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## August 2022 CALENDAR

MONDAY, August 1  
4:00 Dining out at Finish Line  
THURSDAY, August 4  
11:30 Women's Fellowship  
5:00 Women's Book Study  
SUNDAY, August 7  
10:00 Worship & Sunday school  
MONDAY, August 8  
ECHO INFORMATION DUE  
TUESDAY, August 9  
6:30 Church Council Meeting  
THURSDAY, August 11  
5:00 Women's Book Study  
SUNDAY, August 14  
BACKPACK BLESSING  
10:00 Worship & Sunday school  
MONDAY, August 15  
4:00 Christian Education  
WEDNESDAY, August 17  
7:00 Men's Fellowship  
THURSDAY, August 18  
5:00 Women's Book Study  
SUNDAY, August 21  
10:00 Worship & Sunday school  
THURSDAY, August 25  
5:00 Women's Book Study  
SUNDAY, August 28  
10:00 Worship & Sunday School

## FAITHFUL SERVERS FOR AUGUST

August 7  
Hopper Usher Team  
Lay Reader: Bonnie Terrell  
Nursery: Amy May  
Children's Church: Charlotte & Rayna Meyer

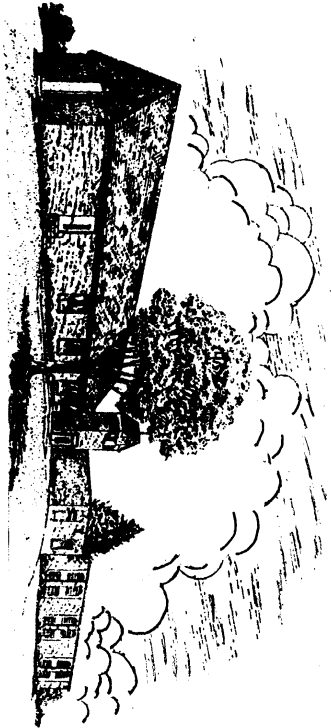
August 14  
Noble Usher Team  
Lay Reader: Carrie Schnorbus  
Nursery: Christie Kavanagh  
Children's Church: Stacy Spicer

August 21  
Bohle Usher Team  
Lay Reader: Jill Gillman  
Nursery: Charlotte & Rayna Meyer  
Children's Church: Dani Jetensky

August 28  
Wakeland Usher Team  
Lay Reader: Charlotte Meyer  
Nursery: Tammy Birkenbach  
Children's Church: Racheal Wakeland

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This is a prayer for wise and dedicated political leaders, asking that they have the imagination and strength to address the problems of our time. The prayer includes an option in [brackets] to identify particular issues and problems which are on your heart. Take time to pray this prayer and commit the issues that are important for you to God in this political season:

FOR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

God of history,  
 We yearn for [new] leadership,  
 For men and women of inspiration and insight,  
 Visionaries to build nations and communities  
 In Your image,  
 Stewards dedicated to justice,  
 Unafraid to face the challenges of our day,  
 [In particular, the challenge(s) of \_\_\_\_\_,]  
 So that our cities and countries resonate with  
 Compassion and health,  
 Justice and mercy,  
 Kindness and peace.

Bless our leaders  
 With dedication and foresight,  
 Fortitude and imagination  
 To solve the complex issues that threaten our future.  
 May they lead us to a time when neighbors embrace  
 And the communities thrive,  
 A time when liberty and equality  
 Reign supreme.

Source and Shelter,  
 Grant safety and security to all nations and communities,  
 So that truth and harmony will resound  
 From the four corners of the earth.  
 Let the light of wisdom  
 Shine brightly in the halls of power,  
 A beacon of hope  
 For every land and every people.

*Pastor Scott*

On a Sunday morning, much like this,  
 Tho' many years have gone,  
 The place on which we stand today,  
 A little Church was born.  
 The noble men who cut the logs  
 And raised the steeple high,  
 Now stand before the Throne of God  
 And watch the years go by.  
 Through cannons roar and rifle crack  
 And the sound of marching feet,  
 Upon the field of battle  
 The Blue and Gray did meet.  
 Tho' homes were torn and lives were changed  
 And things were not the same,  
 The little Church upon the hill  
 Stood thru all the pain.  
 And when the smoke settled  
 And they worked to heal the scars,  
 The little Church began a school  
 For teaching of the "R's".  
 And through the years, some good, some bad,  
 Our little Church did grow  
 When the seeds of love and friendship  
 Were planted long ago.  
 The years have past, (**8 score and 5**),  
 To bring us here today  
 To stand in Honor of those who served,  
 Each in a special way.  
 And now God has a new house  
 In which to Worship Him;  
 And wherever you may be today,  
 Reach out and touch a friend.

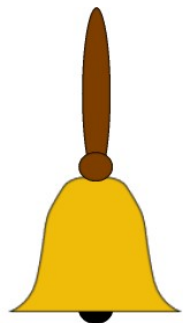
Mel Marshall



Greetings from your church council. Look forward to our annual kick off for the 2022-23 school year on August 14<sup>th</sup>, Backpack Sunday. Liz and Grace Green will do a presentation as a kick off for the school year. We are preparing to move into our October Fall Festival, though it may look a bit different. Terri Green has pulled this off so well in the past, she will lead us again into a successful year. In order to proceed with the Octoberfest, though, we need to renew our Safe Serv certificates and have two certified kitchen managers. Kathy Hopper is investigating the easiest way for people to do this. We are tossing around the idea of a Saturday session for a group at the Hoppers. This would give easy access to reliable internet and also a fun way to get certified together. As soon as we have the specific info worked out, you will receive notice so you can sign up. Please search your hearts. We have a council position opening in August. Our council offers a unique opportunity to actually see the behind the scenes working of the church. It's a valuable learning experience where you can work with diverse people offering many different opinions. Our dialogues are always open allowing us to see a bigger picture, and reach what we hope are the best decisions for the local church. We all bring different ideas to the table, but, together in our discussions, we are able to develop solutions that often alone we would never have even considered. If you are interested in joining this team, please let a council member know. Our church is a team of "we" not "me." Come join us!



The Peace Pantry is in need of the following items all year. Please feel free to donate these at any time: ketchup, mustard, jelly, sugar, flour, spices, cake mixes and icings, hamburger helper, rice-a-roni, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, instant potatoes, canned ravioli, or other like items.  
Thank you.



Children's Bell Choir and the Children's Chancel Choir will practice each Sunday morning at 9:45 before church upstairs in the nursery. The Choirs will perform the 2nd Sunday of each month and also the 5th Sunday, if there is one, during the worship service. We look forward to the children participating and sharing.



Children's Choir



A group of ten ladies met at the Old Dutch Mill restaurant in Washington on July 8th for a nice lunch. After lunch we gathered at the home of Debbie Prince for a short meeting and dessert. It was a fun gathering. A big thank you to Debbie for hosting us. Our August 4th meeting will be held at Frankie G's restaurant in Imperial. Join us there at 11:30am, or come to the church at 10:15 to carpool. That group will leave promptly at 10:30am. Please RSVP to Sandy Roland at 314-803-3030. All women of the church are invited to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of each month for a meal and lots of social interaction. Please come and bring a friend!

Respectfully submitted by  
Sandy Roland



The St. Martin's Men's Fellowship has been busy planning and preparing for an upcoming fundraising activity. The proceeds will go to The Shannondale UCC ministry mower fund. We have decided to offer raffle tickets to win a 3 Night Stay at "Wilderness Club at Big Cedar". You will find us at three locations!

- Aug. 12 Radacker's Market 3 pm to close
- Aug. 13 Buchheit's, House Springs
- Aug. 14 Church Narthex
- Aug. 19 Radacker's Market 3 pm to close
- Aug. 20 Buchheit's, House Springs
- Aug. 21 Church Narthex

\$5 per ticket, or 3 tickets for \$10 The Drawing will be held Labor Day weekend.

Win a 3 Night Stay at Wilderness Club at Big Cedar. Located on Table Rock Lake—15 minutes S/W of Branson, Missouri

### The Privilege of Stewardship

While on vacation, my husband and I walked along the beach and noticed a large, square patch of sand blocked off by a makeshift fence. A young man explained that he worked around the clock with a team of volunteers committed to guarding the eggs in each sea turtle's nest. Once the hatchlings emerged from their nest, the presence of both animals and humans threaten and decrease their chance of survival. "Even with all our efforts, scientists estimate that only one out of every five thousand hatchlings reach adulthood." These bleak numbers didn't discourage this young man. His passion for selflessly serving the hatchlings deepened my desire for respecting and protecting sea turtles. When God created the world, He provided a habitat in which each creature could live and thrive. When He created His image-bearers, God intended for us to "rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground" He helps us serve Him as responsible stewards who use our God-given authority to care for His vast creation.

Our Daily Bread

August 2022



## Youth Group

We have had a busy summer. Ten Youth and 3 adults went to Bayou la Batre, Alabama, June 26 through July 1 for a Mission Trip. The Bayou did not disappoint. We had a wonderful week. There were youth and leaders from five different churches for a total of 75 people. We stayed at the Bayou Community Center. We were with youth from Missouri (Jackson), Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and St. Martin's. We did various work related, community jobs throughout the week. We painted, cleaned up yards, created a gazebo, cleaned, and sorted books in the library, cleaned the concession stand at the Community Center and separated 1,670 pounds of food at the local food pantry. Our devotion times were wonderful and meaningful, we loved, laughed, and worked while praising and worshipping God! Our closing program was meaningful and emotional. We are looking forward to making a church presentation soon.

We were home a week then headed to Canoe Camp. We joined with a church from Camdenton again and once again had an amazing week. We had 19 youth and 7 leaders. Our theme was Holy Week. We ended the week with Easter Sunrise Service. Another meaningful camp.

Time to slow down for a few weeks and get ready to school. Another summer of memories, friendships, worship, and fun.

We wish all our graduates good luck as they get ready to leave home and go to college.

Terri, Donna, and Kathy

The Power of Words  
Read James 3: 9-18

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.  
Psalm 19:14

Words are powerful. Some words are a balm to our soul, while other words cut like a sharp knife. In an environment where God's Spirit does not abound, hurtful or destructive words often prevail.

Followers of Christ are called to reflect our faith in word and deed. Our teacher, Jesus, spoke words of comfort where there was loss, forgiveness where there was fault, solution where there was conflict, life where there was death, peace and hope where there was fear and anxiety. On several occasions Jesus spoke with compassion that changed lives forever.

Today, someone we know may need to hear words of hope, faith, and life. We can follow Jesus' example and use the power of words to share the good news.

## St. Louis Association Spring Meeting

The St. Louis Association Spring Meeting was held on May 12, 2022 via Zoom. There were approximately 90 people registered to join the meeting. A worship service was led by Kevin Anthony, pastor of Pilgrim UCC in St. Louis. The sermon was given by Rev. Mary Schaller-Blaufuss, vice president of Institutional Advancement at Eden Theological Seminary. Following worship was a presentation by speaker Rev. Cameron Trimble. The theme:

"Together, How do We Make a Difference?!" Rev. Cameron Trimble is the CEO of Convergence, an organization that supports the reshaping of congregations and leaders engaged in an inclusive, progressive theological vision for a more just world for all. She began her ministry as a congregational developer and has also been a pastor of four congregations in Atlanta, Georgia. An offering was received during the meeting. The offering will be split evenly between the Ukrainian Emergency Appeal of the Untied Church of Christ and The St. Louis Association Committee on Ministry: Preparation's Clinical Pastoral Education Scholarship Fund for our Association's Members in Discernment.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Sandy Roland, Delegate, St. Martin's UCC

The light of God surrounds me;  
the love of God enfolds me;  
the power of God protects me;  
the presence of God watches over me.

Wherever I am, God is.



## LOOK WHO IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY

80 + years

Venita Bohle 8/6

Roy Trigg 8/13

Jenny Stockton 8/18

Marge Robinson 8/20

Ed Kriska 8/27

## LOOK WHO HAS AN ANNIVERSARY

25 + years

Steve & Debby Utterback 8/11 49 years

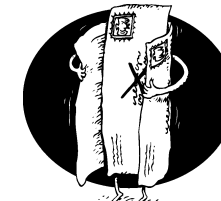
Glen & Kymm Frolos 8/14 29 years

Bill & Kathy Heincker 8/18 49 years

Charlie & Nancy Gau 8/24 54 years

Tom & Dawn Douglas 8/28 29 years

Gary & Cindi Kramme 8/29 41 years



## Change of Address

### Temporary change

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C/O Bryan Brooks  
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Woodbridge, VA 22191

Updated information will be passed on at a later date.



I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of you who have expressed your condolences in so many ways on the passing of our husband and father, Stokes Robinson. Your kindness is so very appreciated.

Love to all of you,  
Marge & family