

First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson

Church Matters



March 2020

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

TBA

The theme for me this Lent is being a self. By self I mean not only who we are, but how we define ourselves in relationship to God and other people. Bowen Family Systems Theory (BFST) puts the question this way: "How can I be a self without being selfish and how can I be a self for others without being selfless." Being a self is hard work, Murray Bowen, just a few days, before he died said this, "You have inherited a lifetime of tribulation. Everybody has inherited it. Take it over, make the most of it and when you have decided you know the right way, do the best you can with it." Bowen's genius was that he didn't describe the right way, he left that in the hands of each one of us to do the best we can with our own life. I do not think that is too far from what God would have us do. Take on our unique discipleship Jesus and follow him.



I must warn you that Jesus' way will push you into the wild places of the world and ask you to love God and others. I can tell you what that means for me, but I cannot tell you what that means for you; that is your work.

Let us walk that lonesome valley of being a self, trusting that our best is all that God is asking of each of us.

Peace,
-Mike

P.S. I will add the wisdom of Maya Angelou to the dilemma of being a self "when I know better, I will do better." Enjoy the Journey.

March Birthday's

2- Betty Allen
5 - Kate Donato
7 - Bryce Robinson
10 - Dane Tallent
11 - Nick Fink
11 - Cade Robinson
11 - Shirley Thomas
15 – Roy Myers
18 – Bret King



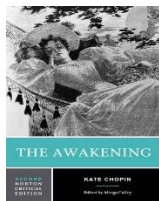
18 – Rhonda Robinson
21 - Elaine Rauhut
24 - Barbara Cunningham
24 - Paul LeFrancois
26 - Bernice Mohesky
28 - Leah Holler
30 – Steve Robinson
31 – Kylan Koser

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

2020 Book Club

Please join us for the start of the 2020 Book Club on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. The book we are discussing is *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin. *The Awakening*, published in 1899, was particularly controversial upon publication. Although the novel was never technically banned, it was censored. Contact Karen Schriefer if you would like a complete list of the books for 2020

THE BOOK CLUB



March 3, 2020
7:00 pm
The Awakening
By Kate Chopin
Please Join Us!

ANNOUNCEMENT

February 29, 2020 at 11:00am
Come Celebrate the Life of
Joan M. Bueckendorf.
(Lunch to follow service)



Reception for Sylvia and Jerry Miller will be in Fellowship Hall at 11:15am, March 1, 2020 after service.

CHURCH CLEAN UP

Place: Nursery

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2020

Time: 10:00 am to?

If you have a few hours, please come to church and help clean the nursery. Please bring a bucket and some rags. I will bring the cleansers. The biggest task will be cleaning the toys, shelves, chairs, and tables. Don't worry if you can't make this clean up date. We will have future dates to clean the fireside room, sanctuary, and kitchen. If you have any questions contact Karen Schriefer at 314 522-6842 or karen.schriefer@att.net.



2ND SUNDAY CAFE' LUNCH & PRESENTATION: ROAD TO RECONCILIATION JOURNEY TO MONTGOMERY



Please join us for the first Second Sunday Cafe' of 2020! On **Sunday, March 8** following the worship service, you are invited to a fundraiser lunch in Fellowship Hall, when Reverends Carleton and Ellie Stock, retired co-pastors of the former Northminster Church, will be coming to make a presentation on their recent trip to Montgomery, AL where they visited the new Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice (Lynching Memorial). They traveled on October 18-21 with 40 other members of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy (2/3 Black) to see and reflect together on the impact of the two sites on black and white Christians today as they relate to racism and reconciliation. The Dismantling Racism and Privilege (DRAP) Team of our presbytery sponsored and led the trip. Don't miss it! Proceeds from the lunch will support World Mission Co-Workers in Peru, Jose' & Chenoa Stock-Claire and Jed & Jenny Koball.

Spaghetti Supper



It is time for all you can eat spaghetti. The annual spaghetti supper is Saturday, March 28th from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Prices: \$8.00 Adults, \$4:00 Children 6 to 12, Free 5 and under. Dinner includes salad, rolls, and tempting desserts. Take outs are available. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.



We want to express our condolences to the Knape, King, Koser and Tallent families, on the loss of their Son and brother, Shawn!

Please keep them in your prayers!



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Concern List:



- Betty Allen
- 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
- David & Beth – on the death of their son Michael
- Robert Elliott – Lovene Hartman's Brother
- Nancy Fedorchak
- Matt Helm – Betty & Bob Rybacki's Grandson-in-Law
- Leah Holler
- Aaron Hotze
- Karen – Barbara Bowyer's Sister
- Delaney Knowles – daughter of James (III) & Lisa Knowles, Granddaughter of Jim (Jr.) & Patti Knowles
- Brian Lamkemeyer – Son-in-Law of Jeannie Dobrich
- Jerry Miller
- Howard Nelson
- Nora – Great Granddaughter of Becky Henderson
- Martha Panetti
- Margaret Rauhut – Lee Rauhut's Mother
- Phyllis Ritts
- David Rutherford – Son of Maureen Rutherford
- Sue Schmidt – Friend of Jamie McDonald
- Carson Shelley - Mike Trautman's Friend
- Todd Shelton "Big Todd"
- Rich Shugert – Brother of John Shugert
- Eva Stock – Daughter of Carleton & Elinor Stock
- Arlie Tempel
- Nancy Tempel

Please contact the church office if you have additional names.

CHURCH MATTERS

Church Happenings...

- Mar 1 11:15am – Reception for Sylvia/Jerry
- Mar 3 8:00 am - ROMEOS at Cracker Barrel
- Mar 3 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs)
- Mar 3 7:00pm - Book Club
- Mar 8 2nd Sunday Café Lunch (After Service)
- Mar 10 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs)
- Mar 11 11:00 am - Bible Study with Mike
- Mar 12 10:00 am - Thursday Circle
- Mar 13 9:00 am – PEO
- Mar 12 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs)
- Mar 15 Women's Sunday
- Mar 15 11:30 pm – Session Meeting
- Mar 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 17 8:00 am - ROMEOS at Cracker Barrel
- Mar 17 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs)
- Mar 18 10:00 am - Food Voucher Program
- Mar 24 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs)
- Mar 25 11:00 am - Bible Study with Mike
- Mar 27 9:00 am – PEO
- Mar 28 4:30 pm – Spaghetti Supper
- Mar 31 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs)

