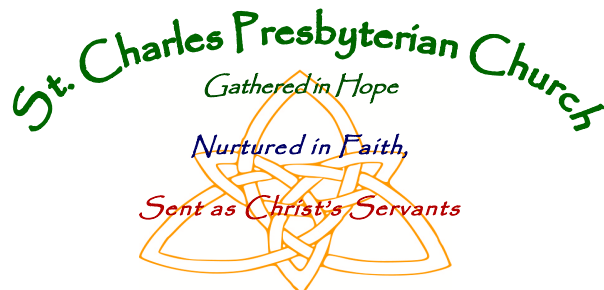


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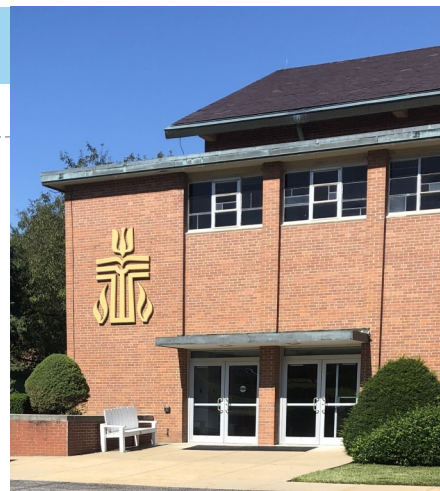
July Newsletter

FESTIVAL OF THE LITTLE HILLS 2023

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 52nd annual Festival of the Little Hills right here in St. Charles, MO from **Friday, August 18th-Sunday, August 21st**. The Festival showcases over 300 arts and craft vendors and more than 50 non-profit organizations provide a variety of culinary delights, our very own SCPC as one of them with our infamous ice cream sandwiches. As is often said and also true, it takes a village to come together, make the ice cream sandwiches and sell them at the festival. And that is where our church community can come together in making this endeavor work! Volunteers are needed for making the sandwiches, setting up the booth, working a shift (or two) during the festival, and tearing down the booth and clean up afterwards. In the next few weeks, be on the lookout for sign up sheets in the Narthex for all of the volunteer positions. In the meantime, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the church office at 636 946-4467, Monday-Thursday, 8:30-12:30, or Scott Carey at 314 220-0045. Festival of the Little Hills is a family oriented festival and there is fun for all. For more information on the Festival, and to see their list of vendors and food selection for this year, visit their website at festivalofthelittlehills.com.



Festival of the Little Hills
August 18-20, 2023
Friday 4:00-10:00
Saturday 9:30-10:30



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One flag, one land, one heart,
one hand, one nation evermore!"
- Oliver Wendell Holmes



JULY LUNCH BUNCH

Join others for good food
and fellowship on
Wednesday, July 19th,
11:30 am at Braddens's on
Main Street. Everyone is
welcome!



515 South Main St.
St. Charles, Mo 63301

Please let the church know if we
have forgotten your birthday or
have the wrong date. Thank you!

"If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether
and have an extra July instead." - Roald Dahl

July 4: Independence Day, Church Office
closed; no Book Club

July 12: PEO, 12:30-3:00,
Java with Jesus area

July 19: Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Bradden's

July 20: No Session or Deacon's Meetings



WEEKLY:

Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

Tinkers, Tuesdays at 8:00 am, meet at the church

AA Groups: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm; Saturdays, 10:00 am; both groups
meet in the Parlor

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 7 Howard Seeds | 28 Judith Conrad |
| 8 Sandi Geno | 29 Lisa Brown |
| 9 Brooke Scott | 31 Julie Day |
| 10 Melissa Gingrich | 31 Artie Day |
| 10 Candee Seeds | |
| 11 Tyler Mersnick | |
| 12 Shawn Nagel | |
| 12 Julie Babcock | |
| 14 Hallie Gardener | |
| 16 James Carroll | |
| 17 Paul Raffel | |
| 17 Carol Brown | |
| 23 Wayne Matthews | |
| 24 Emma Carey | |
| 26 Owen Southard | |
| 26 Colleen White | |



Happy Birthday to everyone born
in this hot summer month! May
the coming year bring you joy and
love beyond what you have known
before. May God's love and care
for you be present every day, not
just your birthday.



Things to Look for in the Life of our Church Community

School Supplies Drive for FISH: This is sponsored by the Deacons and will take place during the month of July. See page 4 for the complete list.

July Deacon Offering-Missouri USO: This offering will be taken on July 23rd. See page 4 under the **Deacon's Corner** for more info.

Festival of the Little Hills: August 18th-21st, Main Street and Frontier Park, St. Charles, MO. Don't miss out on our ice cream sandwiches!

"You are my neighbor. I commit to seeing your humanity first then ask questions later. You are my neighbor and I am here to care for you in ways that are tangible and loud."

— Shannan Martin, Start With Hello

The Church received this note from the family of Bob Elmore:

The family of Bob Elmore acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy

Thank you to all our church family for your prayers and sincere concerns during Bob's surgeries and hospital stay, as well as the special memorial.

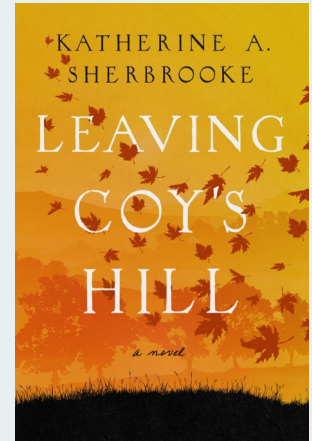
Peace and Blessings,

Carlene Elmore



A memorial service for Mary Colaw will be held on Wednesday, July 12th, 11:00 am, at Baue Funeral Home at 620 Jefferson St., St. Charles, MO. Ronnie will be leading the service. In lieu of a luncheon, the Deacons have donated \$100 to the Youth Group of SCPC in honor of Mary. Mary passed away on April 17, 2023 and was a member of our church for many years.

There is no Book Club for the month of July, but you can take this opportunity to get a head start on their selection for August!



Leaving Coy's Hill is a remarkable story based on the life of abolitionist and pioneering feminist Lucy Stone. "Based on true events, it is a timeless story of women's quest for personal and professional fulfillment within society's stubborn constraints."

—from Amazon's website

Sounds fascinating! Don't miss out!

Book Club will meet Aug. 1st at 1:00 pm in the Java with Jesus area.



Faithful Deacons serving lunch at Salvation Army, May 31st: Christiana Manyanye, Nancy Brakeman, Julie Babcock, and Ruthie Farrell

FISH=Friends In Serving Him

FISH is located at 1150 Cave Springs Estates Dr., and accepts donations on Weds. & Saturday from 8:30-11:30. If the heat index is higher than 95° the dock will be closed.



For more information about the USO and the people they have helped, visit their website at uso.org/stories.

WHAT DEACONS HAVE BEEN DOING (and they've been "doing" a lot!)

The Deacons of SCPC have been busy! They recently have completed several projects and are working on more this summer. They could use our help and support whether it be a donation to one of their monthly collections, or participation in one of their service projects. The following is a list of what they've been actively doing to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ:

- **May:** partnered with H2O to provide snacks/drinks for the Field Day at Success Campus
- served lunch at Salvation Army in St. Charles
- **June:** VBS support with Heifer, matched donation bringing the total to \$838!
- **July:** FISH School Supply Drive
- USO Missouri special offering July 23rd

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FISH



Spiral Notebooks, wide and college ruled

Pocket folders

3 ring Binders

Notebook paper, wide and college ruled

Crayons

Elmer's glue, small bottles or sticks

Round-tipped scissors

Pencils and extra tip erasers

Block erasers

Pencil zip bags

Pens

Rulers

Mini-staplers & refill boxes

Index cards

Backpacks: youthful colors/patterns for younger students; solid color, adult size for older students

DEACONS MISSION COLLECTION FOR JULY: MISSOURI USO

The USO provides programs, entertainment, and services at more than 250 centers worldwide. Centers provide a place where service members can connect to loved ones via Internet or phone, enjoy a movie or video game, and just relax. They help to keep service members connected to their family, home, and country; deliver support to those stationed abroad; provide entertainment tours; and help with transitions through various times of members' service. The Missouri USO is located at Lambert International Airport. The collection will be taken on July 23rd.

1. **Marcy's Meals**-to feed those in need and educate how to incorporate healthy options on a budget. Once-a-month meals are provided January-October and include ingredients, recipes, shopping lists for 4-5 dinners, a breakfast and fruit for under \$60.
2. **Marcy's Milestones**-provides birthday celebrations for nursing home residents in 8 local nursing homes. Each resident receives a mini-Bundt cake and birthday card.
3. **Marcy's Kids**-support for kids in need that includes a Holiday Market, Birthday Club, Easter Basket project, Halloween costumes and prom and homecoming dresses and suits.
4. **Marcy's Market**-the market provides free clothes, shoes, personal care items, home goods, baby needs and accessories. All that is required is an appointment and form filled out.

For more information and to volunteer, visit
www.marcysproject.org

FISH FOOD PANTRY LIST FOR JULY

Household Items:

Laundry Soap
Dishwashing Soap
Female hygiene products
Deodorant
Body Wash
Shampoo & Conditioner
Towels-bath or hand

Pantry Items:

Mashed Potatoes
Hamburger Helper
Cake mixes, any kind
Pie filling
Yams
Pancake Mix & syrup
Mayo/Mustard
Jelly
*Applesauce



Your continued support of the Fish Food Pantry is vitally important and much appreciated. It is a way for each of us to share the good news of God's love and provision for all of us.

*item urgently needed



HEARTS AND HANDS TO OTHERS

**...in our Community,
nation, and world**

VBS Mission Update:

VBS participants and SCPC gave \$838 to support Heifer International through these purchases:
1 heifer
1 goat
1 sheep
1 hive of honeybees
3 flocks of chicks
WOW! What an impact your generosity made!
Thank you!



Blessed are we, who say,
okay God, you're going to
need to help me wake up
to the music,
the movement
and the color of living.

The wonder of the lily,
the mystery and power of the
tiniest seed,
cracked open,
doing what it was always
destined to do.

Bloom.

Blessed are we who say,
wake me too, God,
I'm awake.

*from the poems of Kate Bowler

A BLESSING FOR WAKING UP TO SUMMER



"Wonder is the heaviest element on the periodic table.
Even a tiny fleck of it stops time." —Diane Ackerman

Put yourself where love and beauty can reach you.
That's the summer for you.



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