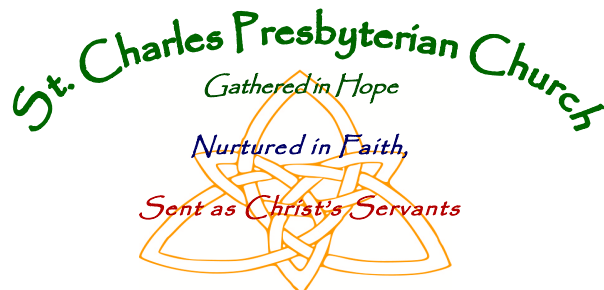


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FESTIVAL OF THE LITTLE HILLS

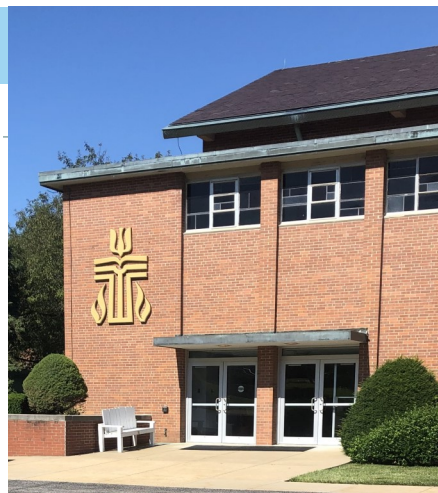
SCPC ICE CREAM BOOTH

The Festival is right around the corner and we need all hands on deck to make our famous ice cream sandwich booth a success. Don't miss out on the fun while making money for our church that will provide opportunities for mission and ministry work.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- * **Wednesday, August 16th**, 6:30 pm, Midtowne Market- we will meet to assemble the ice cream sandwiches. Come and stay as long as you can. Lots of helpful hands are needed!
- * **Thursday, August 17th**, 2-3 helpers are needed to move the freezer from the church to the area behind The Glass Workbench.
- * **Friday, August 18th**, 9:00 am, helpers are needed to meet at the church to take the tent and other items to Main St. to assemble the booth.
- * **Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, Aug. 18-20**, shift workers are needed for the booth
- * **Sunday, August 20th**, 5:00 pm, helpers are needed to tear down the booth and return everything to the church

Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex. There are several opportunities to serve in small ways. Please contact Scott Carey, 314 220-0045, if you have any questions.

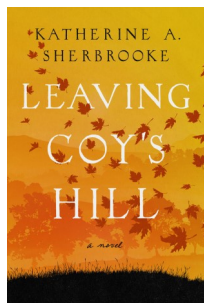


Fête des Petites Côtes Saint Charles, Missouri

August 18-20, 2023
Friday 4:00-10:00
Saturday 9:30-10:30
Sunday 9:30-5:00

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Book Club meets Tuesday,
Aug. 1st, 1:00 pm, in the
Java with Jesus area.
Everyone is welcome!

“August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms.”
— Victoria Erickson

August 1: Book Club, Java with Jesus area, 1:00 pm

August 9: PEO, Java with Jesus area, 12:30-3:00 pm

August 16: Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am,

Magpie's Cafe

August 18-20: Festival of the Little Hills

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



AUGUST LUNCH BUNCH

Magpie's
CAFE
ST. CHARLES, MO

903 South Main Street
Wednesday, August 16th
11:30 am

Join others from our church community for great food from one of the oldest restaurants on Main St. This is a great opportunity for fellowship with one another.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Donna Towers
- 4 Margaret Osborn
- 6 Paul York
- 7 Emily White
- 7 Pat Peters
- 8 Betty Blanton
- 10 Joe Medlock
- 14 Luna Gingrich
- 18 Marilyn Patterson
- 19 Dara York
- 20 Joshua Sproul
- 20 Sue Barklage
- 21 Phil Gnolfo
- 27 Jacob York
- 28 Kayla Miller
- 29 Kari Horn
- 31 Jayden Wilson



Happy Birthday to all of you born this summer month! We celebrate your life and wish you many blessings for the year ahead. May you know God's love and peace in new ways and may you have an extra helping of ice cream without guilt!

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



Upcoming and Ongoing Events in the Life of our Church

School Supplies Drive for FISH: This is sponsored by the Deacons and continues through August. for a complete list, see p. 4 or the bulletin announcements on Sundays.

Festival of the Little Hills: August 18th-20th, Main Street and Frontier Park, St. Charles, MO. Don't miss out on our ice cream sandwiches! Support SCPC through one of the volunteer positions or by purchasing some ice cream sandwiches.

Fall Schedule for our Church: The Children and Adult Spiritual Formation classes will begin Sunday, September 10th. This will be our kick-off to the school year so look for more information upcoming in the bulletin announcements and the September newsletter. Lots to look forward to!

The Gift that Lasts 1818 Founders' Legacy Society

The Legacy Society of the St. Charles Presbyterian Church provides an opportunity for church members to bequest a gift to make an enduring statement of faith. It is a way to give over and above other funded activities through the annual operating budget.

A Cash-Free Way to Protect the Church You Love

Your wealth is not just dollar bills. The majority of estates in America are made up of homes, stocks, retirement benefits, and insurance policies. Do you have a plan for how your estate will be distributed? One popular tax-savvy solution is to **be charitable**.

Two Benefits of Giving Your Assets as Charitable Gifts

1. You qualify for a charitable deduction for the current fair market value of the asset.
2. You do not pay capital gains tax on the asset.

These types of assets include stocks, bonds, mutual funds or others that you have held for more than one year and have grown in value. This is one of the simplest and smartest ways to put your assets to the most good. Please notify the church office of your decision so your wishes can be carried out as intended and allow the church to thank you for your gift.

“While an individual relationship with Jesus is an important part of the Christian life, it is not the sum total of the Christian life. Our relationship with God is never less than an intimate relationship with Christ, but it is always more than that. Christians through history- Protestants, Catholics, and Orthodox alike-have confessed that it is impossible to have a relationship with Christ outside of a vital relationship with the church, Christ’s body and bride. John Calvin said, (drawing on Paul’s language in Galatians 4), “He can no longer have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother.”

* Tish Harrison Warren, from her book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*.



UPDATES FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

For many years, Parkview Gardens has supplied and delivered beautiful floral arrangements for our church and they will continue to do so for any of you who choose to use them. However, due to increasing prices for them, they have raised their delivery fee to \$15.95. This makes their large arrangement \$70.95 and their small arrangement in a vase \$55.95. Please contact the church office with any questions that you might have.

There are SCPC t-shirts and sweatshirts in the office for pick-up. They are located on the table just outside the office door. Please call Bev or Kenda in the office if you have any questions. Thank you!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FISH



*Deacons will collect these items through August.

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 OFFERING

You generously gave \$295 and the Deacons gave \$100 making the total \$395! Thank you for your generous support of this valuable organization.





FORT ZUMWALT EAST SNACK SHOP

Popcorn
Capri Sun
Kool-Aid Jammers
Peanut Butter crackers
Cheese crackers
Mac 'n' cheese microwavable
bowls
Pop Tarts
Breakfast Bars
Individual Chip bags

**School begins August 21st,
so let's show our support by
stocking their shelves. For
any questions, please see
Margaret Osborn.**

FISH: FRIENDS IN SERVING HIM



FISH has been serving the St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren counties since 1969. They were founded to serve the needy. They provide emergency assistance in the form of food, clothing, housewares, and linens. They distribute a yearly average of over 60,000 clothing units and 3,000 pairs of shoes. In addition, linens and housewares are also provided to over 5,500 adults and children and food orders are included in approximately 2/3's of those orders. FISH helps to support schools in the Fort Zumwalt and Francis Howell school districts in our area and many more in Lincoln and Warren counties. They receive referrals from local churches, schools, and social service agencies, and they operate a thrift store that is open to the public. Because of the generosity of many of their donors, such as SCPC, they rarely have to purchase non-perishable food items or clothing for their referrals. FISH continues to be operated solely by over 80 volunteers, many who work 2 or more shifts per week. If you are interested in volunteering, you can call 636 447-5482, to set up a time for a tour.

There are times when their supply of household items gets wiped out due to the needs of a large family. They are currently experiencing one of those times and are in need of dishes, utensils, towels, bed sheets, blankets, pillow cases, and sleeping bags. If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated.



HEARTS AND HANDS TO OTHERS

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

FISH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST:

Canned Baked Beans
Potatoes, canned or
boxed
Canned Pears
Shampoo

**“Not all of us can do
great things, but we can
do small things with
great love.”**

Mother Teresa



A SUMMER OF PSALMS

*adapted from the writings of Emily P. Freeman

We seem to always be navigating what is true about God, who is the God that Jesus knows, not just the form of God that we've inherited and are accustomed to, but the true, mysterious, majestic, personal God who is love and goodness, beauty, wisdom, compassion, hope, and so many other things. The Psalms are a place to find all of that. They make room and hold space for every possible human experience. They are songs and poems written by those who are angry, heartbroken, bereft, elated. The words are a refuge, a record, a reality of human life in all its complexity. The Psalms are proof that God can handle all of what we are, what we feel, what we long for, even if what we long for might be revenge or destruction. They are meant to be proof of life. They provide comfort and wisdom, beauty and strength.

We are looking for God in the cracks of our lives, in the wide open spaces of our joys and the painful fissures of our brokenness. In the Psalms, we see that happening. Maybe a summer spent reading the Psalms can be a place where you see and meet God. It could be a holy tension, or a disruption, a challenge, or an awakening; but I can promise, it will not be a waste of time. Make time to just read your favorite psalms and spend time with the One who loves you most.

*a great resource to start is The Next Right Thing podcast



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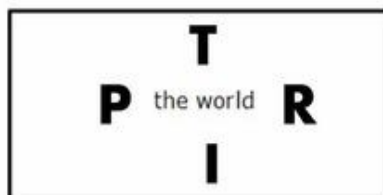
Try to solve these rebus puzzles. What are the words, letters, and pictures saying?



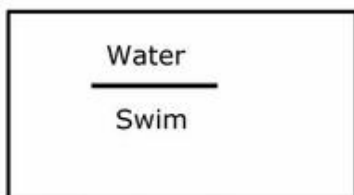
Hint: Fairy tale character



Hint: I can't tell you, it's...



Hint: Dream vacation



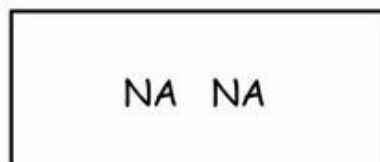
Hint: Scuba divers do this



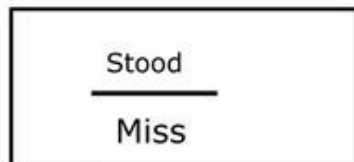
Hint: Family member



Hint: Squirrels climb here



Hint: Seafood



Hint: Word with the prefix mis-