

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock

*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.*

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The past month has challenged us all. Some have been ill and injured. Some of us have suffered with sick loved ones. All of our hearts have ached over the number of people infected. Some have experienced financial set-backs or fears. We have missed being physically in community. We have worried about what more is to come.

Our way of life has changed in this time. Some changes may not have been welcome but turned out not that bad. Unable to eat out as easily, maybe we are remembering the joys of cooking and unearthing treasures in the pantry. Stuck at home, maybe we've spent more time connecting with family and friends and even ourselves. I haven't gotten there yet but I have heard of people doing some deep house cleaning!

The church has been challenged also. Without the ability to be together in the building, we have found new ways to gather. We have learned to worship via Facebook and meet via Zoom. We have become more attentive to each other's needs and found new ways to show our concern. Needs in our community have been magnified and our call to serve more obvious. We are creating new ways to respond.

This Easter season has been hard so far, but it seems the Church of Jesus Christ is rising to the occasion and finding new life through the struggle. We are in the midst of a Kairos moment—an opportune time for action. We are emerging from tragedy with renewed energy, new tools, refreshed passion for being the people of God gathered. So many people have stepped forward with enthusiasm, creativity, and compassion. New gifts are emerging and being generously shared.

As I write this, the first day we may possibly be together again is Pentecost. Whether we are gathered or apart, I believe this year that day will be filled to bursting with the Spirit. There may not be howling winds and flames of fire and strange languages as on the day the first disciples gathered. When the Spirit moves, things change; and that's both exciting and unsettling. We will be surprised and bewildered though. That's o.k. We are disciples called to unsettle the world in the name of the risen Christ. May we step into this new season in the life of the church with energy and joy, excitement and faith.

In prayer that we will be together soon, Pastor Cindy

"When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak." (Acts 2:1-4)



May 2020



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Worship Service

On-line Sundays at 9:30 am
Link will be emailed weekly or find on
Facebook

Virtual Communion will be shared
May 3rd

Provide your own bread and cup

**DUE TO CONCERNS RELATED TO THE
CORONAVIRUS, ALL IN-PERSON
WORSHIP, EVENTS AND MEETINGS
ARE CANCELLED AT LEAST THROUGH
MAY 30TH**

A WARM WELCOME

To Our Newest Members

Kristen Matter

Larry Riggs

Sue Epperson

**Due Date for the June Newsletter
Submissions May 22**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY 1

Paul Thuma
Kayden Petrik

MAY 3

Ben Thuma

MAY 5

Renee Simes

MAY 10

Jackie Lawler

MAY 13

Amanda Landrey

MAY 16

Barbara Arnold

MAY 19

Dawn Cook

MAY 20

Addison Sobczak
Lydia Johanson

MAY 21

Christopher Carr

MAY 23

Sandra Landrey

MAY 24

Dave Johanson
Diane Melvin

MAY 25

Katie Spaldon

MAY 26

Sue Krause

MAY 27

Jack Darby

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 4

Sherry & Matt Thuma

May 11

Barbara & Mark Bundick

May 20

Erin & Steve Kaye

May 29

Jalina & Matt Petrik

WORSHIP TOGETHER YET SEPARATED

In light of the COVID-19 concerns, there will be no in-person worship services at least through May 24th. Session will continue to monitor the situation and cancel future services as is indicated.

Worship is central to who we are and what we do as a church, but the health of our community must take precedence. Please join in worship on Sunday mornings via the internet as you are able. If you do not have access to these services, you may ask to have the transcript mailed to you.

Communion will be shared virtually on May 3rd. We will each prepare our own elements to be taken in our respective homes during the on-line worship. Have some bread and juice (or something similar) ready so that we can take bread and cup "together".

Many thanks to those who contributed to the on-line worship services in April:

Barbara Bundick
Cindy Carlisle
Dawn Cook
Dave Davis
Melinda Davis
Bob Diss
Velma Downes
Alan Dunker
Julie and Ken Farver
Christy Johanson
Hunter Johanson
Chris Nejd
The Sobczak Family
Amanda Storer
Ray Thuma
The Worship Commission

May God bless you and keep you safe until we can be together again.

HOSPITALITY WHILE STAYING AT HOME



- Think of the folks you enjoy seeing at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday mornings or during the week.
- Recall how you greet them and how you look forward to their greetings.
- Remember the joy you feel just talking with them.

During this stay-at-home time, extend hospitality and stay in touch. The addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of FPC people are in the updated church directory that was emailed to everyone a few weeks ago. Experience joy! Write a note, call, text, or email the folks you wish you could see this week at FPC.



Deacon Ministry

Dear Friends in Christ,

Even though we are having to stay distant physically, you are held closely in our hearts. We have been thinking about you, praying for you, and serving the community on your behalf.

The Deacons have continued to keep in touch with our flocks, especially those who are alone or more vulnerable. Thank you for efforts to stay in contact with one another and people you know who need companionship in this lonely season. Please continue to share concerns or prayer requests.

The Session has established a fund to equip the Deacons in assisting with needs related to the pandemic. We are glad to have been able to provide assistance in extraordinary circumstances. Bagels have been sent from the church to the Woodstock Police, Fire and Public Works Departments to express our congregation's gratitude for their service. Flowers and plants have been delivered to people in need of a blessing.

Hopefully, we will begin to emerge from this situation soon. Needs will continue to arise for some time to come though, so we are grateful to those who signed up to lend a hand. We have developed a list of needs and persons willing and able to assist. Contact the church office or your deacon with needs or if you wish to add your name to the list of volunteers.

By now you should have received a 2020 Church Directory. We are still working on the Photo Directory, but felt it important to get contact information out to members and friends. Please contact the Church Office if you have not received the Directory, or if there is additional or different information you would like included.

If you have not yet done so, please consider the following ways to stay connected to the church family:

Pray together at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Take comfort in knowing that you are not alone in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for, call and write each other and remember that you are being held in prayer by Pastor Cindy, the Deacons and so many others in our congregation. God bless you and keep you safe and well.

Your Deacons,

Angie Boe 815-338-7782

Caryl Lemanski 815-206-0676

Pam Moorhouse 815-814-5585

Matt Petrik 815-209-2835

Renee Simes 815-276-9829

Katherine Greenlee 815-978-8077

Joyce Maynard 815-338-7265

John Moorhouse 815-236-7408

John Rigby 815-236-1780

CARING TOGETHER



Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...

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, Sarah Carr, Danny, Jonathan, Candy, and Caryl Lemanski.

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Elaine Morrison as they grieve her death.

Pray for all who must work and be exposed to danger and all those who have been negatively affected by COVID-19 in any way.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all and so many are struggling physically, emotionally, financially and/or spiritually. Remember that there are community resources available which can be found by calling 211.

Please contact your Deacon if the church can help with any difficulty you may be experiencing or if you just need to talk with someone.

The Session set aside monies from the McCullough Mission Fund to be administered by the Deacons to meet the needs of our members and friends arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Contact your Deacon if we can help.



Received Into the Loving Arms of Christ

Elaine Morrison

April 17, 2020

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

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

John & Sue Hudson
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T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care) Group

Shari Olesen, 815-338-0237

Meals-On-Wheels

Marla Norgard, 815-482-4855
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WACM Local Mission Team

Pat Morozink, 815-338-7769
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Food Pantry

Joyce Maynard, 815-338-7265

Fishing Mission

Bob Clark, 847-274-8247
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N.O.W. Team

(Nurture on Wednesdays)

Lee Nejd — 815-546-1731
Katie Spaldon — 815-276-3410
Cheryl Wormley—
815-519-7402

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church

Rachel Held Evans

We have an opportunity to gather in mind and spirit by reading *Searching For Sunday* together. With honesty, humor and great love, the author weaves major scriptural themes as she reflects on the messy and wonderful thing we call church.

Copies are still available. Leave a message at the office and we would be happy to deliver the book to your door.

Consider joining in a group discussion on Zoom as you read. E-mail or call the office to join in one of the discussion groups. Instructions will be sent when you sign up. The groups will be limited to 8 people but more groups will be added as needed. Also, contact the office if these times don't work or if you would like to join a conference call group instead. We would be happy to add a group.

Tuesday Mornings @ 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings @ 7:00 p.m.

MORE N.O.W. THAN BEFORE

Question: Guess what the N.O.W. (Nurture on Wednesdays) team decided at its last meeting?

Answer: To serve a N.O.W. dinner one Wednesday night in June, July, and August.

Yes, the N.O.W. team wants everyone to gather at the church to eat and fellowship around tables once the coast is clear.

Check the June newsletter and watch Facebook for times, dates, and menus. And if you'd like to help cook or bring desserts, call or text Mark Bundick (224-242-2451), Lee Nejd (815-546-1731), Katie Spaldon (815-276-3410), or Cheryl Wormley (815-519-7402).

MEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays @ 7:00 a.m.

During these uncertain times the Men's Group is conducting virtual meetings using Zoom video conferencing. Current study is on 1st Corinthians and will continue through May. Men interested in participating in this small group setting should contact Dave Davis at ddavis@ameritech.net to get connected. All are welcome.

Intergenerational Pathways

Eight people representing the Youth and Education Commission, Worship Commission, and the Mission Study Team will be attending this Zoom training on May 2nd. The workshop explores the concept of intergenerational ministry to discover why gathering multiple generations together to learn, worship, serve and build relationships is important for faith development and church vitality. Watch for their report.

Prayer for the Kids

I'm praying that the Lord provides you with what you need today and for the days to come. I'm praying that you remember to have joy in what you do and to serve in ways that give you life. Above all, I am praying for you to know that you are always loved. - Taylor Radtke

Children's Ministry

With joy, the congregation will be providing every child in Sunday School with a new, age-appropriate Bible. It is our prayer that these are received with our love and that each child grows in curiosity for what God has to say to them.

Check out our new Sunday School YouTube Channel! -Youth Ministry FPCW . All the lessons will be uploaded on this channel along with the Youth Ministry Group on Facebook. We will be continuing the Virtual Sunday School Lessons until Quarantine is over.

May Sunday School Lessons

5/3/2020 – Jesus Walks on Water
5/10/2020- The Generous Landowner
5/17/2020- Lead by Serving
5/24/2020- Jesus Heals Two Blind Men
5/31/2020- Filled With The Holy Spirit



Youth Group Ministry

A new Navigation Common English Bible will be given to all 5th—7th graders in our Youth Program as well as a Bible for our up-coming confirmation graduate! We believe that every young adult should have their own Bible. What better time to dive into scripture than now?

The 31-Day Gratitude Challenge

God provides us something to be thankful for every day, but sometimes it can be hard to recognize it. 5th Grade and up will be getting a calendar with 4 ½ weeks of gratitude challenges.

The first 4 weeks will be focused on what we can be grateful for daily with the 7th day recognizing how God has made a difference in our lives that week.

Then on the last ½ week the daily challenge is to show appreciation as an action challenge.

Sunday Night Zoom Call

7:00 p. m. Sunday Night Zoom calls will be held for the rest of Quarantine. We have changed the time so it wouldn't interfere with family dinner.

5th Grade is now invited to join in the Youth Group Zoom calls! This is a great opportunity to introduce the new grade into our Youth Program for next year. We start with Prayer along with Highs and Lows of the week. Then we give an opportunity to talk about world concerns and our 31-Day Gratitude Challenge. Then we go over a group discussion lesson. Next we do a fun Quarantine Questionnaire. Finally, we finish with a Prayer. We end no later than 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Lessons- May Month Theme is Gratitude

5/3/2020 - Filled to Overflow
5/10/2020- Great Big Gratitude
5/17/2020- A Forgiveness Feast
5/24/2020- Spread Love

Woodstock Food Pantry Needs Help!

Even as the COVID-19 threat has increased food insecurity, many volunteers have had to step back for health reasons. The Pantry needs help covering shifts MWF from 8:30-12 or 12-4.

Protective measures are in place. If you are able to give some time, please contact Joyce Maynard @ 338-7265 or Karen Meyer @ 338-2237.

The Woodstock Area Community Ministries (WACM)

Direct Assistance Program

Adjustments have been made, but DAP continues to offer some financial and other assistance to those in need. Requests for assistance should be made by phone. The DAP phone number is (815) 529-4370. After the stay in place order is over, adjustments will be made as to the kinds of assistance and means of delivery.

Thanks for the Greeting Cards

Thank you to all who provided greeting cards with "thinking of you" notes written for adult day care participants at. This will be a great blessing at a time when such is so needed.

DRIVE-UP FOOD DRIVE



Non-perishable
Non-glass
and
Cash Donations
Welcome

SERVING TOGETHER

Food Drive—Drive Up
Friday, May 1st—10:00 AM—1:00 PM

We are going to have a "Food Drive Drive Up" in the church parking lot. Bring non-

perishable, non- glass food items for the local food banks. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated. If anyone wants to donate cloth face masks we ask that they be in clear plastic bags. This will be a contactless event with food placed directly in the vehicles provided. Food will be donated county-wide based on need.

If anyone does not feel comfortable coming to the church, we ask that they email Kyle Sobczak at kylesobczak99@gmail.com or call 815-814-3403 for porch pickup.

GIRLS FOR GHANA

G4G is going strong at FPC, despite the quarantine!! The Mission Commission has adopted their cause of bringing sanitary supplies to the girls in Ghana who are in need of them. We have hosted one gathering night to work on our project; there are more to come in the coming year! If the walls are closing in on you these days and if you are in need of a project, give a shout out to either Joyce Maynard or Julie Farver! We will give you some pre-cut supplies and the instructions on how to sew them.



Unfortunately, Dina and her group will not be able to make their trip to Ghana this coming May, due to Coronavirus. They are going to be busy getting ready for 2021, with over 4,000 pads needed! We would love to have you join us in the cause!!

We are grateful for the financial support of the *Tammeus Fund for Global Mission and Understanding* for this project.

New Holiday Gift Market

The Mission Commission is planning a Holiday Gift Market to replace the former Alternative Gift Fair. It will be held in the entrance area of the Great Hall during the NOW dinner on **Wednesday, Nov. 18th** and after the worship service on **Sunday, Nov. 22nd**. Hand-made craft items from the congregation will be sold to benefit local mission activities. Please plan ahead for your own contributions and start constructing your crafts soon. Items can be very small or quite large. Any materials are permissible except for perishables. Completed crafts for the sale can be stored at home until November or brought to the church for storage. For further information contact Lynne Sobczak (815-648-2321).

NURSING HOME OUTREACH TEAM

Due to the Coronavirus, our nursing home visits have been cancelled.
Please watch for future opportunities to be with our friends.

Music Man

Grace Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 29, 2020
"The Creation of the Sound of Music" at
Woodstock North High School Performance
Center.

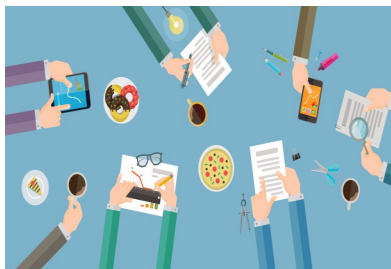
LEADING TOGETHER

May Session Highlights

The Session met on March 29th, April 5th and April 19th.

The following decisions were made related to safety during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Worship services will continue on-line through May 30th, consistent with the Governor's orders.
- The church office was closed and the staff will work from home until further notice. Beginning May 20th, Rosaura will work in the office, as well as other staff as needed, with social distancing and other precautions in place.
- All in-person activities and events were cancelled or postponed until the Governor's stay-at-home order is lifted.
- The Session heard a report on the numerous acts of care and kindness that have been and continue to be performed by the members of the Board of Deacons. Gratitude was expressed.
- The Worship Commission has replaced broken candle-lighters with new ones.
- Session encouraged members and friends to read *Searching For Sunday* and join discussion groups when formed. Twenty-five copies have been purchased for distribution.
- Accepted as new members by transfer were Sue Epperson, Kristen Matter and Larry Riggs.
- Virtual communion service was approved for May 3rd as was "porch communion" for persons in individual homes who do not have access to on-line worship.
- A Financial Review Committee was established and Jim Wormley and Angela Thuma were appointed to review 2019 financials and current policies and procedures.
- Approved supplementing One Great Hour of Sharing offering as needed to meet 2019 giving level.
- Approved Mission Commission hosting a Drive Through Food Drive on May 1st in our parking lot with social distancing observed. .
- In light of the Rummage Sale delay, \$1,500 from the McCullough Mission Fund to be sent to the Woodstock Food Pantry was approved.
- Approved the local 40% of the Pentecost offering be collected for the McHenry County Children's Advocacy Center.
- Approved creating a children's area in the Sanctuary to help welcome young people in worship.
- A motion was approved to purchase and deliver age-appropriate Bibles for all children involved with our congregation.
- Eight members and staff will be attending an intergenerational ministry training event via Zoom.



Nominating Committee

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

Keep the Nominating Committee in your prayers as we undertake three major tasks this year:

- ◆ Recommend Commission membership to the Session
- ◆ Nominate officers and 2024 Nominating committee members to the congregation
- ◆ Nominate to the congregation members of the Pastor Nominating Committee.



. Session / Commissions

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

I Celebrate the Church of Jesus Christ - Ann Weems (Excerpts)

I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ,
where two or three or thousands
can gather together
in the Lord's name
and touch this world
with the amazing good news
that somebody cares,
that God joins us in community
so that someday
this world will be loved to
wholeness.

I celebrate the community,
where the people say Yes in the face
of No,
where they light candles in the
darkest night,
where healing and compassion leave
no time for self-righteousness,
and the life-sustaining love of Christ
is evident in the life of the
believers.

...
I celebrate the church, where we are
called
from half-heartedness to
commitment:
commitment to a God who calls us
to change,
to change our direction,
to be reborn
to a way of life where others
are significant.

...
I celebrate this way of life
that takes me and mine from the
center of things
and focuses on ours and theirs.
I celebrate the trust we hold,
the spirit we share,
the attitude of partnership.
I celebrate that love lives among us,
that God's spirit pervades our
being, our community.

...
Let's celebrate the church of Jesus Christ
where the wonderful wildness of
God
breaks through common clay pots
and fills us with a holy spirit that
overflows
and we see rainbows,
many-splendored colors,
light in pitch darkness –
and every day is a festival of faith!

Reaching For Rainbows, 1980.

Mission Study Team Report

By Mark Bundick, Rev. Cindy Carlisle, Sue Krause, John Moorhouse, Angela Thuma, and Cheryl Wormley

While the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted much of our lives, your Mission Study team has embraced Zoom and continues its work. We have weekly meetings to discuss findings, and share information obtained from our interviews and conversations.

On Sunday, April 26, we presented an interim report to Session. We outlined the data we've collected from community leader interviews, the congregational survey and conversations we've had with small groups, members and friends. We offered some initial ideas about what things need review and change for our new life together, and asked Session members to pray and consider what they see in our future.

Our team is now focused on three key questions that we must answer to complete the study.

What is our future vision? How will we describe the vision this congregation has for its ministry as generated through reflection on both the mission statement of FPC and the assessment of the church's current ministry through this self-study process?

What are our short-term goals? What specific things can we do in the next one to three years that will energize our ministry and engage our members?

What things will we need from our new pastor? What kind of pastoral leadership required for this vision and these goals?

Our weekly meetings will continue until we've completed the report and are ready to share it with you. You can help us as our team explores these questions by sending us your ideas for any or all of these questions. Please feel free to reach out to any of us as you ponder these questions.

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And please continue to pray for your Mission Study Team.

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek for me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.*

- Jeremiah 29:11-14a



Pentecost Offering

Gathered May 31st

investing in our greatest resource

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons

established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

40% of the offering collected will stay locally to support the McHenry County Children's Advocacy Center.

To support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance COVID-19 response, you can send a check to the church indicating the purpose in the memo or give on-line at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000148/>

We also encourage generous giving to [One Great Hour of Sharing](#).

RMDs May Be An Ideal Gift!

Those of us over age 70½ with traditional IRAs should consider using the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to pay our church pledge. If the check is sent directly from the IRA custodian to a qualified charity (like First Presbyterian Church) this amount is not taxed as income. Do know that due to COVID-19, the Federal income tax law was amended to waive the RMD for this year? This option should be discussed with your tax advisor, of course.

Another source of funds to pay our pledges may be the CARES/stimulus check many of us received. These funds can be sent on to the church or directly to an organization assisting those in need.

No matter the source of funds, make every effort to pay your pledge. Church staff and persons depending on the human service agencies our congregation supports are counting on us to be faithful givers.

Jim Wormley, Moderator of Stewardship

WAYS TO GIVE

There are several ways to continue to make your offering to the church:

- Mail in a check—ATTN: Finance
- Place your offering in the locked box outside the main entrance to the church.
- Go to the **FPC website** <https://www.fpcwoodstock.org/> and click on "Giving" from the menu options.
- Download the free app **GivePlus+ Mobile** onto your mobile device. The app is available through *Google Play* or the *Microsoft App Store*.
- Online bill pay through your financial institution. Online giving will be direct deposited into the church's account and doesn't require anyone to go to the church or to the bank.

Our Generosity: A report from our Finance Commission – May Newsletter

From 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2020 Operating Budget Performance

YTD Through March 2020

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Contributions Income	\$74,137	\$70,875	\$3,262
All Other Income	<u>\$3,434</u>	<u>\$2,568</u>	<u>\$866</u>
Total Income	\$77,571	\$73,442	\$4,128
Expenses			
Personnel	\$42,096	\$41,995	<u>\$101</u>
All Other Expenses	<u>\$13,157</u>	<u>\$19,630</u>	<u>(\$6,473)</u>
Total Expense	\$55,253	\$61,625	<u>(\$6,371)</u>
Net Operating Income	\$22,318	\$11,818	\$10,500

We were blessed with income greater than budgeted through March. While All Other Expenses were favorable to budget, we expect that to even out soon.

However, as of the third week of April our contributions are significantly behind budget by almost \$7,000. We suspect this is at least partially due to not being able to hold an in-person worship service each Sunday which included Easter Sunday. We do want to remind all that we have alternate ways to give to your church. There is a drop box at the church entrance, we have options to give online, and of course you may send a check via USPS and designate it for the regular offering or any of the special offerings. Elsewhere in the Newsletter there is additional information about online giving options. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding how to give to the church while the building is closed.

FPC has already paid Blackhawk Presbytery the 2020 Per Capita assessment for each FPC member. If you have not already paid your Per Capita we will appreciate receiving your payment. The per capita assessment for 2020 is \$38.47 (same as 2019). This supports the larger church as follows: General Assembly-\$8.95, Synod of Lincoln Trails-\$3.81, Blackhawk Presbytery \$25.71. Thank You.

You likely have read information about this elsewhere. Please be aware that Session authorized funding from our McCullough Distribution Fund for both the Deacon Board and Mission Commission to use locally to help address needs resulting from the Covid-19 crisis.

Again, thank you for your generosity to help us promote God's work in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior... and may God Bless YOU!

Bob Clark (Chair) on behalf of your Finance Commission – Cary Cook (Treasurer), Dave Davis (Financial Secretary), Mark Bundick, Scott Greenlee, Pastor Cindy Carlisle (Ex Officio)



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