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## Notes from Pastor Steve Summer 2022



As this newsletter is being prepared, it is already near the end of May! 2022 is racing by - as I look on with astonishment. My grandfather always used to tell me that time seems to move faster the older you get, and I have to agree with him. I hope you can take some time in your busy schedule to stop, relax, and know that you are in the presence of our God.

The Presbytery Gathering on February 3<sup>rd</sup> was highlighted by the installation of Rev. Ryan Landino as the new Presbytery Leader for Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. I had the opportunity to meet Ryan (as he prefers to be called) in person at the presbytery office. I believe he will have a positive impact on our presbytery – please say a special prayer for our new Presbytery Leader.

Our condolences to Donna Boyer and her family on the death of her father, Al Judy on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Al and Doris joined our congregation when they were residents here at Parkwood Manor. They then moved to Texas to be close to another daughter. Doris died in 2020 and now Al is gone – prayers for Donna's family.

Our Chili Luncheon was held on March 6<sup>th</sup> after worship. It was a good

time and a great opportunity for our church family to gather together in an informal setting. Thanks to all who helped to make this day a success!

I did attend and participate in the installation of Rev. Karen Dumey at the Hunter Memorial Presbyterian Church in Sikeston on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Karen sends her regards and again thanks us for allowing her to preach here in December.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry is now reorganized for 2022 with Rikki Schaefer as the new coordinator. I believe there are now a total of 12 people (members and friends of our congregation) who are sharing the work in continuing this vital ministry to our community. Thanks to all those who continue to support our food pantry either by your service or through your donations. As I mentioned in worship only last Sunday, inflation and the greatly increased costs of food are really eating into our 2022 budget for the food pantry. Any little extra you could provide (in food supplies, but especially in monetary donations so that we can purchase those necessities we are in short supply of) will certainly help us to continue the level of support this food ministry provides for our community.

He is risen! He is risen indeed! The celebrations of Easter Sunday are now behind us but the wonderful good news of the Easter resurrection stays with us! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

I want to thank everyone who had a part in planning, preparing for,

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participating in, or attending any of our special Easter services and festivities. Holy Week and Easter Sunday were truly blessings for this church and community. I hope and pray that our joyful Easter spirit will continue to flow throughout the remainder of this year.

Maundy Thursday service was well attended this year with several people mentioning to me that the service was moving and meaningful. Thanks to all those who assisted with the strip-

## Pastor's Notes continued

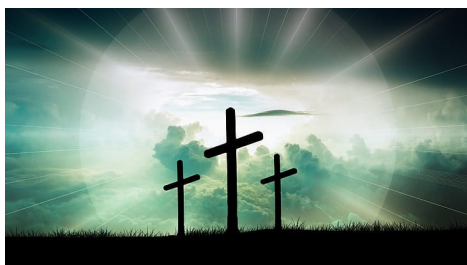
ping of the chancel area at the conclusion of this service. In past years I have offered communion by intinction at this service, which I personally find more meaningful, but using the pre-packaged communion elements is becoming more acceptable to me. It will be nice to return to using our communion trays and plates to be passed around – hopefully in the not too distant future!

Easter morning dawned bright and early with the SonRise service at 7:00 am. This service was presented by our youth and they did a nice job. Thanks to Joan for preparing the materials and working with them to have this service ready for us. Thanks to Sharon for playing for this service, as well as Maundy Thursday, and for Easter worship proper.

After the SonRise service, we had a great breakfast meal prepared by several women of our church. Thanks to all who prepared this delicious meal. There was an Easter Egg Hunt behind the church and Silversmith's House after breakfast. Nicholas and Carolyn and Harper and Elliot had a great time finding the colorful eggs.

Easter worship was complete with lilies adorning our sanctuary – even though half of them were pink lilies! Evidently there were issues with the white lily crop this year so we only received half of our white lily order, but the addition of the pink lilies was nice (and fragrant!).

Check out pictures of several of our Easter events in this newsletter.



Our condolences to Sandy Koller, whose mother, Del Loida, passed away on Good Friday, April 15. Prayers for Sandy, Bob, and the entire family.

Hopefully you noticed the list of upcoming fellowship events that are now scheduled for our congregation. Thanks to Kathy Roth for putting this list together and getting this information out to members of our congregation. On May 1<sup>st</sup> we had a Pancake Brunch after worship prepared and served by the men of the church. Thanks to Bruce Terry and Kyle Schaefer for organizing and doing most of the work for this event! On May 22<sup>nd</sup> we had an Old-Fashioned Picnic behind the Silversmith's House. It was an overcast and cool day but everyone seemed to take the weather in stride and we had a great time! Thanks to all who helped to put this fellowship event together. The next big fellowship event will be a trip to the Muny Theater to see *Camelot!* This will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> and you need to sign up in advance so we may order the tickets. There is a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary or you may contact Donna Boyer.

Several of you have undertaken the challenge of **reading through the entire Bible in 2022**. If you have been “keeping up” with our schedule, you should be finishing the book of Daniel by the end of May. If you would like to join our challenge (or continue with it), begin reading the book of Hosea in the Old Testament on June 1<sup>st</sup> and we plan to read through the remainder of the Old Testament by the end of June. Even though this does include the last 12 books of the Old Testament (Hosea through Malachi), it is really a “light” assignment as it only contains a total of about 55 pages of text. Beginning in the month of July, we will **start reading through the New Testa-**

**ment.** *I would encourage anyone who has not participated in our through the Bible reading for 2022 to join us beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> as we begin our journey through the New Testament.* Make reading the Bible a priority for you for the remainder of 2022!

As the summer season quickly approaches, I wish for you and yours a wonderful and a safe summer. May the grace of God continue to uplift you and may your days be relaxing and worry-free. And may God continue to hold you in the palm of God's hand.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.* Proverbs 3: 5 & 6 (RSV)

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve



Graduation—a sure sign that summer is near. Congratulations, Harper!



Valentine's Day 2022—Presbyterian Women baked cookies (with helpers!) and the church youth made valentines for church members and residents at Marian Cliff Manor.





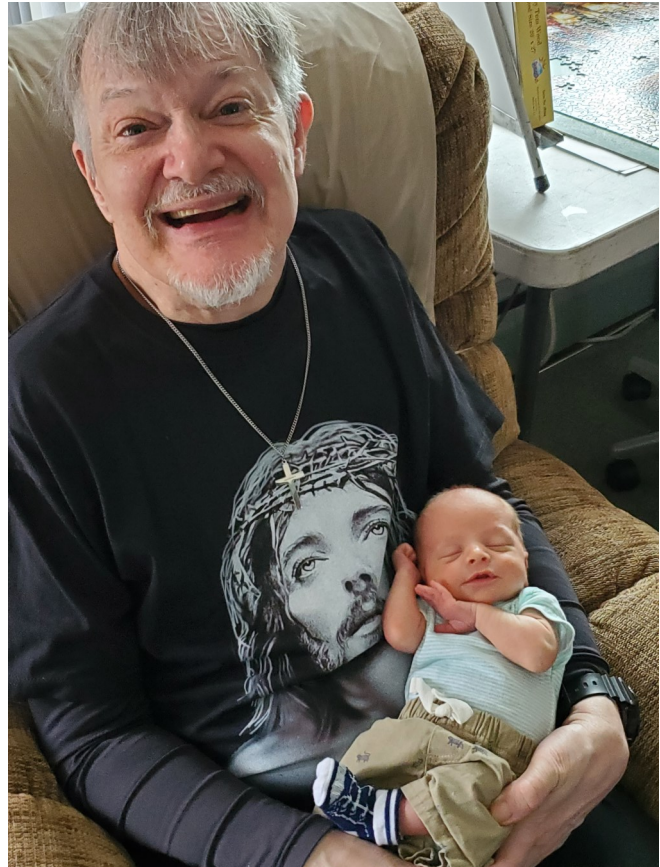
# Chili Luncheon– March 6





## Meet Michael!

**Tom and Judy's new great-grandson and Gary's new great-nephew. Michael is the son of Sarah and Michael and the grandson of Teresa and Leroy.**



## Joy's Breakfast Cookies

Stir together:

2 c brown sugar  
2 ½ c oats  
4 c flour  
1 Tb baking soda  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp salt  
1 ½ tsp cinnamon

Make well and pour in:

¼ c canola oil  
2 Tb water  
5 egg whites  
1 ½ tsp vanilla

Stir in:

¾ c raisins  
¼ c chopped prunes  
or apricots  
¼ c chopped dates  
¼ c chopped nuts

Scoop golf ball size dough onto greased baking sheet. Flatten to ½ with wet hands. Bake 9-10 minutes in 350 degree oven.

# Young Christians' Weekend

April 1-3



## Food Pantry and Blessing Box

### Upcoming Fellowship Activities

**June 24:** Muny Opera to see  
"Camelot"

**July:** Float Trip

**August:** Faith and Film

**September:** Fish Fry

**October:** Hay Ride

**November:** Christmas Movie Matinee

If you have been to the grocery store lately, you know how inflation has affected food prices. Our costs for maintaining the food pantry and blessing box have risen significantly not only due to inflation but also from the desire to provide some healthier food options. If you have the willingness and desire to help, adding a bit to your weekly offering would be greatly appreciated.

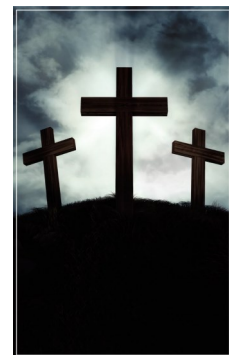


## Easter 2022!



The Youth Group presented "I Pray...I Ponder" at 7am on Easter morning. "I Pray...I Ponder" is a reflection of Mary's (the mother of Jesus) possible entries into her journal the weeks prior to the first Holy Week. The Christian Education Committee provided breakfast for everyone in attendance following the service.

## Easter Egg Hunt

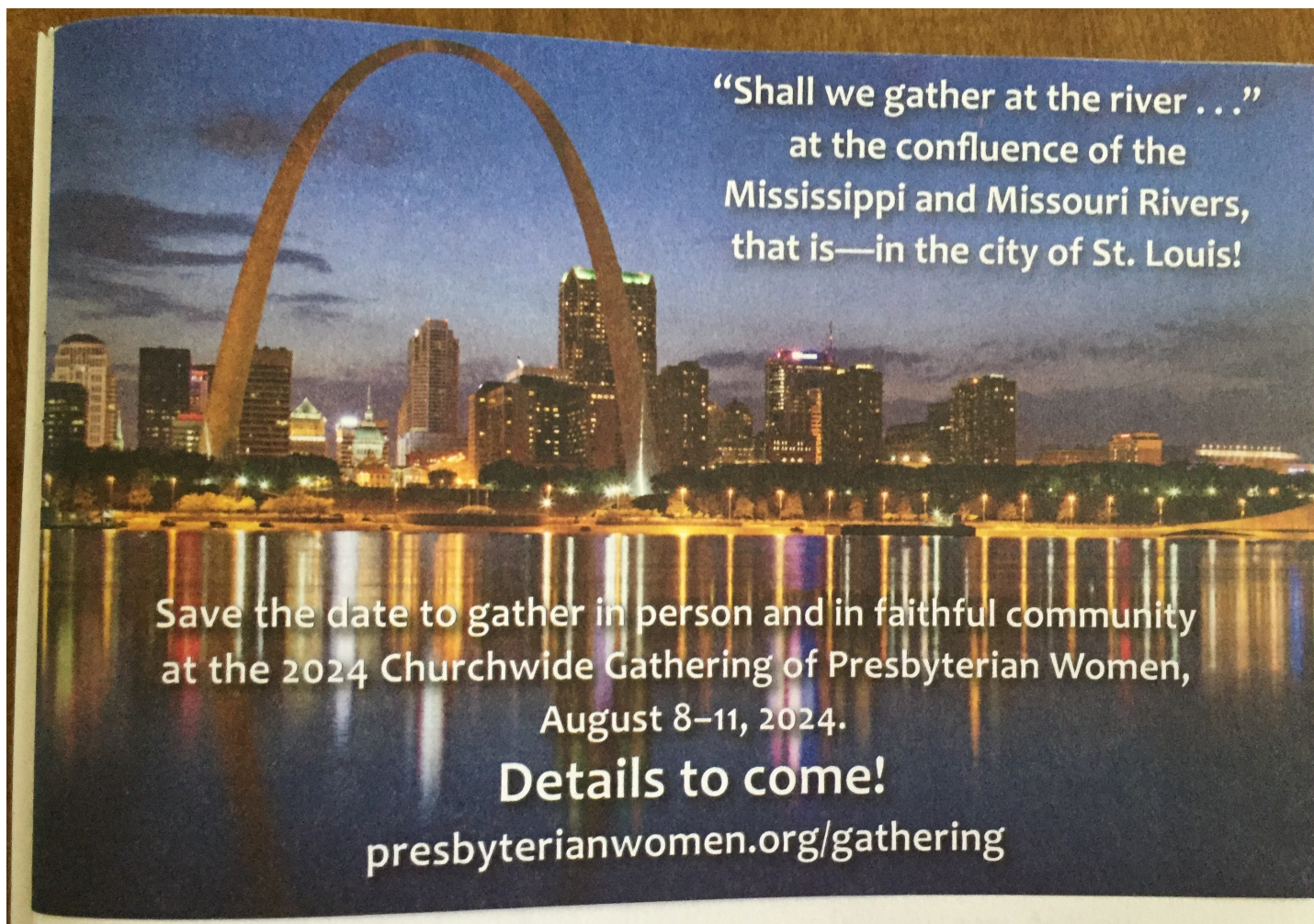




# *Horizons Magazine* The Magazine for Presbyterian Women

“*Horizons*” is a magazine by and for Presbyterian Women. It is published every two months. The issues have different themes throughout the year. The theme for the January/February 2022 issue was entitled “Laugh & Sing for God Is With Us.” One article entitled “Singing Prayers The Legacy of Jane Parker Huber” was written by Janet Huber Lowry daughter of Jane Parker Huber. Another article by Micah Rose Emerson entitled “Connecting and Healing Through Laughter” dealing with grief following her mother’s death. Micah described how laughter was part of her mother’s life and how laughter helped her deal with other situations in her own life. This issue focused upon Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering, how to order material for the offering, the Mission Grant Recipients, and suggestions for a Dedication Service to receive the Offering. Each issue has a supplement to the Horizons Bible Study.

A one year subscription can be purchased for \$24.95. You will receive **6 issues plus the 2022-23 issue of *PW/HORIZONS Bible Study*** and access to six fully digital issues of the magazine. For more information contact Judy Schmelzle at 573-883-3004 or email: judysandeds69@att.net.



“Shall we gather at the river . . .”  
at the confluence of the  
Mississippi and Missouri Rivers,  
that is—in the city of St. Louis!

Save the date to gather in person and in faithful community  
at the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women,  
August 8–11, 2024.

**Details to come!**  
[presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](https://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)



## JUNE

### AT A GLANCE

Consult your weekly bulletin for possible changes in this schedule.

- 1 Food Pantry 1 pm
- 5 Communion
- 8 Food Pantry 1 pm
- 8 Anna Circle 1:30 pm
- 9 Session Meeting 6 pm
- 15 Food Pantry 1 pm
- 17 PW Luncheon 11:30 am
- 22 Food Pantry 1 pm
- 24 Muny Opera

## JULY

### AT A GLANCE

Consult your weekly bulletin for possible changes in this schedule.

- 3 Communion
- 6 Food Pantry 1 pm
- 13 Food Pantry 1 pm
- 14 Session Meeting 6 pm
- 20 Food Pantry 1 pm
- 21 Deacons' Meeting 6 pm
- 25-29 VBS 5:30-8 pm
- 27 Food Pantry 1 pm

## AUGUST

### AT A GLANCE

Consult your weekly bulletin for possible changes in this schedule.

- 3 Food Pantry 1 pm
- 7 Communion
- 10 Food Pantry 1 pm
- 17 Food Pantry 1 pm
- 18 Session Meeting 6 pm
- 24 Food Pantry 1 pm



# Happy Birthday!

## JUNE

1 Gloria Means  
5 Cathy Grusling  
9 Donna Garleb  
10 John Orem  
17 Leticia Hendrichs  
19 Gary Rottler  
23 Wade Terry  
24 Jeff Eydmann  
29 Kathy Roth  
29 Jessica Boyer

## JULY

21 Dayna Roth  
21 Judy Rottler  
31 Nicole Boyer

## AUGUST

15 Sharon Brooks  
17 Connie McAvoy  
23 Brenna Ferguson  
27 Chad Donze

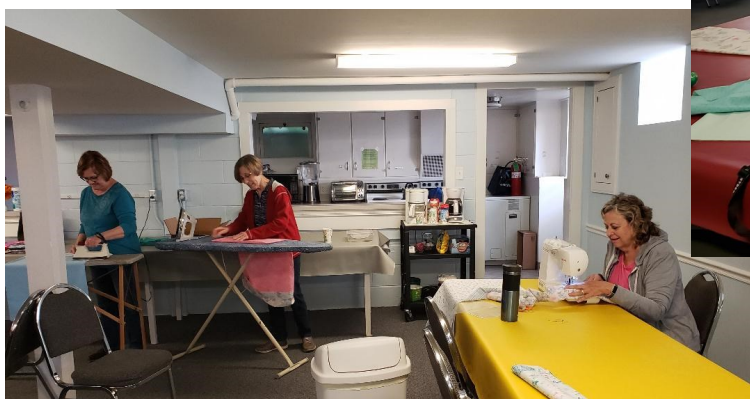
### *These Days Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*

*“These Days”* is a daily devotional booklet published quarterly by Presbyterian Publishing. It is published especially for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Presbyterian Church (USA), The United Church of Canada and the United Church of Christ. Each day there is a scripture followed by a short reflection ending in prayer. For example April 20, 2022 devotional focused on the scripture John 20:25b. It was entitled "Wanting Proof." They are ordered in bulk and delivered to church then distributed. If you are interested in receiving this booklet please contact Judy Schmelzle at 883-3004 or email: [judysandeds69@att.net](mailto:judysandeds69@att.net).





## Pillowcase Project Lydia's Circle



On April 25th, the following ladies helped cut out, sew, and iron 33 pillowcases: Julia Matthews, Rhonda Geisler, Kathy Roth, Sara Brown, Lisa Palmer, Joy French, Judy Runk, and Barb Sherry.

The pillowcases and 33 pillows will be given to the domestic violence shelter which serves Ste. Genevieve County.

This project was organized by Lydia's Circle, and anyone was welcome to participate. Everyone seemed to enjoy fun and fellowship while using their skills.



# Pancake Brunch

## May 1





# Church Picnic

## May 22







## Visiting Musician

While Sharon was out of town, Craig Frutiger provided the piano music. Craig, a former teacher from Viburnum, is a former colleague of Joy French.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Martha Boyer, Ray Albert, Rosa Lee Holcomb, Carol Wibbenmeyer, Toby John, Danny Wene, Kate, Evelyn Malone, Randy Heberlie, Louise Peterson, Neva Walton, Loren Hagemann, Paul, Olivia Viox, Linda Hafley, Taylor Lawrence, Carol Mancuso, Marjetta Stenberg, Kade Rayoum, Joe Shirey, Kevin Budd, Glenda Gross, Roma Dortch, Jeff Shirey, Mary Pettus, Gary Rackers, Mary, Bob Koller, Loretta Miller, Joan Emmendorfer, Amanda Coalter, Rick Murphy, Bob Gentry, Bill Gentry, Jacque Brillos, Dinah Weiler Arand, Bill Howren, Ceci, Sara, Stanton Weyand, Alyson Lee, Ryan Roth, Bob Havin, John Vogt, Rod Laubenstein, Mary Peura, Jeff Paulus, Ike Rutherford, Jim & Annie Jackson, Gloria Means, Donna Garleb., Shelton Sumrall, Helen Tucker, Noah, Brenda Stretch, Janet Schmelzle, Dave, Schmelzle, Dick Reiss.

All those serving in our military.

Those in nursing homes.: Martha Boyer, Romaine Holman, Ike Rutherford.

## 2022 Church Officers

### **ELDERS**

Bruce Terry  
Kathy Roth  
Joy French  
Joan Huck  
Sharon Boyer  
Rick Schaefer

### **DEACONS**

Marcia Schaefer  
Julie Terry  
Patti Weakly  
Amy Pfaff  
Ann Coulson  
John Weakly







## Wedding

Demi Huck and Davin Welsh were United in a beautiful wedding ceremony in our sanctuary on May 21, 2022. Demi is the daughter of Steve and Joan Huck. The family would like to thank the church for the use of the sanctuary for the wedding.

Pastor Steve dressed for the grandkids!!



A great picture of Bruce and Maddie!

### MISSION/VISION STATEMENT

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STE. GENEVIEVE CELEBRATES THE GIFTS OF ALL AS WE SHARE THE MESSAGE OF THE LOVE AND FORGIVENESS OF JESUS CHRIST. WE BELIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES AND SUSTAINS US AS WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD AND SERVE THE NEEDS OF OTHERS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:45 a.m.
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Sundays	1:30 p.m.

### CHURCH INFORMATION

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Pastor . . . . Steve Matthews . . . 573 544-6361

Church Office Hours: Wed. 9 am to noon and 1-4 pm  
Thurs. 9 am to noon

Adult Hand Chimes	Wednesday	6:15 p.m.
Choir Practice	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Anna Circle	2nd Thursday	1:30 p.m.
Genevieve Circle	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Lydia Circle	3rd Tuesday	6:30 p.m.

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