



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF FULTON, MO

MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

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**WE ARE A MATTHEW 25
CHURCH!**

Building Our Faith.... Through These Waters!

WALKING WITH THE ANCESTORS

*A Summer Journey
Through Genesis!*

This summer, we will journey through the book of Genesis, traveling alongside Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Joseph. Through stories of faith, failure, promise, and grace, we will discover how God's covenant faithfulness shaped generations and continues to shape our lives today.

Worship & Reflection This Week!

Livestream on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@fpcfulton>

Sunday, July 12, 2026: The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year A)

Liturgical Color: Green

Usher Captain: Tim Baysinger

Acolyte: Brock Henry

Greeter: Whitney McCaulley

Live Stream/Sound: Shaun Spears & Shirley Dixon

Slide Management: Shirley Dixon

Liturgist: Tim Wilkerson

Worship Leader: Rev. Carol Pierson

First Scripture Reading: Proverbs 11:1

Second Scripture Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

From the Hymnal This Week

Hymn of Praise--#12 "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

Hymn of Praise--#32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Hymn of Response--#468 "In My Life"

Hymn of Sending--#748 "Go with Us, Lord"

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### **Additional Readings for The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

Psalm -Psalm 119:105-112

Gospel - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



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# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Carol Pierson, Pastor

Located at 718 Court Street in historic downtown Fulton, Missouri

## Sunday Worship Service

10:30 am

Adult & Children's Sunday School  
is on Summer Break through the  
2nd Sunday in August!

Watch this Space for our  
Summer Reading & Activity  
Suggestions!

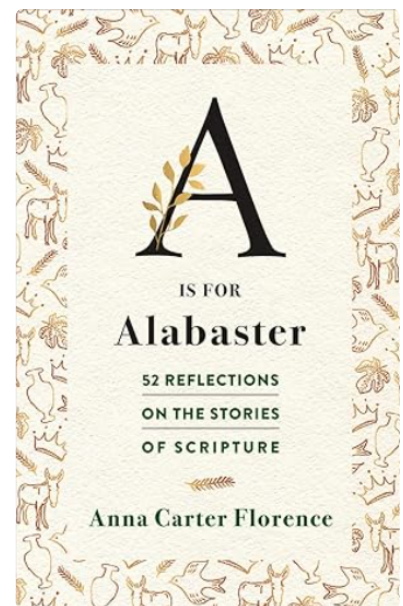


## Wednesday Morning Bible Study Has Reconvened.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group will reconvene on Wednesday, July 8, at 11 am. They will be reading and considering the Anna Carter Florence book, "A is for Alabaster: 52 Reflections on the Story of Scripture." To order a copy of the book, please contact Pastor Carol.

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"Every time people tell me they have decided to read the Bible straight through I put them on my prayer list, pretty sure their galoshes will fill with sand before they get halfway through the book of Joshua. Here, at last, is a better idea: enter the Bible through any of the fifty-two doors in this new abecedary by Anna Carter Florence, who will show you how much there is to gain from starting small and staying put with a few verses for a while. Whether her topic is an ax, a yak, or the queen of Sheba, she can sound as surprised as her reader to find how much is left to discover in a book we thought we already knew."



—Barbara Brown Taylor

Women of Faith is Taking a Summer Break...

Women of Faith will begin meeting again on

Saturday, September 12, 2026!

Take a short break from Saturday morning chores to be with friends. This group especially for women will gather in the church library at 10:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month to enjoy an hour of fellowship, Bible study, and discussion of outreach projects.

Contact Mary Powers (314-277-5440) with questions



July Missouri Union Presbytery Prayer Circle

Holy One, Creator of all that is, Lord and Savior of us all and sweet Spirit of grace, comfort and guidance,

We pray for our presbytery, Missouri Union. We are so blessed with faithful, gracious and dedicated people in our congregations. They serve you with grateful hearts often making a huge difference in their communities and beyond. Continue to help us thrive, to deepen our faith, to continue to reach out to all those Jesus loves, especially when they are abandoned, ignored or ridiculed by others. Bless us with good leadership, with the emergence of younger leaders to walk with us in faith and service to you. Especially listen and respond to the congregations who are looking for pastoral leadership. We know you will answer each one's prayer. Amen.





Join us for a night of treats & games!



Sunday, July 12
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
1915 N. Bluff St.

News From The Rock...

Hello everyone!

We hope you're having a great summer filled with fun and some well-earned relaxation. We've missed seeing you each week and would love to catch up!

We have a fun event coming up and hope you can join us. We're heading to Frostbite's Arcade & Creamery for an evening of games and fun.

Here are the details:

When: Sunday, July 12, from 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Where: 1915 N. Bluff St., here in Fulton

They have farm-fresh ice cream & sweet treats as well as food items like nachos, burgers, and hot dogs. There are also arcade games, pinball, pool, and air hockey. Drinks, food items, and games are all available for purchase, so bring some money along if you'd like. If you'd rather just come and hang out with your friends, there is no entry charge.

Feel free to invite your friends! The more, the better. Help us spread the word and make it a great night.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming summer events:

- TBD (waiting for the FMS schedule to be finalized): Middle School Pizza Lunch @ Brooklyn Pizza
- August 30: Welcome Back Pool Party
- September 6: The Rock Kick-Off Cookout Party

More details for each event will be shared as we get closer to the dates.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
OF FULTON, MO**

Make a Difference.
Inspire Faith.

TEACH CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL!



We're looking for 2-3
LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS
who love working with kids
and sharing God's love!



Sundays 10:30 – 11:30 AM
on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Sundays of the month
Beginning August 23



PAY: \$50 PER SESSION
Paid monthly

A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR:



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Studies
Majors



Social
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Majors

Grow your
faith, gain
experience, and
make an impact!



MATTHEW 25
We are a
Matthew 25 Church
Actively building
congregational vitality
and working for a
more just world.



**EARTH CARE
CONGREGATION**
We care for
God's creation
and our
community.

Be part of something
BIGGER!

INTERESTED? SEND YOUR RESUME TO:
Christian Education Elder Mary Van Orden
communications@fultonpresbyterian.org



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QUESTIONS?
To find out more
Find us on Facebook  or at
www.fultonpresbyterian.org





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Responding to Need... Through These Waters!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Help Us Share
HOPE & HYDRATION!

First Presbyterian Church
Free Little Cooler Ministry
Sharing Christ's love—one cooler at a time!

LOCATED DURING HOT WEATHER ON THE FRONT LAWN BENCHES

FREE Take One! Stay Cool!

WE ARE GRATEFULLY SEEKING DONATIONS

BOTTLED WATER	SPORT DRINKS (GATORADE OR POWERADE)	SNACKS (LANCE OR AUSTIN CRACKERS OR COOKIES)

Your generosity helps us bless our neighbors and show God's love in a practical way.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!
Help make a difference this summer!

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER OR TWO TO:

- Help with this short-term & emerging effort
- Someone with a church key to stock the cooler once a day
- We are blessed to have an ice machine in the kitchen to assist us
- Water & snacks will be in the kitchen

Thank you for helping us share refreshment, kindness, and the love of Jesus!

Bring Donations to Church This Week!

Bring Hope & Hydration Donations to Church This Week!

You may have seen Free Little Food Pantrys, Free Little Libraries, and even Free Little Clothing stations around town. This has us wondering what happens when our Missouri weather turns particularly warm and our unhoused neighbors are in deperate need of proper hydration? ***We hope they will check out the FREE LITTLE COOLER at First Presbyterian Church!***

Your help is needed to make this special seasonal ministry a reality.

Bring your donations of bottled water and non-perishable snacks to church on Sunday.

Volunteers are also needed to help keep the cooler stocked. If you can help, please contact Pastor Carol to get on the schedule!

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*SERVE Inc. Food Pantry needs to stock up
in anticipation of high needs this summer!*



**A Call to
Action for the
Little Red
Wagon!**

MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE!

FILLING THE LITTLE RED WAGON

Each Sunday our Young Disciples collect food in the little red wagon for donation to the SERVE, Inc. food pantry. There is a high need at this time for the following items:

- Plastic bags and egg cartons
- Edible seeds such as sunflower
- Nuts, individually packs or small to medium cans.
- High Protein Shelf-Stable Items –Top shelf-stable high-protein items include canned chicken with pull-tabs, tuna/salmon pouches, jerky, nut butters, and lentils. Other excellent options include protein powders, canned beans, soy nuts/edamame, and specialized products like ParmCrisps or protein bars. These provide versatile, nutrient-dense protein sources requiring no refrigeration.

Summer is a season with even greater need since children are out of school. The Food Bank is receiving less food which is also affecting SERVE.

LET'S FILL THE WAGON EACH WEEK!

URGENT NEED

AT

SERVE

FOOD PANTRY

Our shelves are running empty.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! ❤️

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.



MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned Vegetables
- Tuna and Canned Meats
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Other Shelf-Stable Foods



WE ALSO NEED BOXES!

We are especially looking for sturdy produce-style boxes like the banana box pictured. These boxes are essential for packaging and distributing food to the families we serve.



DROP-OFF LOCATION:
SERVE Food Pantry
4901 County Rd 304
Fulton, MO



DROP-OFF HOURS:
Monday-Friday
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



NEED A DIFFERENT DROP-OFF TIME?
Call 573-642-6388
to make special arrangements.

Every can, every box, and every donation makes a difference!



TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE NO FAMILY IN OUR COMMUNITY GOES WITHOUT FOOD.
Thank you for your support! ❤️



PLEASE SHARE THIS POST TO HELP US REACH MORE PEOPLE!



CAPITAL CITY
DIAPER BANK



**Baby Grace
Open House
Every 3rd
Friday
2-4 pm**

"I found Baby Grace during a hard time in my life. I saw something on Facebook. I am a single mom with 3 boys. I am in school so I can't work full time. Baby Grace helps me with diapers and wipes. It's such a big help to me."

-Bridget

First Presbyterian Church

718 Court St Fulton, Missouri



One of the things that makes Baby Grace Ministries such a success is donations from people in our church and throughout the community. Our church members continue to be generous and we invite you to bring those gifts to church each Sunday.

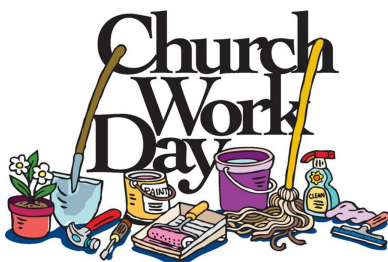
Please bring consumable supplies such as diapers, wipes, baby shampoo & bath products, clothing sizes Newborn to 5T, feminine hygiene products, and even toys & books to church. Place them in the Baby Grace Donation Box located in the Lobby!

Monetary donations may be made by check with the words **BABY GRACE** in the memo line to: First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 6030, Fulton, MO 65251.

We are building a legacy of Grace...

God Receives All Children Equally

**THE NEXT BABY
GRACE OPEN HOUSE
IS ON FRIDAY, JULY
17TH FROM 2-4 PM!**



Calling All Volunteers for a CHURCH WORK DAY - JULY 18!

The Property Committee is having a workday on July 18th starting at 9:00 AM and needs YOUR help.

The main project is replacing the parking bumpers, but we are also doing a couple other things inside.

If anyone has suggestions for other small projects, please contact Elder Shaun Speers at technology@fultonpresbyterian.org.

Book Fairy Project Donation Room Now at FPC!

The Book Fairy Book Project collects gently used children's books for redistribution to youngsters throughout our community. Books are made available through FECC as well as organizations such as Baby Grace, WIC, and Trends. First Presbyterian Church has dedicated a room for storage and preparation of donated books, and maintains a Book Fairy Pantry for distribution in the lobby and in the Baby Grace shopping area.

Right now Book Fairy Project director Susan Foglesong is working on acquiring more bookshelf space.

Do you have a bookshelf you no longer use? The Book Fairy Project has received enough donations they are now in need of bookshelves for storage. Just contact susanfoglesong5@gmail.com.



Moser's Receipts & Best Choice Labels: Winning Combo for Building Fund!



Your Dedication is Showing!

Saving your Moser's Discount Food receipts and the labels from Best Choice food items has resulted in adding money to our Building Fund.

Please bring the whole receipt tape to church and place them in the collection can located in the lobby

In addition, Best Choice labels are also being collected for the Best Choice Label Project. BUT, to redeem your collections for \$\$, we must have the whole UPC code on the label. Take a look at the samples here for reference.

Every label or register tape you turn in adds up!

(Please be sure your receipts are no older than one year old when you submit them for redemption.)

Thanks for bringing YOURS to church on Sunday!



CARING FOR EVERYONE? DON'T FORGET YOU. 988 IS HERE 24/7.

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Creating Community... Through These Waters!

In the Good Ole Summertime... We Eat Ice Cream Together!

CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS JULY 12TH!



We will have our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 12th following worship. You will build your own sandwich and ice cream sundae. Sandwich meat, bread, chips, condiments, ice cream, syrups, toppings, and drinks will be provided. We will eat outside and all you need to bring is a lawn chair! No need to bring a dish. If you forget your chair...you can bring one of the folding chairs from Fellowship Hall outside to sit on.

Do You Have a Prayer Request to the Congregational Care Committee!

If you have a prayer concern, you have several ways to let us know. You can click on the "Prayer Concerns" tab at the top of our website and the link will email our Congregational Care Chair, after you fill in the information. Arlys Kremer is the chair of

Congregational Care. You can call Arlys or email her (preferred method). There is also a link to the Congregational Care Committee (found under contacts) on our church website.

Arlys Kremer: 573-864-6120 or congregationalcare@fpcfulton.org



MISSOURI PRIMARY ELECTION

Key voting dates for the August 4, 2026

- JUN 23** **Absentee voting begins**
Application-based absentee voting begins.
Last day to request absentee ballot is July 22.
Mailed ballots must be received by 7 PM Aug 4.
- JUL 8** **Last day to register to vote**
Registration deadline for the August 4 primary.
- JUL 21** **No-excuse in-person voting begins**
Statewide start date: second Tuesday before Election Day.
- JUL 22** **Last day to request absentee ballot**
Request must be received by 5 p.m. by your local election authority.
- AUG 3** **Last day to vote absentee in person**
In-person absentee voting ends the day before the Election Day.
- AUG 4** **Election Day**
Polls open 6 AM-7 PM. If you are in line at 7 PM, you can vote. Mailed ballots must be in by 7 PM.

ABOUT "EARLY NO-EXCUSE VOTING" IN MISSOURI

Missouri's no-excuse in-person window is statewide: July 21–August 3. Locations, Saturday hours, and daily office hours may vary by county. Check your county clerk/election authority.

Sources: Missouri Secretary of State, Missouri Revised Statutes §115.277, local election authorities

A PRAYER FOR RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP.

LORD, KEEP THIS NATION UNDER YOUR CARE.
BLESS THE LEADERS OF OUR LAND,
THAT WE MAY BE A PEOPLE AT PEACE AMONG
OURSELVES
AND A BLESSING TO OTHER NATIONS OF THE EARTH.
HELP US ELECT TRUSTWORTHY LEADERS,
CONTRIBUTE TO WISE DECISIONS FOR THE GENERAL
WELFARE,
AND THUS SERVE YOU FAITHFULLY IN OUR
GENERATION,
TO THE HONOR OF YOUR HOLY NAME;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST THE LORD. AMEN.

BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP (WJK, 2018), 629

Cargiver Support Group Meets Every Third Thursday!

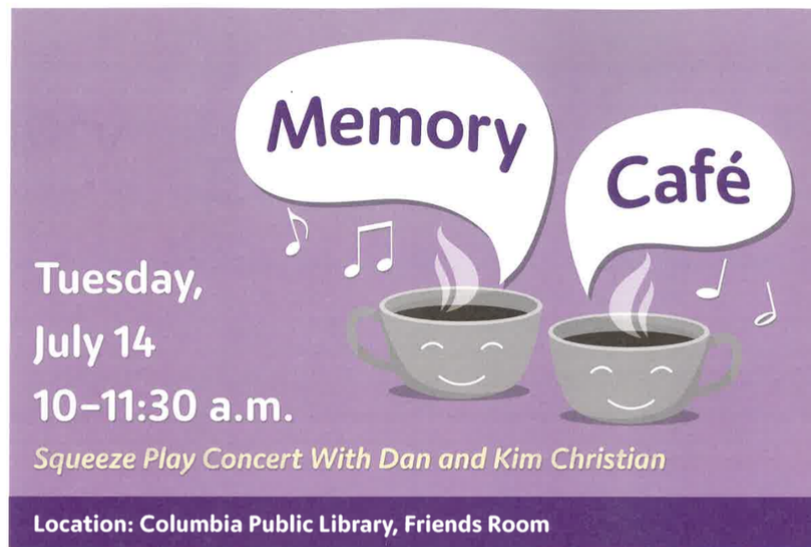
The Fulton Caregiver Support Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 11:00 am until noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 718 Court Street. Caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias are welcome to share concerns with each other, learn about the disease and support one another. Find comfort and reassurance about feelings of guilt, frustration, and fear. Learn more about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and make new friends. You are not alone in this journey.

Join us at our next meeting on JULY 21. 2026



Facilitators are:

Rhonda Cundiff 573-826-1050 and Lois Long 573-642-3691/573.476.3107



About the Memory Café Concert This Memory Café special event offers a social outing in a dementia-friendly space where all are welcome. We'll enjoy the music of accordionists Dan and Kim Christian, who form the band Squeeze Play. We welcome those living with dementia or cognitive decline, as well as other community members.

Register at www.dbrl.org/memory-cafe. For more information, call (573) 817-7097 or email outreach@dbrl.org.

Financial assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.



Columbia Public Library
100 West Broadway • 573-443-3161 • www.dbrl.org
Call for accommodations or email ada@dbrl.org.



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR JULY MEMORY CAFE!

Who Do I Call?

Use these phone numbers to contact the correct City of Fulton department.
For emergencies that require immediate attention, please call 911.

Utility Billing (573) 592-3111 	City Hall (573) 592-3111 	Business Licenses (573) 592-3111 	Building Permits (573) 592-3111 
Parks & Recreation (573) 592-3190 	Solid Waste (573) 592-3176 	Fire Department (573) 592-3150 	Police Department (573) 592-3100 

To report a concern online, please visit: www.fultonmo.gov

Report a street light outage 	Report a pothole 	Submit a traffic signal or sign concern 
Report a stormwater concern 	Tall grass or property complaints 	General concerns 



Give us a follow to stay connected!



City of Fulton
Fulton Parks and Recreation
Fulton Police Department
Fulton Fire Department
City of Fulton

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD A PDF OF THIS HANDY LIST!



Wearing Your Nametag = Wearing Your Welcome!

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At **First Presbyterian Church of Fulton**, we believe in creating a space where everyone feels known, seen, and loved. One small way to do that? **Wearing your nametag!**

- 💬 It helps visitors feel more at ease.
- 🗣️ It fosters connection and conversation.
- ♥️ It reminds us we're all part of God's family—by name!

So this Sunday, grab your nametag and help make our church a little warmer, one name at a time. See you at 10:30 a.m.!

#FPCFulton #NameByName #ChurchFamily #Matthew25Church #WelcomeOneAnother #FPCMo



LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesdays at Noon
in the FPC Fellowship Hall!

ALL
are
Welcome!

ALL
are
Welcome!

Bring your own lunch and
enjoy a time of fellowship with friends!

Giving & Contact Information-Pastor's Office Hours!

The Church Office May Be Contacted in the Following Ways...

Street Address: 718 Court St, Fulton, MO, United States, Missouri

USPS Address: PO Box 6037, Fulton, MO, 65251

Telephone: +1 573-642-5541

E-mail: communications@fultonpresbyterian.org

Instagram: [fpc_fulton](https://www.instagram.com/fpc_fulton)

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@FPCFulton>

Website: fpcfulton.org

Rev. Carol Pierson's Regular Office Hours Are:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to Noon

Contact Pastor Carol by phone at: 573- 273-8738 (if no answer, please leave call-back information)

Contact Pastor Carol by e-mail at: pastorcarol@fultonpresbyterian.org

Please Join Us for Worship Each Sunday Morning at 10:30 am.

COVID-19 Safety Protocols by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fulton.

The wearing of masks when entering the church building is optional. All other COVID-19 Safety Protocols remain in place. This includes the observance of social distance, using disposable Communion elements, and no contact collection of the offering. Our church COVID-19 Safety Protocols extend to all church activities.

How Can I Give?

Checks for pledges and offerings, and documents are normally hand-delivered on Sunday mornings by dropping them in the collection plate located at each door of the Sanctuary. Otherwise, if you are unavailable to attend church, any of these items can be mailed to:

First Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 6037, Fulton, MO 65251

If you prefer online giving, use our new GIVE+ Online giving system through the website or the GIVE+ Mobile app.

How to Contact Our Committees!

Our committees Gmail accounts that can be used to email them suggestions, concerns, and thanks. The addresses are:

- Session Clerk, Elder Ramona Dobson, "clerk@fpcfulton.org"
- Administration Committee, Elder Graham McCaulley, "administration@fpcfulton.org"
- Christian Education Committee, Elder Mary Van Orden, "communications@fpcfulton.org"
- Mission Committee, Elder Tim Wilkerson, "mission@fpcfulton.org"
- Congregational Care Committee, Elder Arlys Kremer, "pastoralcare@fpcfulton.org"
- Property Committee, Elder Shaun Speers, "property@fpcfulton.org"
- Worship Committee, Elder Shirley Dixon, "worship@fpcfulton.org"
- Communications, Elder Mary Van Orden, "communications@fpcfulton.org"



Welcome to Our Church!

First Presbyterian Church is located at 718 Court Street in historic downtown Fulton, Missouri. Worship services are held each Sunday morning. For more information, go to: www.fpcfulton.org or find us on Facebook or on Twitter @FPCFulton.

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