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Ebenezer Too Capital Campaign

First Prez "Rocks" (with laughter) The Ebenezer Campaign Begins!

Yes, The First Prez campaign began on Sunday, July 22, with a bang....well...actually with some award winning "Holy Humor" from Rev. Dennis Haines and Michael Murphy during the Minute for Mission at the two services. They also provided campaign information that was well received by the church family. The Ebenezer Information Center was open for business and business was good!

A mailing to our church family arrived in the mail two weeks ago, just before Holy Humor Sunday.... as planned....praise the Lord! The mailing contained an information letter, commitment card, commitment card envelope, an Ebenezer Stone picture and a page outlining some ways to make commitments that may lower your taxes.

Bring your commitment card to church any Sunday or drop it off in the church office throughout the weeks ahead. Commitment Sunday is August 19 with a planned Celebration on August 26. On August 26, we will also dedicate the new playground!

You can keep track of our progress by viewing the thermometer in the Inner Narthex. There are also friendly folks at the Information Center who can also answer any questions you might have!



Kick-Off Sunday, September 9, 2018

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 am KC Slugger is a hugger!
Come to the Fellowship Hall
and have your picture taken
with this famous fellow!



Meet Your Sunday School Teacher in the lower narthex.
There will be supervised outdoor games for the kids while
parents chat with their teachers!

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, September 16, 2018

10:00 am All Sunday School Classes begin for Fall.

10:00 am Confirmation Class begins, 8th-9th graders

2:00 pm Welcome Class begins at the church.

Please contact the church office at (816) 524-3933
to let them know you will attend.

We the people of the
First Presbyterian Church of
Lee's Summit are called by
God, empowered by the Holy
Spirit, sent by Christ to build
faith, bring hope, share love, as
a diverse, growing, grace-
giving community.

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Nursery Director: Cassandra Pyburn
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Sunday Worship Schedule
9:00 am Contemporary Service
10:00 am Faith & Fellowship
11:00 am Traditional Service

**August/September
2018**



Michael's First Take

*"For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Dear First Presbyterian Church Community –

Missouri, I was told, has four seasons...cold, windy, hot, and football. Football season at First Pres is also the season we "kick-off" a new school year...along with many other activities. (Please note: this newsletter is for BOTH August and September.)

Ebenezer Too has begun! We want to celebrate what God is doing here through us as we update and improve the ministry center that is our First Pres facility together...to the glory of God. We know God has truly blessed us and this is an endeavor to bless the next generation here. We hope everyone will join in the joy of supporting Ebenezer Too. Like in a home remodel, there will be some modifications by Session as we listen to you and as we discern God's guidance (a Fellowship Hall Update Group has just been formed and is meeting). You should have received a mailing from the Capital Gifts Team. (Please note: the co-chairs are now Michael Murphy and Dennis Haines.) August 19 is Commitment Sunday and August 26 is Celebration Sunday!

Welcome Jacob Lowry as our new Director of Music! Jacob is the Director of Choral Music at LS West HS (previously Assistant Director at LS High School under Chris Munce). His first Sunday with you will be August 26. I am excited about Jacob and so grateful to Courtney Williams for her ministry here.

Sunday, August 5th, we welcome the Rev. Sally Wright, acting Associate Executive of Heartland Presbytery, to our pulpit. Sunday, August 12th, our annual Youth Sunday will feature our young people sharing stories about their service and activities this summer.

Wednesday, August 15, Lee's Summit schools begin a new year. Also, on August 15, we will host our final Summer Mission Speaker...dinner at 6:30; program 7-8pm.

Bells and Choir practices resume the last week of August.

Sunday, September 9, everything truly "kicks off" at our Rally Day. At 10am, come learn about the classes offered and get a picture with Slugger! At 11am, Bells and Choir begin their new year. Don't miss this great morning!

Sunday, September 16 – At 10am, Sunday School for all ages resumes, a Confirmation Class will begin for those in 8th or 9th Grade, and four Adult classes kick-off. Sunday afternoon, a new member's class will be held, 2-4p (sign up through the church office).

Excited for the new season....go Team go!

Pastor Michael

Welcome, Jacob Lowry and Many Thanks, Courtney Williams!

Jacob Lowry has accepted the position of Director of Music at First Pres! He will begin his employment on Monday, August 20 and will join us in worship on Sunday, August 26.

Jacob is currently the Director of Choral Music at Lee's Summit West High School and resides in Lee's Summit with his wife, Laura. Most recently he was with Country Club United Methodist Church in Kansas City, MO as their Director of Music and has years of experience with church and choral music. His strong faith and musical talent makes him a terrific fit at FPCLS!

As we wish Courtney Williams a warm farewell and countless thanks and gratitude for her years of service as our Music Director, we know we will see her smiling face around the church and hear her lovely voice in the Praise Band!

It is exciting to know that Jacob will join us and we welcome him to our church family!

SUMMARY OF JULY 17, 2018 MEETING OF SESSION

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was opened with a devotion based on 1st Peter Chapter 5, verses 1-3 discussing Peter as an Elder and how Elders are to be examples to the "flock" and prayer. Rev. Dr. Dennis Haines reported the Capital Gifts Campaign is in planning phase and preparing for kicking off the campaign on July 22 followed by weekly themes to help the congregation better understand and get on board with the campaign. Rev. Dr. McCall announced the pledge forms were taken to the post office on July 17 and should be delivered within the next 10 days.

Session discussed Ebenezer Too projects & survey results. The sign base has been installed & the actual sign will be installed on July 24. Playground equipment is being built & should be installed by the end of July. Session accepted a motion & agreed to place the Theater/Pergola project & sidewalk on hold. A contract to proceed with Architectural design for the Canopy & Vestibule Entrance & Canopy Extension was signed. Based on survey results Session approved a motion to "Charter a Fellowship Hall sub-committee to the Narthex Task Force to define requirements for Fellowship Hall use & upgrades to be presented to Session by the November 20 Session meeting".

Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and approved

Clerk of Session reported:

Kelsie Howe (daughter of Jeff & Debbie Howe, granddaughter of Phyllis Muckey) and Stephen White were married on June 22, 2018. Rev. Dr. McCall officiated

Monthly calendar for August 2018 was reviewed and updated

Finance Action Team (AT) reported June had lower income & higher budget expenses for a deficit of \$13,433 for the month compared to budget. June expenses were higher than budget by \$11,458 & we had \$25,754 in bank checking/saving account. June income was \$24,507 & YTD income was \$209,568.

Building & Grounds AT reported replacing batteries in Fire Alarm Control Panel & in 3 Exit signs, removing weeds & overgrowth around Scout trailers, having church van inspected & having contractors reconnect a gas line that had been inadvertently disconnected from the kitchen ovens.

Education AT reported Traveling day camp was a HUGE success with 42 kids, half from outside our church & was \$450 under budget; also still a few spots open for Youth Mission Week starting July 23.

Fellowship AT reported ready for July 29 all free all church picnic at the church starting at 4:00pm.

Mission AT reported next Mission night is July 18 with a guest speaker to explain Rise Against Hunger.

Outreach AT continues to work on updating web pages.

Personnel AT hired Jacob Lowry, Lee Summit West Choral Director as our Director of Music.

Pastor Michael's report included AT meetings attended, visits, individual discussions, weekly meetings, and working on Ebenezer Too as well as DCE & Director of Music interviews.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by all and The Lords' Prayer.

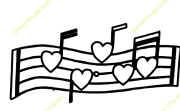
CARING MINISTRIES...Here at First Pres., we are all family and we are here for each other! Through volunteer efforts we offer many "Caring Ministries." During difficult times, people often feel very alone. They may have no one to talk to who will really listen. Stephen Ministries give them a listening ear—someone they can talk to about things they wouldn't discuss with anyone else. **H.O.W.** is our Hospitality on Wheels. We offer a few meals for those in need from surgeries, illnesses, bereavement, and more. If you are interested in preparing meals for someone, or if you have a need for a few meals yourself, contact Sharon Pyburn at the church, 524-3933, or email Jspyrburn@aol.com. The **We Care** team meets once a month. Members of this team reach out to our shut-ins. Contact Sharon Pyburn if you feel you have time to visit with any of our members who can't make it out to church. **Did you know**...we are a Stephen Ministries Congregation? We are one of more than 12,000 congregations throughout the world that have equipped lay people to care for those experiencing grief, divorce, hospitalization, and many other life crises. **Stephen Ministry** is our "one to one" compassionate care team. Stephen Leaders go through extensive training and they meet weekly with those who have concerns. If you have questions about the program, please contact Pastor Michael, John Fields or Sharon Pyburn.

Sunday's Volunteer Schedule for August/September

Date	9:00 Team	11:00 Team	Worship Leaders 11:00	Acolytes
August 5 Communion	3	3	Curt Likins	Emery Ng
August 12	4	4	Youth	Grant James
August 19	5	5	Mary Stilley	Madison Bellamy
August 26	6	6	Dick Stables	Nora Lightfoot
September 2 Communion	7	7	John Tapp	Isabel Murphy
September 9	1	1	John Fields	Dihl Dwyer
September 16	2	2	Marian Stables	Jackson Boye
September 23	3	3	Hugo Gibson	Anna Murphy
September 30	4	4	Wyatt Howell	Brooke Bellamy



Happy Birthday to You...



<u>August</u>		
8/ 1 Virginia Ditzler	8/19 Donna Haines	9/ 3 Lori Williams
8/ 1 Steven Giangreco	8/20 Thomas Beaver	9/ 5 Roger Hunt
8/ 1 Jerry Pyburn	8/20 Carol Clarke	9/ 5 Laura Spatz
8/ 2 Beverly Bone	8/20 Kelsie Howe	9/6 Dennis Haines
8/ 2 Cathy Criley	8/20 Grant James	9/ 6 Darlene Tarry
8/ 3 Connor Uredi	8/20 Don Klinginsmith	9/ 7 Debbie Howe
8/ 3 Nathan Williams	8/21 Bennett Carson	9/ 7 Michael Hunt
8/ 4 Brayden Carlson	8/21 Andrew Shaffer	9/ 8 Tara Grauberger
8/ 4 Herbert Ditzler	8/22 Megan Ciafullo	9/ 9 Virginia McKinney
8/ 5 Joshua Williams	8/24 Marty Dujakovich	9/ 9 Charles Spencer
8/ 6 Jarod Clarke	8/24 Judy Rogers	9/10 Pat Dyke
8/ 7 Bob Rauscher	8/25 Mark Christopherson	9/10 Vicki Headley
8/ 7 Anne Tate	8/25 Brett Dujakovich	9/10 Landon Voll
8/ 8 Mary VanGilder	8/25 Lanie Prier	9/11 Brad Harris
8/ 9 Danielle Williams	8/25 David Wille	9/12 Mary Lightfoot
8/ 9 Joni Williams	8/27 Gordon Apperson	9/13 TJ Moore
8/ 9 Bernice Smart	8/28 Janet Dorrell	9/13 Carol Phillips
8/10 Mike Ditty	8/29 Patricia Maloney	9/14 Patti Riley
8/11 Sally Graham	8/29 Wanda Outlaw	9/19 Emily Wegner
8/11 Susan Hall	8/30 Brian Boye	9/21 Leigh Gillis
8/11 Pam John	8/30 Jordan Haas	9/21 Arlene O'Rourke
8/12 Doris Headley	8/30 Chandler Manor	9/21 Philip Skelley
8/12 Shirley Thursby	8/30 Barbara Muckey	9/22 Linda Calder
8/13 Lucy Daily	8/31 Opal Maben	9/22 Amy Hunt
8/15 Dick Daily	8/31 Betty Paquette	9/22 Carol Sievers
8/15 Will Seiler	8/31 Laney Rogers	9/24 Diane Black
8/16 Zachary Calder	8/31 Leona Tannahill	9/24 Molly Skelsey
8/17 LeeAnna Schowengerdt		9/25 Sally Thoreson
8/18 Nair Daily	<u>September</u>	9/26 Tim Roumas
8/18 Carol Hill	9/ 1 Martha Delozier	9/27 Nohemi Valenzuela
8/18 Jill Persinger	9/ 1 Leslie Dujakovich	9/28 Pat Perusich
8/19 Theresa Bellamy	9/ 1 Bill Johnson	9/29 Martha Eagle
8/19 Julie Felps	9/ 1 Mark Spatz	9/29 Lisa Lounsbury
	9/ 3 Randy Stone	9/30 Sandy Eberhard

Fellowship with Small Groups

Keenagers!

Definition of a Keenager: Our more seasoned members of the congregation (aged 55+) who get together throughout the year for fun events inside and outside of the church, meals, fellowship and community. On August 16, we have been invited to the home of Rev. Dennis and Donna Haines for a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs! Please bring a side to share. A sign-up sheet is available in the Outer Narthex with more information. If you have any questions about Keenagers, please contact Sharon Pyburn. Save the date for our September 13 outing! More info to follow.

Young Adults

Our young adult group (20's, 30's, 40's) meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the church. They are currently studying "The Best Yes" Bible Study series by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please contact Gwynn Olson at (816) 876-8319. All are welcome!

Men's Breakfast Group

All are welcome to join the men of the church on the second Saturday of each month at 7:45 am. They have good food, conversation and put their heads together to plan events like a Golf Outing in September, a church booth for the Downtown Lee's Summit Oktoberfest also in September, and will support the Rise Against Hunger event in October. Come, get involved and bring your ideas for other men's activities!

Youth News

Mission Week Thank You

July 23-27, 2018

"A **HUGE** thank you to all the youth, kids and adults who came together to do the Lord's work serving others during our Youth Mission Week! What a wonderful, intergenerational and faith building experience for everyone!"

Curt Likins
Sharon Pyburn
Bailie Prier
Alexis Prier
Lanie Prier
Terri Prier
Carol Phillips
Andrea Allen
Natalie Allen
Sydney Allen

Zach Calder
Berna Jean Norman
Hayden Ditty
Mike Ditty
Becky Gordy
Jay Hall
Courtney Williams
Emily Wegner
Isabel Wegner
Liam Wegner

Gunnar Covinsky
Anna Murphy
Ian Murphy
Isabel Murphy
Katie Murphy
Michael Murphy
Hugo Dwyer
Armond Membou
Sarah Apperson
Roxee Beaver

Pool Parties

Saturday, August 11, 9:00 am -1:00 am
Toddlers thru Elementary School
Winterset Park Subdivision, Community Center Pool
2505 SW Wintercreek Drive, Lee's Summit

Sunday, August 12, 8:00 pm-10:00 pm
Junior and Senior High Youth
Winterset Park Subdivision, Family Garden Pool
Corner of Forestpark Blvd. and Trailpark Drive

Contact Curt Likins (816) 456-9998 or Linda Calder (816) 590-0387 for more info or directions.

Youth Sunday

August 12, 2018

The Junior and Senior High Youth will take the lead in both services!
Come hear their stories of mission, fellowship and friendship!

Logos...stay tuned for information!

Gatherings

ELIZABETH BIBLE STUDY...is continuing a Bible study "Hebrews: Foundations for Faith Fisherman. They meet each Friday at 9:30 am at the church. Please contact Carol Phillips for more information.

THE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP...meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 am at the church. The upcoming dates are August 4 and September 1. All women of the church are welcome to join them for breakfast and fellowship!

EATING OUT GROUP...will dine at **Big Whiskey in Lee's Summit on Saturday, August 4** at 6:30 pm. Please contact Dick and Lucy Daily at (816) 220-8792 to let them know you will attend. The restaurant is located in the Summit Fair shopping center. All are welcome! Although the Eating Out Group usually gathers on the first Saturday of each month, they will dine on the second Saturday in September. For Saturday, September 8, a dinner establishment hasn't been decided on yet. More information will come as the date gets closer!

THE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP...sponsored by Kansas City Hospice, meet on the first Tuesday of each month, (in August they will meet on the second Tuesday, August 14) and September 4, from 3:00-4:30 pm at the church. If you are interested in joining the group or need more information, please contact Christy Hanson at (816) 363-2600. There is no cost to join but they request that you register with Christy prior to your first meeting.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP...will meet on Saturday, August 11 and Saturday, September 8 at 7:45 am at the church. All men of the church are welcome to join them for breakfast and fellowship!

SESSION...will meet on Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30 pm.

ONE GOOD MEAL...we collect cookies on the fourth Sunday of each month for this program. Please bring cookies, individually wrapped (one large or two small), to church on Sunday, August 26 and Sunday, September 23. Thanks for your support of this program! For more information, contact Barbara Stone at (816) 509-8681.

Noisy Offering



Noisy Offering will be collected on Sunday, August 26 to support the BackSnack Program through the Lee's Summit School District. On September 30, the Noisy Offering will help purchase items for the Blessing Bags put together by our Young Adults Small Group. Thank you for donating your loose change to these programs! Both are worthy causes!

THE INQUIRING MINDS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS...will begin Unbelievable by John Shelby Spong on Sunday, September 16 at 10:00 am. With 37 chapters, this study will last a while! For more information, please contact Stan Howell.

AN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, led by Carol Phillips will continue to meet thru August. They are using the *Connections* Bible Study Series. Please contact Carol Phillips with questions. All are welcome!

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRES. OR SIMPLY WANT TO LEARN MORE? Come join Pastor Michael for a welcome class from 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, September 16. Please RSVP to the Church Office at 524-3933.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE...will be in the church parking lot on Tuesday, October 2 from 2:00-7:00 pm. More information will be available soon!

From the Mission Action Team

Last Summer Mission Night

The Mission Action Team sponsored two Mission Nights this Summer, with the third and final opportunity on Wednesday, August 15. These opportunities are designed to further educate us as to the Mission Opportunities we can participate in or partner with! A light meal is provided at 6:30 pm with the program from 7-8pm. A sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex so we can have a count for dinner.

Sister Andrea from the Franciscan Warehouse in Independence, MO will be coming to us to let us know how we can partner with them. Many of you collect prescription bottles and this is where they are taken and then shipped to third world countries where medications are available but containers are needed! There are many other opportunities where we can become involved.

Please come and support this mission opportunity as we continue to be the arms and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ, seeking many more ways to serve Him!

August Mission Project: BACKSNACK PROGRAM

First Church is responsible for providing food for the BackSnack program at a Lee's Summit middle school for the month of September. This food goes home with middle school aged youth on Friday afternoons so they have food to eat over the weekend. Here are some suggested items: canned dinners with meat (chili, meat ravioli, etc.), canned meat (chicken, tuna, vienna sausage), canned soup, canned beans, canned fruit, canned vegetables (small cans rather than family sized are preferred); peanut butter, jelly (in plastic only), flavored rice or noodle bags, cereal bars, individual cereal packs, oatmeal packets, juice boxes, fruit snacks, pudding cups, microwave popcorn, or other individual snacks. Please bring donations to church during August. Monetary donations are also accepted and appreciated—we will shop for you!

September Mission Project: RAINBOW CENTER

Rainbow Center in Blue Springs is a center for children and adults with developmental disorders. Their staff and extensive volunteers serve special education needs, focusing on communication and living skills. Our September mission project is to provide all kinds of paper goods for them, specifically toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, paper plates and paper napkins. There will be a table in the narthex to drop off items for this very special project.

Music Notes



"Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth." Isaiah 12:5

The FPCLS music department is ready to kick off the new year with music that glorifies the Lord and inspires others to love the Lord. I have thought so many times recently about how music is a true gift from God. The experiences and feelings we have when creating music together and when experiencing music can often only be understood when we realize it is from God. I am grateful for the gift of music and for the opportunities we have to share it with all of you at FPCLS.

I am excited for the future of the music program. Jacob Lowry is joining FPCLS as choir director and will have his first Sunday with us on August 26. I know that God is preparing him to do amazing things and providing new opportunities for our church. We have an awesome adventure ahead of us. Get excited and pray for the possibilities for the music program and for our church!

Also, please prayerfully consider being a part of the music program. Are you interested in singing in the chancel choir or playing in one of the bell choirs? Would you be interested in playing or singing a special music sometime this year in a service? Would you like to work with our youth on Wednesday nights to prepare music and skits for worship services? We would be so excited to have you be a part of the music program! Please see Sharon Pyburn, Jacob or myself if you have any questions!

Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar for the start of the year:

Spirit Bells first rehearsal: Monday, August 20th 9:00 am

Vesper Bells first rehearsal; Wednesday, August 29th, 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir first rehearsal: Wednesday, August 29th, 7:30 pm

Chancel Choir sings in the loft: Sunday, September 9th, 11:00 am

***Childcare is provided for all music rehearsals!

Blessings, Courtney Williams & Sharon Pyburn