

The Bell-Tower

JUNE NEWS

Florissant Presbyterian Church

2019

Celebrating Pentecost Together

You are invited to gather for worship on Sunday, June 9th, as we celebrate the day of Pentecost. We will have all our church paraments in red, there will be red candles lit on our communion table, and everyone is encouraged to wear something red to church that morning. Our choir will have special music prepared and this will be their last service before they take their summer break. But, why do we consider this second Sunday of June special? What is Pentecost? And why red?

Pentecost was historically the celebration of God giving the Law, the Ten Commandments, to the people of Israel beside the foot of Mount Sinai. It was a celebration held 50 days after the Passover and the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea on dry ground to arrive at God's holy mountain. Centuries later it was on that day in Jerusalem, after Jesus had ascended to the Father that the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples gathered in the Upper Room. The Spirit had the sound of a rushing wind and appeared as flames of fire resting over the heads of the disciples. They then went out into the streets of Jerusalem proclaiming the Good News of Jesus and all the visitors to the city from foreign lands heard them speaking in their own languages. This was the beginning of the Church spreading the truth of Jesus around the world.

Red has become the traditional color of Pentecost because it represents the flames of the Spirit. Like the flames of a fire will give us warmth and light, the flames of the Spirit warm our hearts with God's love and enlightens our lives with God's Word in the person of Jesus. Wearing red on Pentecost is a bold visual way for you to express your desire to

spread God's love and our burning desire to reach outside our church walls to be living examples of our church's faithfulness.

This year at Florissant Presbyterian you are encouraged to claim Pentecost as a special Sunday for you to invite someone in your life to participate in our church. Pentecost Sunday may also be an opportunity for you to reach out to someone who may have been distracted and who has not been actively participating in the life of FPC. Part of our call, as 21st century disciples of Jesus, is to practice our own evangelism and work to remind others of the joy and promise of being part of God's Church family.

Please, make plans to connect or reconnect with someone, a friend or even a family member, so they may grow from being on the fringe of church life to move closer to the center and gain a deeper trust for their own faith journey. Pentecost may be a time for you and me to remind those who have let church slowly slip out of their priorities that participating in the life of the church is central to having a strong faith and an unshakeable joy. We are called to remind our world that the Word of God is not just a book full of good ideas to live by, or that Jesus isn't just a good friend to have in a pinch, but that following Christ is the way to true meaning and fulfillment in this life.

Join with me in praying that our friends, family, neighbors, and even strangers may hear and feel our church's Pentecost possibilities and respond with a greater sense of interest, imagination, and hope. As we reflect on our challenge to be a vital and welcoming congregation, let us not have Pentecost be only a one week activity, but let us continue throughout the year to follow the Spirit's leading to reach outside our church walls and encourage, support and invite others with the joy of our lives together in Christ.

In One Spirit,

Pastor Sean



CLERK'S CORNER – Candy Shelton, Clerk of Session

The Session of Florissant Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, May 19, 2019 in the FPC Conference Room.

TASK FORCE for Change - There will be a BBQ on June 2nd for the congregation and their families.

COMMISSION REPORTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - no news

CHURCH LIFE - Cooking up Kindness will be held June 6th. Thank you to all that worked to cleanup and improve the Script Cards.

CHURCH OPERATIONS - Rolla will work on the stopped up water fountain and look at our sub-contracted mowing of the back section of the church which has not been mowed recently.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE - Please sign up for Fellowship Cleanup.

EVANGELISM - Fellowship with the Learning Center parents on 5/8 & 5/9 went well with parents stopping by both days. Would like to plan a family event and look into having an indoor volleyball/soccer event.

WORSHIP - Choir will sing through June 9th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GREEN COMMITTEE - Updates were done to the Community Garden (added fruit trees and another area where vegetables were planted).

Next Presbytery meeting will be Thursday, August 22nd, at First United & Westminster Presbyterian Church, Belleville, IL.

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

Next meeting Sunday, June 9, 2019.

JUNE Birthdays



3 - Bob Lorenz
10 - Vernon King
11 - Jean Roff
14 - Marlene Sorber
17 - Addison Gierer
22 - Tom Collins

Wedding Anniversaries

Bob & Betty Williams, married **70** years on June 4
Gary & Vickie Goehri, married **30** years on June 24
Chris & Jen Mahurin, married **21** years on June 27
Kevin & Dianne Ruyle, married **16** years on June 28
Tom & Karen Collins, married **45** years on June 29

Happy Father's Day!



By/Betty Walters

"Rain Rain, Go Away Please"

It rained all through the night.
We woke up to sunshine and what a delight.
By day's end it rained again,
Seems like there is no end
The earth needs rain this we know.
Guess it's better than a lot of snow.
Don't be discouraged just stick around.
Keep your umbrella where it can be found.
Feel sorry for those who live in flood plains.
They go through a lot of heartache and pain.
Pray for flood victims whose lives have changed.
They move on and their lives have to be rearranged.
Heartfelt wishes are sent their way.
Hoping and praying tomorrow will be a better day.

Church News

CHURCH LIFE

Cooking up Kindness – **FREE** dinner Thursday, June 6 from 5-6 pm and Thursday, July 11 from 5-6 pm. Everyone welcome!

GREEN TEAM

Thank you to everyone in the congregation who has donated media that went to Half Price Books, cash, and equipment, our Community Garden continues to grow! We have three apple trees in new raised beds and a cherry bush to join them as soon as the weather allows. We have already planted potatoes, onions, lettuce and radishes. We will be tilling up more ground to add even more variety to what we can grow for TEAM. Your donations have also made it possible to add a composter and additional rain barrels. With God's blessing we hope to bring fresh produce to the hungry in our community.

MARINER LOG

On May 12, the Mariners celebrated Mother's Day with a Continental breakfast before church. Over 28 people enjoyed doughnuts, fruit, juice and coffee. It was a wonderful to share fellowship before the morning service.

Upcoming Events (Everyone invited!)

- **Saturday, June 1 – Breakfast in the Pavilion and USO Project**
Come at 9:00 am and choose from a variety of breakfast casseroles, Danish, fruit, coffee and juice. We will then put together gifts bags for Wayne Surgeon to take to military personnel at the USO.
- **Saturday, July 13 – Church Birthday Party**
From 3-6 pm, we will celebrate everyone's birthday, sing "Happy Birthday", play a game or two and eat cake and ice cream. There may be gift cards to win so come and try your luck. Information about donating school supplies will come later.

- **Saturday, August 3 – Church Rummage Sale**

Beginning at 7 am, we will provide all sorts of “goodies” for shoppers. Watch the Sunday bulletin for drop-off and set-up information.

We also hope to schedule an August social event TBD.

NEW ADDRESS

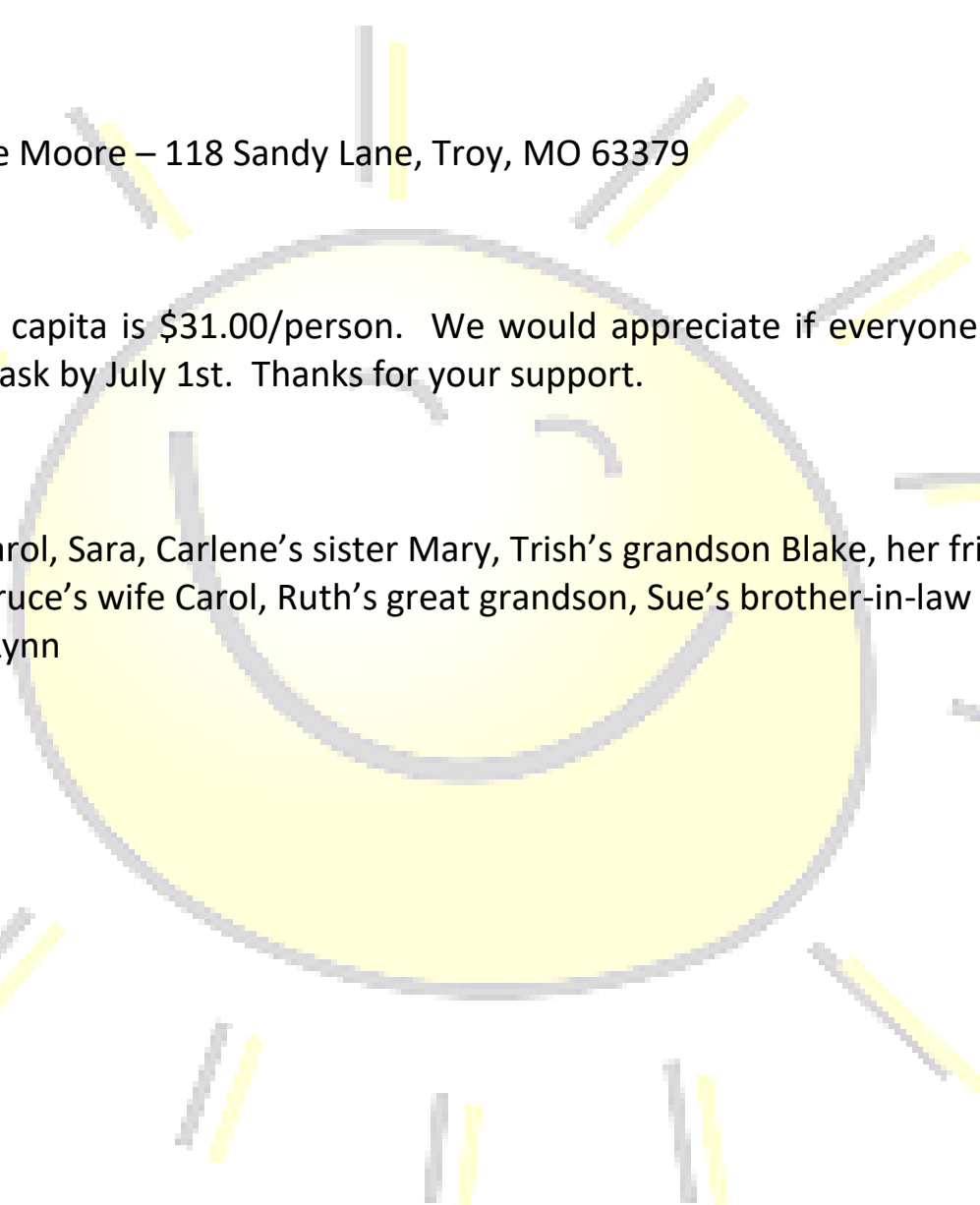
Lloyd & Carlene Moore – 118 Sandy Lane, Troy, MO 63379

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



Valley of Flowers Parade

