

The Review

May 20, 2012

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Calendar for the Week May 20 through May 26

Sunday

- 8:30 & 11:00 Traditional Service/Sanctuary
- 9:30 Coffee Fellowship/Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 Church School For All Ages
- 11:00 Contemporary Service/MPR
- 12:15 Session/020
- 4:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal/202
- 4:00 Pastor Nominating Committee/026

Monday

- 11:00 Binnie Clements Board Meeting/020
- 12:00 Binnie Clements Luncheon/FH
- 6:30 ChristCare/116

Tuesday

- 9:00 Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study/020
- 10:00 Esther Circle/016
- 12:30 Mary Martha Circle/020
- 1:00 Double F Double C Knitters/North Atrium
- 1:30 Priscilla Circle/Betty Clinkenbeard's home
- 6:30 Tuesday Night Ladies' Bible Study/016

Wednesday

- 6:45 Men's Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast/FH
- 11:00 Open Prayer Time/223
- 1:00 Abigail Circle/114
- 5:30 Youth Choir Rehearsal/MPR
- 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal/202

Thursday

- 9:00 Quilters/Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 ChristCare/114
- 9:45 Bible Study/Library
- 12:00 ChristCare/116
- 5:30 Disciple/020
- 6:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal/202

Friday

- 9:00 Scrapbooking/020

Saturday

- 7:00 Footsteps Walking/Running Group/S. Atrium

COLLEGE MISSION WEEK—MAY 19-25

Our college group is capping off a semester-long "Missions Experiment" with a week of spiritual retreat and service at Stockton Lake and various Springfield spots, as well as here in the church Student Lounge. Thank you for your prayers for our time together!



Building on Great Occasions!

The Church is built on the mighty acts of God in history and on those great occasions in our lives. Some of those great occasions are very personal, but many of them are both personal and shared. In recent days we have shared in some great occasions—the Four Score and More Banquet this past Saturday and the recognition of High School Seniors on Sunday! Those gatherings were filled with moments that were both joyful and poignant.

In the Contemporary Worship Service, I offered a prayer for the Graduating Seniors that included these words, “Lord, be with them. Guide their dreams, their thoughts, and their actions, that each may be a tribute to you and to those who love them. Keep them in the inheritance of faith, which so many have worked hard to provide, and help them continue to grow in your way.” This prayer was rooted in our profound appreciation of God’s good gifts and our hope-filled reliance on God’s guidance in the future.

We are called to build on God’s mighty acts in history and those great occasions in our lives. We do that in countless ways, but I want to take a moment and highlight a few good transitions and opportunities. By this weekend, the church’s new website [www.firstandcalvary.org] will be up—it is the product of much effort over the past several months. We are just beginning to use this good tool of communication to strengthen our lives together. This week, the Reverend Lucia Oerter begins her ministry here. She will be preaching in the Contemporary service!

One opportunity, and reminder, is that, as we step into the future, our individual and shared stewardship of God’s good gifts reflect our desires to “continue to grow in your (God’s) way.”

This summer, with its transitions that are personal and shared, is an invitation to joyful and thankful generosity in response to the great occasions of God’s mighty acts in our lives!

Yours in Christ, **Barry**

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF APRIL 30, 2012*

Call Nola Harter at 862-5068, ext. 224 or n.harter@fandcpres.org if you have questions.

April Expenses	April Income	Retained Earnings utilized in April
\$130,998.83	\$130,257.70	\$741.13
2012 Y.T.D. Expenses	2012 Y.T.D. Income	2012 Y.T.D. utilized Retained Earnings *
\$502,074.49	\$458,370.93	\$43,703.56

*For 2012, Session has budgeted up to \$170,000 in retained earnings (cash on hand) to cover any shortfall in operating income.

Sunday, May 20, 2012

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall; 9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages;
10:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship in the North Atrium.

Traditional Services Sanctuary, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Scripture: Luke 24:44-52
Sermon: "So Near...Yet So Far Away"
Barry Williams

Contemporary Service Multi-Purpose Room, 11:00 a.m.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23
Sermon: "I've Heard About You"
Lucia Oerter

SPECIAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Sanctuary Worship
8:30 a.m.: First & Calvary Chancel Choir
11:00 a.m.: "No Retreat" Men's Chorus

Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Multi-Purpose Room:
"No Retreat" Men's Chorus

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

ADULT CLASSES serve the dual purposes of Bible study and life applications, as well as provide a caring community to members. We invite you to pick up a Sunday school brochure in the turnstile in the South Atrium to learn more.

Branches: *End of the Year Social*, Leadership Team/014

March Fellowship: *What Is Heaven?*, Sheri Austin/015

Crossways: *Social/Intro to Summer Electives*,
Leadership Team/016

Little-Bacon: *Enough: God's Blessing in Abundance*,
Dave Muegge/020


McClung: *The Year in Review & A Look Ahead
to 2012-2013*, Keith Hartner/026

Practices: *Learning Forgiveness*, Lisa Frederick/114

Forty-Niners: *Class Social/Introducing Summer Electives*,
Leadership Team/115

Hardin: *The Resurrection and the Life*, Neil Stenger/116

Joint Sunday School Class—May 27

 May 27, marks the last day of regular adult Sunday school classes. Jay Swartz will teach a class, "Mystery & Memorial Day", in the Fellowship Hall. Just as we will never understand the mystery of why good men are lost in war, we cannot fully comprehend a God who willingly sacrifices His Son for us—therein lies the mystery. Please join us for this meaningful class.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES use FaithWeaver curriculum to equip families to talk about and apply their faith together every day. All ages study and experience the same scripture in creative ways in separate age-appropriate classes.

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"Barnabas Encourages Christians in Antioch"
Christians should encourage each other in faith.
Acts 11:19-26

2 year olds	Room 121	Grades 1 & 2	Room 219
3 year olds	Room 214	Grades 3 & 4	Room 220
4/PreK 5's	Room 215	Grade 5	Room 221
Kindergarten	Room 216		

WOMEN! IT'S YOUR TURN!

We have all appreciated "No Retreat" Men's Chorus. Ladies—it's *your* turn! **The "Legacy" Women's Chorus** will hold their first rehearsal on Wednesday, June 13, and sing in worship on Sunday, June 17. We want to hand down our "Legacy" of faith and music to **all ages** of women. Join us in the choir room on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:15 p.m. Contact Sheila Grisham Pippin at 862-5068 or s.grishampippin@fandcpres.org

ACTS 2.0



Summer Electives June 3-August 19
Each Sunday: 9:45—10:45 a.m.

STAFF UPDATES: Bittersweet news...our wonderful church organist, Jim Davidson, is resigning to pursue doctoral studies in Choral Conducting. Jim is an inspiration to us all with his wonderful gifts of music and we are sorry to see him go. We will encourage him in his future endeavors and send him with our prayers. **Jim's last Sunday at First & Calvary will be June 24.** The congregation will have an opportunity to say "Thank You" to Jim and to Nola Harter (who is retiring at the end of June) at the **All-Church Potluck Dinner on Sunday evening, June 24.**

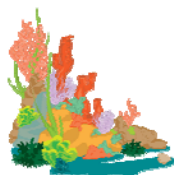


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

JULY 16-20
9:00 AM—12:00 NOON
AGES 3—GRADE 5

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

- Can you **read Bible stories** to children?
- Can you **prep craft supplies** in the days before VBS?
- Can you **be a "shepherd" & guide students** to activities?
- Can you **lead an activity room**?
- Can you **help prepare snacks**?
- Do you have other gifts you'd like to use?



Registration forms to sign up to volunteer and/or register your child(ren) are available on the tables in the South Atrium and on the 2nd floor children's hallway. Or you may contact Erika O'Bryant at e.obryant@fandcpres.org.

Binnie Clements Guild Luncheon **May 21 [12:00 p.m.] in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please join us for lunch and to hear about one of the charities which we support. Sondra Uzzell from Ambassadors for Children will be the speaker. We will collect underwear and socks for Kids Klothes Kloset for toddlers through teens. Thanks to all who participated in our "May Day" fundraiser for local children!

Pentecost Peacemaking Offering **Sunday, May 27**

The Session has set aside Pentecost Sunday to receive one of five 2012 "special offerings". This offering meets the needs of at-risk children, youth, and young adults through the following ways: **40% through the Ozark Family Resource Center**, which houses children prior placement in foster homes or being reunited with their families and **60% through the National Presbyterian Church**. Please pray that God will use it to meet a great need in our community and in our country.

Mission Oriented? Grab This Opportunity! **October 25—November 2, 2012**

Dr. Art Trask is leading a group of physicians on a mission to Pignon, Haiti to work with the hospital operated by the Community Coalition for Haiti, an organization founded by Art. Male and female volunteers are needed to make repairs to the church, school, and orphanage. This will be a self-paid mission work-trip with the largest expense being air fare (approximately \$1000.00 if purchased soon). The group will fly from Springfield to Pignon, with a one-night stay in Miami. On-site expenses will be \$40.00 per day for the 6 days (room and board at the dormitory). Specific immunizations will be required. If you are interested in learning more about this trip or about the missions in Pignon, visit with Art and Lo Ann Trask at the Haiti missions table in the North Atrium on Sunday, May, 27.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

According to the Book of Order, the ministry of deacon is one of compassion and service. The ministry of ruling elders is one of discernment and governance. These are distinct and equally important called ministries in our church. The Nominating Committee is beginning their work of seeking members of the congregation to serve in leadership positions in 2013 through 2015. Is there someone you would like to recommend? Or, do you feel called to serve? The committee welcomes your prayerful suggestions.

Please suggest names and feel free to provide supportive information for any or all of the following opportunities to serve:

Elder:

Deacon:

2013 Church-Wide Nominating Committee:

Congregational position on the Personnel Committee:

(use additional pages if necessary)

Your Name (optional): _____

You may place your suggestions in the offering plate, drop them off for the committee chairman, Cathy Van Landuyt, in the "V" box located in the South Atrium, or send via email to cathyvanlanduyt@missouristate.edu. Please respond by May 27, so the committee can fully utilize your ideas as they prayerfully begin this important process of discerning members called to lead our church in the coming years.

Water and the Word

This hands-on ministry will begin the first Tuesday in June. We will serve water to the homeless on both Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on Commercial Street (by Bill's Place) and on Saturday mornings on Jefferson (by the Veterans Center). This ministry is so appreciated and requires a very small time commitment. **Want to serve? Sign up table in the atrium following the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 20, or call Claudia Hartner at 877-9002.**

Paper Towel Tubes Needed!

The VBS Planning team is collecting empty paper towel tubes for use in one of the VBS crafts this July. Please save your empty paper towel rolls and leave them in the church office for Erika O'Bryant. Thank you!

News from the Church Family

Those Recently Hospitalized...

Cox: Erma Cary

Walnut Lawn: Mark Owen

Flowers Provided by...

Mary F. Sheppard in memory of Joseph D. Sheppard;
Eltjen & Jerri Flikkema in memory of William & Anke Flikkema
& Peter, Rena, John & Harvey Spoelma

Sympathy to...

Ron & Connie Foster on the death of her father,
Edward E. (Gene) Sooter

Remember Our Homebound Friends ...

Margaret Ellison
Springfield Rehab and Health Care Center, 2800 S. Fort Ave., 65807
Jan Wilson
Spring Ridge Assisted Living, 2828 Meadowbrook Ave., 65807

Thank you...

The First & Calvary Youth Choir wishes to thank everyone who made the
3rd Annual Car Wash/Cook Out a HUGE success!

Thanks to our parents and our church family,
we raised almost **\$3300** toward our choir trip to Chicago in June!

Sermon Schedule for Sunday, May 27

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Traditional: Greg Ellis
11:00 a.m. Contemporary: Youth Choir Musical

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

College Mission Trip	May 19-25
Binnie Clements Guild Luncheon	May 21
Youth Choir Musical [Contemporary—MPR]	May 27
Youth Choir Trip	June 3-8
All-Church Potluck Dinner	June 24
Family Float Trip & Campout	June 29-30
Vacation Bible School	July 16-20
Family Missions Project & Project '40	July 26-28
Youth Group WhiteWater Trip [Grades 6-12]	August 11
Women's Retreat	September 21-23

PRAYER CHAIN FELLOWSHIP: If you have a prayer request, please call Ellen VanOsdol at 882-9291 or call the church office at 862-5068.

ARE THERE PERSONS YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IN CHURCH FOR A WHILE?
Give them a call and invite them to join in!

LIMITED MOBILITY PARKING LOT: The small South parking lot is reserved on Wednesday and Sunday for our members and guests who have limited mobility. Please use the large lot across the street or the parking garage if you are able to walk the distance. Thank You.

WATCH THE PRIOR SUNDAY FIRST & CALVARY WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY ON MEDIACOM CHANNEL 85 OR 15-6 AT 4:00 P.M.

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Youth Ministry: Rob Howard

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Director of Contemporary Worship: Sharon Reed

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