

# FROM THE PASTOR

## CELEBRATING GOD'S GOODNESS

**Greetings and blessings to all members and friends of our church community,**

As we enter the month of February, we are filled with anticipation and excitement for the spiritual journey that lies ahead. This month, we have the opportunity to come together in worship, communion, and celebration of our wonderful community. I am delighted to share with you some of the special worship times that we have planned for the month of February.

### **Communion Sunday - February 4th**

On Sunday, February 4th, we will come together for a sacred and cherished tradition in our church - Communion Sunday. This is a time for us to gather at the Lord's table, to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and to partake in the bread and cup with reverence and gratitude. I invite all of you to join us for this meaningful and spiritually enriching service as we reflect on the love and grace of our Savior. In addition to the communion service, on this special Sunday, we are honored to have Cottrell Turner, a talented artist and husband of our own, Holly Turner, who will share an inspiring illustrated painting of my message. I believe this will be a great experience to see the sermon illustrated in art.

### **Boy Scouts Sunday - February 11th**

On Sunday, February 11th, we will celebrate Boy Scouts Sunday, a day dedicated to recognizing and honoring the young members of our congregation who are a part of the Boy Scouts of America. We will come together to acknowledge the values of leadership, service, and character development that the Boy Scouts program instills in our youth. It is an opportunity for us to show our support and appreciation for these young men as they continue to grow in their faith and contribute to the community.

### **Celebrating Diversity - February 18th and 25th**

As a church community that embraces diversity and inclusivity, we will dedicate the third and fourth Sundays of February to celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures, traditions, and backgrounds that make up our congregation. On these Sundays, we will honor and recognize the beauty and value of our diverse community through special prayers, music, and reflections that highlight the strength found in our differences. It is a time for us to come together in unity and understanding, to appreciate the unique gifts and perspectives that each individual brings to our church family.

As we embark on this month of February, let us approach each gathering and celebration with a spirit of openness, gratitude, and reverence. May our communion service, the acknowledgment of our Boy Scouts, and the celebration of diversity serve as reminders of the beauty and depth of our shared faith and community. I encourage each of you to participate in these events, to engage with one another, and to extend a warm welcome to those who may be joining us for the first time. Let us continue to grow in our love and devotion to God and to one another as we journey through this month together.

**Blessings and peace be with you all,**

**Dr. Kerry**



# UP-COMING EVENTS

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

## **FEBRUARY EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

**February 4th - Black History Month Kickoff w/ Guest Artist, 10:15am**

**February 11th - Session Meeting, following church services**

**February 11th - Super Bowl Party, 5pm at the church**

**February 14th - Valentines Day & Ash Wednesday**

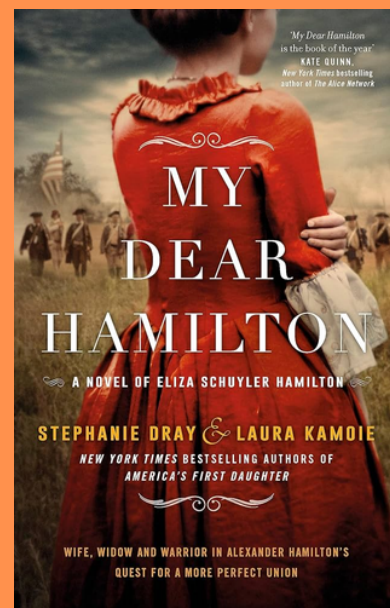
**February 18th- Annual Congregation Meeting**



## **Book Club will return** **on March 5th**

**My Dear Hamilton**  
**By Stephanie Dray and**  
**Laura Kamoie**

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



# A BAPTISM

## MY HEART IS FULL

**The baptism of my grandson, Zaccai, last Sunday, was a glorious, joyful day of thanksgiving and praise for me and my family. There are a few people I would especially like to thank for their help in making this the special day that it was-- Karen Schriefer, Wendy Dean and Kelly Mazzacavallo helped prepare for the reception and made sure everything was ready to go when the service was over and stayed for the clean-up. Another special shout out to my husband Mike, who did a wonderful job assisting with the baptism and manning the dishwasher after lunch making-clean up easier for all of us. And, to Pastor Kerry for his work in coordinating the special service and his sermon that lifted our hearts and souls. It was indeed a family affair! Lastly, thank you to my entire church family for their presence and support during the most important times in my life.**

**With heartfelt love and appreciation,  
Paula Trautman**



# PLEASE ATTEND

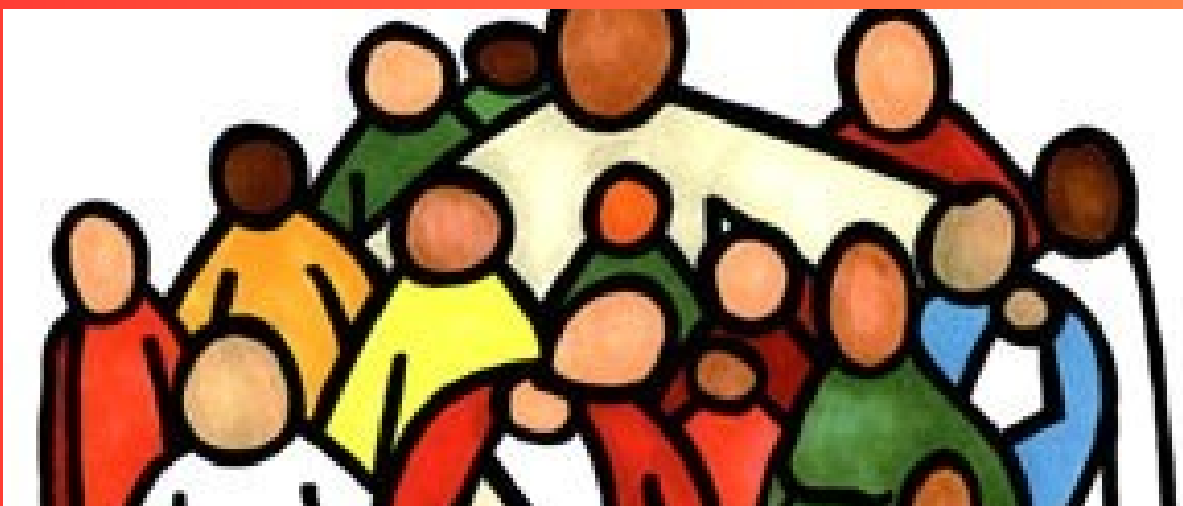
## SESSION MEETING SCHEDULED

**The next meeting of the First Presbyterian Session will be Sunday, February 11 following worship. This meeting will allow us to take care of any business needing attention from the cancelled January meeting due to weather, in addition to any current business prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.**

**-Paula Trautman, Clerk of Session.**

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 18 immediately following the worship service. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.**



# BLACK HISTORY KICK-OFF

First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson

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**Communion  
Sunday**

**JOIN US**

family, friends, & fellowship  
Sermon With Painted  
Illustration

"153 years of Ministry"

**04**  
FEB

**10:15**  
AM

Faith in Ferguson.org



401 Darst Road  
Ferguson, MO

**THEME**

**Thrive & Soar In 2024**



**Pastor**  
Dr. Kerry Allison



Guest Artist  
Sermon Illustrator  
**Cottrell Turner**

**Celebrating Diversity: Black History Month**

# SUPER BOWL PARTY

FIRST CHURCH OF FERGUSON

Door Prizes  
& Gifts

Free Food

## SUPERBOWL FELLOWSHIP

FEB 11, 2024  
5:00 pm CT

Wear Favorite  
Sport Jersey

SPONSORED BY The MEN OF HONOR:  
Pastor Kerry, Adam, Andrew, & Albert

401 Darst Road  
Ferguson, MO

Family Fun Event

# THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

## Prayers and Concerns for:

### Prayers:

- Cynthia Harrold
- Pastor Francis' Family
- Those effected by the war in Palestine and Israel
- Becky Henderson's daughter, Jane
- Deja Allison (Kerry's Daughter)
- Ukraine
- Tom (father to a friend of the church)
- Betty Rybacki
- Kristin Miller - Cancer



### **A BIG THANK YOU!**

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for the cards, phone calls and especially your prayers! My knee surgery and hospital stay could not have gone better! I'm grateful for the love you have shown me.

Becky 🎵

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kristinmillerkc> -TO DONATE



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Is it a Cloned or Scam Email?  
It may be!

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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**



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 - Garry 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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