



The
Bell-Tower
August NEWS
Florissant Presbyterian Church

2019

Connecting

The church has to be about connecting people through the love of God and sharing a vision of what a community of togetherness, unity, and extended love looks like. Whether looking at our strength or weaknesses, our attention can no longer be about focusing just on ourselves. Rather, Jesus' call to Florissant Presbyterian is a call to grow our ministry of faith connected relationships.

I am confident that our church can be an example of the new vision that communities of faith have to go in order to be relevant and connected in the 21st century. If we are willing to open up and let God use us to listen, care and serve others, then we will be growing our ability to share our relationship with Jesus. In Christ, I believe we are being sent out into our Charbonier neighborhood, to our Learning Center families this fall, and to our TEAM partners, in order to spread our faith and love with the people God had planted in our lives.

If we want to be part of Christ's mission in Florissant, then we need to be willing to change and grow where God is calling us to adapt and reach-out. It is about how God is calling you- calling me- and calling us together to go outside our doors and reach the people that God is calling to be a part of our church's mission and ministry. I am confident that together with Christ, we can change our church internally and externally in the ways for better growing new disciples and extending the hand of mission. Let's answer together with our prayers and actions, Jesus' call to make Florissant Presbyterian a place open to creating and growing connectional relationships through the power of God's love.

Blessings,
Pastor Sean

CLERK'S CORNER – Candy Shelton, Clerk of Session

The Session of Florissant Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, July 21, 2019 in the FPC Conference Room.

Task Force for Change is meeting biweekly to plan for the future of FPC. Members include Stefanie Thobes, Carole Tumminia, Rich Meanor and Jon Murray, chaired by Sue Kohler. They are open to any ideas, primarily ways to curb spending or to find new sources of income. There are plans for fundraiser BBQ's on July 28th and August 29th. A Trivia night is planned for October 12th.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Past confirmation class pictures are now available in an album on the Welcome table. Helen and Anna Butler will be asked to share their Presbyterian Youth Triennium experiences with the congregation.

CHURCH LIFE – August 8th (hot dogs) and September 12th (breakfast) will be the next Cooking Up Kindness. OGHS and per capita checks will be mailed in July. Craft Fair is tentatively planned for November 23rd.

CHURCH OPERATION - No news

CONGREGATIONAL CARE continues cards, calls and visits to FPC members. Please sign up for fellowship cleanup. Church member birthdays will be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month with special mention of any over 90 members.

EVANGELISM – There was discussion on starting Power of Prayer walking groups to share prayers with our neighbors.

WORSHIP – Check out the liturgists and communion servers signup sheets on the bulletin boards.

Next Presbytery meeting will be Thursday, **August 22, 2019** at First United & Westminster Presbyterian Church, Belleville IL

Pastor Sean closed the meeting at 1:10 pm with prayer.

Next meeting Sunday, August 18, 2019.

August BIRTHDAYS

4 Sandra Hensley	18 Judy Shy	24 John Gierer
8 Joy Lee	19 Cora Hendrickson	24 Nancy Salfen
8 Angelyn Rosenberger	19 Sherrelyn Rosenberger	26 Matthew Denno
10 Ellen Law	21 Dick Lee	27 Laura Hicks
14 Fern Litz*		

90+

*Fern Litz**

If you would like to send birthday wishes, Fern's address is
1395 Lindsay lane, Florissant, MO 63031

Wedding Anniversaries

Dan & Sue Edwards, married 31 years on August 13

Bob & Sue Lorenz, married 9 years on August 17

Rolla & Ronna Smith, married 59 years on August 20

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CHURCH LIFE

Mariners Log/FPC Activities

Saturday, July 20th was a beautiful but very hot day! A group of 36 people FPC members, friends and family carpoled from FPC to the St. Louis Science Center. We saw “Volcanoes” in the Omnimax theatre and the Pompeii Exhibition. It was very interesting, especial the short film in the exhibit showing the time lapse of the volcano covering the entire city of Pompeii in 79AD. We saw many actual artifacts that were uncovered in 1740 when the city was found and excavation started.

From the Science Center we traveled to Rigazzi’s Restaurant on the Hill for a delicious lunch and wonderful fellowship.

Upcoming events (Everyone welcome)

Saturday, August 3—Church Rummage Sale 7am to 11am (all help will be greatly appreciated the week before and the day of the sale)

Saturday, August 17—Church wide Birthday Party from 3-6pm. We will sing “Happy Birthday”, play a game or two, eat cake & ice cream. There will be gift cards to win so come try your luck. We will collect school supplies for either one of our local schools or KidSmart.

PRAYERS

Pamela, Doris, Carol, Sara, Carlene’s sister Mary, Barb’s son-in-law Cliff, Sue’s friend Lill and niece Katie, Trish’s brother Stephen and her friends Tony and Dave, Ruth’s great grandson and Matthew, Sue’s brother-in-laws Jeff and Shawn and her sister Lynn