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**Keeping You Informed
June 2025**

From the desk of Rev. Doris Evans

Grace and peace to you! *Schools Out For Summer!* Some of us may remember that Alice Cooper tune of the 70's that has continued to be one of the most played songs throughout the generations, even if that is the only line that is sung.



Summer is also a time where we take time off from our regular events like Bible Studies and Sunday School hopefully to let what we have learned over the past few months sink in and begin to make a difference in our lives. During the months of June and July we will look at some of the lesser talked about prophets, such as Amos, Hosea, and letters of Paul such as Colossians and Galatians.

This is also ordinary time. Ordinary time is a seasons of the church year when the church celebrates the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The sanctuary colors turn to green and is our summer season. School may be out for the summer but we will continue to worship, praise, and pray at our regular worship time of 10:45am and with special services and events.

Happy Father's Day to all the men who have nurtured, mentored, and coached someone in their lives.

"...but the word of the Lord endures forever". That word is the good news that was announced to you. 1 Peter 1:25 NRSV-UE

Peace and Gratitude! Rev. Doris

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June Calendar of Worship

First Quarter Focus – Hunger, Food, Thirsty, Clothing
Second Quarter Focus – Stranger, Refugee, Homeless

Our Sunday 10:45am worship services are traditional and are now available live stream, on YouTube, and on Facebook. We also have The Last Sunday contemporary worship service at 4:00pm.



June 1, 2025
Acts 16:16-34
John 17:20-26

June 15, 2025
Proverbs 8:22-31
John 16:12-15

June 29, 2025-AM Service
Psalm 6
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

June 8, 2025
Genesis 11:1-9
John 14:25-27

June 22, 2025
1st Kings 19:1-15a
Galatians 23-29

June 29, 2025 – PM Service
5th Sunday TBA

Please contact Deacon of the Month, Kathy Pool, (620) 290-2760, if you have any needs.

Please have newsletter information in the church office by the 21st of each month. Thank you!

Committee News

Christian Education

Your Christian Education committee is Becky McVey, Kurt Peterson, Pat Sanders, Aryika Watson, C.E. Director and Andre Wallace, Young adult Coordinator. Pastor Doris also attends the meetings, giving recommendations and oversight.

We meet monthly to discern opportunities to learn more about our God; how can we be better disciples; how do we teach others about God's love and mercy.

Aryika prepares a C.E. moment during worship that is wrapped around one of the lectionary texts for that Sunday. It's not intended to be a sermon, just some thoughts about the scripture and how we might put it to use in our everyday life. Andre is out and about in the community, spreading the love of Christ, inviting others to get to know Jesus.

We are planning. What would help you be a better disciple? Bible Study group? Book study? Coffee or brunch? Please let us know your thoughts.

In Matthew 25, Jesus calls us to welcome a stranger, visit the sick and imprisoned. To do these things we must be willing to look outside our congregation at those in need.

Jesus left us with many gifts. Let's use them!
Blessings, Mrs. Pat

Mission & Outreach

Emmaus House

We provide Emmaus House meals on the 1st and 5th Wednesday of each month. There is a sign up list on the counter in the office.



Stewardship

Have you checked out the new skylight in the Atrium! If you were to come to the front of the Sanctuary, you can clearly see the Jesus stained glass in the balcony.

American Red Cross blood drive
June 20, 2025 10-3

Personnel

The Personnel Committee consists of Mary Buchele, Pat Sanders and Pastor Doris Evans. We meet as needed to keep our policies and procedures up to date, to help with staff issues, including hiring and termination. We can also answer questions. Recently a member asked why we kept the doors to the sanctuary open during worship. They noted that occasionally there was "a lot of noise" out in the rest of the church.

Well, the reason is Safety. If someone comes into the church through the west doors with the intention of doing harm, we will not see them until it might be too late. By leaving the doors open, those sitting up in the chancel area can "see" west door and atrium activities.

We share space and worship time with Faith Community Church. We all do our best to be respectful of each other, but sometimes there is "Joyful Noise".

I'm sure those members sitting up closer to the front of the church would welcome those who sit in the back, but maybe it's just about giving grace when needed. Thank you for asking those questions!

Deacons

Deacons are also reaching out to Florence Wilson so that we can provide snacks and drinks for summer school students like last year. God Loves You! Blessings, Aryika and Ken.

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June Meeting Schedules



June 1 @ Noon
Worship & Prayer Committee Meets

June 10 @ 10:00am
M & O Committee Meets

June 12 @ 4:30
Deacon Committee Meets

June 16 @ 6:30
Stewardship Committee Meets

June 23 @ 6:30
Session Committee Meets

August 17 @ Noon
Christian Education Meets

Sept 11 @ 9:30
PW Circle Meets

Upcoming Activities for United Presbyterian Church

June 7, 2025
Leadership and Staff Retreat
Endowment Center
Garden City Community College

June 8, 2025
Potluck Dinner
Bring a friend and a dish to share

June 15, 2025
Happy Father's Day

June 20, 2025
Red Cross Blood Drive

June 21, 2025
Children's Mercy Hospital and Univ of Missouri
Latino Adolescent and Parent Event
9am – 430pm

June 21, 2025
Better Together – Pride Day
Steven's Park 11 am – 2:00pm

June 24, 2025
For Women by Women
6:30pm

June 29, 2025
5th Sunday Service