

THE BIG FINISH!

“For everything there is a season.”

According to the seasons of nature the three months from the middle of September to the middle of December are the season of FALL. Fall is the finish of the growing season which began in Spring and blossomed in Summer. Fall is the finish, the fruitful finish of that particular cycle of life and concludes with the time of harvest.

According to the seasons of the Church Year the next couple of months—from October through the end of November—is also the season of the Big Finish. It is the time when our thoughts, prayers, reflections focus on the fulfillment of God’s will. Christians celebrate the harvest of good things that grow from God’s good work of Creation, Redemption, and Sanctification: Salvation, Healing, Renewal, the gathering and receiving of the Good of the reign of God’s Peace on Earth.

During this season we will celebrate Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday. And the big finish will climax with the coming together, at the end of November, of Thanksgiving and the celebration of Christ the Lord who Reigns right here on earth just as in heaven! And we keep the faith, as our eyes of faith see, ponder and cherish the vision:

The earth will be new,
combined with heaven.
Death will have passed away!
Sad lamentations will no longer be our songs.
For God will have wiped away every reason for crying.
God will be with us!
We will all be together!
And God will say to us all,
“Watch and take part now in everything
really, Really, REALLY new and fine!”

May all of us at Elm Street during this 2013 Fall season take part in the celebration of the fulfillment of God’s purpose and our own!----Pastor Bill

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
8:30 am – 12:30 pm and Thursday from
12:00-4:00 pm

To start the **Prayer Chain** for someone in need of prayers call Mary Cordes at 618-465-1760 or 462-0677 ext. 2835 or Marj Bryant at 618-466-5421 or 466-6005.

ESPC Web Site

<http://espcalton.tripod.com>
<http://espc.weebly.com>

LITURGISTS

October 6 – Debbie Wallace
13 – Jenny Wyatt
20 – Mary Cordes
27 – Chance Shewmake

November 3 – Debbie Wallace
10 – Kathy Steinmann
17 – Mary Cordes
24 – Richard Sisk

December 1 – Debbie Wallace

USHERS

Please volunteer to usher. It takes more than one, the same ones are doing it over and over, let's everyone take a turn if you are able. A Sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary.

COMMUNION SERVERS

November 3
Chance Shewmake, Chr.
Kathy Steinmann, Pam Stolze,
John Kennedy (Set up & Serve)

December 1
Marj Bryant, Chr.
Audrey Stewart, Richard Hetge
Ann McLaughlin (Set up & Serve)

ATTENDANCE

8/4-33, 8/11-33, 8/18-32, 8/25-22, 9/1-23,
9/8-20, 9/15-27, 9/22-34, 9/29-28

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of
Jeannette Greene
She died August 3, 2013
She had been a member of ESPC since
November 11, 1996

THANK YOU'S

Dear Elm Street, Thank you for the gifts I received during graduation time. They were very nice and I appreciate you thinking of me during this time!
Hannah Auston

Mark Darr would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and concerns following his recent surgery and hospitalization.

A special thanks to *Kathy Steinmann* for planting and taking care of the beautiful flowers around the church's sign. Thanks Kathy.

A special thanks to *Richard Hetge* for supplying the church with paper products.

Thanks to *everyone* that brought items for the First Fruits of Jerseyville

Thanks to *Mary Cordes* for the Microwave to replace the worn out one in the church basement.

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

- 3.....Jeremy Shewmake
Owen Williams
Aaron Gunning
- 4.....Charles Tague
- 6.....Jenny Wyatt
- 7.....Katelyn Saville
- 9.....Jeff Auston
- 10.....Michael Stolze
Sara Lichtsinn
- 11.....Lynne Phelps
- 24.....Carole Springgate
- 27.....Mike Paddock
- 29.....Mark Darr

NOVEMBER

- 3.....Amanda Phelps
- 5.....Brent Phelps
- 6.....Greg Lister
- 7.....Esther Bott
- 11.....Norma Waggoner
Charlie Manker
- 12.....Debbie Wallace
- 23.....Virginia Thatcher
Shaun Wallace
- 26.....Nancy Bailey
- 30.....Louise Norman

DECEMBER

- 8.....Willa Humenick
 - 13.....Marilyn Stephens
 - 14.....Tanya Sisk
 - 15.....Tess Phelps
- If I have missed your birthday, I'm truly sorry. I hope it was a good one. Please, let me know when it was. Marj Bryant

DEACONS REPORT

The Deacons are still **collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads**. They gave money to the Crisis Food Center, money towards the Presbyterian Mission trip to Nashville, TN, and are still contributing to the C.U.T.S. program.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The committee collected many items to take to First Fruits of Jerseyville. They are studying books on Evangelism for small churches hoping to come up with some exciting ideas for ESPC.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A Sunday school class for the preschoolers is being held during the Worship Service when we have children present. A Bible Study is being held on Wednesdays at **6:00 pm**. They are studying "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S.Lewis. Everyone is welcome.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship Sunday is November 3, 2013. The committee will be getting out letters and pledge cards in October.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The committee is working on the usual maintenance of the buildings.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee met and discussed plans for the fall. October is Pastor Appreciation month and a potluck is being planned by the Worship and Outreach Committees for October 27, 2013 after the worship service. World Communion Sunday is Sunday October 6, 2013 with an extended Coffee Hour. Rev. Veith will be gone the weekend of October 11, 2013. Choir practice began September 5th and meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm and would welcome any that would like to join them. New music has been purchased for the choir. The committee submitted their budget to the Stewardship Committee keeping it the same as last year. Cheri Trusty will be gone November 24, 2013. Cheri Trusty has planned the service for October 13, 2013 and will be playing the harp.

SESSION INFORMATION

The Session did meet in August & September. The Session approved the following:

1. All committee reports
2. Crisis Food Center to receive the Peacemaking offering.
3. The Girl Scout to use the C.E. Building on the second Thursday of the month for their Service Unit meetings.
4. The use of the CE Building in December for the Girl Scout delivery of their Candy and Nuts.
5. The Nominating Committees recommendation for the Officers for Class of 2016.

THE SIGN GUY

No "The Sign Guy is not on Vacation" Maybe you have been wondering why the outside bulletin board messages have not been changed. The problem is the letters won't stay on the old, not in good shape, board. The old letters were in bad shape, so we bought new ones, which were a little different and they do not fit on the board as well. Now we have five sets of letters of different sizes. Marj has been looking for new boards. The ones

she found were very, very expensive especially since two are needed. I really miss doing a message, when Chance and I go down Alby toward Humbert Road we really enjoy on the church bulletin board, but now someone ran into it with their car and wiped it out also. So I guess for now we will have to go inside to get the message. *Zada Shewmake*

UPCOMING EVENTS

The VNA is giving flu shots
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00 a.m. until noon
In the C. E. Building first floor.

Sunday, October 13, 2013

The Elm Street Presbyterian Church music department is presenting sacred music with choir and harp in the Sunday morning service. Well-known hymns, Bach, and newer worship tunes will be represented. Come celebrate in worship!

October 27, 2013

Church Potluck to honor the Pastor as October is Pastor Appreciation Month

November 10, 2013

ESPC will be honoring the Veterans during the Worship Service.

November 9, 2013

The Crisis Food Center and Jacoby Arts Center present the 4th Annual Riverbend Empty Bowls Project a fundraising lunch to benefit the Crisis Food Center.

Saturday November 9, 2013 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at Jacoby Arts Center. For a \$20.00 donation, attendees select a bowl from hundreds of one-of-a-kind crafted bowls donated by Riverbend artists and receive a simple lunch of soup, bread and water all donated by local restaurants. The bowls are taken home and serve as a reminder of all the empty bowls in our community and around the world.

PW GATHERING

"SECOND TIME AROUND"

"One person's gently used items are another person's treasure". So it goes at Caravan, the resale shop that benefits the OASIS Women's Center. Models from CAPC will be stepping out wearing garments and accessories from Caravan that look like new but it's their second time around.

When: **Wednesday, October 23rd**

Gather for punch to meet and greet at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm.

Where: College Avenue Presbyterian Church in the Sawyer Room

Who: Women and friends from local PCUSA churches **Cost: \$10 per person**

One of our favorite caterers, Chef Bob, will provide a delicious meal followed by a Style Show, featuring casual attire and festive finery for the upcoming holidays. Our church is promoting going green. Learn how recycling is happening in a big way at Caravan with clothing for all the family, household items, books and an amazing variety of other items. The real bonus is that by giving someone's castoffs a second chance you can help battered and abused women and children find safety and a valuable resource to deal with their circumstances. Margarette Trushel, Director of Oasis and member of CAPC, will share how lives are being saved. This event is sponsored by Mary's Circle. See Marj for tickets.

Over 55 MINISTRY – Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, October 16th – Breakfast at the Sheldon followed by a musical program featuring Miss Jubilee and The Humdingers. The music ranges from the 1920's through the 1950's – jazz, blues and rock and roll. Followed by lunch at Cedars, the restaurant at St. Raymond Church, a beautiful Maronite Eastern Rite Cathedral. Monsignor Moussa Joseph, Rector, will take us through the church. Cost of the trip is \$35.00 with lunch on your own. Carolyn and Phil have eaten there and say you can get a good lunch for \$10-\$12. Bus leaves CAPC at 8:15 am and we should return by 2 or 2:30 pm. We can take as many as 40 on this trip.

OCTOBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Presbytery mtg. 7pm Choir practice	4	5
6 Peacemaking offering collected Worship 10:00 am World Communion			6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	10 7pm Choir practice	11	12
7	8:00 pm AA/Anon	8	7	10	11	12
13 10am Worship Cheri - Harp music		15	6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	17 7pm Choir practice	18 Emily Paddock wedding rehearsal	19 Emily Paddock Wedding
14	8:00 pm AA/Anon		16 Over 55 trip 6pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	17 7pm Choir practice	18 Emily Paddock wedding rehearsal	19 Emily Paddock Wedding
20		22 Session meets	23 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	24 7pm Choir practice	25	26
Worship 10:00 am	21 6:30 pm Deacons Outreach comm. following 8:00 pm AA/Anon					
27 10 am Worship Reformation Sunday All Church Potluck	28 8:00 pm AA/Anon	29	30 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	31 7pm Choir practice		

NOVEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 10 am Worship Communion Stewardship commitment Daylight savings time ends	4 8:00 pm AA/Anon	5	6 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	7 7pm Choir practice Over 55 trip	8 1 All Saints Day	9
10 10 am worship Honoring the Veterans	11 8:00 pm AA/Anon	12	13 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	14 7pm Choir practice	15 Elm Leaf Deadline	16 Presbytery meeting Wood River
17 Worship 10:00 am	18 6:30 pm Deacons Outreach Comm. 8:00 pm AA/Anon	19	20 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	21 7pm Choir practice	22	23
24 Worship 10:00 am Christ the King Sunday	25 8:00 pm AA/Anon	26 7 pm Session meets	27 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	28 Thanksgiving Office closed	29 Office closed	30

Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns –October & November 2013

“Members”

Esther & Bill Bott
Nellie Smithee
Lois Mitchell
Elaine & Buck Hamer
Dorothy Waggoner

Nancy Bailey
Brent Phelps
June Justice
Carole Springgate

“In The Nursing Home”

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose
Willanette Ball.....Eunice Smith Nsg. Home

Relatives and Friends of ESPC

Carol Jo & Don Domescik.....Carole Springgate
The Reynolds family.....Cherilyn Trusty’s Family
Kathy Shewmake.....Zada and Chance’s daughter

Mary Brown	Bill Oertle	Bill McClintock
Dave Cordes	Chuck Gable	Gary Ralston
Mary Brinkley	Andy Torrez	Terry Barton
Carol Bryant	Les Harrawood	Melanie Welch
Kenny & Elaine Stolze	Doug Waggoner	Dale Bailey
Janet Vandegriff	Jennifer Hopkins	Karen Dix
Ron Bauser	Mark Stone	Trudi Kelly

All who need prayers not mentioned but are in our hearts.

For ESPC: Courage, Unfailing Strength, Wisdom, Patience and Reinforced Faith

Please let me know if any of these people can be taken off of our prayer list.

Please call the church office at 466-5421

Thanks Mari