
Longwood Presbyterian Church

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FROM THE EDITORS:

Greetings to all,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, and was able to endure the miserable heat.

Labor Day always seems to mark the beginning of busier times. Check our calendars below for some of the upcoming events. And let us know when you have information to add.

This past month, our worship schedule included a 5th Sunday joint service at Covenant on August 30. Rev. Pam Sebastian had a great sermon, and toward the end of worship, Rev. Jeff Carter from La Plata, skillfully played “My Way” on the piano for us. Following worship, we enjoyed a noon meal that was fit for a king (enough food that you couldn’t call it “lunch”). After everyone was full, Rev. Carter took a few minutes to remind us about some of the benefits we share from being in Missouri Union Presbytery (various grants, coop insurance through Insurance Board, etc.) All in all, it was a wonderful day of fellowship.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee has been meeting about every two weeks with our General Presbyter, Barb Chalfant, plus members from other churches, to discuss how multiple churches teamed together with multiple pastors, might attract more applicants. It seems one of the problems with rural churches is that once a pastor is called, he or she finds they are isolated and working alone.

So recently, Barb has been working with us to look into becoming a larger group of churches where it would require multiple pastors, and then think about calling clergy couples or a combination of pastors to work together as a team.

At the same time, we recently met with a new candidate (via Zoom) who has skills in helping churches with forming new ministries. She is interested in coming to our churches but only as a transitional minister for a couple of years maximum,



meaning that she wants to help set up the ministry. So, there are some new issues on the table, and we will be working closely with the Commission on Ministry to help with the process. We will keep you informed when we have more concrete information.

—J. R. Greer

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW met on August 12th with 6 attending. Our Bible study was Lesson #3, “Freedom in Christ”, Scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 5-6. Becky Barnes was our lesson leader, thank you Becky. In our meeting we discussed coming events, which were:

- Fifth Sunday at Covenant, August 30
- PW September 9th with Shirley McMackin leading our bible study
- Lord’s Acre Sale, October 10th
- Twin Oaks Halloween October 17th

We then discussed what missions we would like to support. We decided to give a monetary gift to Open Door in the amount of \$200. We also have the wagon in the church entry to collect shelf goods to support the Open-Door Pantry. This is an ongoing mission for the whole church.

We also decided to start collecting needs for Pettis County R-V Elementary School. There will be a box in the back pew for these collections with a list of needs. We hope the whole church will contribute as they can. This helps not only the children in school that have needs but also the teachers or school having to purchase these extra needed necessities.

It’s not too early to be thinking about the Lord’s Acre Sale, time passes quickly and it sneaks up on us. If you have anything unusual you would like to contribute please let a session member know so it can be included in our advertisements.

The ladies of PW would like to invite any woman in the church to attend our meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Our meetings are very laid back. We have a Bible Study, a short meeting, lots of fellowship and, of

course, goodies to eat. Our main goal is friendship and mission. If any of your guys want to come, they are always welcome at the Greer house where some of our guys hold down the lounge chairs, visit, watch TV (nap) and have some goodies as well. Everyone is welcome.

Blessings, Sharon

PASTOR SUPPLY SCHEDULE

September

- September 6—Rev. Andrea Mockridge
- September 13—Rev. Dave Van Horn
- September 20—Rev. Wally Landrum, recorded
- September 27—Rev. Andrea Mockridge returns

October

- October 4—World Communion with Rev. Van Horn leading worship

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR LPC & COMMUNITY

September

- September 25—Northwest Pettis RV Highschool homecoming, celebrates their 25-year anniversary of the football team's creation

October

- October 3—Annual Northwest Alumni meeting. This year, meal will be lunch at 1:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. New class composite books are for sale--\$20.00 each.
- October 10—Longwood's Lord's Acre Sale, lunch at 11:30 a.m. and auction begins at 1:00
- October 10 Pettis RV FFA fish fry benefit 4:00 to 7:00 at the high school.
- October 17—Twin Oaks Halloween Street Celebration—LPC to provide candy station
- October 22 & 28—Elder training through MUP

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to keep the following folks in your prayers

- Charles Lawrence (recovering from a back procedure)
- Deb Olson (successful surgery, now rehab)
- Eva Nell Paxson (no recent info)
- Jeff Barnes (back problems)
- Mike Karrick

SESSION MEMBER NEEDED

Repeat notice:

It's that time of the year to be thinking about session member rotation. At our congregational meeting in January, the Nominating Committee will present at least one new member for the class of 2027.

If you, or any church member you know, would like to become a session member, please contact J. R. Greer to have your name placed on the nomination list.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Repeat Notice:

If possible, we would like to cease distribution through USP, due to the ever-increasing mailing costs.

If you have an email that you use, please let us know so we can add you to the list. You can also pick up a copy at the church, or you can read it on line at our website:

<https://www.longwoodpresbyterianchurch.com/>

HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT LABOR DAY, SEPT. 7, 2026

