

# *First Presbyterian Church*

## *Tower Tidings*

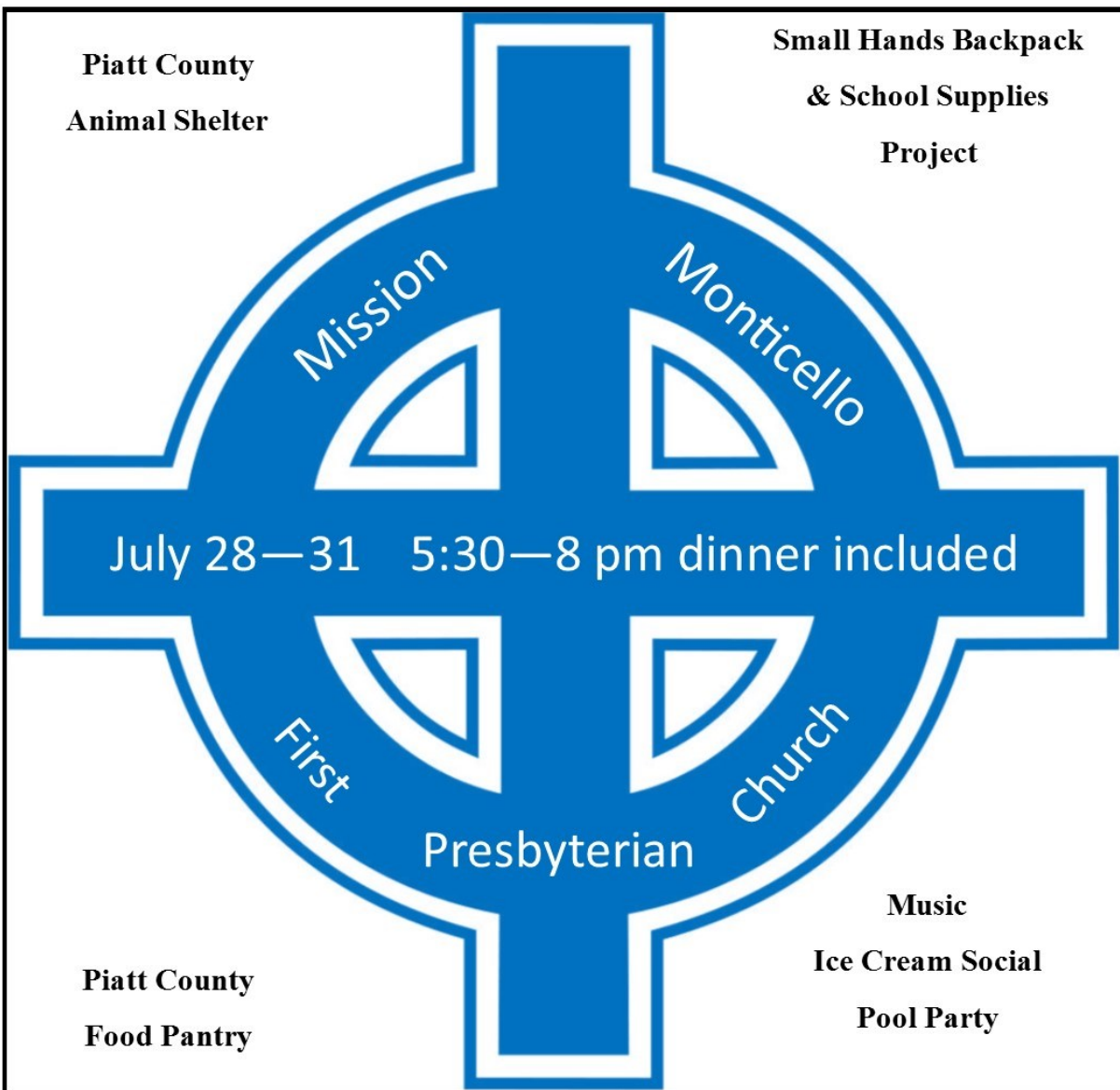
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### *A Message from Pastor Paul. . .*

It is good to continue to meet more and more members of the church every week. I have appreciated talking over meals or coffee and getting to know who are the people at this church that I get to be with. This has been an enjoyable time of catching up on past events in the life of individuals, families, neighborhoods, the church and Monticello. All this is happening in real time, meaning new and current events are happening everyday so I find myself catching up on those too. This is a process that will be ongoing and not just during this initial first time here. I look forward to hearing more memories and being part of events in the life of this congregation.

Events coming up this summer: I'm getting excited for the Beef House trip and then Vacation Bible School at the end of July. I've heard great things about previous trips and I look forward to a night of fun together and to meet new people who might have not gone with us in the past. VBS this year will be in the evening and the whole family is invited to participate in *Mission Monticello*, its not just for kids, though kids will still be the focus, adults are invited to help. It has been fun to plan and envision what we can do as a church for our neighbors. The VBS planning committee has done a great job, we are looking forward to all the kids and families who will get to participate in missions right here in our town. We will serve the animal shelter, Small Hands, the food bank, and have a music finale, with a pool party at the municipal pool to celebrate a week of mission and fun.

Growing up and being part of programs like this helped me see not only the need in the world but what I could do about it. I learned about God who cares about us and what goes on in the world. We are invited to be part of God's ongoing work to care for each other and the world, because God loves all. This summer will be a memorable one and I look forward to meeting more people and seeing God's kingdom at work.



## *Clown Report*

“In the good ‘ole summertime, in the good ‘ole summertime. . . .”

Usually about this time of the year, the “jesters” are “on hiatus”, but ...the clowns have been invited to participate in our church’s Vacation Bible School celebration night. On Thursday, July 31st, we will present a clown skit as part of the festivities. It will be a “fun” time for everyone, and we are looking forward to it!

The clowns will meet on Sunday, July 13th, immediately following our worship service in the parlor. We need to plan and rehearse for VBS.

Until Next time. . .”Butterfly (the clown)