



The Bell-Tower

February NEWS

Florissant Presbyterian Church

2019

Challenges and Change in 2019

Will we be ready to embrace 2019's changes with creativity and faithfulness? Are we ready for the financial challenges of this year? Although there was a decrease in pledges for our Stewardship Campaign in 2018, we are preparing to adapt to our new situation. The Session has created a Taskforce for Change to spearhead our discernment process of what to cut back and how to reach out to the future. This will be difficult for us and require sacrifices. We can do this if we are willing to face these financial challenges together, but what we cannot let our financial problems do is to detour us from our continuing to serve Christ in mission. We cannot close ourselves inwardly and look only at our own needs or we will shrivel in self-centered worry and fear. I believe we must push forward and outward together in continuing to be Jesus' servants to others in Florissant and our world. From the historical blessings that FPC has experienced, we can see that we should continue to trust God and look to the future with hope. We have made many changes recently and we must continue to adapt as we try to be faithful in the coming year. May the Spirit guide us at FPC with unity, sacrifice and service.

Faithful in Christ,
Pastor Sean

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

The Session of Florissant Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, January 20, 2018 in the FPC Conference Room.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Session unanimously recommended clarifying the year end reports to show money was **spent** from various savings funds because of the "General Fund" shortage. All savings funds will be combined in future reports. Pastor Sean asked a task force be established to study the future of FPC, particularly our financial future.

COMMISION REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Donations continue for project Backpack.

CHURCH LIFE – Planning a meal for after the annual meeting.

CHURCH OPERATION - Heating problems in the parlor have been resolved. All emergency / exit lights have been fixed thanks to Tom Collins.

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

EVANGELISM - Scheduled Learning Center fellowship for the remainder of the school year.

WORSHIP – Next meeting is February 3rd.

PERMANENT PERSONNEL: Paula Finke has asked to reduce her work days to 3 days per week.

NOMINATING will present the new class of elders to present at the Congregational Meeting.

Class of 2019: Dick Lee

Class of 2021: Lynn Bohler, Trish Farano, Katy Moore, Pamela Tumminia

PASTOR'S REPORT Pastor Sean is creating a task force to plan for the future of FPC. Members include Stefanie Thobes, Carole Tumminia, Rich Meanor, Sue Kohler, Jon Murray. More volunteers are wanted from the congregation.

Next Presbytery meeting will be Thursday February 7th at Southminster Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Sean closed the meeting at 1:25 pm with prayer.

Next meeting Sunday, February 17, 2019

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

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| 1 Betty Flaker | 12 Barb Spurgeon | 19 Rolla Smith |
| 4 Jeanne Schwartz | 12 Georgiana Jones | 19 Paula Butler |
| 6 Jen Mahurin | 13 Barb Anderson | 21 Kay Laughlin |
| 7 Carlene Moore | 14 Sylvie Buddeke | 22 Esther Murray |
| 10 Joyce Buddeke | 18 Bill Murray | 27 Kathy Moore |
| 11 Steven Campbell | | |

Wedding Anniversaries

Candy & Tom Shelton, married 50 years on February 7
Arlene & Earl Arseneau, married 47 years on February 12
Carlene & Lloyd Moore, married 64 years on February 20

In Memory of

Shirley Enns
Jackie Robb

Church News

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mariner Log - On Saturday, January 5th Santa's helpers once again went to work taking down and putting away all the Christmas decorations at FPC. Thanks to everyone who help put them and take them down.

We then moved into Harmon hall to plan our activity calendar for 2019. We have a wonderful year planned and hope everyone will join us-you don't have to be a Mariner to enjoy good fellowship.

The month of February we will have our "Gift of Heart" drive for schools supplies for KidSmart.

Sunday, February 3rd will be our annual Super Bowl party at the Shelton home. Arrive at 5pm and bring a snack to share.

Sunday, March 3rd we will have our Mardi Gras pancake brunch 11:30-1:00.

Hope you will all join us!

PRAY REQUEST

Theresa, Esther, Jeanne, Doris, Carol, Sara, Pamela, Sue's brother-in-law Jeff, & her sister Lynn, Ruth & her great grandson.

Thank You - I want to thank you all for your prayers, cards, and visits while my mom, Shirley Enns, was in the hospital. Thank you, also, for coming to the visitation, funeral, and preparing and attending the luncheon. Knowing that our church family was praying for my mom, and for us, lifted a weight off my shoulders. We are very blessed to be part of the FPC family. My mom loved you all, as I do. Thank you, again, so very much. - Love, Carole Tumminia

Office Hours – Starting this month, office hours are MTW from 9-2 pm.



By/Betty Walters

Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a special time of the year.

It's a day that we all hold very dear.

With a lot of kindness, love and cheer

Candy and flowers make such wonderful gifts.

Always seems to give us a boost and a lift.

The candy doesn't last very long.

The flowers remind us how love is so strong.

It's fun to play cupid for a day.

Buying gifts for loved ones in a very special way

Valentine cards with messages so loving and sincere

We send to our loved ones that we hold so dear.

So get ready you have a lot of shopping to do

Then sign each gift with an 'I Love You'.