDGET REPORT
As of 4.15.2024



INCOME	Actual \$	Budget for Year \$	Actual vs Budget %
Pledged Giving	\$100,381.52	\$325,000	30.89%
Non pledged	\$29,567.84	\$87,250	33.89%
Other Income	\$6,793.04	\$12,750	53.28%
Total all income	\$136,742.40	\$425,000	32.17%
EXPENSES			
Administration	\$1,278.97	\$6,050	21.14%
Adult Ministries	\$161.79	\$850	19.03%
Children's Ministry	\$354.13	\$4,000	8.85%
Local Mission	\$2,066.45	\$13,000	15.90%
National & Global Mission	\$11,760.00	\$42,280	27.81%
Other programs	\$1,053.53	\$3,500	30.10%
Outreach	\$450.72	\$2,200	20.49%
Property	\$26,335.39	\$66,810	39.42%
Personnel	\$104,534.44	\$318,548	32.82%
Technology	\$2,920.58	\$8,000	36.51%
Worship	\$1,347.11	\$4,500	29.94%
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$270.16	\$6,000	4.50%
Total all expenses	\$152,533.27	\$475,738	32.06%


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Return Service Requested

DATED MATERIAL

2024	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Children's Message	Deb Haag	Teresa Carlson	Joanne Nelson	Steve Haag
Flowers		Shirley Brauer		
Ushers	Ron Ray Lori Ray Alan Atkins Susan Atkins Whitney Lewis Charleigh Lewis	Bruce Oliver Nancy Oliver Bill Woods Linda Woods Megan Schutte EllaBelle Schutte	Stuart Miller Pam Miller Mark Schnake Donna Haerer Rob Cox Will & Teddy Cox	Larry Webber Carol Gallaher Brad Brett Jan Douglas Stephanie Robinett Raigan Robinett
20	May Communion Servers Jim Dye Whitney Lewis Elaine Mensching Stephanie Robinett	May Communion Preparer Judy Dye Karen Linnemeyer	May Session Devotional Sheryl Louder	May Deacon of the Month Michelle Doolittle