

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock

Vision Statement

Loving the Lord our God with all our hearts through fellowship and hospitality; with all our strength, through missions near and far; with all our minds, through Christian education and leadership development; and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Hallelujah!

“Hallelujah” is a Hebrew phrase meaning *hallelu* (praise) and *YHWH* (the unspoken name for the Lord). For the grammarians... *hallelu* is a second-person, plural verb with intensive action, active voice, and imperative verbal function. For the rest of us: **we are commanded to join together and REALLY praise God!** Traditionally during the Lenten season, many Western Christian congregations refrain from saying “hallelujah” – instead, solemnly focusing on our need to turn back to God.

There is wisdom in taking the time in this season to reflect on our need to draw closer to God. Lent is a time to slow down and engage in practices of prayer, study, worship and service that brings our lives more in sync with Christ. This is a time to intentionally wait before the One who always waits for us. We should not jump too quickly into celebration.

But as we spend these days attentive to God’s constant presence in our lives, excitement wells up within us. As we turn toward the awesomeness of God, our joy becomes difficult to contain. The hallelujahs begin to seep through our lips.

So, my prayer for us this Lenten season is that our practices are fruitful and cause us to burst forth with hallelujahs by Easter morning (if not before)!

Joyfully, Pastor Cindy

*The kingdom of this world
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah!*

March 2020



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Worship Services

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship will follow all services.

Communion

March 1st, 9:30 AM

N.O.W. Dinners

Wednesdays at 5:15 PM

Confirmation Experience 2020

March 1, 6:00 pm

Global Café Mission Team

March 1st

Game Night

March 15th

SAVE THESE DATES

Palm Sunday—April 5th

Maundy Thursday - April 9th

Good Friday- April 10th

Easter—April 12th

**Confirmation Sunday for 8th Graders
May 3, 2020**

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

Worship Leadership Schedule

March 1

Ushers: Hank Olesen
Lee NejdI
Sound: Rob McMahon
Matt Thuma
Liturgist: Dave Davis
Acolyte: Collette Spaldon
Greeters: Justin Thuma &
Jean Chase

March 8

Ushers: Rick & Pat Morozink
Dave Johanson
Sound: Matt Thuma
Greg Davis
Liturgist: Sue Krause
Acolyte: Colette Spaldon
Greeters: Youth Group &
Taylor Radke

March 15

Ushers: Kyle & Brayden Sobczak
Sound: Greg Davis
Dave Johanson
Liturgist: Cheryl Wormley
Acolyte: Erik Johanson

March 22

Ushers: Ray & Angela Thuma
Sound: Dave Johanson
Rob McMahon
Liturgist: John Moorhouse
Acolyte: Gracy Petrik

March 29

Ushers: John Moorhouse
Gary Mazur
Sound: Dave Johanson
Rob McMahon
Liturgist: Angie Boe
Acolyte: Collin Greenlee



EASTER LILY ORDERS

It's time to order lilies for our Easter Service. The last day to order is **Sunday, April 5th**. Please fill out the form posted in our information board and leave it with payment of \$13 either in the offering plate or the office.



Many thanks to Hunter Johanson, Lydia Johanson and Evan Kaye for providing for the N.O.W. dinner (with the expert assistance of Dave Johanson and Lee NejdI) and for leading the Ash Wednesday service with Pastor Cindy. What wonderful future leaders of the church!

Warm welcomes warm hearts and souls

The Hospitality Small Group asks each of you to join in welcoming one another, guests, and first-time worshippers during Lent. Our church is our Family of Faith's home. Greet others as you would if they were walking in your front door – as you would like to be greeted. Warm welcomes share God's love.

If you feel called to be a Sunday worship greeter or join the Hospitality small group, please talk with, call or text Sue Krause at 815-451-5385, Pam Moorhouse at 815-814-5585, or Cheryl Wormley at 815-519-7402.

P.S. Thanks to January and February greeters: Justin Thuma and Jean Chase; the Dunker Family; Taylor Radke and the children and youth; Pam and Brooke Mathison; and Pam Moorhouse and Lucas Moorhouse.



Music Rehearsals

Children's Hand Chimes Choir
Weekly on Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m.

Youth Choir
Weekly on Wednesdays at 5:40 p.m.

JIM-JAM Children's Choir
Weekly on Wednesdays at 6:05 p.m.

Voices of Faith
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

Welcome to Worship Kids!

Thanks Lynn Sobczak for making Worship Bags.

Thank you for bringing your child to worship. We know it can be a little hard to sit still. Busy hands make us comfortable and help us listen. So, grab a bag, enjoy being in the presence of God and people who love you very much!

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

Connecting Points

Men's Group/Bible Study

Dave Davis, 815-236-2815
ddavis@ameritech.net

Wednesday Early Bible Study

Velma Downes, 815-245-4043
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Adult Spiritual Growth Groups

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Music Ministries

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Contemporary Worship Group

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WACM Local Mission Team

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Food Pantry

Joyce Maynard, 815-338-7265

Fishing Mission

Bob Clark, 847-274-8247
robtmclark@aol.com



ALL AGES GAME NIGHT

Sunday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Calling all people who like to have fun!

What's your favorite game? Monopoly? Twister? Yatzee? Scrabble?

Whatever your personal favorite—bring it on!

We will gather in the Great Room. Bring your favorite game or just come and enjoy.

Youth Group and Confirmation Schedule

Sunday Nights @ 6:00-7:30pm
Middle & High School are invited.

Confirmation Meet-Up

March 1

Family Rec Center

March 8th

All-Ages Game Night

March 15th

Spring Party

March 22

Youth Group

At Church— Discuss Chapter 7

Spring Break No Youth Group

March 29

Confirmation Meet-Up

April 5



Diving into Jesus Program

- 3/1= Jesus Knows Who I Really Am
- 3/8= Jesus Knows My Worth
- 3/15= Jesus Knows I Need a Savior
- 3/22= Jesus Knows My Purpose
- **3/29= Spring Break No Sun. School**
- 4/5= Jesus Loves and Accepts Me

Sunday School will be held during service right after the children's sermon.

Come for NOW Dinner!

You're invited to dinner – NOW (Nurture on Wednesdays) dinner.

NOW dinners are in full swing. Dinner is served buffet style from 5:15 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Great Hall. Great food! Great fellowship! Suggested donation: \$3 for everyone 11 and older; \$1 for 10 and younger. No signing up. Just come!

Menus:

March 4: German cuisine

March 11: Corned beef

& cabbage

March 18: Meat loaf &

Mac & Cheese

Hosts:

N.O.W Team & Kyle Sobczak

N.O.W. Team

Mark Bundick & Cheryl Wormley

March 25: **Spring Break**

No N.O.W. Dinner

For information or to volunteer to help cook or clean up, call, text or talk with one of the NOW team members, Lee Nejd (815-546-1731), Katie Spaldon (815-276-3410) or Cheryl Wormley (815-519-7402).

Adult Opportunities

Lectionary Study—

*Wednesdays—7:30 AM
@ Isabel's Restaurant
Join in thoughtful conversation about the upcoming sermon text.*

Men's Bible Study

*Saturdays—7:00 AM in
Common Ground Room
Join in fellowship and
study of I Peter.*

SERVING TOGETHER

2020 OFFICERS

Session

Mark Bundick—Outreach
Bob Clark—Finance, Nominating
Dawn Cook—Building & Grounds
Scott Greenlee—Finance
Sue Krause—Clerk of Session
Candee McMahon—Personnel
Chris Nejd—Worship
Kyle Sobczak—Mission
Ray Thuma—Education

Board of Deacons

Angie Boe
Katherine Greenlee
Joyce Maynard
Pam Moorhouse
John Moorhouse
Renee Simes
Caryl Lemanski
John Rigby
Matt Petrik

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Chair, Bob Clark
Deacon, Pam Moorhouse
Alan Dunker
Christy Johanson
Jim Wormley

SAVE THIS DATE!

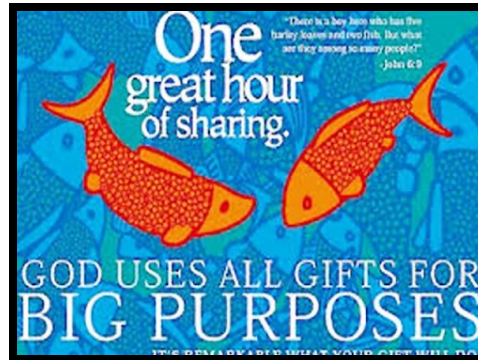
Music Man

Grace Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 26, 2020
The Woodstock Area Community
Ministries is pleased to announce
that Charles Troy will present
"The Music Man" at Grace Lu-
theran Church, Woodstock, IL.

Let's make a church night of it
and join in supporting WACM.

GIRLS FOR GHANA

Come join us on March 3rd, from 7 to 9 PM for our
Mission reach out for Girls 4 Ghana! We will be
working on making reusable sanitary supplies for girls
in Ghana. No sewing experience required. We also
will need people to mark fabric, cut out, and just
fellowship!! All are welcome; come see what we are
up to.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Palm Sunday—April 5th

For more than 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHs is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work toward a better world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

WELCOME BRUNCH

Sunday, March

If you have been attending worship and/or events with us and would like to know more about this church, please consider staying after worship with Pastor Cindy, Bob Clark and Cheryl Wormley. We will enjoy brunch together and chat about what First Presbyterian Church has to offer. It would be great to get to know you better!



NURSING HOME OUTREACH TEAM

Thursday, March 19

Crossroads Care Center -10:15

Valley Hi Nursing Home - 2:00

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...

Ray Thuma, Scott Snider,
Marty Sobczak, Diane
Melvin, Tom Thennes, Nick
Botian, Tom Schwarz, Sally
Wilyat, Lyra Grace, Jayne
Reicher, Sherry Thuma, Judy
Haimbaugh, Addie Jo
Wedoff, Jim Higgins and
Jeremy Strain. Hold in your
prayers the friends and
family of those who have
died: Ellen Gillette (mother
of Kay Darby), Michael
Bundick (brother of Mark
Bundick) and Cliff Turrell
(friend of Bob Clark).

*Call the church office to share
your prayer requests. With the
permission of the person in need
of prayer, the request will be
announced in the bulletin and
newsletter. Otherwise, the
request will be held as
confidential. Please keep the
Pastor or the office up to date on
the status of these persons.
Unless we hear otherwise, names
will be listed for 6 weeks and then
removed.*

*"More things are wrought by
prayer than this world dreams of."*

Alfred Tennyson

Spring Rummage Sale

THURS-

DAY,

APRIL 16 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(Friday - Items 1/2 price beginning at noon)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 8:00 AM - NOON

(Saturday - \$5 all you can fit in a bag)

We are accepting clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, linens, dishes, kitchen items, tools, fishing and camping gear, baskets, pictures, small appliances, sporting equipment, pet supplies, craft supplies, puzzles, games, luggage, gardening supplies, small furniture, and ??????????

We ask that you PLEASE make sure all items are clean and in working order and that no pieces are missing.

You may drop off your donations beginning after Easter Sunday service, April 12 in Rooms 1-3, or during office hours 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday, 4/13, Tuesday, 4/14 or Wednesday, 4/15. If you need assistance in getting your donations to Church, or you are unable to drop them off during office hours, please contact Joyce Maynard (815-338-7265), and she will make arrangements.

All donations are tax deductible and receipts will be available at time of drop off.

Woodstock Food Pantry

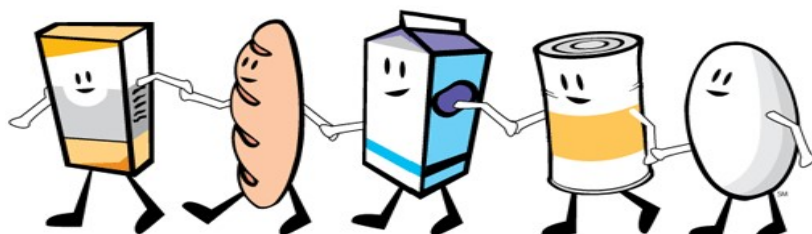
Woodstock Pantry buys many nutritional 'staples' which are always kept in stock which they purchase economically from the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Therefore, we'd like to remind you that cash donations are always welcome. Thus, we can purchase directly through Northern IL Food Bank, getting more for the \$.

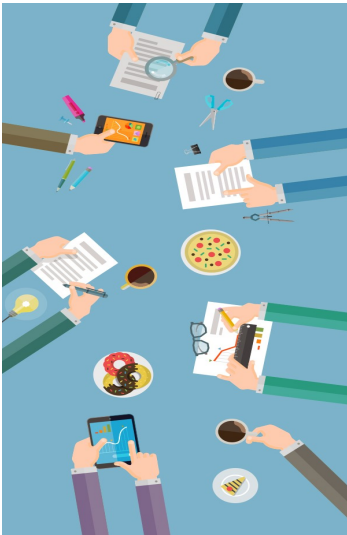
SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Tuna
Corned Beef
Salmon
Beef Stew
Canned Hash
Canned Chicken Breast
Spam Ham

Cash is welcome as well, as we can purchase items thru the IL Food Bank
(Of course, we welcome any item you may donate any time of year.)



LEADING TOGETHER



Session Highlights

Assigned Commission Chairpersons and elected to the following offices: President of the Corp.: Bob Clark; Treasurer: Cary Cook; Clerk of Session and Secretary of the Corp.: Susan Krause

Extensive discussion of the role of leadership during times of transition and uncertainty. Explored the current governing structure, including the need to invite and equip new people in leadership roles. Directed the Nominating Committee to make recommendations on Commission assignments.

Approved payment for Stronghold Confirmation Camp and approved youth activities (Rec Center and Ding Dong Dinner).

Heard report from February Presbytery meeting including presentation on organizations in Transition.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st

Following Worship

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING
AND CONVERSATION

Stay after worship on Sunday, March 1st to share your thoughts on our passions and gifts as a congregation. Help us listen for who God is calling us to be.

We will share lunch and have small and large group discussions around questions the Mission Study Team has developed from their discernment to date.

The information from this gathering and discussion will be vital as we draft goals and strategies for the final report.

Lunch and child care will be provided.



January Operating Budget

Variance Budget to Actual	Jan-20
Cumulative Running Total Income	\$ 5,134
Cumulative Running Total Expense	\$ 9,514
Cumulative Net Operating Income	\$ 14,648

Most of the \$14.6 thousand favorable was due to the 2020 Budget included a payment of \$10,000 in January to the Presbytery Mission Grant, which has not been sent yet.

You might have noticed a few recent spikes in our sound system. Be assured it was not “operator error.” The Sound/Video Team discovered a component in the control board has deteriorated and needs replacement. Since the sound board has exceeded its expected operating life, we are researching the cost of replacing it with a new digital sound board and related components which will make operating sound and video much more efficient. Most importantly this will further improve your overall experience at Worship and other events in the Great Hall.

Also, please remember Per Capita for 2020 is now due. The per capita assessment for 2020 is \$38.47 (same as 2019) and is broken down as follows: General Assembly-\$8.95, Synod-\$3.81, Blackhawk Presbytery \$25.71. You may use the Per Capita envelope or make a note on your check or online payment. Thank you for your attention to this.

On behalf of the Finance Commission – God Bless You for your support,
Bob Clark, Chair

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sun Sch 10:30am - Global Cafe 10:45am - Session Mtg 5pm - Hudson Worship 6pm - CONFIRMATION	2 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Mission Study	3 7pm - 4G4 Project	4 7:30am - Early Bible 4:45pm - Kids Hand 5:15pm - N.O.W. Dinner 5:40pm - Youth Choir 6:05pm - JIM-JAM 7pm - Voices of Faith	5 2pm - Hospitality	6 7am - Men's Bible	7 7am - Men's Bible
8 9:30am - Worship 9:45am - Youth & Ed. 9:45am - Session 6pm - Yth Grp-Rec Ctr	9 10am - TLC Women's 7pm - Deacons	10 7:30am - Early Bible 4:45pm - Kids Hand 5:15pm - N.O.W. Dinner 5:40pm - Youth Choir 6:05pm - JIM-JAM 6:30pm - No Name Knit 7pm - Voices of Faith	11 7:30am - Early Bible 4:45pm - Kids Hand 5:15pm - N.O.W. Dinner 5:40pm - Youth Choir 6:05pm - JIM-JAM 6:30pm - No Name Knit 7pm - Voices of Faith	12 5:30pm - Personnel 6:30pm - Mission 7pm - Finance	13 7:30pm - Ray Thuma - 8am - Mark Bundick	14 7am - Men's Bible 8am - Mark Bundick
15 Newsletter Articles Due 9:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sun Sch 10:45am - Session 5pm - Hudson Worship 6pm - Game Night	16 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Mission Study	17 7:30am - Early Bible 4:45pm - Kids Hand 5:15pm - N.O.W. Dinner 5:40pm - Youth Choir 6:05pm - JIM-JAM 7pm - Voices of Faith	18 7:30am - Early Bible 4:45pm - Kids Hand 5:15pm - N.O.W. Dinner 5:40pm - Youth Choir 6:05pm - JIM-JAM 7pm - Voices of Faith	19 1st Day of Spring	20 7:30pm - Ray Thuma - 7am - Men's Bible	21 7am - Men's Bible
22 9:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sun Sch 5pm - Hudson Worship 6pm - Spring Party	23 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Mission Study	24 7:30am - Early Bible 4:45pm - Kids Hand 5:40pm - Youth Choir 6:05pm - JIM-JAM 6:30pm - No Name Knit 7pm - Voices of Faith	25 7:30am - Early Bible 4:45pm - Kids Hand 5:40pm - Youth Choir 6:05pm - JIM-JAM 6:30pm - No Name Knit 7pm - Voices of Faith	26 7am - Men's Bible	27 7am - Men's Bible	28 7am - Men's Bible
29 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NO YOUTH GROUP 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Welcome Br	30 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Mission Study	31 7:30am - Early Bible 4:45pm - Kids Hand 5:15pm - N.O.W. Dinner 5:40pm - Youth Choir 6:05pm - JIM-JAM 7pm - Voices of Faith	1 7:30am - Early Bible 4:45pm - Kids Hand 5:15pm - N.O.W. Dinner 5:40pm - Youth Choir 6:05pm - JIM-JAM 7pm - Voices of Faith	MARCH 2020 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH. TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD.		

MINISTERS

All members and friends of the
congregation

STAFF

Rev. Cindy Carlisle
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Youth Coordinator
Rosaura Breen
Administrative Assistant
Dave Davis
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Melinda Davis
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Bob Diss
Organist
Alan Dunker
Custodian
Lauren and Chloe
Nursery Attendants

March 2020



Lenten Season

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A Family of Faith... praising God and serving others.

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