

# THE BELL-TOWER

2022

Florissant Presbyterian Church

## January

Choir Practice

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Congregational  
Meeting

Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>  
After service

Grab n Go

Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Session

Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>  
After service

Office Closed

Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>  
MLK Day

Grab n Go

Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Bell Tower Articles

Due the 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.

## From the Pastor

Thank you for all you have done to keep Florissant Presbyterian Church strong and faithful this past year. It was a year of continued pandemic fears and isolation as more variants of the Covid virus caused more suffering and death. 2021 is a year many of us will want to quickly put behind us.

Although last year was a year many of us would like to forget, I believe it has profoundly shaped and molded us for the coming years. In the midst of so many challenges, our church adapted and rose up to serve and provide food at least three times a month for our neighborhood, our choir safely gathered to lead us in worship, and we helped create a kinder and more loving world even with masks and being socially distanced. These and more blessings are some ministries we can build upon and that we surely will want to remember how the light of Christ shined through even the darkest days of 2021.

There are many changes and challenges we will have to accept as we move forward into 2022, yet it is the mission and ministry we have shared together in Christ that will continue to keep giving us hope and inspiring us to press on in faith. May God bless you, your families and Florissant Presbyterian Church as we move into this new year.

Have a Happy New Year,  
Pastor Sean



# 2021 We Are the Church, Together Building God's House

As we wrap up 2021, it is time to reflect on a year of giving by FPC. As a congregation in a time of great need we stepped forward reducing hunger through the biweekly Grab n Go meals, partnering with the St. Louis Area FoodBank with the Mobile Market, and the Community Garden providing fresh food to TEAM. We have advocated for peace through prayer and the willingness in challenging times to gather as a body of Christ. We continued to serve our community and protect our children as the Learning Center continued to focus on safety and nurturing these youth. As a congregation, we focused our energies and grew in our commitment to being God's House. This focus included taking up the four PCUSA Special Offerings: Christmas Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, and Peace & Global Witness Offering. Through these offerings, FPC contributed over \$1,800 toward serving the community's at large, partnering in progress, advocating peace and justice, and helping out youth on a national level. Through these gifts, we directly support people experiencing hunger, homelessness, thirst, imprisonment, sickness, and deprivation, as well as welcoming the stranger. We helped support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as they continue in their responses to natural disasters. Through these activities FPC is embodying the call of Mathew 25 and growing as God's house both inside and outside.

# 2022 Starting Anew

As we continue in a world of uncertainty, one thing is for certain and that is our faith. During 2021, FPC embraced the challenges put forth by COVID. From BINGO to a Game Night and Trivia Night, we applied safe practices but placed a focus on what people needed most and that was some degree of socializing with others. So, with 2022 now at hand, planning has started for what is to come. In 2021, there was a focus on expanding the food ministry to which we were able to provide great relief. In August 2022, we would like to add a school supply distribution to our community outreach. There will be more to come on this but look for a needed item monthly with more information to come. There are also plans underway for sponsoring a Gypsy Caravan of types on May 21<sup>st</sup> so watch out for more details to come. 2022 will embrace the things of past with some new twists as we serve our community in this time where the small things matter.

## Clerk's Corner

The monthly Session of Florissant Presbyterian Church was held on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at 11:40 in Harmon Hall with social distancing and masks.

Financials have been posted.

The Grab and Go Suppers continue into 2022 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday every month from 5 pm to 7 pm. Help for set up at 3:30 pm. Church members are welcome to stop by for a hot dog!

Mobile Markets are discontinued because the St Louis Area Food Bank program has ended.

Three events were approved to add to the 2022 church calendar:

- Easter Kids Event on 4/10/22
- Parking Lot Gypsy Caravan type sale on 5/21/22
- August Food & School Supply Give Away on 8/26/22

**The FPC Annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 9, 2022.**

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. PayPal is also available.

# Mobile Market

**December 2021:** We served 55 households, which includes 216 individuals, 101 of which were children under 18.

**Since September 2020:** We have served 986 households, which includes 3,818 individuals, 1,817 of which were children under 18

December was our last month for the Mobile Market. The St. Louis Area Foodbank is moving from the Disaster Relief phase into the Recovery phase. We have always known that our church was a temporary site. We were blessed to have been in partnership with the St. Louis Area Foodbank these past 16 months. We are so grateful for their provision of food for our food ministry outreach program. We are thankful that God brought this ministry to FPC. It has been a pleasure serving our community.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered on Saturday mornings to help set up and distribute food to our neighbors in need. Know that you are truly appreciated.



## In Our Prayers

Betty, Dick, Bill, Georgiana, Candy, Ruth, Ellen, Tom, Lois, Lynn, Dianne, Fern, Doris, Carol, Sara, Pamela, Carole's niece Brittany, Mary's brother, Sue's friend Lill, Ruth & her great grandson, Sue & her brother-in-law Shawn and her sister Lynn.

## Happy Birthday

16	Lois Gallyoun	20	Ann Thobes
16	Ramona Krohn	30	Sue Edwards
17	Bill Bass	30	Dorothy Gebhart
17	Tom Shelton		

## In Memory

Anna Eagleton

