



church matters

Monthly Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Faith in Ferguson

Letter from the Pastor

Sorry for the truncated newsletter but Marcia has been sick and I wanted to get out birthday information so we can reach out and say, "Happy Birthday!"

Who knows when life will return to normal? Presently, we are on a course that will see us not coming together for Easter worship. I am saddened by that prospect but then again, the first followers of Jesus were behind closed doors and so may we. If that happens, I will send you a video of celebration for use on that Easter morning. It won't be the same as being with each of you, but it might lessen the sting a little.

In our effort to continue to be a healing presence, Lee Weltmer and I handed out Aldi gift cards to our Food Voucher friends. If the situation stays the same, we will do the same thing in April.

Also we are beginning a relief fund for members and the children and grandchildren of members that may work in the food industry or are part of our industries affected by COVID-19. I have received some seed money already and will use part of my pastor discretionary account to meet needs when necessary (see full article on page 3 of newsletter).

On another note, Donna Schiro's time with us ended in March. I am grateful for Donna's presence among us and the gifts that she shared along with her husband, Jim. Keep Donna in your prayers as she discerns what God has in store for her in the coming days.

We understand that times are strenuous, but if you are able, you are welcome to send your contributions to the church. Mail is being picked up regularly.

Be at peace and do not hesitate to contact me at 616-7545 or by email at golfdog1955@yahoo.com. You are in my thoughts and prayers

God is good---ALL THE TIME
-Mike

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FURTHER NOTICE
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April Birthdays

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| 1- Susan King | 16-Glenda Wuertenberg |
| 2- Enoch Akakpo Lado | 26-Duane Mazzacavallo |
| 5- Laura Foster Eder | 28-Kate Mazzacavallo |
| 6- Jodie Hamer Schlobohm | 30-Jan Foster |
| 15-Ben Rockow | |

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CONTACT JAN FOSTER



Do you buy groceries? We thought so!

Schnucks offers e Script Community Cards that donates 3 percent of our member purchases back to our church! Pick up a card from Jan Foster and take advantage of this easy method of adding to our mission. Our account is under the name: 1st Presbyterian Church.

While you're at the grocery store, don't forget to pick up a peanut butter for the Food Voucher Program.

Speaking of groceries we have a team in place to deliver groceries to those of you, who may worry about going out to the stores.

Contact Mike Trautman if you need those services.





Martha Panetti

TRIBUTE WRITTEN BY HER DAUGHTER CINDY CYR

- Our hearts are breaking. My mom passed away early this morning. She died swiftly at home with Frank, my dad and I by her side. Her last day had happy moments... My dad took her outside to enjoy the garden... and dad, mom and I did a zoom call with my sister Cathy where we were all laughing and telling stories.
- My mom was intelligent, witty, and passionate about politics and getting involved to make change. She was always involved...always volunteering and was never afraid to speak up. She was a role model to me, my sisters, my cousins, her grandchildren and other women to be strong, independent, fiercely determined women.
- She was an excellent writer... Writing columns for the paper and often had her letters printed in the op ed section of the paper. She also wrote the newsletter for her church and a monthly column for AAUW (American Association of University Women). She did a lot of genealogy...even writing a book with my aunt Nancy Leonhardt about the Panetti side of the family.
- She made my sisters and I fourth generation women college graduates from a 4 year university when she decided in her mid-40's to go back to college to get her degree in teaching. (Her grandmother, my great grandmother Helen Baker (Cady) graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1895.) My mom taught homebound students. When she retired, she visited school kids each week to help kids who were behind on their reading skills.
- She was the most honest person I've ever met. To teach me the importance of honesty I remember when I was probably 4 years old, she made me tell the cashier I had taken a piece of candy from the basket in the produce market. I then had to pay the one cent for the piece of candy. I never stole again.
- She was compassionate...forever sending handwritten notes, visiting people in the hospital, picking up someone who needed a ride, and including others.
- She was loving and proud of her daughters, grandchildren, family and many friends. Her greatest love was my dad ... They were married for almost 61 years and their love for each other was beautiful.
- There is much more I could say about this beautiful woman I had the privilege of calling mom. I feel blessed I got to spend this extra time with her and know her more intimately. I will miss her deeply.



A date for a celebration of Martha's life has not yet been set. We will communicate this information when it's available. Please keep Bud and the rest of the Panetti family in your prayers.

Outreach on the Time of the Coronavirus

BY THE CHURCH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Friends –

In order to be there for one another throughout these uncertain and unprecedented times, we are acting to make sure we can support the members of our Church family. It is likely that many of those that make up the body of our Church are going to be negatively impacted by inability to work, limited income or no income at all due to the measures being taken to stem and slow the spread of COVID-19. As such, we are establishing what we are calling an “Internal Relief Fund” for the purposes of assisting one another within our Church family.

We are asking you as members and those who are part of the life of the Church to consider contributing any funds you can make available to help our brothers and sisters through what the days ahead may have in store. You can donate to our Internal Relief Fund by mailing a check to the Church (First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson, 401 Darst Rd., Ferguson, MO 63135) marked “Relief Fund.” We are also working on ways where our Church family can donate to this effort online and hope to be able to provide that information in the near future.

Please donate to this fund if you are able. It is important to note that we intend to use this specific fund only to help meet the needs of members of the Church, those active in the Church and the immediate families of members of those active in the Church. The Church does not have the staff capacity or systems in place to provide this service to the larger community. That said, we making separate efforts to support other organizations working to meet these kinds of needs on a community wide basis.

Most importantly, if you, your household or an immediate family member find yourself with a loss of income, out of work and/or experience any other kind unexpected challenges as a result of this situation and need assistance we ask that you contact Mike at 314.522.8542 or golfdog1955@yahoo.com. Your Church family is willing to try to help through this fund in any way we can!

As a final note, if we are blessed enough where we raise more funds than are needed to support our own Church family through this time, all remaining funds raised by this effort will be donated to other organization working to help the larger community respond to this crisis.

Thanks very much for your consideration and for any contribution you are able to make.

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COMMITTEE





Please
contact the
church office
if you have
additional
names.

Concern List

Betty Allen

Betty Allen's Children– Ken, Patty and Tom
Tommy Babb – Friend of the Rockow family

Santiago Casas –Great Grandson of Becky
Henderson

Joe Cieniceros, Jr. – Nephew of Earleen Lawrence

Robert Elliott – Lovene Hartman's Brother

Nancy Fedorchak

Matt Helm – Betty & Bob Rybacki's Grandson-in-
Law

Leah Holler

Aaron Hotze

Karen – Barbara Bowyer's Sister

Delaney Knowles – daughter of James (III) & Lisa
Knowles, Granddaughter of Jim (Jr.) & Patti
Knowles

Brian Lamkemeyer – Son-in-Law of Jeannie
Dobrich

Jerry Miller

Howard Nelson

Nora – Great Granddaughter of Becky Henderson

Margaret Rauhut– Lee Rauhut's Mother

Phyllis Ritts

David Rutherford – Son of Maureen Rutherford

Sue Schmidt – Friend of Jamie McDonald

Carson Shelley - Mike Trautman's Friend

Todd Shelton- "Big Todd"

Rich Shugert – Brother of John Shugert

Eva Stock – Daughter of Carleton & Elinor Stock

Arlie Tempel

Nancy Tempel





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Further Notice

Choir Practice

Suspended

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