



# The Vine

“O God of Hosts, look down from Heaven, and visit this vine which, we trust, Thy right hand hath planted. Watch over, protect, and defend it. Nourish it with the dews of divine grace, and cause it to grow and spread and flourish...”  
Also, refer to John 15:5 — “I am the vine, ye are the branches ... you to flee from the wrath to come?”

Sunday August 21, 2022

## Prayer Requests (Updated 8/18/2022)

- \*Barbara Edwards, Lesley Mitchell’s mother
  - \*Mark Dolny, stepson of Linda Dolny Lister
  - \*Carolyn Huey
  - \*Marie McCracken —Presbyterian Home, Clinton
  - \*Jennifer Bridges, daughter Allen and Patti Jenkins
  - \*Randy Smith—Langston House under Hospice care
  - \*Kaye Moore—Robyn Prince’s mother, receiving Immunotherapy
  - \*Mark Moore—Robyn Prince’s brother had successful surgery for blood clots in his lungs
  - \*Wes Roberts –great nephew of Connie Parker
  - \*Baby Boy Eubanks & Eubanks & Patterson families
  - \*Sarah Thompson - Rick Thompson’s mother fell and broke her hip
  - \*Jeanette George—successful surgery
  - \*Will DeLaney—Surgery on ankle
  - \*Janice Stroud—cancer surgery
  - \*Cathy Neal—broken bones
  - \*Mary Hamilton Burris —at home
  - \*Evelyn Watkins– Patti Jenkins’ mother palliative care
- Those at Martha Franks

**Erle & Betty Aiton, Marilyn Bronson, Betty Dailey back in rehab at Martha Franks & Nancy Cook Smith**

### Notes from Dr. Ken

Our Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 24, at 7:15, in the Choir Room. We need some of you to come join. We only need sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. This can be a great year for the Music Ministry, if you will come and help. You may not be here every week (Yes, I do expect every week). Therefore, we need enough folks to be able to present excellent worship music every Sunday, and lead in worship. Prayerfully consider this and come join on Wednesday, August 24 at 7:15 in the Choir Room. It is downstairs, beside the Boy Scout Room.

Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church:

*Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to that which is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*And now the grace, mercy and peace of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with us all this day, and forever.*

If you have in any way engaged in worship at FPC in the last 4+ years, you have heard these words of our charge and benediction. I did not write them, and indeed there is a great deal of history behind how they came to be a part of worship in our congregation as well as many more congregations throughout the years. These words are not simply the last few things said to offer a flowery “AMEN” to the worship service - they are a blessing for disciples, and a blessing is both gift and a sending. Over the next several weeks we will take a closer look at all that these words build upon in our worship and all that they send us “out into the world” to do.

With this in mind, you may expect to be “blessed out” at worship this week, but in a good way.

Because we are truly blessed and sent as disciples of Jesus Christ, know that you are loved.

Dr. Mike

## Rally Day!

Join us on September 11th at 9 am for an awesome morning of food, fellowship, and fun! You will have a chance to hear about the awesome things going on at FPC and see where you fit into our family puzzle this Fall.

We have extra backpack tags! If you would like one for your bag, they will be located on the long shelf across from Will's office.

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**Attention all WOC Circle Members**

Our circle year will Kickoff with a BANG on September 13th at 6:00 p.m. with a complimentary dinner hosted by Presbyterian Communities in Clinton. Should you need transportation, please call the church office at 984-6561. We will get you there!!! They are providing us a separate room for our dinner. Mike McCracken will be leading our first lesson in our series of study this year, Celebrating Sabbath! It will be a fun evening of food and fellowship. Please RSVP to the church to Caroline Barker by August 31st so we can put you on the list. For any questions call my cell 981-5267. Hope you will come. We always have fun!! Susan Todd, WOC Moderator P.S. Your circle leaders will be in touch with you when the circle books arrive!

***Flowers for the Church***

**USHERS**

August 21, 2022

*Philippians*

Chris Benson\*  
Julie Edwards  
Lloyd Hammond  
Marion Robinson

September 4, 2020

Matthew  
Lewis Matthews\*  
William Smith  
Kaye Richard  
Ron Richard

August 28, 2022

*Colossians*

Jordan Peeler\*  
Nathan Senn  
Shawn Brown  
Mike Fortune

September 11, 2022

Mark  
James Buchanan\*  
Neal Todd  
Betty Jo Bell

August 21, 2022

Charles & Diane Milam

August 28, 2022

Mike & Bootsie Milam

September 4, 2022

Lesley Mitchell

September 11, 2022

Kay Monroe

September 18, 2022

Thomas Moore