

From the Pastor

January was Great, February is Here!

Many Blessings Family and Friends,

I pray that you are well and warm!

I want to thank you and our Lord for an amazing month of ministry in January. Our Member Appreciation Month went very well. We are thankful for your service, support, and sacrifice. Thanks again for all you do for First Presbyterian, First Church, You Are Appreciated!

We begin the month of February with a deep sense of being connected through shared faith and our experiences. We will celebrate Holy Communion this Sunday in a more traditional way. We are prepared to share the bread and wine as we did before COVID. We will use the best practices for this special time of renewal.

We will also celebrate Black History Month as part of our "Celebrating Diversity" on the third Sunday, February 19th. There will be special music, reflections, and liturgical dance from the returning youth praise dance team "God Prophetic Vessels." You don't want to miss this worship Sunday. Please feel free to dress in African attire throughout the month of February. Our mantra this month is "I See You." We will use this mantra in worship guide and preaching/teaching theme.

There are many things happening in the life of congregation. Please, stay inform about the new childcare center that will begin shortly, also updates about new worship instruments and platform designs. New ministries and worship times are being planned and constructed.

We constantly pray for eachother and remember each other in thought and deed.

Love and Light,

Dr. Henry



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!**

 **CALENDAR**
Mark Your

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- February 7th** - Strength and Honor Begins
- February 19th** - Black History Month Celebration
- February 19th** - Session Meeting
- February 22nd** - Ash Wednesday
- February 22nd** - Lent Begins
- March 7th** - Book Club **7pm**

Book Club

7pm in Memorial Lounge

March 7: The Book Club by Mary Alice Monroe



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

Youth & Community Events

Strength & Honor



STRENGTH AND HONOR MENTORING & TUTORING

Mentoring Sessions for Young Men

Every Tuesday in February
beginning February 7th.
March 7 & 21 & April 11, 18, &
25th. Sessions are from
6:30pm-8:30pm.

About us

We are a nonprofit organization
making a difference in the
community by equipping youth
with the tools needed to be
productive citizens and helping
them grow intellectually and
emotionally.

Our Location:

First Presbyterian Church Ferguson
401 Darst Rd.
Ferguson, MO. 63135

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Founder & Director

Albert Harrold



Youth & Community Events

Lunch and a Movie

On Sunday, many of the church members stayed after the service for a quick lunch. After lunch 17 of us went to the Des Peres Theater to see The Secret Life of Pets 3! Nope--that movie isn't even out yet, but Coach Al and I are convinced it was on the website.

We saw the "not-so-newly-released" The Secret Life of Pets! (The FIRST movie that was released in 2016!) It was fun to see, again, and watch the antics of Max and Gidget and all their friends. Those pets sure can get into a lot of trouble when their owners go to work. The good news is that they are pros at supporting and watching out for each other! We do that in church and in the world too! :)

It was a really fun outing and stay tuned for the next outing at First Pres!

PS. Thanks to Andrew Hurlburt for staying to clean up the kitchen after lunch!



Committee Highlight

STAFF SUPPORT

Chair Person:

Monica Barks

Purpose:

This Committee makes certain that church staff are effective in their jobs and provides necessary support for them.

Responsibilities:

- **Oversees all church employees**
- **Defines and reviews position descriptions**
- **Conduct annual reviews to discern accomplishments and difficulties**
- **Recommends compensation**
- **Oversees the replacement process (job posting, interviews, etc.) when needed.**
- **Defines and monitors employment policies**
- **Responds to concerns made by or about staff**



Take Note

Flower Chart



The 2023 flower chart is on the bulletin board between the restrooms. If you are interested in purchasing flowers put your name next to the date you are interested in. The cost of flowers is \$25.00. Please put your check or cash in one of the envelopes provided by the flower chart.

Please include your name and the date you selected flowers for. Place your envelope in the offering plate or hand the envelope in to the church office.

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.

February Birthday's

- 2- Gary Wade**
- 3- Nancy Tempel**
- 5- John Lipka**
- 11- Karen Rybacki**
- 13- Harold Walters**
- 18- Caroline Cobb**
- 20- Adam Koser & Robert Rybacki**
- 22- Kehlani Langston**
- 25- George Vrabel**

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



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