



October 2017 NEWSLETTER

First Presbyterian Church, Fulton, Mo

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Update from Aaron



Pictured above: The "Theses Doors" were installed in 1858 to replace the original wooden door, which was destroyed in a fire in 1760. These bronze doors commemorated the 375th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther. The text on them includes portions of the 95 Theses, which Luther is said to have nailed to the door on October 31, 1517.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I send you greetings from Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany! In these opening days of my travel seminar, it has been a true blessing to have been sent by you all to continue my studies for my Doctor of Ministry program in this region where the Protestant Reformation began! As I write to you this evening (seven hours ahead of you all in Missouri), I am excited to share with you the experience I had today—one of the most meaningful moments in my ministry thus far! This morning, I stood at the site where Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church, challenging any teaching that contradicted the truth revealed in Scripture: salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone!

Of course, today this is the accepted teaching of every Reformed Protestant congregation. But 500 years ago, this was a revolutionary idea that flew in the face of centuries of Christian tradition. While Luther certainly wrestled with the notion of challenging the established teachings of the Church, his careful reading of the Bible demanded that he remain steadfast in his declaration that the Christian faith was in need of Reformation.

While visiting another site today, Wittenberg's Parish Church, I saw a 1569 painting by Lucas Cranch "the Younger," which depicted Luther and other Reformers laboring in the field of the Lord. As they went about their work, they tended to the vineyard, not because of any hope that they had for the reward that they might enjoy, but instead, for the joy and thanksgiving that poured forth from their hearts from the knowledge that God had already assured them of the eternal reward that would await them.

This month, as we move toward the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting of the 95 Theses, we are called to remember his example and those of other Reformers who lived their lives as stewards of God's vineyard. During our Stewardship season, I encourage you to turn to your Scripture in worship, in

communal study, and in personal devotion, so that you might bear witness to the truth of the Reformation: you have been saved by grace alone, through faith alone. And once you are able to boldly and confidently recognize this truth for yourself, I want to encourage you to consider the ways that you can be a steward in the Lord's vineyard.

Whether it is in the offerings of your time, your talents, your treasure, your energy, or in some combination of these things, I pray that you will not mistakenly offer these gifts in an effort to earn favor with your God. In truth, there is nothing that we can present that would achieve salvation for ourselves. Instead, as we prepare to consecrate our offerings on **Stewardship Sunday, October 28th**, may your giving be an enduring witness to the glory that you offer to the generous God of your salvation and a commitment to sharing in the present work of the Church, which exists as the continuing presence of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the world. And may God bless each of us, as we listen for the Holy Spirit, which calls us to offer our gifts and to labor with joy in our hearts!

Grace and Peace,
Aaron White
Pastor

Aaron White, Pastor

Pastor Office Hours - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 9:00 to 12 noon

Pastor Office Phone 573-642-5541

Pastor Cell Phone 573-590-3136

Sunday Worship

Contemporary Worship 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Fellowship 9:30 am to 9:45 am

Sunday School 9:45 am to 10:45 am

Fellowship 10:45 am to 11:00 am

Traditional Service 11:00 am to noon

Youth Group 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Things To Be Shared

SERVE Food Pantry

During the month of October, please bring **canned and dried beans** for our collection for the SERVE Food Pantry. Any other item you may wish to bring will be appreciated as well. Please put your donation in the basket outside of the church kitchen.

Church's donation to SERVE's Food Pantry for the month of August: 86.09 lbs. with a value of \$143.78.

Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Luke 3:11 (NRSV)

In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

Serve Food Pantry Monthly Schedule

January-Soup

February-Canned stews and chili

March-Canned meats

April-Canned fruit and juices

May-Canned veggies

June-Cereal and oatmeal

July-Healthy Snacks
August-Peanut Butter
September-Canned and nonperishable milk products
October-Canned and dried beans
November-Holiday Foods
December-Pasta, rice and pasta sauce

Your Donations Make a Difference!
Please Support the 2017 Missouri Festival of Sharing!

On October 20 and 21st our youth will be traveling to the Missouri State Fairgrounds to participate in the 2017 YouthFest, part of the annual Missouri Festival of Sharing. This year, the youth will once again be putting together paper product packs. If you would like to support them in this effort, you may either donate the products listed below or make a monetary donation.



Share the Hope

Missouri Paper Products Pack

9,254 requested versus 554 shared in 2016

Estimated Pack Value **\$15**

One agency partner shared, "I took a paper pack to a single mom with eight children. She was delighted to receive it as paper supplies are a surprisingly large expense for her. She reported being especially appreciative because the father of two of her children had recently changed jobs and she was still waiting for child support to catch up which had left her with a gap in her income. She reported feeling much less worried with some extra paper supplies and could focus on putting the resulting extra money aside for emergencies and possibly some Christmas surprises."

	3 wrapped packages of toilet paper with 4 double rolls each (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)		2 rolls paper towels (good quality)		2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes)
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Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag. Label the trash bag "Missouri Paper Products Pack."

The Mission Committee is also participating in the Festival of Sharing by collecting school supplies to create "Readin' & Writin'" Packs. We hope to once again invite students from Westminster to join members of our quilting/sewing group to create school supply bags during the college's upcoming "Into the Streets" service event. If you would like to support them in this effort, you may either donate the products listed below or make a monetary donation.



Missouri Readin' & Writin' Pack

7,277 requested versus 2,263 shared in 2016

\$14 | Estimated Pack Value

Many agencies described programs focusing on starting the school year off well for students, which is wonderful. However, by the time December and January roll around the students are again without the supplies crucial for learning. Often, teachers use their own money to buy resources for the class and this causes hardship for them. With the school supplies available in November and December from Festival of Sharing, this gives hope to both students and teachers! Another agency offers the readin' & writin' packs as gifts to children as they move into their program. They keep parents with children from homelessness and help them get their lives back on track. This tiny gift allows the children to be ready for school and practice their reading, writing and coloring after school.



6 new pencils with erasers



2 ink pens (medium point)



1 pencil holder



4 folders with pockets



1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)



1 pair of child-sized metal scissors



2 - 70 page spiral or tape bound notebooks (140 pages total)



10 pack markers



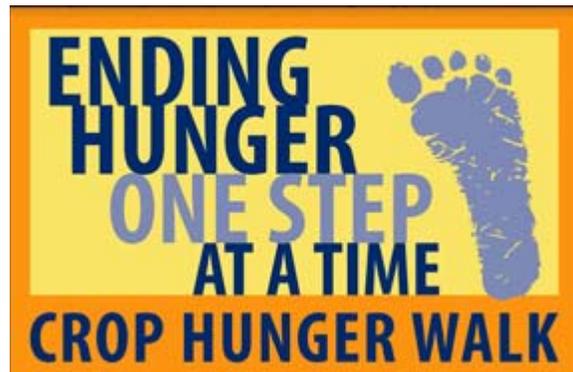
1 - 12 inch ruler



1 large eraser

Please put smaller items in the pencil holder and place in a 2-2.5 gallon ziplock bag. Place bags in a box labeled "MO Readin' & Writin' Pack" with total on box.

Save The Date - Crop Walk October 8, 2017



The 47th annual Kingdom of Callaway CROP Hunger Walk will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 8th**. All walkers are asked to **congregate in front of Champ Auditorium** on the campus of Westminster College. **Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.** and the walk at 1:30. The distance is a little over 3 miles ending up at First Presbyterian Church where refreshments will be provided.

Those who intend to participate are asked to **sign up at the CROP table**

located by the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. This sign-up sheet may also be found on the CROP table. If you are unable to walk, but **wish to make a donation**, please contact any of the walkers on the list.

All participating churches are asked to provide 2 gallons of chili and 4 dozen cookies. **Please drop off your chili and/or cookies by the Church's kitchen the day of the Walk**, preferably by noon. Also, you may see a member of the Mission Committee – Mary Osborn, Bob Hansen or Tim Wilkerson.

25% of all monetary donations remain in Callaway County, primarily benefiting the local Senior Center. The remainder goes to Church World Service (CWS), who will determine where the greatest needs lie. So if you are young or young at heart, don't pass up this opportunity to walk for a great cause. Remember, **"We walk because they walk."**

Stewardship Dinner and Committee Fair on Sat. Oct. 28th.

Come enjoy a meal with your church family on Oct. 28th at 5:30 and eat at 6:00 pm Saturday evening. Our Session committees will be showcasing their activities for the 2017-18 calendar year. They will be inviting everyone to find their "niche" and sign up where they can help and thus make these projects happen.

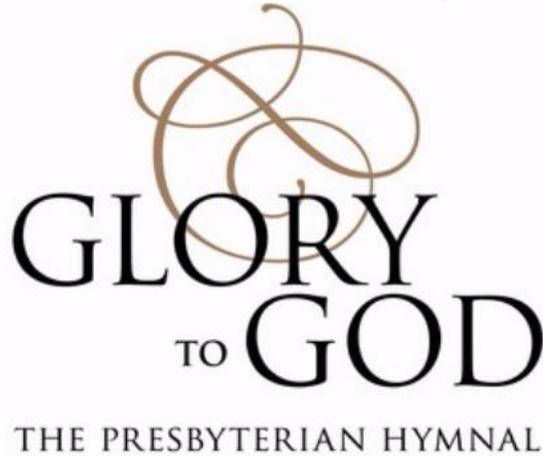
50's Plus Meal

Calling all congregants age 50 or older. We invite you to come and enjoy a nice lunch on **Friday October 6th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall**. We will share an interesting music program following the meal.

Please let Nola or Barb know if you will be attending. You may contact Barbara Huddelston by phone, (573)642-1272, or email, bdhudd-65@socket.net. You may contact Nola Garner by phone, (573) 642-7772, or email, momaegarner@charter.net.

New Hymnal Campaign

We Invite You to Purchase the NEW PCUSA Hymnal for the Church!

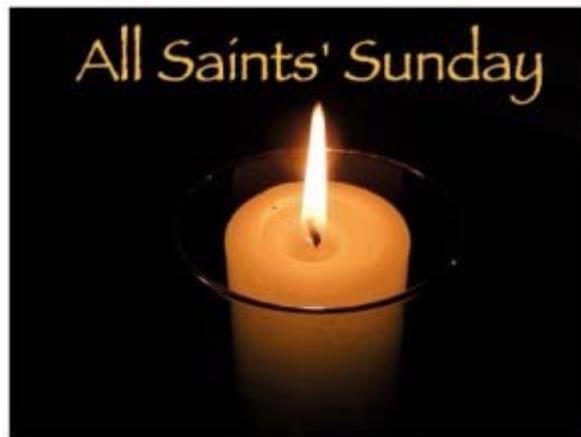


**GLORY
TO GOD**
THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL

Hymnals cost \$20 each and a dedication bookplate commemorating your donation will be put on the inside front cover. We need 250 hymnals to replace the current ones and update our celebration in song and music! If we order by the deadline, we will receive free shipping by the hymnal publisher!

PICK UP ORDER FORMS IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.

RETURN ORDERS WITH PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE BY OCTOBER 29.



On Sunday, November 5th our congregation will give thanks to God for all the saints who have gone before us and are now united in the Church Triumphant. As we partake in this celebration, it is also traditional to offer special remembrance of those family and friends who have passed from this

life. If you would like to request that particular individuals be remembered during this service, please clearly print their complete names on the lines below. Then, place this flyer into the offering plate as it is passed during worship during the month of October.

On Sunday, November 5, we welcome you to **bring a candle and candle-holder for each person** you wish to remember during our worship service. We will also have a supply of votive candles at the table as well. We will light each candle and place them on a table in the sanctuary as a visible witness to the many saints who have preceded us in faithful service to God.

To request particular individuals be remembered, please:

- click on the link below to open the "All Saints Sunday" form;
- print the form using your printer;
- clearly print the complete name of each person you would like to include in our remembrance on the form's lines;
- then, place this form into the offering plate as it is passed during worship any Sunday in the month of October.

["All Saints Sunday" Form](#)

Committee Information

Worship Leadership Opportunities

We encourage you to volunteer to share your gifts in one of our various worship leadership roles. Our choir would be overjoyed to include you in their regular offerings of their combined musical talents during our 11 a.m. Sunday services. The choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

In addition, there are a variety of other roles for which we are regularly recruiting leaders. Among these are:

- Communion helpers

- Presbyterian Manor ambassadors
- Fellowship assistants

For more information about these roles, please speak with Elder Mary Van Orden, Elder Betty Warren, or another member of the Worship Committee. Sign up calendars may be found on the bulletin board near the water fountains in the lobby.

Spiritual Life Information from your Worship and Christian Education Committees

1. Our next joint Spiritual Life meeting will be Tues. Oct. 8th at 7pm in the foyer. Feel free to join us as we plan worship and Christian education opportunities for the upcoming Advent season!
2. Some of our youth will be participating in the Youthfeast "Festival of Sharing" on Oct. 20-21 in Sedalia. You can participate by donating the requested items from the Mission Committee. (List items from Mission or combine the announcement.)

3. Advent Devotionals

Last year's Advent booklet was very well received so we are preparing another booklet for this year! What God lays on your heart to share may not seem like much to you but it may be the very thing another needs to find comfort and solace. The Holy Spirit speaks to all of us and Christ uses us in many ways, large and small. Don't be shy. Please prayerfully consider writing a short devotion or Advent reflection. You can review the list of Advent scripture readings on the Presbyterian Mission web site at: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/2017/11/26/>

Contact Angela Grogan or Karen Luther to sign up for your preferred scripture.

Sign-up sheets will be out in a few weeks.

Watch for them on the table between the casual seating in the foyer.

4. MUP is hosting a Youth Retreat for those in 6th – 12th grade. The retreat will be held in Moberly on Nov. 10 & 11. Check out the flyer on the standing bulletin board in the foyer or contact Tammy Gillespie for more information.

5. Christmas play

If you are interesting in helping out with the Children Christmas play, please contact Mary VanOrden or Angela Grogan.

The play will be at 4pm on Dec. 10th.

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P.O. Box 6037

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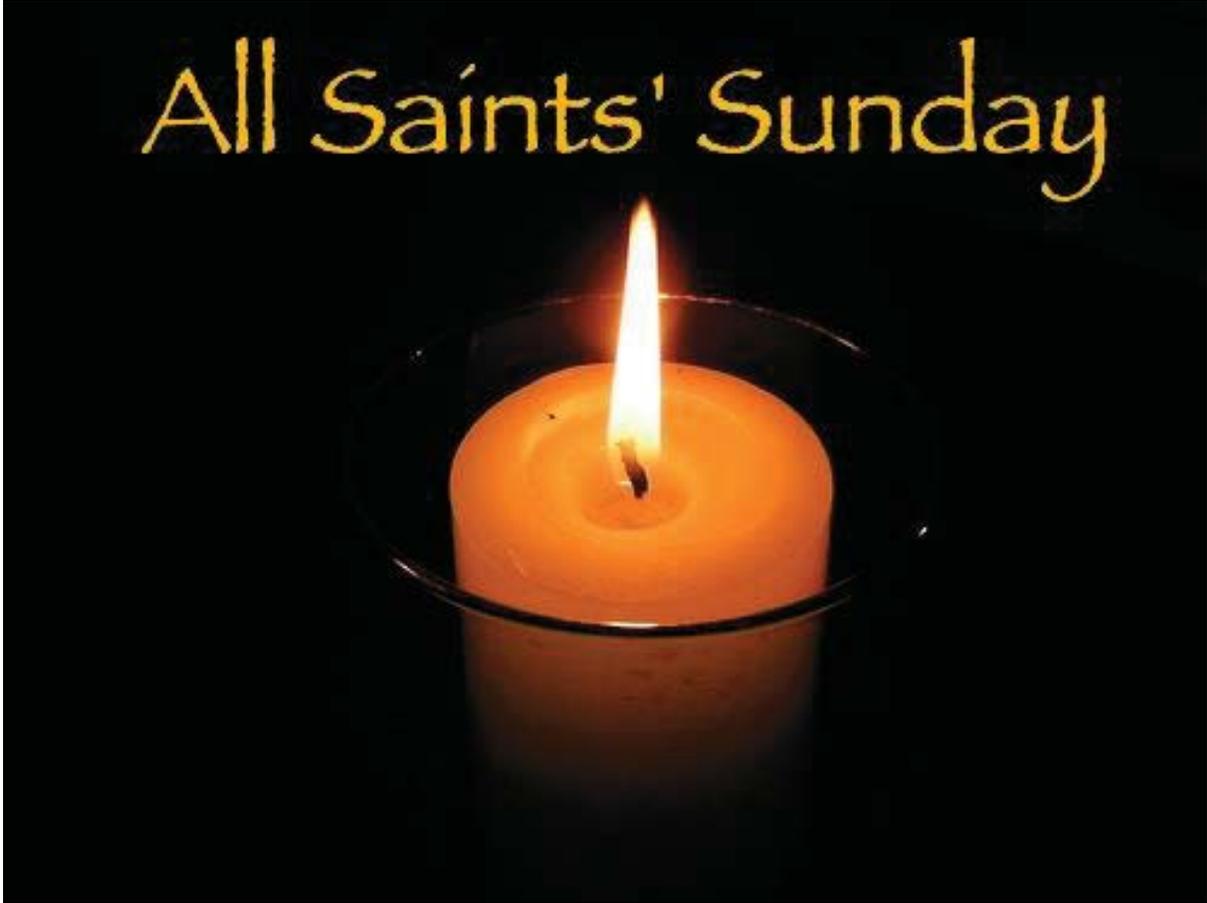
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PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IN THE ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE:
