

From the Pastor

Happy New Year 2023

Happy New Year Family and Friends,

I pray you are well.

"Counting my blessings and wishing you more. I hope you enjoy what God has instore." We are blessed to see another year. The grace of God is so wonderful! I'm excited for this new year.

We begin this new year with an appreciation of each other. The Session and I are glad to share that January is Member Appreciation Month at First Church. Starting this Sunday, January 8th, we will honor and appreciate each other in special ways. You don't want to miss the love and the special times we are going to have each Sunday of this month. You are appreciated. Thanks for everything you do for our church.

Our prayers continue for families who have lost family members recently. We pray for the family of Maureen Rutherford. Maureen was a serving elder at our church. We also pray for Jean Bryant who lost her husband John recently.



"Destiny in 2023"
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 Coming Events

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

JANUARY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

All January - Membership Appreciation

January 8th - Congressional Meeting, Lunch, and Clean up



Church Event

Congressional Meeting



SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

TIME:

Immediately following the worship service.

FOR:

Approval of Rev. Dr. Kerry Allison's salary package for 2023

Please plan to attend

When the meeting concludes we plan to remove all the Christmas decorations around the church.

The church will provide a light lunch of pizza, dessert, and soda.



Committee Highlight

Music Ministry

Music Director

It has been my privilege to serve as First Presbyterian's Music Director for the last few years. As Director, it is my responsibility to provide a varied repertoire of music—vocal and instrumental—in order to enhance the worship experience each week. I work with the choir, hand bells, soloists, guest musicians as well as provide music for special occasions. This year a "Children's Christmas Musical" was part of my duties. It is my intention to always glorify our Savior through the presented music.

Psalms 100 "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs"



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

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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.

January Birthday's

- 2- Tony Vrabel**
- 9- Devon Tallent**
- 10- Emanuelle Smith**
- 12- Zoe Bollinger**
- 13- Jean Bryant**
- 15- Mike Trautman**
- 19- Jamie McDonald**
- 20- Mollie Koser**
- 23- Carole Lowery**
- 24- Paula Vrabel**
- 24- Alijah Harrold**



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

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