



# church matters

Monthly Newsletter

Official Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson- Faith in Ferguson

## IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS...

*Friends and Family,*

I pray you and yours are very well!

I want to thank you for your amazing spirit of hospitality to Oona and me on the installation weekend, July 25, 2021. Your smiles, your prayers have touched us in a transformative way. We so appreciate the opportunity to serve among kind and caring people. We also look forward to many occasions of ministry, fellowship, and fun. As we get to know one another better, we are praying that our relationship will be grounded in deep, mutual, Christian love.

Let me say a big thank you for your vote of trust and confidence as your installed co pastor. It is amazing to see how God has brought us together for church and community ministry. My desire is to see all our ministry efforts to be graced and empowered with God's help. Thanks to the PNC, Session, and Pastor Mike for your amazing support.

Lastly, you are daily in my prayers of thanksgiving and petition. I truly believe that prayer works! If I can pray for any special needs, please feel free to contact me.

Yes, We Can!

*Rev. Dr. Kerry Allison*

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# OUR NEW AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM IS UP AND RUNNING!

After months of patiently waiting for parts to our new audio-visual system, everything has been installed! Several people have attended training sessions and practice runs and now we are ready to go. This will allow us to do many new things while we are live streaming in the future. Here's what's next:

1) Access our live streaming church services on Sunday mornings at 10:10 am by going to our website at [www.faithinferguson.org](http://www.faithinferguson.org).

2) Click on the button that says, "Live Streamed Services or to View Previous Services". We recommend doing this a couple of minutes before the service begins.

*NOTE: Live streaming will begin 5 minutes before the service starts to allow time for people to get settled.*

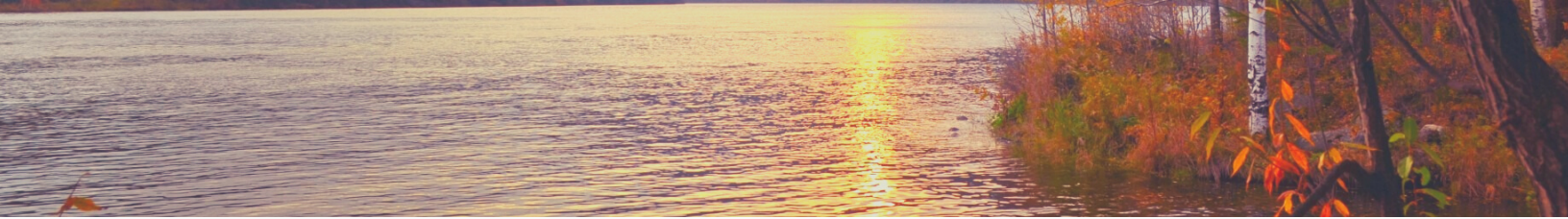
3) A screen should appear for you to watch.

4) If you're not able to watch the service live, you will find all of our services dated and archived on this same page to view at your convenience.

5) The service will continue to stream on FB as well.

6) In the future, we plan to post the worship bulletin for you to follow during the service.

A BIG thank you to Duane Mazzacavallo for the tremendous amount of time he spent getting this project completed.



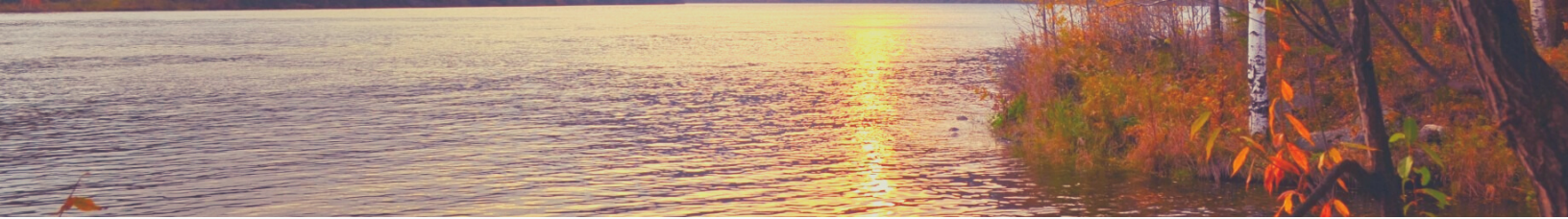
# DID YOU KNOW...? BY JOHN T. CLAYTON

- Did you know that Haiti once supplied all of Europe with sugar, coffee and tea?
- Did you know that Afghanistan once was the only land route between the West and the East and invaded by many other countries?
- Did you know that the Haitian people were destroyed by European diseases and replaced by African Slaves?
- Did you know that Afghanistan did not have a central government until the late 1950's?
- Did you know that your Presbyterian (USA) has supplied both personnel and financial support to both countries for more than 75 years?

Your Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program is reaching out right now to both countries with material and financial help.

## ***THEY NEED YOUR HELP...NOW***

A check made out to Ferguson First earmarked "Haiti" will be a wonderful expression of your willingness to help.



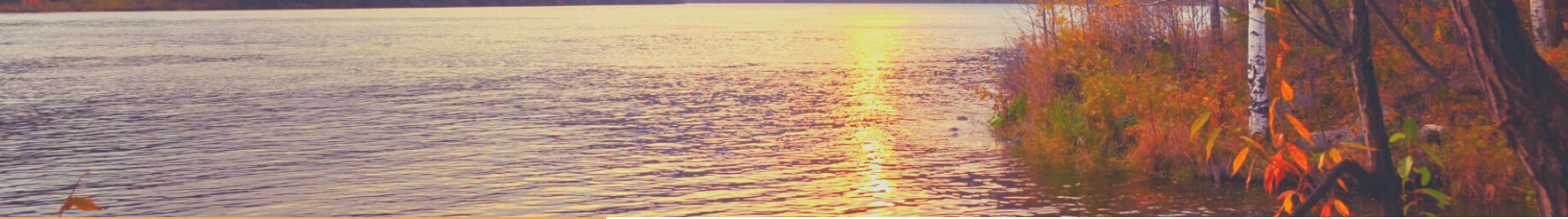
# CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

## BIKE MS 2021

Despite a recent relapse of his MS that sidelined him in the hospital for a week, Mike Weltmer (son of Eleanor & Lee Weltmer) will be riding again (7th year) in the upcoming Bike MS 2021 fundraiser at the Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey, IL on September 11th & 12th. Participation and donations to this event help support programs, services, and research that make a huge difference to the people who must fight MS every day of their lives. Tax-deductible donations can be made via the following Internet link to Mike's personal secure fundraising page to help him in this effort to raise funds for MS:

[https://mssociety.donordrive.com/index.cfm?  
fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=38915](https://mssociety.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=38915)





## FAITH FINDERS: ADVENTURES FOR KIDS



Are you missing  
Sunday School?  
So are we!



Faith Finders is a community of our youngest members on their own adventure seeking out understanding and the meaning of God's love.

Join our Google Classrooms to find lots of resources for our Faith Finders.

*Contact us for more information!*



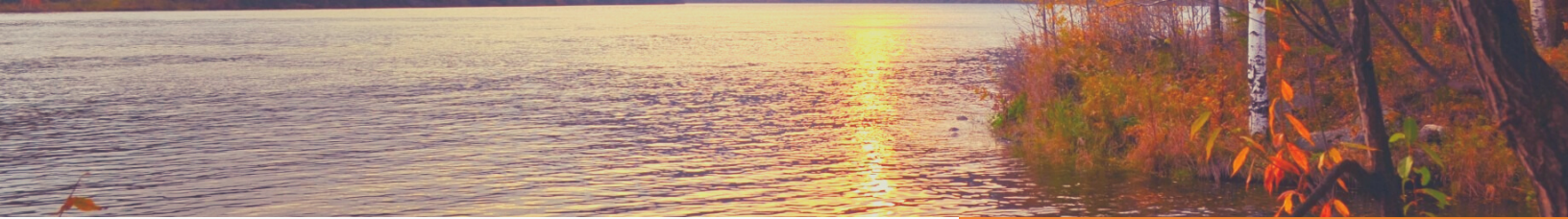
Hopefully, you have received the goody bags from our Faith Finders Fairies. We wish everyone a wonderful summer!

### **Worship Bags!**

We are so excited to introduce our themed worship bags! Enjoy activities in these crafted bags for seasonal worship.

Keep your bags and send them back to church to have them filled with more goodies!

[Click here for our Faith Finders Adventures](#)



# YOUTH MINISTRY

I have been working heavily with the Boys 2 Mentors (B2M) group located in Ferguson, MO.

## **Updates are as follows:**

- B2M has started running groups for local young men within the community ages 12-21.
- B2M will also be looking for volunteers to support and provide services to the young men they mentor.

## **Church group updates:**

- I am looking for ideas for community engagement opportunities for young people to get more involved.
- Ideas: Social outings, summer shut-ins/virtual socials, movie nights, trivia, karaoke, etc
- Identifying new community organizations to build relationships with for possible collaboration.

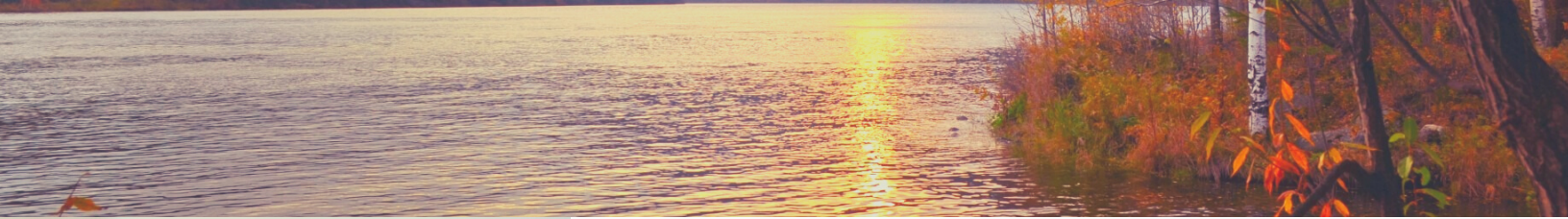
Peace & Grace unto You,

**LaHaji Thomas**

## Message from LaHaji

"I am leaving you with a gift--peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27





## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Sylvia Miller
- 3 – Bobby Koenig & Karla Koenig
- 8 – Diane Kasten, David Owens, & Florence Robertson
- 10 – David Fritchey
- 12 – Alex Lowery
- 13 – Cynthia Motley
- 20 – Debby Koenig, & Laura Koser
- 21 – Anne Cox
- 24 – Jackie Goff
- 28 – Benjamin Kuhlman
- 29 – Phyllis Fedorchak

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