

The

Bell-Tower

NEWS

Florissant Presbyterian Church

Enter as Guests, Leave as Friends, Return
as Family

July 2020

THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP

With the re-opening of our FPC church building, we are now participating in worship through three different ways: in person, by local drive-in-radio, and live streamed. When the Session unanimously voted to partially open our sanctuary for worship, we committed to observing all of the St. Louis County guidelines for safely opening during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have implemented our plan, our process has been tested, and we know our building is cleaned and prepared for our safe “social distanced” gatherings. Through our drive-in-radio service in the parking lot (FM107.9) and our continued live stream on Facebook (it is then saved on our website), we are connecting and creating exciting new relationships that we hadn’t anticipated. Everyone has worn a mask inside the building and thanks to some of our faithful elders and seamstresses, we have masks available for anyone without one. We are not sitting in our regular pews, shaking hands, or hugging, but we have adapted and adjusted our habits so

that we could have meaningful attendance and worship experiences. Our God moves around the walls of isolation and calls to us across the distance of our separation to remind us that, with Christ Jesus, we are always united and loved.

Stay Safe, Keep Your Social Distance,
and Pray Often,

Pastor Sean

CLERK’S REPORT

The monthly Session of Florissant Presbyterian Church was on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. in Harmon Hall with social distancing and masks.

The sanctuary reopened for church services on Pentecost Sunday on May 31st. It is also on Facebook live and broadcast to the parking lot through the FM receiver. Masks will be required and



social distancing maintained plus all St Louis County guidelines will be followed. Candy continues meeting biweekly with other Clerks of Session via ZOOM.

Treasurer's Report: May financials have been posted. Ellen is working on documentation for "loan forgiveness" for our Care Act loan/grant.

Church Operations: Chris Mahurin has taken the lead as Session continues to discuss and chart a way forward at least for the next few weeks at FPC regarding our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chris led a discussion of the "2020 Post COVID Response Summary". Consensus was church activities will possibly resume in August or September. Each activity must be evaluated separately.

The two dying trees outside the entrance will be removed.

Ellen and Mark Geerling deserve a BIG thank you for all their hard work on the building.

Permanent Personnel: Paula Finke's 5-year anniversary was recognized.

Congregation Care: Jean Roth's 90th birthday celebration will be held at later date. Happy 90th Birthday Jean!

Pastor's Report: We will hold a picnic on Sunday July 5th immediately following the service. Everyone is to bring their own picnic lunch and lawn chair. Drinks will

be served. Social distancing fellowship will be maintained.

Offerings can be mailed to the church. Paula is there Monday through Wednesday. Also, gift cards can be purchased by calling Paula or on Sunday morning.

With ever changing circumstances, revisions and additions to plans will be made, as necessary.

– Candy Shelton, Clerk of Session

CHURCH NEWS

Adult Sunday School – Depending on the county Covid-19 status, we hope to resume the Adult Sunday School class on Sunday, September 13. We will meet in the Conference Room and continue our study of "Gospels – Side by Side". The meeting time is yet to be determined. Hope to see you then.

Cooking up Kindness – Because of the uncertainty of Covid-19, we are postponing "Cooking up Kindness" until we feel it is safe to gather and socialize. Updates will follow.

Pavilion Picnic - Save some energy from fire-works and celebrating our Independence on July 4th, because FPC is going to have a "fire-cracker" of a church picnic on July 5th. We are all missing our regular church covered dish meals and the joy we feel when we're all



gathered around the tables, so we are going to have a “social distanced” picnic outside at our pavilion and in the shade of our trees. This will be a “bring your own” sack lunch following our morning worship. We are going to be following our safe distance guidelines and spreading out across our church’s lawn. The pavilion itself will be reserved for those in wheel chairs and anyone who needs a solid flat surface for balance and stability. The rest of us will spread out on the grass and under the trees. You may want to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to be more comfortable. The church will have one table (one masked & gloved person serving) providing limited drinks. Make your plans to join us on the first Sunday in July for a “sky-rocket” of a church picnic at our pavilion. Pastor Sean

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Joy Lee
Married 64 years July 14

Sam & Carole Tumminia
Married 31 years on July 15

PRAYERS

Marilynn, Jon, Bill, Mike, Doris, Carol, Sara, Pamela, Georgiana, Mary’s brother, Barb’s son-in-law Cliff, Sue’s friend Lill, Ruth and her great grandson, Sue and her brothers-in-law Jeff and Shaw and her sister Lynn.

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jon Murray
- 3 Andy Taylor
- 4 Karen Collins
- 6 Brooklyn Buddeke
- 7 Kay Bass
- 10 Rich Meanor
- 16 Katherine Collins
- 21 Kathy Myers
- 22 Mark Salfen
- 29 Anna Butler
- 29 Helen Butler
- 29 Caitlin Gierer
- 30 Alan Arseneau
- 30 Larry Hensley



Thousands laid down their lives so that our country can celebrate this day. Never forget their sacrifices.

Thank you to all Veterans and Military Personnel serving today!



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!