

Presbyterian Voice

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SOME THOUGHTS ON RESPONSIBILITY by Becky Burris

How many times over your lifetime have you heard; “When you become a responsible adult...” Or you may have heard “You are not responsible enough yet to...”

RESPONSIBILITY is a big word for when you become a big boy/girl and have earned the responsibility. Ah, looking back, I don’t really want to be a responsible grown up! But I wanted the responsibility/fun of having a driver’s license. I want to have a pet, a house, a car, a job and to travel. All of the fun things of being a grown up, I wanted.

Then when I became a mother; now I am responsible for two more lives besides my own! I was responsible for teaching them to walk, talk, and feed themselves. Manners and hygiene were my responsibility to teach Ryan and Samantha.

What I failed to teach Sam became noticeable to me recently. Since she went off to college, I have gotten calls such as ‘How long do you boil an egg?’ or ‘I locked my keys in my car, what do I do now?’ I would have thought some things, like cooking, she would have learned by just paying attention to what I was doing. Neither she nor I realized the responsibilities that were to be passed on. Thank goodness there is still time for her or Ryan to call me for ‘how do I’ or ‘what do I do now’. That is, if I haven’t already been replace by Google. I will always feel responsible, although lessening over time, for my children.

Throughout my life, there has always been someone else older than me to be more responsible than me, for me. When I made a bad choice, I could always be the child and go to my mom and ask for advice or help. She would take that responsibility of guiding me back to a better choice. Then with her passing I began to feel the weight of life’s responsibility on my shoulders. I truly feel more like a responsible adult now because I have to be.

When I was asked to serve as Elder of the Month, I did not realize all of the responsibilities that this would entail. Each individual job/responsibility isn’t that much but if it was presented as a whole, would feel daunting and overwhelming to me. So, I concentrated on small parts/jobs and I have made it through the month.

When reflecting about this past month and my service as Elder of the Month, the thought came to me; what if God told Jesus that He was going to be responsible for ALL of humanity’s sin? That Jesus would have to be brutally beaten, suffer and die on the cross to take away our sin so that we could have eternal life.

Did Jesus say ‘Wait a minute, Father! I didn’t commit those sins! I don’t even know those people. Why me? I don’t want to take on all of that responsibility!’ Or did he take on the responsibility one small job/responsibility at a time until it was done?

I am in no way comparing being Elder of the Month to Jesus’ crucifixion. I am merely humbled by the experience and honored to serve you, my Church family in this way. And I thank Jesus for taking on that responsibility for all mankind.

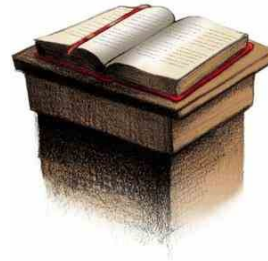
In Christ’s love,

Becky

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Lectionary For August

Prepare for Sunday Worship



Study the Bible readings prescribed for each week of the year

Study on your own

Relates the Bible & Sunday Sermon to your life

Date	Scripture
8/2	2 Sam. 11:26-12:13a; Ps. 51:1-12; Eph. 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
8/9	2 Sam. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ps. 130; Eph. 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
8/16	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Ps. 111; Eph. 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
8/23	1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Ps. 84; Eph. 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
8/30	Song of Sol. 2:8-13; Ps. 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

This Month!

Happy Birthday!

8/1-- Olivia Knox
 8/12-- Nathan Swilley
 8/12-- Sarah Halcomb
 8/18-- Ruth Talkington
 8/22-- Dana Duncan
 8/25-- Jennifer Swilley
 8/31-- Kristy Boney



ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Phyllis Hook

CHURCH OPENER:

Bill Kahl

CHURCH GREETER:

Sharon Kahl



Happy Anniversary!

8/1-- Farrell & Elaine Sexson
 8/1-- Alex & Kristy Boney
 8/7-- Jason & Deborah Ku
 8/8-- Cris & Carrie Brockman
 8/9-- Brian & Kathy Dinges
 8/20-- Bob & Pat Sudhoff
 8/25-- Chris & Lauren Knox

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:00 Sun. School 11:15 Worship Svc	3 8:00 AA Meeting	4 9-12 C. Closet	5 11:30 Al-Anon Mtg	6 6-7:30 C. Closet 8:00 AA Meeting 8-9 Al-Anon Mtg.	7	8
9 10:00 Sun. School 11:15 Worship Svc	10 8:00 AA Meeting	11 9-12 C. Closet	12 11:30 Al-Anon Mtg	13 10:00 Wilber Pest 6-7:30 C. Closet 8:00 AA Meeting 8-9 Al-Anon Mtg.	14	15
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23 10:00 Sun. School 11:15 Combined Worship Svc 12:15 Fellowship Dinner	24 8:00 AA Meeting	25 9-12 C. Closet	26 11:30 Al-Anon Mtg	27 6-7:30 C. Closet 8:00 AA Meeting 8-9 Al-Anon Mtg.	28	29
30 10:00 Combined Worship Svc at Holden Brunch before the service at 9:00	31 8:00 AA Meeting					

RELATIONSHIP TEAM

Team Members: Carrie Brockman
 Cher Carpenter
 Ruth Talkington
 Jennifer Swilley
 Phyllis Hook
 Bill Kahl- Lay Clergy Representative

Relationship Team- ministers to the congregation and the community by caring for church members, building up the church in fellowship, and reaching out to others in mission and service.

We take care of the following:

- 1.) Fellowship Activities:
 Fellowship dinners
- 2.) Shepherd's list
 Reaching out to members who have been absent
 Caring for members in crisis (death, illness, etc.)
- 3.) Worship Needs

MEET YOUR SHEPHERDS! Your Shepherd will be contacting you in the near future. The purpose of the Shepherding Ministry is to improve the level of care of our congregation.

Do let your Shepherd know if you have a concern.

We want to know!

Group 1 - Jennifer Swilley
 Group 2 - Carrie Brockman
 Group 3 - Ruth Talkington
 Group 4 - Cher Carpenter

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A big thank you goes to all the people that help with the Fellowship Dinners. We really appreciate all of you!!

The Relationship Team

A Partnership of Prayer

August 2, 2015 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Deepwater Presbyterian Church, Deepwater, MO

Ms. Pam Robbins, Clerk of Session

Easton Presbyterian Church, Easton, MO

Ms. Connie Kerns, Clerk of Session

August 9, 2015 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Effingham Union Church, Effingham, KS

The Rev. Jeffrey Cochran, Pastor

Mr. Mike Pangburn, Clerk of Session

Ms. Mary Kay Barnett, Secretary

First Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, MO

The Rev. Elaine Loggi, Pastor

Ms. Kay Smith, Clerk of Session

Ms. Sandy Rhoades, Secretary

Iglesia Manantial delVida, La Cumbre

The Rev. Melchoir Oxlaj

August 30, 2015 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Presbyterian Church, Holden, MO

The Rev. Jason Ku, Pastor

Ms. Laura Atkins, Clerk of Session/Secretary

Calvary Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO

Mr. Dan Washburn, Clerk of Session

Iglesia Salem, La Cumbre

The Rev. Juan Lopez

August 16, 2015 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Freeman Presbyterian Church, Freeman, MO

Mr. Keith W. Cook, Clerk of Session

Gallatin Presbyterian Church, Gallatin, MO

Ms. Mildred "Rosie" Litton, Clerk of Session

August 23, 2015 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, KS

The Rev. Bonnie Graboski, Interim Pastor

Mr. Ron Crabbs, Clerk of Session

Ms. Shera McDowell, Secretary

St. Matthew Presbyterian Church, Grandview, MO

Mr. William P. Howard, Commissioned Ruling Elder

The Rev. Albert D. McDowell, Pastor Emeritus

Ms. Bonnie Hines, Clerk of Session

Ms. Shera McDowell, Secretary

First Presbyterian Church, Higginsville, MO

The Rev. Donald G. Sturgess, Pastor Emeritus

Mr. Alan Bear, Clerk of Session

Ms. Colleen King, Secretary

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Pastor Ku will be on vacation the last two weeks in August. During that time, we will have combined services with the Holden Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday, August 23rd, the service will be here at the regular time of 11:15 with a pot luck to follow. So, the Fellowship Dinner has been moved to the 4th Sunday this month instead of the 3rd. The Holden Presbyterian Church will join us. Please bring a dish to share.

The Holden Church will be doing the service at their regular time of 10:00 am, on August 30th, with a brunch before at 9:00 am. We are welcome to join them and bring a dish to share if you wish. The address is 501 S Main Street, Holden, MO. Come to the church at 8:30 if you would like to share rides. Call Ruth if you need a ride, and someone will come by your house.

We are looking forward to combining our services and fellowship.



Holy Communion

COMMUNION SUNDAY

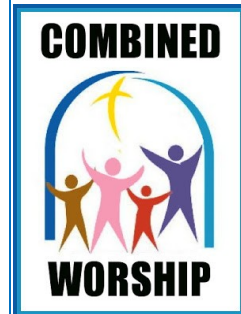
August 2nd



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August Fellowship Dinner will be August 23rd, 12:15 pm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



August 23rd

Pleasant Hill

10:00 Sunday School

11:15 Worship

12:15 Dinner

August 30th

Holden

9:00 Brunch

10:00 Worship

No Sunday school



PRAYER REQUESTS

Ken Meyer

Sharon Kahl

HOME BOUND

Edith Harrer

ON-GOING CONCERNS

George & Audrey Goodman

Bob Sudhoff

Bob Kimbrell

Bob Hook

John Armstrong

Judy Hickman

We invite you to join in the worship of God each Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m. We also invite you to participate in the prayers, fellowship, work and activities of this church. For more information about these opportunities to be involved in the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Hill, please speak with Pastor Ku, any member of Session or call the church office at 540-6179, email us at pleasanthillpresbyterian@gmail.com.

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 - 12:00 pm

Pastor Ku is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.



Sunday Morning Schedule
 Sunday School – 10:00 am
 Worship Service – 11:15 am

First Presbyterian Staff

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 Becky Burris, Clerk of Session
 Kathy Bergman, Church Secretary
 Jennifer Swilley, Church Treasurer
 Finley-Evans Sue, Organist

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Clothes Closet

Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

