



From the Pastor

Flying Power

Hello Family and Friends,

Advent greetings, I hope that you are well.

I'm so glad to be back from an appreciated vacation. Thanks to the session and lay leadership for your great guidance while I was gone.

Hope is this week's emphasis for Advent. Emily Dickinson says, "Hope is the thing with feathers. That perches in the soul And sings the tune without the words And never stops at all." Hope gives the power to fly even when there are challenges and difficulties. Hope doesn't deny the reality of sickness, estrangement, unemployment, hunger, and injustice. But it flies for a better day in which healing will be the focus. A better day where reconciliation will be the theme. A better day where work will provide dignity and income. A better day where full stomachs and full hearts will be the condition. A better day where all will be treated equally. Hope gives us the ability to dance in the showers of life knowing that the showers will stop but the dancing continues. I want to encourage you that whether you are flying low or flying high, keep on flying. Hope is not in our situations or circumstances, but in a child who became the savior of the whole world.

Our hope is in God and God's only son, Jesus. May God grant us the flying power of hope. Amen.



**See You Sunday,
Dr. Kerry**



Session has updated our COVID Protocols. Mask wearing is now optional. We will continue to make masks available. This is subject to change if COVID cases rise. The offering plate will continue to be at the front of the Sanctuary and bulletins aren't being printed.

Traditional Communion or Passing of the Peace will also not be restarted at this time.





Up and Coming Events

****Please be sure to turn in all Newsletter information NO LATER than 5 business days before the 1st of the month!**

DECEMBER EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Nov 27th - Dec 25th - Follow the First Presbyterian Advent Calendar

Nov 27th - Dec 25th - Christmas Joy Offering

Dec 3rd - Hanging of the Greens **9am**

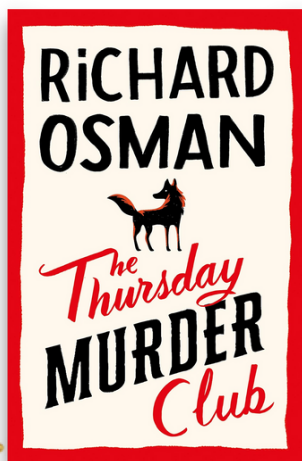
Dec 6th - Book Club Meeting **7pm**

Dec 10th - Breakfast w/Santa **9am-11:30am**

Dec 17th - Children's Christmas Dress Rehearsal **10am-1pm**

Dec 18th - Family Christmas Service & Children's Christmas Musical

Dates to Remember



Book Club

7PM in Memorial Lounge

DEC 6: The Thursday Murder Club By Richard Osman

Bring your own snack and drink. Contact Karen Schriefer at 314-522-6842 if you have any questions.



Up and Coming Events

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FERGUSON

ADVENT CALENDAR

NOV 27 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE** 10:15AM

DEC 3 **HANGING OF THE GREENS** 9:00AM

DEC 4 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE** 10:15AM

DEC 10 **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** 9:00 TO 11:30AM
PLEASE BRING PEANUT BUTTER TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY FOOD PROGRAM

DEC 11 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY** 10:15AM

DEC 18 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE** 10:15AM
FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

DEC 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** 3:30PM
AVAILABLE FOR STREAMING LIVE AND ANYTIME THEREAFTER ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE, AND YOUTUBE

DEC 25 **VIEW DR. KERRY ALLISON'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**
FACEBOOK AND YOU TUBE (AVAILABLE DECEMBER 24 AFTER 5:00PM)

Remembering Our Angels



The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree was the inspiration of Debby Koenig and Jan Foster about 12 years ago. The Angel Tree was created to honor loved ones we have lost. The tree is full of Angels of all shapes and sizes.

Remember this tradition as a way to remember a loved ones that has been lost. Let the office know if you add an Angel to the tree because we want to add their name to the List of Angels.



Special Offering



Christmas Joy Offering (Nov 27th- Dec 25th)

Did you know, The Christmas Joy Offering. has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s?

The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage.

This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

In the coming weeks, we will share stories from those who have been recipients of your previous gifts. Special envelopes can be found in the pews. If you would like to give, you can use one of these envelopes (make checks payable to First PC, earmarked "Joy Offering"), or earmark any envelope "Joy Offering" with a check or cash enclosed; We will be receiving the Christmas Joy Offering from November 27-December 25. Please give as generously as you are able.



Church Event



Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 10th
9am-11:30am

- **Breakfast**
- **Pictures w/Santa**
- **Face Painting**
- **Arts & Crafts**
- **Free Vision Screening (ages 6 months-16 years)**

A Donation of Peanut Butter for our Food Voucher Program is suggested





Church Event

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

MUSICAL

Sunday, December 18th
10:15am



First Presbyterian Sunday School classes
will present the Christmas Musical: "Star of
Wonder" Sunday, December 18, 2022 at
10:15 a.m. Please make plans to join us for
this fun re-telling of Christ's birth.



Committee Highlight

Church Outreach

My name is **Kate Mazzacavallo** and I am a member of the Session. As a Session member I oversee a committee called Church Outreach. **The purpose of Church Outreach is to focus on the mission work for the church.** We oversee both local and world missions through service, support, and deciding where local and world mission funds will go. I want to share with you where the mission funds will be going for 2022.

World Mission funds will go to PCUSA to support Chenoa Stock and Jed Koball.

Local mission funds will go to the following organizations:

- Ferguson Florissant School District for Utility Assistance
- Oak Knoll Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Missouri flooding
- Little Bit Foundation
- St. Louis Area Diaper Bank
- Refuge and Restoration NPO

We couldn't do all this great work to help the community without our wonderful members!

Sincerely,
Kate Mazzacavallo



Take Note

Cemetery Plots

Our church is in the possession of 12 cemetery plots at Laurel Hill Memorial Garden (2 sets of 4 consecutive spaces) and Valhalla Cemetery (4 consecutive spaces). These plots were donated by members years ago. If you would like more information about these plots please contact the office. The Sessions had a discussion about what to do with these plots. They are going to determine if there is a social service agency that would accept these plots for use for indigent person or family.

Donation Opportunity



Eye Glasses Donation

Attention! Do you have an old pair of eye glasses in your junk drawer just taking up space? Maybe you just put on a fresh pair and don't know what to do with your retired pair?

Well, the church is here to help! The Missouri Lions Research Foundation has placed a donation bucket in our library.

For More Information

Call: 573-443-1471

www.MLERF.org



Other Information

FACILITY USE REQUESTS REMINDER

If you wish to use space in the church building, you are required to fill out a Facility Use Request form. Your request will need approval so that there are no scheduling conflicts. Please contact the church office for the form. Thank you.

Holly Turner

Administrative Assistant

(314) 522-8542



Don't forget to submit your prayer requests before services on Sunday mornings. The Prayer Request Forms will be located in the offering plate as you enter through the sanctuary door. Please complete your prayer request and place it on the communion table before the service begins. Dr. Kerry will read the requests from the pulpit so all can hear.

December Birthday's

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- 2- Laura Owens
 - 3- Layla Owens
 - 4- Kyra Owens
 - 7- Reggie Schlueter
 - 9- Holly Turner
 - 10- Jeannie Dobrich
 - 13- Shirley Gilbert & Maya Owens
 - 15- Mike Trautman
 - 16- Laiyla Butler
 - 17- Jonathan Kuhlman, Karen Schriefer, & Drew Tallent
 - 18- Kelly Mazzacavallo
 - 22- Duane Bibko
 - 23-Jane Rauth-Coldewe, Peggy Perry & Jim Wuertenberg
 - 24- Hayden Koenig
 - 28- Linda Lipka

**If someone's birthday is missing or incorrect,
please let the office know**



Other Information

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