



THE BELL TOWER

FEBRUARY 2020

Florissant Presbyterian Church

Together in Hope

We have made many small changes recently and we continue to adapt as we strive to be more faithful and vibrant in the coming year. The Spirit is guiding us at Florissant Presbyterian Church with unity, grace and service as we continue to trust God and look to the future with hope. We continue to push forward and outward together as we answer our calls to be Jesus's disciples in Florissant and in our world. We continue to face financial challenges, yet we still continue to reaching out to the future with hope. Following Christ in mission can be difficult and require much of us and we must not let ourselves be distracted, but we remain focused on Jesus as the center of our mission. With God's help, together we are ready to embrace 2020's changes with creativity, faithfulness, and hope.

For Lent

Are You ready for Lent? The season of Lent comes to us in late February this year with its goal of getting closer to God and to one another. Although Lent is often believed to only be a time to give something up, it is, I believe, better understood as a time in which we strive to become more of who we believe Jesus is calling us to be. At Florissant Presbyterian Church, our Lenten journey un-officially starts with a Mardi Gras celebration on February 23 after church. Lent officially begin on February 26 with Ash Wednesday and then leads to Easter Sunday on April 12th as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. I hope that each of you mark your calendars to join us at FPC throughout lent and Easter.

Christ's Blessings, Pastor Sean

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

The Session of Florissant Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, January 19, 2020 in the FPC Conference Room.

Task Force for Change is meeting 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.

Treasurer's Report: 2019 Expenses were reviewed, and a 2020 budget will be presented to Session in February. Remember all financial reports are posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – The Easter Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 4th.

CHURCH LIFE – Rolla thanked everyone for their help at the Christmas Eve Wassail party. There are currently 48 pledging units for over \$136,000. Please get your pledge card in as soon as possible if you have not already.

April 18th from 10 to 1 will be FPC volunteer at the Food Bank.

Per capita will be \$32 in 2020

CHURCH OPERATIONS: The FPCLC inspection plumbing issues have been corrected.

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. There is a new coffee bar in the foyer.

EVANGELISM – **All members** and guests are asked to wear name tags on Sunday morning

WORSHIP – Check out the liturgists and communion server's signup sheets on the bulletin boards.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Dick Lee will present the nominations at the annual congregational meeting will be held January 26th.

Next Presbytery meeting will be Thursday, Feb 6th, 2020 at St Mark Presbyterian, Ballwin, Missouri.

Pastor Sean closed the meeting at 2:30 pm with prayer.

Next meeting Sunday, February 16, 2020.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

4 Jeanne Schwartz
6 Jen Mahurin
7 Carlene Moore
10 Joyce Buddeke
11 Steven Campbell

12 Barb Spurgeon
12 Georgiana Jones
13 Barb Anderson
14 Sylvie Buddeke
18 Bill Murray

19 Rolla Smith
19 Paula Butler
22 Esther Murray
27 Kathy Moore

Wedding Anniversaries

Candy & Tom Shelton, married 51 years on February 7
Arlene & Earl Arseneau, married 48 years on February 12
Carlene & Lloyd Moore, married 65 years on February 20

In Loving



Memory

Sandy Hensley

Church News

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mariner Log - The month of February we will have our "Gift of the Heart" drive for school supplies. It is time to remember the school children of St. Louis County & City who are in need of supplies. The barrel for your donations will be outside the church office the month of February.

Sunday, February 2nd will be our annual Super Bowl party at the Shelton home. Arrive at 5pm and bring a snack to share.

Sunday, February 23rd we will have our Mardi Gras pancake brunch 11:30-1:00.

Hope you will all join us!

CHURCH LIFE

- 2020 Pledge Drive – Many thanks to all in completing our campaign this year. We currently stat at \$140, 240.00 which is approximately a \$ 7,000.00 increase over 2019.
- The luncheon after the "Annual Meeting" was enjoyed by fifty individuals. Thanks to all providing side dishes, desserts, and much needed help.
- Lenten folders will be coming out shortly with the proceeds going to TEAM.
- Per Capita is \$32.00

PRAY REQUEST

The Hensley Family, Bill, Mike, Georgiana, Doris, Carol, Sara, Jon, Ester, Pamela, Mary's brother, Barb's son-in-law Cliff, Sue's friend Lill, Ruth and her great grandson, Sue's brothers-in-law Jeff and Shawn and her sister Lynn.

FEBRUARY

Volunteer Cleaning – 1st & 3rd Thursday, 9 am

Choir – Every Thursday, 7 pm

Book Study – Sunday, February 2, after service

Super Bowl Party – Sunday, February 2, 5 pm

Book Study – Sunday, February 9, after service

Session/Bday Celebration – Sunday, February 16

Lydia Circle – Tuesday, February 18, 7 pm

Mardi Gras Brunch – Sunday, February 23, after service

Bell Tower Due – Tuesday, February 25, 9 am

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, February 26, 7 pm

Young @ Heart – Thursday, February 27, noon