From the Pastors

The Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor

Stewardship 2018 – Do Good Works, Be Generous, and Share!

Paul closes out his first letter to Timothy by saying: As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

While we might argue about what it means to be ‘rich’ in this present age, the message Paul is clearly giving is that those believers who have more than enough to meet their basic needs are “...to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share...” This passage is the basis for our Stewardship Campaign this year – Do Good Works, Be Generous, and Share!

This seems simple and straightforward: As Christians who trust in a gracious and generous God, we are to embody grace and generosity in all we do, especially in our giving. Maybe Robert Fulghum was right when he wrote All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten. When we, as the body of Christ in the world, do good works, are generous, and share, we offer the loving presence of Jesus Christ to our neighbors in need and to one another. We all need to be loved. We all need to be cared for. We all need, at different times in our lives, to be reminded that God loves us. We have neighbors who need food, shelter, clothing, school supplies, Christmas gifts, blood, clean water, justice, peace, and comfort.

My hope for us all is that before we fill out our pledge letter or a pledge card, we pray through 1 Timothy 6:17-19 and hear the Spirit speak to us. I pray we all agreed to joyfully participate in our Stewardship efforts this year and “…take hold of the life that really is life.” I hope we can all do good works, be generous, and share!

Peace,

David.

The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Last night was the first night in some time that it was cool enough to open the windows and let in the night air. What a gift. The sounds I heard were those that speak to us of summer—the cicadas were humming their chorus and it was so peaceful. As sometimes happens, we could also hear the sound of the trains as they went by, both the rhythmic sound of the train on tracks and the whistle blowing. Later that night other sounds came forth— the sound of an owl hooting in the trees and the gentle sound of mourning doves cooing as the night began to turn into day. I found myself thinking about the psalms and their wisdom about creation.

The author of psalm 104 speaks of the Creator stating “You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.”

We are at the mid evening of the summer so to speak, darkness is coming sooner, the morning sunrises later. Soon we turn to the coming of Fall: children and youth return to school, sports programs rev up and other places begin their new program year.

And so it will be in the life of our congregation as well.

This issue of the Pres contains all kinds of information on activities for the Fall from our youngest to those enjoying retirement. We hope you will take advantage of one or many of these events or groups. There are options for small groups, dinners and Logos, Sunday morning classes and expanded study and fellowship groups during the week. These gatherings provide a wonderful chance not only to learn more and to deepen one’s faith, but also to get to know others in the life of our congregation and to serve with others in our community and beyond.

“To everything, there is a season,” the wisdom writer states. We hope you will join us in some new activities as we welcome another season in the life of this congregation.

Shalom,

Karen
A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

September 2, 2018
Sermon: “Called to be Doers of the Word” - The Rev. Dr. David Holyan
Scriptures: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 and James 1:17-27

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” This famous line from James is the corrective all contemplatives need. We cannot just have faith; we must live it. We cannot just sit in our favorite chair and offer prayers or read the Bible. We must put what we hear and read and learn through worship into action in our lives. The Spirit of God resides within each of us and within our community of faith. We’ll explore what it means for us to “… care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

September 9, 2018
Sermon: “The Works of Faith” - The Rev. Dr. David Holyan
Scriptures: James 2:1-10 and James 2:14-17

“So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” The Holy Spirit that resides within each of us works on us to lay aside our selfishness in order to love and serve God and neighbor. As the body of Christ, our faith is a lived reality. We bear witness constantly to our trust in Jesus. Sometimes we are not good witnesses because we forget whose we are. Other times, as we serve those in need, our faith is working overtime. We will explore what it means to embody works of faith in all we do.

September 16, 2018
Sermon: “Deny Ourselves?” - The Rev. Dr. David Holyan
Scriptures: James 3:1-12 and Mark 8:27-38

The cross in the chancel is empty for a reason: Jesus is alive! So when he tells his disciples (and us) to “…take up your cross and follow me,” he is somehow inviting us into eternal life. Jesus is teaching us what really matters in this life. We will explore how these familiar teachings of Jesus invite us into a deeper life of faith by ‘losing our life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel.’

September 23, 2018
Sermon: “The Uncomfortable Truth” - The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard
Scriptures: Mark 9: 30-37 and James 3:13-4:1, 7-8a

The disciples are moving along in ministry with Jesus. Jesus is trying to tell them that there is difficulty ahead. But there are times when they miss the point of his teachings or they are afraid to really understand. Almost as if it is a diversion, they begin to argue over who is the greatest. Jesus once again turns the world upside down by telling them the greatest is among the least, and the least matter greatly too.

September 30, 2018
Sermon: “Living A Salty Life” - The Rev. Dr. David Holyan
Scriptures: James 5:13-20 and Mark 9:38-50

Pluck out your eye. Saw off your foot. Cut off your hand. Not exactly the stuff of bedtime stories. This passage from the Gospel of Mark is hyperbole at its best. Jesus is inviting us to be grounded in faith and at peace with ourselves and each other, but he uses some strange and powerful language to make his point. We’ll work on translating Jesus’ colorful examples and making sense out of his invitation to be a faithful follower.

From the Director of Music Ministries

September brings a new program year to our congregation, and all our music groups return home to start making music each week. It's a wonderful time of year, and I hope to see some new faces in our choirs and groups this Fall! Please take a moment to read the next page and discern how you can be a part of our music ministry. There is truly something for everybody.

September also heralds the start of our new Con Spirito concert season. We are proud to present our 19th season of concerts for you and the community, and I urge you to take advantage of these performances here in our church. Most of them are free, and we have planned a wide variety of music for the coming months. See the bottom of the next page for information on the September concert.

I wish you all a happy and blessed September!

Faithfully yours,
Bill
The Ministry of Music

New members are always welcome in the Ministry of Music. Music plays a vital and visible role in the worship life of our congregation, and we rely on our many volunteers, young and old, to fulfill our mission. Involvement in a choir or musical ensemble requires a commitment of time and talent, but the rewards are endless. Come and be a part of this spiritual, rewarding, fun, and inspiring ministry!

If you have any questions or would like to participate in First Presbyterian’s Music Ministry, contact Director of Music Ministries, Bill Stein at 314-965-0326 or at bstein@kirkwoodpres.org. All are welcome in this place!

Chancel Choir sings each week at the 11:00 worship service, as well as at Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter. The Choir will perform their annual Christmas Concert with full orchestra on December 16, 2018, and also sings a noon concert on Good Friday, April 19th. Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings 7:00-9:00p.m. The first rehearsal will be August 30, 2018.

Chancel Ringers, our adult handbell ensemble under the direction of Travis Evans, Music Associate, will ring 4 Sundays this year. Ringers spend rehearsal time working on note reading, techniques, encouraging one another, and having fun! Rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:00p.m. The first rehearsal will be September 12, 2018. To sign up or ask questions, contact Travis at tevans@kirkwoodpres.org.

Carillon Ringers is our new adult handbell ensemble. This bell choir will ring more advanced music and enjoy longer rehearsals working on technique, note ringing, and ensemble playing. Those interested in playing with Carillon Ringers need to be able to read music and have some prior experience in bell ringing. Carillon Ringers will rehearse on Monday evenings, 7pm-8:30p.m, beginning Monday, September 10, 2018. To sign up or for more information, contact Travis at tevans@kirkwoodpres.org.

The Praise Team provides vocal and instrumental music leadership at the Arise! contemporary worship service. If you are interested in helping the Arise! planning team or volunteering in the sound booth, contact a member of the Praise Team, Brad Gift, or Rebecca Shipley on Sunday mornings.

Church Orchestra is open to all instrumentalists of any age at any level. Performances in the coming season are scheduled for November 18, 2018, January 27, 2019, and June 2, 2019. There are 3 rehearsals prior to each performance. If you would like to play in the Church Orchestra, please contact Bill Stein in the church office at bstein@kirkwoodpres.org or (314) 965-0326.

Middle School Ringers (grades 6-8) will ring 4 times this season, including the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. All Middle School students are welcome to join Ringers. We learn notes, rhythms, and ensemble performing during our rehearsal time. Rehearsals are held Wednesday afternoons from 5:30p.m.-6:15p.m. The first rehearsal will be September 12, 2018.

Choristers (grades 3-5) and Cherubs (grades K-2) are the children’s choirs open to all children of our congregation. They will sing 5 times this year, including Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, and Music Appreciation Sunday. Choristers are led by Bill Stein and Cherubs by Lori Wehrman. These singing choirs rehearse on Wednesday afternoons 4:45p.m.-5:30p.m. Rehearsals begin September 12, 2018.

The MusikGarten Program Our church offers music classes for newborns-age 5. You are welcome to bring your baby/child to either class. Parents stay with their child during the class. Fathers, grandparents, and nannies are also welcome. Our classes consist of singing, moving and exploring rhythm instruments. Your child will begin growing socially, emotionally, and physically as well as laying a good foundation for love of music. Music can have profound long term effects that include improved language and math development. Please join us for a fun-filled time as you watch your child grow into a confident, independent and expressive young person. Our classes are free! Musikgarten meets Wednesday mornings at 9:15-9:45 and 10:00-10:30. You may attend either class. To enroll or get answers to your questions, please contact Ellen Hitschler, Musikgarten instructor, directly at 314-822-3057 or ln4CATS@yahoo.com.

CON SPIRITO CONCERT SERIES: USAF BAND OF AMERICA

Members of the USAF Band of Mid-America from SCOTT AFB, IL will present a recital at First Pres on Sunday, September 23 at 3:00p.m. Admission to the concert is free and tickets are not required.

Presented in partnership with The Con Spirito Concert Series, this is a family-friendly event and features brass, woodwind, percussion, vocalists, and rhythm section members of the USAF Band of Mid-America. These musicians represent the skill and professionalism of the United States Air Force as musical ambassadors before military and civilian audiences throughout the band’s ten-state area of responsibility.

This recital offers an eclectic mix of solo, duo and chamber ensembles performing works from the renaissance period to contemporary styles. Consider it a musical ‘grab bag,’ sure to inspire and entertain audience members of all ages.
Children, Youth and Family Ministry

The goal of the Children and Family Ministry at First Presbyterian is to provide opportunities for education, fellowship and support of lifelong faith journeys. We do this by organizing events focused on children, youth and their families throughout the year. Our Youth Ministry focuses on providing a foundation for future faith growth for middle and high school youth. We do this by working to create a place for spiritual development, religious growth and fostering relationship development without fear of judgement or prejudice.

Family Activity Dates for This Year:

These events are open to ALL - we just call it family because that is the way we feel at all of these - just like a big family! Things are intended to be kid-friendly, but please know that if you have interest, we want YOU there!

- Church Hayride - Saturday, October 28th at 5:15 p.m.  
  Bring a picnic dinner and join us at Queeny Park for a hayride!
- Family Movie Night - Sunday January 6th at 5:15 p.m.  
  One evening VBS-style activity with education for kids and parents
- Family Game DAY - Sunday, February 10th, 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
  $5 per family for pizza dinner and a variety of games big and small
- Work Camp Auction - Sunday, April 14th, 5:30 p.m.  
  $10 toward Work Camp for dinner, entertainment and a dessert auction
- Church Picnic - Sunday, June 2nd Following Worship  
  Pot Luck Picnic at Kirkwood Park!

Sunday Morning Education: Sunday School for Preschool through Grade 8 is from 10:00a.m. - 10:55a.m. from September through April. We are using the PC(USA) Curriculum, Growing in Grace and Gratitude, which includes age-appropriate stories for each grade level, as well as other activities to enhance the learning experience for all of our children. We work to bulk up our curriculum with movie mornings, kitchen days and service projects!

Classrooms
- Preschool (ages 3 to Pre-K) Room 130
- Kdg & 1st grade Room 228
- 2nd & 3rd grade Room 229
- 4th & 5th grade Room 230
- Middle School - 6th & 7th grade Room 278
- Confirmation - 8th grade Room 012

Confirmation: Our 8th grade education is done through our confirmation program. Students spend the year learning about church history, polity and mission, as well as what it means to be a member of our church. Students are paired with adult mentors to help their faith development during this year and into the future. We offer a partner class for parents that will focus on some of the same learning, but also some parenting skills as students turn toward high school. The confirmation students will end their year together by presenting the congregation with a Class Creed that will reflect on their beliefs about faith and faithful living as they become full members of the church!

Senior High Fellowship meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., typically in the Senior High Room (005). SHF is open to all students in grades 9-12 and we are always happy to welcome new faces!

Our focus varies from week to week as we try to balance learning, fellowship and mission work. Each year we also take time away for retreats, lock-ins and other events.

The big highlight of our year occurs each summer with Work Camp, a two week mission experience that takes our students out of town to grow and learn even more. Each summer we go to a different city around the country which makes each trip unique to the students and adult volunteers.

College Parent Gatherings!

Whether one bird has flown or your nest is suddenly empty, parents of college students are invited to join us during the year for conversation and care packages and more! Join us for one or both of these dates - September 17 at church to catch up and commiserate a bit and October 15th for a care package party! Be in touch with Rob Monroe (rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org) or Casey Mackenzie (sixmack81@gmail.com) for more information or to RSVP!
Children in Worship and Nursery: Children are always welcomed into any of our three distinctly different styles of worship each Sunday - actually, we encourage it! Our Sunday School (see previous page) meets between services to allow families to worship together. In an effort to aid in enhancing the worship experience of children, we provide Children’s Bulletins, pads for doodling, and a Time for Children (11:00 service), and Worship bags (9:05 service).

We have nursery care available for infants through five year old children from the Arise! service through the 11:00 service with paid nursery staff.

LOGOS

- The ONE RULE of LOGOS -
Everyone is treated as a Child of God. Everyone matters!

WHAT is LOGOS? LOGOS is a ministry where children, youth and adults model Christ to each other in everything they do. We experience God’s love for all people as we learn how to offer God’s love to our neighbors. LOGOS succeeds because families commit to regular participation.

Children and youth are grouped by age for Bible Study, Recreation, and Choir. Dinner finds us intentionally multi-aged, and is themed differently each week. Adults from our participating families are encouraged to participate in leadership roles during the year to make this a truly whole-family event.

Our Middle School Fellowship (6th-8th grades) meets as a part of LOGOS. Their time is spent working on mission activities, learning more in-depth stories from the Bible and generally having a fun time. The students also participate in music through the Middle School Ringers program, just before dinner.

Why LOGOS?
Our mid-week ministry allows for a deeper relationship to be built between student peers and between students and adults in our congregation that give of their own time to be here on a weekly basis.

Our themed meals together are guided, in part, by student input, which translates to a fun experience for our time together. Meals are balanced and always include protein and fruits and vegetables. Desserts are always fun, too!

Our 19th year of LOGOS begins September 12th and ends April 24th.

We try to keep costs to a minimum. Fees are used to pay for meals, supplies for Bible study, recreation and curriculum costs for:

One child: $140
Two children: $230
Three or more children: $310

If you have a financial need please discuss that with Rob. Arrangements can be made to help your child to participate in this ministry.

For more information contact: Rob Monroe, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org or 314-965-0326
SUNDAY MORNINGS

CHRISTIAN CONCERNS LECTURE SERIES
9:00A.M. in Room 009

September 9, 16, 23, & 30
Ruben Rosario will speak about Oscar Romaro, an advocate for the poor in El Salvador who was assassinated in 1980. The Rev. Dr. Rubén Rosario Rodríguez is a graduate of Princeton and Union Theological Seminaries and the Associate Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University. He is the Director of the Mev Pulio Scholarship in Latin American Theology, Culture and Politics.

October 7, 14, 21, & 28
Dr. David Oughton will speak on Anti-Semitism before, during and after the Holocaust. He will examine the causes of the Holocaust and how to prevent future genocides. He is a professor of the world's religions at Saint Louis University, is vice-president of the board of Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis and is a member of the Council and Education Committee at the St. Louis Holocaust Museum. He has studied the Holocaust in Jerusalem, concentration camps in Europe, and at the United States Holocaust Museum.

November 4 and 11
Tobias Winright will speak about creation as spoken of in the Bible in relationship to the issues of climate change. Professor Winright holds the Hubert Mäder Endowed Chair in the Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics and is Associate Professor of Theological Ethics in the Department of Theological Studies both at Saint Louis University.

November 18
Books hold wisdom and the history of various cultures. Patrick Cuba will discuss the urgent effort to preserve knowledge and cultural history in the hidden libraries and homes of threatened cultures. Mr. Cuba is the lead software developer at the Walter J. Ong S.J. Center for Digital Humanities at St. Louis University, and has worked with the Hill Monastic Museum and Library. They have rescued over 200,000 manuscripts from places of war and disasters or destruction by groups like ISIS and the Taliban.

November 25
The Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers will speak on the three uses of the Law in Reformed Tradition as developed by John Calvin. He will touch on the theology and history that shaped and continues to shape our denomination. Dr. Meyers is Professor Emeritus of Religion at Lindenwood University and a member of our Presbytery.

December 2, 9, and 16
George Durnell leads a series on music of the seasons of Advent and Christmas: O Magnum Mysterium: A Musical Consideration of the Wonder of the Incarnation. Beginning with Daniel Pinkham’s "Christmas Cantata" and Francis Poulenc's "Four Christmas Motets"—very different pieces that use the same texts: "O Magnum Mysterium" (O Great Mystery) and "Quem Vidistes, Pastores?" (What have you seen, shepherds?).

FAITH & FAMILY – 10:00a.m., Room 029
As young Americans opt out of Christianity and the church, they list attitudes and behaviors of Christians as concerns. Let’s work together to build ourselves into people who are good examples of being Christ in our world, rather than as judgmental people others want to avoid. Drop off your children in Sunday School, and join us as we follow Adam Hamilton’s When Christians Get it Wrong discussion guide. No need to buy the book or do any reading outside class. Questions? Contact Sarahlynn Lester at 314-495-4730 or Sarahlynn@LesterBoal.net. We will meet on October 14 and 21, November 4, and January 6 and 13.
The Story of the Stained Glass Windows and Music In Our Worship Spaces

September 9 and 16 in the Sanctuary at 10:00a.m. When the visitors from General Assembly arrived on June 17 for worship they entered through our red doors. Their eyes were immediately drawn to the stained glass windows--and for good reason. While the original use of stained glass was a means of telling the stories of the Bible in an age when many did not read, it continues to be a form of art that adds to the richness and beauty of a worship space. Elder and Church member, Ray Lester, will speak about our windows in the sanctuary and the stories they tell us.

September 23 in the Sanctuary at 10:00a.m.: Director of Music Ministries, Bill Stein, will talk about our Casavant Pipe Organ, including the choice of the builder and the installation process. He will give a brief "how does this work?" demonstration and discuss what the instrument has brought to our ministry of music, congregation, and community.

September 30 in the Chapel at 10:00a.m.: Members Bob Rubright and Nancy Hughson have researched and written about various aspects of our Tree of Life Chapel. They will discuss the meaning behind the name of the Chapel, the windows, and the organ built by Martin Ott.

October 7--World Communion Sunday—one service, no Sunday School at 10am.

October 14 and 21: Church member, John Huxhold, will discuss the effects of television and the Internet. Our constant streaming of news and entertainment have revolutionized our culture in both positive and negative ways. He will explore the research, issues raised and other related matters to the role of the media in our culture today. John taught English at Meramec Community College.

October 28: Rise Against Hunger (in the Gathering Space—help create 100,000 meals for those in need.

November 4: TBA

November 11 and 18: Attorney James Hacking will discuss topics surrounding immigration in the U.S. today. He received both his undergraduate and law degrees from Saint Louis University. Since 2007 his practice has been devoted almost exclusively to immigration law handling spouse & employment visas, citizenship, asylum and deportation cases. He was a founding member of the St. Louis Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations and has served on the U.S. Attorney’s Hate Crimes Task Force.

November 25: Thanksgiving weekend—no Sunday school

December 2: Amy Stark from the Care & Counseling Center will lead a small-group discussion on Social media and loneliness in teens today. She is a graduate of the School of Social Work at Washington University and has an M. Div. Degree from Eden Seminary.

December 9: TBA

December 16, 23, 30: NO CLASSES
Presbyterian Women’s Circles
A denominational organization that promotes mission, service, study, and fellowship.

**Hannah Circle**: Meets at members’ homes ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ 4th Wednesday of the month * We will be studying from the 2018-19 Horizons Bible Study, Cloud of Witnesses-The Community of Christ in Hebrews, by author Melissa Bain Sevier. If you’d like to join this group, contact Susan Hinton at (314) 822-1463.

**Sarah Circle**: Meets at members’ homes ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ 2nd Tuesday of the month. * September through December, we will be discussing the book, Falling Upward, by Richard Rohr. If you are interested in joining us, contact Jane Paniello at (314) 965-4655 or Debra Besselman at (636) 256-0043.

**Esther Circle**: Meets on the second Thursday at 11:00a.m. in the Fireplace Room (lower level) for discussion and then goes out to a local place for lunch. The book for this fall is The Ten Commandments: The Laws of Love, by Joan Chittister. For more information please contact Casey Mackenzie at sixmack81@gmail.com or (314) 965-5606.

**INTERESTED IN AN EVENING CIRCLE?**: Plans are in the works for a new women’s evening circle with young(er) families. Please contact Karen at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org for more information or to express your interest.

**First Pres men of all ages are invited to join us Saturdays at 10:45 a.m. in Room 029. All men are welcome, no matter your knowledge of scripture or where you are in your faith journey. We take turns reading aloud, ask questions, discuss what the Holy Spirit might be saying, and even share in laughter. Call Robert Trottmann at 314-909-6779 with any questions.**

**THURSDAY EVENING DINNER & LECTURE SERIES**
5:30PM ~ Gathering Space~September 20–October 11
Join Dr. David Holyan for wonderful home-cooked meals in the Gathering Space followed by time spent in the Chapel delving into the Scripture passages for the upcoming Sundays. Through lectio divina, the discipline of reading the text and allowing the Spirit to stop us and guide us, we will listen for the Word of God as it emerges in the context of a group study. (Note to choir members: we will be finished in plenty of time for choir rehearsal.)

**UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY**
An eight-week evening Bible Study series is being planned for mid-October. Please stay tuned to the October newsletter and bulletin announcements.

**SPRITUAL FORMATION CLASS - 9:30a.m. in Room 028**
The Spiritual Formation series will focus on deepening the stillness of the heart through prayer, meditation, study and reflection. Tom Edelstein is the convener of the group which will meet the second Sunday of the month at 9:30a.m. in room 028. If you have any questions please contact Tom at tedelstein@att.net or Karen Blanchard at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.
FROM THE VISITOR/NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE
First Presbyterian is a big church and it is sometimes difficult to put names and faces together. Please take some time in the Gathering Space for fellowship on Sunday mornings and extend your best First Pres welcome to make everyone "feel at home!"

VISITOR/NEW MEMBER GATHERING: As you meet and become acquainted with visitors in our church, keep in mind our next Visitor/New Member Gatherings. If you know of someone that is interested in joining, please share with them our next Visitor/New Member informational meetings on September 16 and 23 with new members joining on October 14.

Thank you to each of you for your continued smiles and warm welcome to our visitors! You are helping to grow our church one person at a time!

New Member and Welcome Committee: Brad Gift, Leah Engelhardt, Stuart Jaeger, Al Hinton, Kristy Mitchell, George Durnell, Karen Blanchard
The Dementia Discussion Group will meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month. They will meet on September 15 at 10:00 a.m. in room 029. If you have any questions, contact Alice Bowen: asquare812@hotmail.com or David Evans at davidevansma@yahoo.com.

The Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the lounge. For more information contact Ellen Hitschler at ln4cats@yahoo.com or Mary Ann Shaw at mashaw5@sbcglobal.net.

FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON
ALL LADIES of the church are invited to a Ladies Lunch on Sunday, September 16 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The program will be presented by All Among Us, a new shelter/center for homeless women located in Ferguson, MO. Come and learn about this amazing organization that helps women by providing shelter, job resources, teaching financial sustainability, securing permanent housing and so much more. This will also be a time to learn how we can help. The cost of the lunch is $20.00 which covers lunch and a donation to All Among Us. If you plan to attend, please send your check to the church office, attention: Paula, made payable to First Presbyterian Church, earmarked “Ladies Lunch” by Tuesday, September 11. You may also put it in the offering plate. Your check will be considered your reservation.

Update From Education in Mission
The Ready Readers program is a well organized program based on research studies about the influence of reading and vocabulary on children’s cognitive development. Four members of our congregation attended a training session to learn about the weekly reading program with preschool students. We were provided with resources for choosing books, warmup activities, songs, and engaging the children in reading. Two of us were assigned in each classroom which gave us the opportunity to commit to the weekly visits and cover for each other if one of us is not available.

If anyone is interested in joining the readers, there are training sessions throughout the year. Other ways to participate in addition to reading are building book shelves or supporting our upcoming book drive. You will be receiving more information about these opportunities this fall.

To volunteer to read, go to: www.readyreaders.org. To sign up for training go to: http://bit.ly/2rn80Sy.
Questions? Contact church member Jeanne Earley (314) 707-3429 or Maggie Strube at Ready Readers at (314) 825-8751.

Condoledences 💔
* Rosa DaVila on the death of her mother, Rosa Garcia, on July 11, 2018.
* Helen Sandifer on the death of her son, Stephen, on July 30, 2018.
* Scott Hart on the death of his father, Robert, on August 14, 2018.

Prime Timers
As our yearly planning meeting took place after the Kirkwood Pres deadline, our September plan is not announced in this issue. Please watch your email for a notice about our September activity. This group welcomes everyone to join them in enjoying a variety of events such as plays, movies, museums and music events. If you have any questions or you would like to be added to our email list, contact Dave Crowley at (314) 984-8105. at crowleyd@charter.net.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Breakfast Club will resume on Thursday, October 4 at 8AM in the Fireplace Room. Bob Rubright, guest speaker for the morning, will come and share with us his latest list of best restaurants in the city!

September Meal-A-Month
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