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With Jesus as our guide and community as our goal, we worship, love, serve and grow

Pastor's Corner

Summer is coming and folks have plans for trips, adventures, activities and fun! While you're away, in case you miss worship or Bible study or fellowship, or maybe in addition to worship and Bible study and fellowship, we hope to remember that Jesus goes with us wherever we go! So this summer, take Flat Jesus with you! He's light. He's water-proof! He's customizable! He travels well!



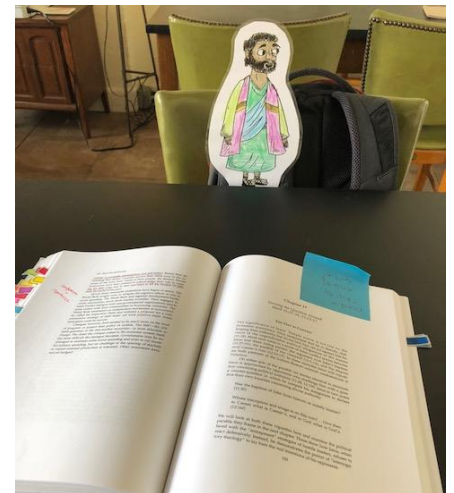
You can pick up your own Flat Jesus in the back of the sanctuary (or download it [here](#) and print at home), color him in however you like (Valery Welch even put stickers on him to accessorize Jesus), and bring him to Pastor Erin at church for laminating. Then take him on summer adventures with you.

Post your Flat Jesus pics on social media with #FlatJesus and #OHPCadventureswithJesus. Email them to the church and we'll share them, too! Let's see how much fun Jesus can have with us this summer!

He's already been to worship at OHPC, to visit family (and sneak away for Bible study) in Ohio, and camping in Indiana.

Where else might #FlatJesus go? I can't wait to see....

With love and hope,
Pastor Erin





FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON – There will not be a fellowship luncheon on June 3. Instead, we will welcome some visitors attending the 223rd General Assembly to join us for worship and lunch on June 17. If you would be willing to help with this luncheon, please notify Pastor Erin.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA will be held here in St. Louis June 16-23, 2018. There are SO MANY events, worship services, parties, shared meals, speakers, Bible studies, plenary sessions, vendors, activities, and, well, just SO much great stuff to check out.

Anyone can attend the assembly. It's \$95 to register as an observer. And some events and speakers have individual tickets that cost a bit more. You can view the event schedule and register at www.ga-pcusa.org.

But there is also a way to participate and attend for free! **VOLUNTEER!** We are still recruiting volunteers to serve as greeters, welcomers, communion servers, loader-uppers, and so much more. Visit stlouisga.com/volunteer to check out all the opportunities to get involved. You'll have free admission to the assembly the day you volunteer.

We'll also be hosting 50 assembly guests in worship here at Oak Hill on Sunday June, 17. Pastor Erin would love to know if you are interested in helping welcome guests that day, or to help with set-up and/or clean-up at the potluck lunch. Please let the church office know if you are available to help out.

You can keep up with all the assembly happenings by following along at www.ga-pcusa.org, on Twitter @presbyGA on Facebook at "Spirit of GA." The social media hashtag to follow is #ga223. Or you can sign up for the daily assembly newspaper, have it delivered directly to your inbox, by providing your

info here: <https://ga-pcusa.org/#Anchor-EmailSignup>

Attention GA Volunteers!

Come to a GA general volunteer training session! Learn the scoop, check out the plan, and get excited for General Assembly! Please look at your schedule and see which one you can attend! Training sessions are as follows:

Thursday, May 31	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Church in Washington, MO
Saturday, June 2	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church in Perryville, MO
Sunday, June 3	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Second Presbyterian Church
Tuesday, June 5	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Florissant Presbyterian Church
Saturday, June 9	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, IL

WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Youth Mission Week

Oak Hill Youth Group will be joining the Arvada Youth Group in the AMEN house from June 4 to June 8. We will be doing a lot of amazing mission work that week, as well as having a lot of fun. If you would like to participate for a few hours or a full day please talk to Christine Woodward.

SUMMER BREAK

Our Sunday School classes will take a break for the summer beginning in June. We will see you back in class on Sunday, September 9.

EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Mark your calendar and plan to join the Oak Hill group at the Bandstand in Tower Grove Park on Monday, July 30. The Compton Heights Concert Band performance will feature Butchwax and the Hollywoods with guest Billy Peek.

Oak Hill Movie Night on the church parking lot will be Friday, September 7.

STEWARDSHIP AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Our committee had the need to contact Olney Sewer and Drain Company again for a sewer problem. This time the sewer in the Educational Building backed up in one of the rooms used by Care and Counseling and the room that is storing our historical information. No other areas were involved. The cost to open this sewer was \$115. An area rug in the Care and Counseling Room was ruined. We thank two of the Crawford kids (who live across from church) for being willing to come and remove the rug to avoid any mold or odor from occurring. Thanks also to Don Stanford for mopping the floors.

As you may or may not know, the window air-conditioners in the Pastor and Secretary offices are removed every winter. With the weather getting so hot so soon it was necessary to install them sooner than expected. Thanks to Pastor Erin and Korla Masters for carrying the air-conditioners from the storage area to the offices—talk about strong women! With the help of Josh Smith they were able to get them installed.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Happy Summer! As we are revving up for a summer full of mission teams at Amen House, please consider joining us for a couple of Foosball nights over the summer. Foosball will be happening every Tuesday night for the months of June and July, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We have signup sheets in the Large As-

sembly Room. It's a fun night of community with our neighborhood kids and mission teams. Please join us for pizza, snacks and fun! Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

Open gym night is coming up on Friday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. This is for middle and high schoolers. Please consider volunteering. We have snacks and fun times playing sports, games and sometimes there's a mean game of Uno going on! Not to mention crafts, coloring and puzzles, plus snacks! There is a volunteer signup sheet in the Large Assembly Room. Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

Isaiah 58 Ministries' Annual Celebration which will be Monday, June 4, 2018, from 6 pm - 9 pm at EARTHBOUND BEER, 2724 Cherokee Street. It will be **"A Night of Inquiry and Merry Making"** in the style of SHERLOCK HOLMES. Featuring Live Music with our own Susan Brown, John Holt, Paul Bordeaux, and Brian Beckmann. Also, enjoy the Wine Pull, and Games of Detection. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes free hors d'oeuvres, and your first drink on us. Oh yeah! And a Pop Corn Buffet! A cash bar will be available. RSVP by May 28, 2018 to 314-776-1410 or via Eventbrite @ <http://i58annualcelebration.eventbrite.com> or contact Donna Cook.

JAMMMIN' for JUSTICE!

Party like it's 1999! Join us for the 9th Annual event supporting Metropolitan Congregations United. June 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm at The Ready Room (4194 Manchester Ave, 63110). Advance tickets are \$25 for one, \$40 for a couple, and are also available for \$30 at the door. As always, there will be a fabulous silent auction, door prizes, snacks, live music and a cash bar! You can buy your tickets here at church, by speaking to Lisa Thompson, Heather MacArthur, or Pastor Erin. For more info go to www.mcustlouis.org.

MISSION COMMITTEE (cont'd)

Isaiah 58 Ministries

We're starting to gear up for the Back to School Family Fun Day at Isaiah 58. (I know, right, school just got out.) It will be Saturday, July 21. There will be many opportunities to volunteer, more details to follow. Each congregation is assigned specific items for the back packs the kids will receive. **Our task is to collect 150 toothbrushes and 150 tubes of toothpaste** which will be part of a package we'll be putting together that we hope will include underwear, socks, hand sanitizer and more. (FYI: Each of the kids will receive one of these kits. In addition each child will receive a \$30 gift card for a local shoe store. **Our focus...dental hygiene!**) We may be working on this portion of the project during our Service as Worship Sunday! WooHOO! So if you can, start bringing in those toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes as soon as you can, so we will know how many we have and what we may need to purchase. (I'm listing them on the monthly calendar below as a reminder.) Donate as you are able. Oak Hill folks are always so generous and the entire community recognizes and appreciates the LOVE!

June

3rd - Tuna Helper or Hamburger Helper and/or toothbrush
 10th - Graham Crackers and/or toothpaste
 17th - canned Chicken & Dumplings and/or toothbrush
 24th - deodorant and/or toothpaste

July

1st - canned spinach...yep...I58 reports this is a very popular item. Don't forget a toothbrush.
 8th - dried beans, maybe some toothpaste?
 15th - Last week to bring a toothbrush or tooth paste, or maybe canned fruit?
 22nd - Your favorite boxed cereal. (What is your favorite?)
 29th - jelly, I58 always runs out of jelly

Please save your plastic bottles for Oak Hill's July **Service as Worship Sunday**. We are looking for 16-20 oz. plastic bottles, the type designed for soft drinks and water. Please make sure the water bottles

are thicker plastic such as used by DASANI Water. We will once again be using them to fill with laundry detergent for I58. We'll set up a drop box in the Large Assembly Room by the Mission display table. **Thanks to all for your continued love and support.**



TOWER GROVE PRIDE

We will have a booth at this year's TOWER GROVE PRIDE, on Saturday, June 23, from 12:00pm- 8:00pm, in Tower Grove park! If you are available to help staff the booth, share candy and love and info about our church, and be a part of this fun neighborhood day, please let Pastor Erin know!

AMEN ST. LOUIS



Welcome Chris Ruth: Summer Site Manager!

Please join us in welcoming Chris Ruth to the Oak Hill and AMEN St. Louis Family. Chris has been hired as our Summer Site Manager at AMEN St. Louis. Chris comes to AMEN St. Louis with years of experience in student ministry in multiple denominational settings. He's excited about working with AMEN because of the mutual mission between groups and local justice organizations. Not only do local orgs receive valuable assistance in their work, but visiting groups learn to do justice in their own communities. In May of 2018, Chris graduated with a M.Div. from Eden Theological Seminary and a B.A. in Christian Ministry from Anderson University (IN). Chris looks forward to helping visitors connect with the city of St. Louis!

MISSION COMMITTEE (cont'd)

June at AMEN House St. Louis

This month, we welcome the following groups to AMEN House:

June 1 - June 7 – Arvada Presbyterian Church (Arvada, CO) and Hill Presbyterian Church (St. Louis, MO)

June 10 - June 16 – First Presbyterian Church (Defiance, OH)

June 17 - June 23 – Sardis Presbyterian Church (Charlotte, NC)

June 24 – June 30 – First Presbyterian (Green Bay, WI)

If you see these folks around the building, please make sure to say hello and welcome them to Oak Hill! They will be working hard at many area service agencies and learning a lot about poverty, racism, hunger, and other important issues. And hopefully taking some time to have fun, too!

Financial and in-kind donations are always very appreciated at AMEN - this month in particular, we are asking for Amazon gift cards! We are working to build a resource library in the AMEN House for groups to use while they are here. Our visiting leaders greatly appreciate this!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle 3 will meet on Thursday, June 7, at 10 a.m. in the Theleos Room. Please bring a sandwich - salad, chips and dessert will be provided..

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at the Barrow residence to watch the movie, *"The Danish Girl."* Please bring your dinner and join us!

The Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group will be discussing *"The Mothers"* by Brit Bennett on Wednesday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Hartford Coffee. All are welcome to join the conversation!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following actions were reported or approved by Session in their May 9, 2018 Stated Scheduled Meeting:

Average Worship attendance in April was 75.

Membership as April 30, 2018 is 110.

Financial Reports for April and Year-to-Date 2018

	April	2018 Total
Income		
Budgeted	\$14,359.00	\$57,436.00
Actual	\$10,327.42	\$45,061.46*
Expenses		
Budgeted	\$15,074.69	\$63,834.04
Actual	\$16,605.52	\$69,322.26

*Includes Wamser Trust Fund earnings.

Session voted to receive Matt Hanify as an active member of Oak Hill by Reaffirmation of Faith.


Session voted to approve Take Two Productions borrowing 14 of Oak Hill's choir robes.

ARTS AND CRAFT CLUB

Craft Night

Please join us for Craft Night on Friday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Theleos Classroom, for a fun evening of crafting! It will be a bring your own project evening. Please bring a snack to share! Please let Dena Roper know if you have any questions.

Under the Oak Tree



Copies of the new May 2018 Church Directory are available in the back of the sanctuary. If you cannot make it to church, please contact the office and a copy will be sent to you.

CERTIFIED HUNGER ACTION CONGREGATION



In May we received recognition from the PCUSA as a Certified Hunger Action Congregation. The purpose of the Hunger Action Congregation process is to acknowledge and celebrate the faithful work of Presbyterians happening around the country to alleviate hunger and end its causes, and to encourage these ministries to be even more holistic and justice-oriented.

Oak Hill is a Certified Hunger Action Congregation if you are doing an activity in all six areas:

- **Hunger Alleviation:** providing and/or sharing food in a dignified way with an eye to long-term structural solutions
- **Development assistance:** addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty through equitable and sustainable development
- **Hunger Education:** learning about systemic causes of hunger, leading towards faithful action that is informed and directed by directly affected people and partners
- **Lifestyle Integrity:** adopting sustainable personal and corporate lifestyles to restore justice and protect all of God’s creation
- **Corporate and Public Policy Witness:** advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation
- **Worship:** incorporating prayer, education, and preaching about ending hunger and its causes into worship



Bible Readings for the Month
LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

Sunday, June 3	1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); <i>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;</i> 2 Cor. 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
Sunday, June 10	1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15); <i>Psalm 138;</i> 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
Sunday, June 17	1 Sam. 15:34-16:13; <i>Psalm 20;</i> 2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
Sunday, June 24	1 Sam. 17 (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and <i>Psalm 9:9-20;</i> or <i>1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16</i> and <i>Psalm 133;</i> 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Scenes from Oak Hill

Member Avery Smith organized her classmates at Visitation Academy to collect canned food items for Isaiah 58 Ministries to share with our neighbors. Last Sunday, she brought in four boxes filled with items donated by her peers!



Tegan and Donna are spontaneous twins, rocking their AMEN pride!



Oak Hill folks at the Band Together Concert.



**Oak Hill folks at the
Band Together Concert (cont'd).**



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We are a welcoming congregation where visitors are
always expected!

Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m.

Christian Education – 9:30 a.m.*
(*on break during the summer, starting 6/3)

Service of Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Nursery Care – 10:30 a.m.

The ministers of Oak Hill Church are its members
assisted by:

Rev. Erin Counihan
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
Parish Associate

Ms. Susan Brown
Minister of Music

Ms. Korla Masters
Student Pastor & Interim Director AMEN St. Louis

Ms. Carole Adams
Secretary

Articles for publication
in the
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need to be
submitted in writing
to the church office by the
3rd Monday ☹️ of each
month.