

August 6, 2024



General Presbyter, John Odom, Receives New Call

By letter received late last week, John Odom, General Presbyter of the Mid-Ky Presbytery, informed SFPC and the other churches in the Mid-Ky Presbytery that the Presbytery of Genesee Valley voted to approve his call as its new Executive Presbyter. He has asked the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery to receive his letter of resignation effective Tuesday, September 17, 2024, so that he can begin his new ministry in Rochester, NY, effective October 14, 2024.

Rev. Odom's letter, a portion of which is quoted below, reflects his appreciation of the Mid-Ky Presbytery, and his passion for serving the Lord.

“Dear Mid-Ky Presbytery, Nine years ago, the Spirit of God moved powerfully in my life. It led me into conversation with the presbyter for Community Life search committee. From that very first encounter, I have felt God's hand guiding and Christ's voice calling me to this awesome and fulfilling position in leadership of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery.

In countless ways, great and small, that initial calling to be your presbyter for Community Life, turned general presbyter, has been confirmed. We have laughed together, cried together, fought together, praised God together, grown together. Most importantly, I know that we have been transformed by Christ's love and the love for one another, together. Christ has blessed us, and we have become a blessing to each other, our communities and our world. Together we have advanced our common vision of developing strong spiritual leaders who empower life-giving congregations for the transformation of the world by faith in God through Jesus Christ.

Over twelve months ago, I began to feel the stirring of the Spirit in my life again. It was a stirring not out of any sense of disaffection with Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, but was a desire to continue my vocational growth. I want to use my mid council leadership skills to develop, demonstrate and deploy teaching and ruling elders and congregations with the transformational love of Christ in a new presbytery ministry context. I have prayed for guidance. I have tested the spirits. I have thrown all the pieces of my life up in the air and asked God to help to sort them out. I am convinced that God has seen me through this discernment process.

With fear and trembling, reverence and wonder, I am ready to make another leap of faith as I follow Christ's call. On Tuesday evening, July 30, 2024, the Presbytery of Genesee Valley voted to approved my call as their executive presbyter. It will be my responsibility to provide networking, leadership support, pastoral care and administrative oversight for the 55 congregations and new worshipping communities in the Rochester, NY, area. I will be asked to institute a new presbytery structure and help further a plan which may, in time, see the merger of Genesee Valley and Geneva presbyteries. Genesee Valley Presbytery, like Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, has many of the same passions and priorities for serving Christ, and it is the place where I feel my gifts and abilities best meet the legitimate needs of Christ's church.”

Rev. Odom has provided outstanding and energetic leadership to SFPC in many ways, including leading us in worship, serving as the Session Moderator and providing training for the church officers. Please remember him in your prayers and ask the Lord to bless him in his travels and in his new position.

Rob Moore, Clerk of Session

“The art of living rightly is like all arts: It must be learned and practiced with incessant care.”

Johann W. Von Goethe



All Church Picnic!!!!

Thursday, August 8, 6:00 p.m. Lake View Park, Hancock Pavilion

The Fellowship Committee will provide the meat and drinks!

We ask the congregation to bring side dishes and desserts, please.
Be ready for a great time!

Time & Talent Fundraiser

We're off to great start! From tennis lessons to baked goods, pickles and beautifully knitted items, SFPC is at work to fundraise money for church programming and charitable organizations. At the Time & Talent Marketplace on **Sept. 7**, Janice Collins and team will be offering lunch for a donation. Our amazing music department of Emily and Roland will be “busking” at the event, as well. (Choose from a list of songs that they will perform for a donation). And Pastor Terry announced during the service on Sunday that he will give golf lessons. What's your talent?

To participate in the fundraiser and/or the Marketplace, email Susan Moore (PW Chairperson) at susanlemonmoore@gmail.com or call/text 502-226-0906.



Meetings and Activities

Wednesday, August 7

7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal resumes with Emily Barclay! Bell Choir is paused.

Thursday, August 8

6:00 ... Church Picnic, Lakeview Park

Sunday, August 11 Love Baskets Presented

10:00 ... Counterpoints Adult SS class

10:00 ... Children's and High School SS classes

11:00 ... In person and Facebook Worship Service Rev. Terry Lester

6:00 ... Youth Group

Monday, August 12 All newsletter articles & items are due by noon. Thanks.

2:00 ... Bridge

4:30 ... Knitting

Wednesday, August 14

7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 15 Reservations for The Lunch Bunch are due. See below.

Sunday, August 18

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult SS class

10:00 ... Children's and High School SS classes

11:00 ... In person and Facebook Worship Service Rev. Terry Lester

12:00 ... Session Meeting, Fowler Room

6:00 ... Youth Group

Monday, August 19 All newsletter articles & items are due by noon. Thanks.

2:00 ... Bridge

4:30 ... Knitting

Tuesday, August 20

12:00 ... **The Lunch Bunch**, Beaumont Inn, Harrodsburg Please call Mary Elizabeth Stivers to RSVP by Thursday, Aug. 15. She will make the reservations and organize a carpool.

Upcoming Events

September 7 Time and Talent Fundraiser

September 22 Coming Home to SFPC



Faith in Action Class Back in August!

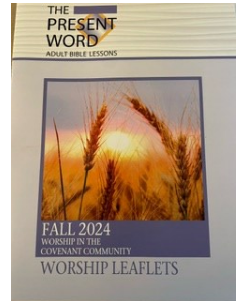
Faithful Faith members, And those who wish to give the class your lovely presence again,

Let's start back meeting on **Sunday, August 18**. I have ordered 8 large print copies of the fall quarter's The Present Word curriculum and leader guides. So, first eight to claim them receives them. After that I will order more. The cost is \$8. You can give me a check or cash when you get your book. I hope to have the books by Aug. 18.

If you are not familiar, The Present Word is a weekly study using Scripture passages, Old and New Testament. The lessons generally asks us to identify with the persons there and ask questions about what we would do or to apply the reference to today. We try to honor each person's discussion and opinions. Our classes help prepare us for our lives and our service in the church. And it's a good place for fellowship and support, something we all need.

So, come join us. Or try us again. We still meet in the basement level, Youth Room. For the young and young at heart, right Pastor?

Blessings, *Steve* (Rev. Steve Pace)



Mid-Kentucky @ Beliefs

Excerpt from *The Study Catechism: Full Version*:

Question 88. Won't heaven be a boring place?

No. Heaven is our true home, a world of love.

There the Spirit shall be poured out into every heart in perfect love. There the Father and the Son are united in the loving bond of the Spirit. There we shall be united with them and one another. There we shall at last see face to face what we now only glimpse as through a distant mirror. Our deepest, truest delights in this life are only a dim foreshadowing of the delights that await us in heaven. "You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Ps. 16:11).

Worship Sunday

Attendance: **Aug. 4, 2024**

SFPC in person Worship: 71

Join us Sundays- 11:00 a.m., also online service.

During our livestreaming time, you can go to

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4C5lbfKanCM> or to

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sfpcchurch/videos/2374137839449590>

The next week, you may go to www.sfpc.org, the church's website and choose "Videos."

If not in the service please consider

donating one of two ways:

1. Mail a check to: South Frankfort Presbyterian Church 224 Steele Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

2. Click the green "Give Now" button on our website at sfpc.org.

You can start and manage your account, and even set up repeating donations.

Aug. 4, 2024 Offering: \$2090.00

Prayer List

Sondra Massie	Glenda Harned
Haylee Mucci	Shirley Blackwell
Gerry Jones	Tammy Stanley
Lilly Ann Brooks	Mattie Baker Scott
Helen Taulbee	Dottie Herzel
Mary Griffey	Jim Jackson
Glen Carter	Emily Barclay
Mark Tucker	Larry Register
Jason Shaw	David Halbert
Ann Shirley Brooks	Jane Wilson
People with Covid	

Aug. 4	Kim Erbeck	Aug. 21	Chris Talley
Aug. 5	Caroline Brady	Aug. 22	Brooke Christopher
Aug. 5	Sean Jarboe	Aug. 22	Caitlin Griffey
Aug. 7	Natalie Looney	Aug. 22	Katherine Rash
Aug. 9	O'Mara Tolliver	Aug. 23	Bill Powers
Aug. 11	Jackman Donnelly	Aug. 23	Emmy Toliver
Aug. 11	Brent Sweger	Aug. 23	Judy Turner
Aug. 15	Kristen Bellamy	Aug. 27	Liam Breec
Aug. 16	Glenda Harned	Aug. 28	Karen Mucci
Aug. 16	Mark Overstreet	Aug. 28	Ella Stumbo
Aug. 17	Jonah Fern	Aug. 31	Jim Baker
Aug. 21	Bill Catlett	Aug. 31	Brianne Mack-Bingham
Aug. 21	Dianne Doss	Aug. 31	Marty Schmidt
Aug. 21	Robert Rhodes	Happy Birthday!!	

