



## Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

*“Try to remember the kind of September...”*

What do you remember? Is it a kind of September (or any other month for that matter) *“when life was slow and oh, so mellow”*? Or is it a very different remembering?

Sometimes we get caught up in remembering – and *only* remembering – and that can sidetrack us from living and from embracing God’s offer of life.

Remembering is good ... when it connects us to who we are – and *whose* we are.

But remembering can be a trap when all we want to do is go back in the past to “the way things were” ... or to flee from what might be coming in the future.

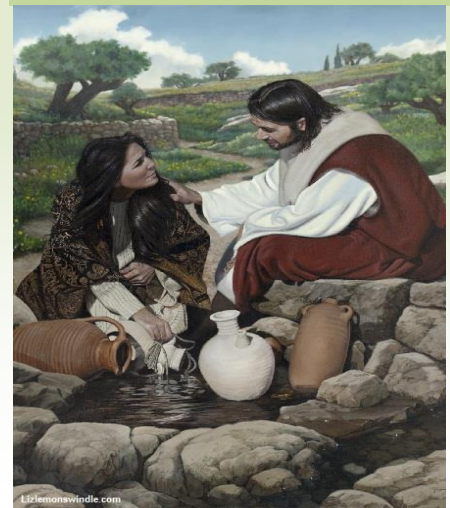
Yet, as another ‘lyric theologian’ reminds us,  
*...the good ole days weren't always good  
And tomorrow ain't as bad as it seems.*

Remembering is good ... when we lay claim to God’s remembering us and God’s claim of us and God’s presence with us in the ‘good ole days’ and the not-so-good ole days.

*“And tomorrow ain’t as bad as it seems,”* because this same God goes with us into tomorrow. Indeed, God calls us and invites us into tomorrow: God’s tomorrow that God is shaping and forming for us and for the world; God’s tomorrow that God invites us to be a part of and help bring to fruition here and now, in our lives today and for tomorrow.

So, keep the faith, remember well, and know that God is with us – as God has been in the past, as God is in the present, and as God will be in the future ... every step of our journey.

*Peace in Christ,  
Bill Vincent*



### **Presbytery September Education Evenings** (see flyer in separate attachment)

To register to attend a September Education Evening, go to the weekly Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy newsletter and scroll to September Education Evenings. If you don't receive the email weekly newsletter and would like to sign up, go to the Presbytery web site: [glpby.org](http://glpby.org) and under Resources, click Newsletter. Fill out the Stay Connected form in the sidebar.

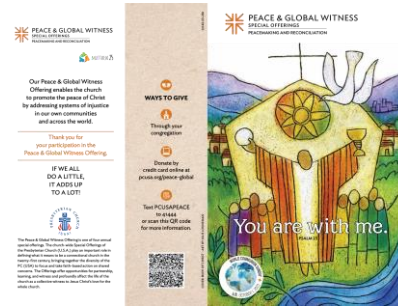
## SAVE THE DATE:

### Presbytery Picnic September 30

Food, Music, Fellowship, and fun 12 to 4 pm  
 "There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the sanctuary for folks to indicate their interest in going to the Presbyterian Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 30th from 12pm to 4pm at Grace Presbyterian Church in Crystal City, MO. We will try to arrange rides for those who would like to travel together. Barbecue sandwiches will be available at the picnic. Optional: Attendees may bring sides/snacks to share.... preferably ones that do not require refrigeration. This is an opportunity for fellowship with other Presbyterians in our Presbytery!"  
 Joan Dunard offered to provide the sign-up sheet.

### Joint Worship Service with Pacific Presbyterian on World Communion Sunday- October 1st

"In celebration of World Communion Sunday, First Presbyterian (Union) will be hosting a joint worship service with Pacific Presbyterian on **Sunday, October 1st at 10:00**. There will be a brunch following the service. The Presbyterian Women of our church will be providing egg casseroles, fruit, coffee, and juice. If you would like to help, please speak to Dorothy Clarkson or Betty Mechem. This will be a special time for good food and fellowship with our "yoked" church family.



## Peace and Global Witness offering

The Peace and Global Witness offering will be taken during September through World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2023. This offering helps our neighbors in need — those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe.

25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of the Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace & Global

Witness Offering. **WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**

Please make checks out to First Presbyterian of Union, with Peace and Global Witness in the notation.

## *Worshiping and serving God, loving, and accepting all*



### A reminder:

Prayer concerns can be shared with me via email or phone before worship (preferably by Saturday evening); or you can write them down (legibly, please) on a piece of paper and place them in the basket that will be located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pastor Bill

Sunday Worship service will be Streaming live on Facebook on Sunday at 9:00 am. The bulletin will also be available on Facebook and the church website ([www.unionfirstpresby.org](http://www.unionfirstpresby.org)), posted by 8 am Sunday morning.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/firstPresbyterianChurchUnion/>

Bulletin can be found here: <http://www.unionfirstpresby.org/church-bulletins/>

Sept. 30 PRESBYTERY  
PICNIC

Food, Music, Fellowship and Fun



12 pm to 4 pm

**Hosted by: Grace Presbyterian Church  
105 Bailey Rd, Crystal City, MO 63019**

We need your help to make this a success!  
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