

First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson

Church Matters



August 2019

CHURCH STAFF

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday:
8:30am to 12:30pm
Friday: Closed

Worship Schedule

9:00am Sunday School
9:45am Coffee Hour
10:15am Worship

Choir Practice

Sun 9:00am

Hand Bell Choir Practice

Thurs 5:30pm

Five years ago, Michael Brown was shot and killed by a Ferguson policeman. The ensuing week was marred by riots and an over the top display of police power by St. Louis County. In an instant the work that people who lived in Ferguson, working together as neighbors and friends was shattered. The economic costs were immense, but the damage and mistrust among community members was even more significant. The gentle balance that held together Ferguson was torn apart and five years later, it still remains tentative.



A lot has changed in Ferguson, the city council is more representative of the city's community members. Religious bodies reached across denominational and racial lines seeking ways to help heal the brokenness it experienced every Sunday in its pews. Yet there was fall out as well, as long time residents left Ferguson. Property values fell and Ferguson became a term for all that was wrong in America.

I remember these things five years later not to open up old wounds but to remind us that our work as a church is perhaps even more important today than it was five years ago. We have embarked on a journey to remake ourselves into a place where all are welcomed and represented in all areas of leadership. We have developed new partners in ministry in order to provide support and care for our neighbors. We are attempting to revise how we understand our role in the larger community by realizing without a healthy community, we cannot have a healthy church.

It is my hope and prayer that Ferguson will fulfill its duty as a city and that it will become a place where all people are represented fairly and equally. That it will celebrate the diversity of its citizens and continue its journey toward healing and reconciliation. That, we in this church, may have a place in that healing and reconciliation by investing in the community in ways that are honest and life giving. May we learn from our past, be present in new ways today and invest in a future where this church sees itself and the community building a future together.

Peace,
Mike

August Birthdays

1 - Dan Fedorchak
3 - Verla Sullivan
5 - Charles Lowery
6 - Martha Panetti
8 - Lee Weltmer
11 - Jim Knowles
14 - Jack Donato
14 - Gracia Myers
15 - Carley Rettke



15 - Kelsey Rettke
15 - Kyle Rettke
21 - Eleanor Weltmer
24 - Maureen Rutherford
28 - Cindee Rettke
30 - William Bryant
30 - Joan Bueckendorf
30 - Kaylee Fink

(If someone's birthday is missing or incorrect, please; let the office know.)

THE BOOK CLUB

August 6, 2019



7:00 pm

Before We Were Yours

By Lisa Wingate

Please Join Us!



The Food Voucher program is running low on peanut butter. We would appreciate your donations so we can continue to send a jar of peanut butter home with each of our voucher recipients. If you have questions about the Food Voucher program, please see Lee Weltmer.



Attention Children of God of all ages! Our Sunday School program officially begins with Rally Day on September 8! We are excited about the new curriculum and sharing the Word of God with our little ones. Because it worked so well last year, we are going to rotate a new teacher and a helper for each month, September through May. If you taught last year, you should have received an invitation from Jamie to sign up. If you didn't teach last year, this is your opportunity to volunteer and get to know our youngest members ... and you'll learn a lot too! The curriculum is really great and we hope to see many of our same teachers/helpers this next year and some new faces too! If interested, please see Jodie Hamer-Schlobohm, Jamie McDonald, or Jan Foster.

Recycling Events

Google E-Cycle Missouri and click on the events tab for dates, times, and locations. This is being offered by Missouri Department of Natural Resources. This event is accepting many types of products for recycling. Fees on some items.

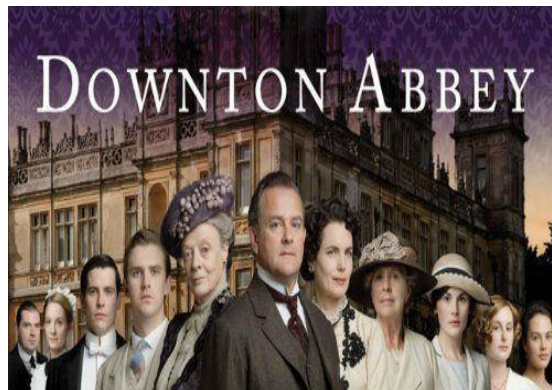




Dear First Pres Members –

Thank you for your generous donations during the book and underwear drive! We could not continue to live out our mission and serve 13,000 students in 42 school without your support. You are so appreciated.

Sincerely –The Little Bit Staff 



The Tea - Remembering Downton Abbey

Saturday, September 14th from 12:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Webster Groves Presbyterian Church

45 West Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves 63119

Bring your family & friends for tea, pastries, sandwiches, & more.

Event includes:

Come in costume for chance to win \$100 Chase Park Plaza Movie Tickets

Trivia Questions so bring your love of Downton Abbey knowledge

Drawings for movie tickets, Ted Drewes, & Cyrano's gift cards

Silent Auction

Shop at the Partners for Just Trade's Store with New Products
from Peruvian and Palestinian Artisan Groups

Cost: \$25 per Adult, \$15 for Children 12 or younger

Sponsored by Partners for Just Trade

For tickets: Call or email Paula Bujewski (314) 608-9850 or pbj1018@att.net



UNITY IN DIVERSITY
5TH ANNUAL FERGUSON UNITY WEEKEND

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AUG 2 & 4

Fun Outdoor Activities!

Backpack Giveaway
Aug 3 3pm-6pm
Emerson Family YMCA
3390 Pershall Rd.
Ferguson, MO 63135

Backpack Giveaway
Aug 4 2pm-5pm
Volunteer Assembly 12pm
Emerson Family YMCA
3390 Pershall Rd.
Ferguson, MO 63135

Job Fair
Aug 2 10am-2pm
Ferguson Community Center
1050 Smith Ave
Ferguson, MO 63135

Souls Never Forgotten
August 2 6pm
January Wabasha Park
501 N Florissant Rd.
Ferguson, MO 63135

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For more information visit Facebook.com/FergusonUnityWeekend
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5th Annual Ferguson Unity Weekend
Job Fair
Friday, August 2, 2019
10:00am-2:00pm
1050 Smith Ave. St. Louis, MO 63135
****Business Attire Required****
****Bring Multiple Copies of Resume****

Employment Opportunities Available:

Schnucks, FirstLight HOME CARE, GET THE APP, SHERWIN WILLIAMS, REPUBLIC SERVICES, SLATE MISSOURI JOB CENTER, United States Census 2020, Ameren MISSOURI, PENSKE and more...



Ferguson Farmers' Market

Check out our new location: Plaza at 501 (501 So. Florissant Rd.)

Saturday, August 3rd - Special Events: Germanfest! Music, crafts, food, beer samples! - 8am - 12pm Taste in Ferguson Info and Tickets 8am - 12pm Washington University - Strassmann-Queller Lab: Fun Science Games! 8-12 Christian Hospital - BJC Medical Group - Health Information Live Music: The Wurst Bavarian Band 9am-11am

Saturday, August 10th - Special Events: Style-Tan-Eous Fashion Show 10am Taste in Ferguson Info and Tickets 8am-12pm Art in Motion - Help paint a Metro bus! 9am-11am

Saturday, August 17th - Special Events: Eco Fair 8am-12pm Taste in Ferguson Info and Tickets 8am -12pm Live Music: Quantum Leap 9am-11am

Saturday, August 24th Special Event: Taste in Ferguson SampleFest! 9am-11am Live Music: Forrestwood Boys 9am-11am

Saturday, August 31st Special Events: Almost Picasso Paint Demo 9am-11am Taste in Ferguson Info, Tickets, and Samples 8am-12pm Live Music: Salt of the Earth 9am-11am

Come Visit Us Saturdays, Now thru October 8am – Noon
Check our website, FergusonFarmersMarket.com "LIKE" us on facebook



7th The Taste in Ferguson
Food Sampling,
Beer & Wine Sampling
Kids Activities
Cooking Demonstrations
Sunday, September 8, 2019, 3 pm – 6 pm
Savoy Banquet Center
119 S Florissant Rd, St. Louis 63135

The Taste in Ferguson gives local businesses a chance to showcase their food & compete. So, come out and enjoy music, food and fun.

Tickets \$30.00 – Children 10 & under FREE
On Sale Now- To Purchase ticket visit:
www.TheTaste InFerguson.com



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Concern List:



Betty Allen's Children – Ken, Patty and Tom
Tommy Babb – Friend of the Rockow family
Santiago Casas – Great Grandson of Becky Henderson
Joe Cieniceros, Jr. – Nephew of Earleen Lawrence
Robert Elliott – Lovene Hartman's Brother
Kelly Gorham – Mike Trautman's Friend
Matt Helm – Betty & Bob Rybacki's Grandson-in-Law
Aaron Hotze
Sue Harrington – Lisa Henderson's Sister
Karen – Barbara Bowyer's Sister
The Kennedy Family
Jerry Miller
Howard Nelson
Nora – Great Granddaughter of Becky Henderson
Margaret Rauhut – Lee Rauhut's Mother
Phyllis Ritts
David Rutherford – Son of Maureen Rutherford
Carson Shelley - Mike Trautman's Friend
Todd Shelton "Big Todd"
Rich Shugert – Brother of John Shugert
Arlie Tempel
Nancy Tempel
LaHaji Thomas
Clyde Wade – Brother of Bill Wade

Please contact the church office if you have additional names.

CHURCH MATTERS

Church Happenings...

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| Aug 5 | 6:30 pm - AA group |
| Aug 6 | 8:00 am - ROMEO'S at Cracker Barrel |
| Aug 6 | 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs) |
| Aug 12 | 6:30 pm - AA group |
| Aug 13 | 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs) |
| Aug 14 | Bible Study with Mike cancelled |
| Aug 18 | 11:30 pm - Session Meeting |
| Aug 19 | 6:30 pm - AA group |
| Aug 20 | 8:00 am - ROMEO'S at Cracker Barrel |
| Aug 20 | 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs) |
| Aug 21 | 10:00 am - Food Voucher Program |
| Aug 23 | 9:00 am - PEO |
| Aug 26 | 6:30 pm - AA group |
| Aug 27 | 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs) |
| Aug 28 | 11:00 am - Bible Study with Mike |

Goodbye July... 
 ALOHA August!