

# From the Pastor

## Igniting Your Enthusiasm

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are doing well!

As we begin the fall ministry season of our church, I want to share with you a news series of talks on the power of enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is the fire that ignites our hearts and propels us forward, enabling us to overcome obstacles and achieve greatness. It is a contagious energy that inspires and motivates both ourselves and those around us. I want to remind you of the incredible potential that lies within you, and how cultivating enthusiasm can unlock that potential, giving you to a life filled with passion, purpose, and success.

Imagine a world where everyone approached their days with unwavering enthusiasm. Now, envision the impact that this collective energy could have on our lives, relationships, and communities. Enthusiasm is a force that compels us to pour our hearts into our work, to pursue our dreams relentlessly, and to inspire others to do the same. When we infuse enthusiasm into our daily lives, we awaken a vitality that drives us forward, even in the face of challenges.

Enthusiasm can be defined as a strong and passionate feeling of excitement, interest, and eagerness towards something. It is a positive and vibrant energy that fuels motivation, drive, and an optimistic outlook. Enthusiasm is characterized by a genuine and intense interest in what one is doing, often resulting in higher levels of engagement, productivity, and success. It is a state of mind that propels individuals forward, even in the face of challenges or setbacks. Enthusiasm is contagious and can inspire those around us, creating a ripple effect of positivity and productivity.

I'm extremely enthusiastic about our fall ministry plans. Rally Day, youth activities, Sunday morning worship, outreach, fellowship, our seasonal ministry times, and the potential of a new worship service are some of the things planned for next few months. WOW, now say it backwards: WOW! Let's ignite our enthusiasm!

See you Sunday,

*Dr. Herry*



# Up-Coming Events

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

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**September 3rd- Sunday School Resumes**

**September 5th- Book Review 7pm**

**September 9th/10th- Bike MS 2023, Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey, IL**

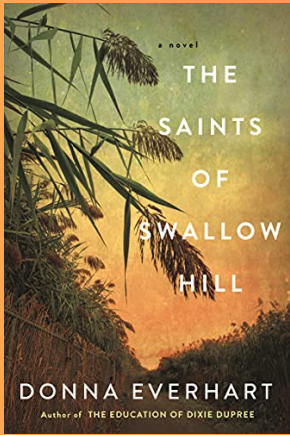
**September 30th- Presbytery Picnic 12pm-4pm 105 Bailey Rd. Crystal City, MO**

**October 1st- Peace & Global Witness Offering**



**Announcement:**

We are in need of a volunteer to change the church sign. Lee is hanging his hat as Official Sign Changer. **Are you up for the task?**



**Book Club**  
**7pm Memorial in Lounge**

**September 5th:**  
**The Saints of Swallow Hill**  
**by Donna Everhart**

Contact Karen Schriefer at 314-522-6842 if you have any questions.



# Church Events

## Bike MS 2023



**Mike Weltmer (son of Eleanor & Lee Weltmer) will be riding again (9th year) in the upcoming Bike MS 2023 fundraiser at the Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey, IL on September 9th & 10th.**

**Participation and donations to this event help support programs, services, and research that make a huge difference to people like Mike 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://events.nationalmssociety.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&p;participantID=262500>**



# Presbytery Event

Sept. 30

PRESBYTERY  
PICNIC

Food, Music, Fellowship and Fun



**12 pm to 4 pm**

**Hosted by: Grace Presbyterian Church  
105 Bailey Rd, Crystal City, MO 63019**

We need your help to make this a success!  
Email: [communication@glpby.org](mailto:communication@glpby.org) or call 314.772.2395



# Special Offerings



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

## **ABOUT THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: Your Impact**

**Equipping Peacemakers in Congregations and Around the World. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness through:**

- **Exposing the moral and migrational implications of Climate Change**
  - **Helping to stop human trafficking**
  - **Supporting our global siblings**
- **Taking action against structural racism**
  - **And more**

**THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED ON  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1  
ENVELOPES WILL BE IN THE PEWS**

**Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you in advance.**

# Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers and Concerns for:

## Prayers:

- **Cheryl (Elaine and Lee's Niece)**
- **Rick Miller (Paula's brother in law)**
- **Anne Cox**



*Take Note* 

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# 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**



# PRAYER

## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

**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.**

### September Birthday's

- 1 - Sylvia Miller
- 3 - Bobby Koenig & Karla Koenig
- 8 - Diane Kasten, Florence Robertson
- 10 - David Fritchey
- 13 - Cynthia Motley
- 20 - Debby Koenig & Laura Koser
- 21- Anne Cox
- 24- Jackie Goff/ Brewer

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



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