

First United Presbyterian Church

Spring 2015 Edition

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Pray...Share...Forgive...Abide...Hope...Love

The above title is my 6-word message to you all in the age of Twitter. Knowing that attention spans in the 21st century are notoriously short, and that many people have overloaded schedules, these six verbs (nouns in other contexts, but verbs here) form an appropriate message that we can read in an instant, but that will keep us busy for a lifetime!

Jesus Himself modeled powerfully the application of these six potent verbs. What about us? How are we doing?

I can almost hear the response that many of us might give: “uh.....ask me on a good day” 😊. A translation of that response might be that we have a very uneven application of these commands. We might even say two steps forward, and one step back. At least on a good day this might be what we say. On a bad day, we might say one step forward, and two steps back. On such a day, it's time to pray harder the next morning, and ask God for a new beginning.

God has given us all that we have and all that we are. But: are we living in the light of this insight? Rev. Karl Travis (a sort of Presbyterian stewardship guru) defines stewardship as “everything I do after I say I believe.” I would probably narrow this definition a bit by adding “...everything I do in obedience to God, with discipleship in mind” (ours, or the Holy Spirit’s). So this definition would definitely place these verbs front and center in our lives of response to God’s love.

When I see modern-day disciples (including many of you) caring for children, the elderly, or those with illnesses or disabilities, I often think of these simple words, and how they are being powerfully applied in disciples’ lives today. When I see photos of contemporary refugee camps on the Syrian border, and see Red Cross and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance provisions in the photos, I think of you and I seeking to apply these commands to those in deepest need. Where do you see these words/efforts being applied in your neighborhood/world today??

Many Christian organizations (including our own presbytery) have been encouraging us to ask: What is breaking God’s heart in our community today? And then, as many of you know, we are encouraged to follow-up on the answers to these questions. This is our Calling; this is the divine purpose that we have been Called to!

During these Lenten and Easter seasons, may our minds and hearts be, both individually and collectively, better focused on this question. The answers will lead us to more faithful and vibrant living.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Charles

PER CAPITA

Please remember to pay your 2015 Per Capita, if you have not already done so.

Your offering boxes should have a “per capita” envelope in the front of the box; but, even if it doesn’t, please remember to pay the \$40.00 per capita offering to the church. For personal checks, you can make the check payable to the church, and mark “2015 per capita” in the FOR line at the bottom left of the check. The per capita amount will then be forwarded on to the presbytery.

The Presbytery, Synod, and Mission Council really stretch these dollars as they seek to faithfully keep our connectional church strong and active.



***Here's a disciple and
team building exercise:
A bicycle built for 12!!!!***

Hello! My name is Rebecca Harris and I am privileged to announce I have been hired as the new Office Manager for the First United Presbyterian Church in Pinckneyville. I was born and raised in Tamaroa Illinois, and this is where I currently reside. I work as a waitress part time second shift and I also am an Independent Designer for Origami Owl jewelry. My hobbies include spending time with my two girls, gardening, cooking, hiking, swimming, and anything to do with nature. I absolutely love animals and have donated my time at the Perry County Humane Shelter for many years now. I am truly thankful for this opportunity and will strive to serve the Church as well as the members to the best of my abilities. My office hours are Monday from 12 pm to 2 pm; Wednesday and Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm. My contact information is: Cell phone number – (618) 790-3137 Home phone number - (618) 496-3355 and my email address is - violetz62877@yahoo.com. Please feel free to contact me at the office or home as needed.



March 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	16 Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm	17 Brownies & Daisies 5-7 pm St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	23 Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm	24	25 Session Meeting 6 pm	26	27	28
29 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am Communion Palm Sunday	30 Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm	31 Brownies & Daisies 5-7 pm				

April 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>April Fools' Day</i>	2	3 <i>Good Friday</i>	4
5 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am <i>Easter</i>	6 <i>Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm</i>	7	8	9 <i>Girl Scout Leaders 6pm</i>	10	11
12 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	13 <i>Deacons Meeting 6 pm</i> <i>Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm</i>	14 <i>Brownies & Daisies 5-7 pm</i>	15 <i>Session Meeting 6 pm</i>	16	17	18
19 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	20 <i>Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm</i>	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24 <i>National Arbor Day</i>	25
26 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	27 <i>Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm</i>	28 <i>Brownies & Daisies 5-7 pm</i>	29	30		

May 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	4 Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm	5 Cinco De Mayo National Teachers Day	6	7 Presbytery Meeting in Mattoon 10 am	8	9
10 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	11 Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm	12 Brownies & Daisies 5-7 pm	13 Session Meeting 6 pm	14 Girl Scout Leaders 6 pm	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	18 Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm	19	20	21	22	23
24 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	25 Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm Memorial Day	26 Brownies & Daisies 5-7 pm	27	28	29	30
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JUNE 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	8 <i>Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm</i>	9 <i>Brownies & Daisies 5-7 pm</i>	10	11 <i>Girl Scout Leaders 6 pm</i>	12	13
14 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am <i>Flag Day</i>	15 <i>Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm</i>	16	17 <i>Session Meeting 6 pm</i>	18	19	20
21 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am <i>Father's Day</i>	22 <i>Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm</i>	23 <i>Brownies & Daisies 5-7 pm</i>	24	25	26	27
28 Fellowship: 8:30 am Worship: 9:00 am	29 <i>Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm</i> <i>Memorial Day</i>	30				

Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV).



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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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FAITH	GOOD FRIDAY	CHURCH	BETHLEHEM	REDEEM	SERPENT
GALILEE	ETERNAL LIFE	PSALMS	GALATIANS	MOSES	PARABLE
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