



The Bell-Tower

May NEWS

Florissant Presbyterian Church

2019

Jesus' Love

Jesus' love is the foundation of a healthy church. It is the sharing of this love that energizes the blessing of our various gifts both spiritual and material. Jesus said to the disciples in the upper room, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13.34) Love is the foundation on which he mandated that his disciples build the church and those words are still the solid rock on which we stand. When Jesus gave his new commandment, he meant us to live it.

Although Jesus commanded this to his followers for many in our lives, love is something that we must earn. We have to do something good and pleasing for someone in order to receive love. Some of us might also think that we don't deserve such a love because we have done something wrong and have made mistakes in the past. Some of us might think that for a person to love us unconditionally isn't really possible. Some of us might think that it is foolish for a person to love anyone without any conditions and that kind of love might open themselves up to be taken advantage of or to be used.

Yet, Jesus talked about God as someone who loves us first. The love that we come to know in Jesus is a love that is so gracious that it is for even those who whipped, stripped and nailed him to the cross. This love is a gracious unearned gift. When we have made mistakes, instead of rejecting us or ignoring us, God still loves us. This love is a gracious unearned gift. This love is what will empower us to be genuine and vibrant in our ministry outside the walls of Florissant Presbyterian. May Jesus' love flow within our church and then overflow in our mission and the world.

In Christ,
Pastor Sean

CLERK'S CORNER – *Candy Shelton, Clerk of Session*

The Session of Florissant Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, April 28, 2019 in the FPC Conference Room.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 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. With session approval they will pursue holding BBQ fundraisers. Weather permitting the June Cooking up Kindness will be held on the front lawn for more community awareness. They are looking into a "Fun Event" such as trivia, bingo or escape room to raise funds and bring in the community.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt was successful. The Commission will investigate a summer senior program.

CHURCH LIFE – One Great Hour of Sharing has collected \$1300. Cooking up Kindness will be held Thursday, May 2nd serving mini hot ham sandwiches.

CHURCH OPERATION – No news

CONGREGATIONAL CARE continues cards, calls and visits to FPC members. Please sign up for fellowship cleanup.

EVANGELISM - May 8th and 9th will be the last coffee fellowships with the Learning Center. The Mariners are again sponsoring a Mother's Day continental breakfast at 9 am May 12th.

WORSHIP – No news

Next Presbytery meeting will be Saturday May 4, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church Cape Girardeau, MO.

Pastor Sean closed the meeting at 1:05 pm with prayer.

Next meeting Sunday, May 19, 2019

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Birthdays

8 Dan Edwards

11 Brandon Goehri

13 Diane Ruyle

14 Cliff Webb

22 Sue Seibman

26 Lynn Bohler

29 Terry Salfen

Wedding Anniversaries

John & Caitlin Gierer, Married 7 years on May 26

Welcome New Member

Marc Alan Sostarich





By/Betty Walters

Mother's Day

Every day is a gift to celebrate our Mothers
Her steadfast love is like no other
Our Mothers play many roles in our lives
Compassion, advice, guidance and hope is what they give
They light up a room with their smiles
And they always go the extra mile
You receive many rewards from your Mother
When all they ask for is that we love one another
So don't forget Mother's Special Day

Church News

CHURCH LIFE

EVANGILISM

On May 9th and 10th at 9 am we will serve the LC parents a coffee and donut fellowship.

Our next meeting will be May 5th at 9am in the library.

MARINER LOG

The Bunny Breakfast was well staffed, the food was delicious and a good crowd enjoyed all the activities.

Sunday, May 12th from 9-10am we will serve a Mother's Day Continental Breakfast of donuts, juice, milk and coffee.

Saturday, June 1st will be the day for our annual Breakfast in the Pavilion. We will make up goody bags for the USO (Mariners buy the items for the bags). This is a wonderful time to share a meal and work together on a service project.

Saturday, July 13th we will celebrate everyone's birthday with a party. Look for more details in the June Bell Tower.

Remember our **one rummage sale of the year will be Saturday August 3rd**. If you have items you cannot store until then some items can be put in the double door storage at the back of Harmon Hall or in the Oasis Room.

PER CAPITA

This year's per capita is \$31.00/person. We would appreciate if everyone could complete this task by July 1st. Thanks for your support.

PRAYERS

Joyce, Doris, Carol, Sara, Carlene's sister Mary, Trish's grandson Blake, her friends Jane & Tony, Bruce's wife Carol, Ruth's great grandson, Sue's brother-in-law Jeff and her sister Lynn

YOUTH

FPC volunteered at the St. Louis Area Foodbank. We helped box 39,286 pounds of food which will provide 32,071 meals to seniors. We also put together bags for the postal food drive. We are blessed to have been able to volunteer and we enjoyed the fellowship.

