

# 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.***

## **The Church of Jesus Christ**

On Pentecost Sunday so many years ago, Christ's Church was birthed. It has grown and changed to fit the time and place to which she has been called. In the nearly 175 years First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock has served Christ, her forms of worship, styles of music, methods of education, places of worship, ways of building relationship have all shifted with the culture and needs of the community.

Over the past eight months, the Mission Study Team has engaged the congregation in conversation, met with leadership, and spent untold hours pondering and discussing who God is calling our congregation to be and do in the unfolding future. One thing is for certain, we are not called to linger in the past and we are not called to be stagnant in a futile attempt to hold the present captive.

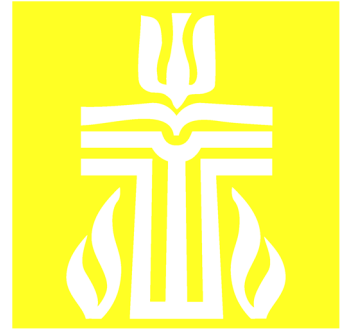
COVID-19 has given us a long stretch of unwanted physical space, but it has not kept us apart. In so many ways we have individually, and in groups meeting virtually, been thinking about what has been. Even more, we've done much holy wondering about who we will be going forward—dreaming of the possibilities as we move into God's future. Several people have commented that COVID-19 has offered us the space to listen to the Spirit and imagine the church anew.

There is an energy that has been building. We have been gestating anticipation. The Spirit is near ready to birth something new again. Ready or not, you cannot stop the birthing process. It is exciting and joyful and difficult. It won't always be comfortable and at times it may be painful. We will partner with each other, holding hands (metaphorically anyway) and remind each other to keep breathing. Through it all, we are accompanied by Christ—whose Church this is.

*I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

Isaiah 43:19

## **JUNE 2020**



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### **Worship Service**

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

**DUE TO CONCERNS RELATED TO THE  
CORONAVIRUS, ALL IN-PERSON  
WORSHIP, EVENTS AND MEETINGS  
ARE CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF  
JUNE.**

**WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO BE ON-  
LINE ONLY UNTIL THE REGION HAS  
BEEN CLEARED FOR GATHERINGS OF  
50 OR MORE PEOPLE**

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

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### JUNE 2

Mark Bundick

### JUNE 3

Trevor Dunker

### JUNE 7

Emma Mathison

### JUNE 8

Dave Davis

### JUNE 11

Todd Norgard

Regan Oliver

### JUNE 12

Hank Olesen, Sr.

### JUNE 13

Elizabeth Elbersen

### JUNE 17

Kay Darby

### JUNE 18

Jacob Dunker

Emily Lawler

### JUNE 22

Kelly Mason

### JUNE 28

Tiffany Sobczak

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

### JUNE 6

Chris & Lee Nejd

### JUNE 21

Sara & Alex Baker

Christy & Dave Johanson

### JUNE 29

Jackie & Mike Lawler

In order to be able to provide a safe environment during this time of COVID-19 times, we will not be resuming in-person worship until the Governor has given lifted restrictions for assemblies of up to 50 people. We are working on ways that we can maximize everyone's safety when we do come together again. It is likely that several precautions will be taken which will change our normal order of service.

While this time of distanced worship has been trying at times, many have commented that we have learned some new things that we may want to continue when we are back in the building. There have been other things we don't seem to have missed. Perhaps it is time to give such elements up. The Worship Commission will be thinking about the possibilities. We welcome your input and ask for your patience. We pray that as a congregation we may have an openness to what the Spirit might be up to in this time.

Remember that worship is central to who we are and what we do as a church. 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.

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

Angie Boe

Cindy Carlisle

Bob Diss

Christy Johanson

Erik Johanson

Lydia Johanson

Erin Moorhouse

John Moorhouse

Noa Moorhouse

Gracyn Petrik

Kayden Petrik

Lynn Sobczak

Fred Strauss

Maddie Wood

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

The Worship Commission

### **COVID-19 Task Force**

Session has appointed a Task Force to make recommendations and plan for returning to the building for worship and other in-person gatherings. We are certainly hoping this will be soon!

Whenever we return, we will be taking precautions to be as safe as possible. Supplies such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and extra cleaning supplies are being ordered.

We know that there are people who have to shelter beyond the time when we begin to gather. Please continue to worship with us on-line and **stay safe**.



## Deacon Ministry

We continue to hold the congregation in our prayers. The Deacon Board has reached out to the community and helped where they are able. Contact your Deacon if you would like to talk, if you have a need we might be able to help with, or if you would just like a special prayer. Remember to reach out to church friends with cards, emails or calls.

This is a stressful time for everyone. Katherine Greenlee has offered to lead a guided meditation for members and friends. Take a look at this opportunity to relax for a few minutes.

We hope to be together with you again soon.

Your Deacons,

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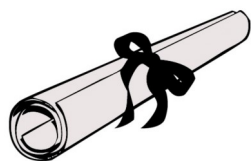
### Guided Meditation

**Saturday, June 6th @ 9 AM Via Zoom**

So many of us are experiencing greater stress in these days of social distancing and uncertainty. Katherine Greenlee, our Deacon and certified Medication Teacher is offering a calming visualization designed to reduce stress and encourage healing. The meditation will last 20-30 minutes. Plan for an hour from start to finish.

Click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84157210844>

or call 1-312-626-6799,,84157210844#



### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Kiril Norgard

Cameron Wormley

Lydia Dunker

Collin McClurg

Mary Elizabeth Carr

J.T. Wormley

Calvin Wormley

Reagan Rockwood

Keegan Given

**We also congratulate our younger graduates:**

#### Graduating to High School

Hunter Johanson

Charlie Baker

Payton Rockwood

Reagan Wormley

#### Graduating to Middle School

Martha Baker

Jacob Dunker

Bella Hofmann

Benjamin Walters

Maddie Wood

**BLESSINGS**

**ON YOUR**

**SUMMER!**



Received into the Loving Arms Of Christ

**Judy Haimbaugh**

**May 9, 2020**

Please keep her husband Kurt and all her friends and family in your prayers.

## 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, Addie Jo Wedoff, Jim Higgins, Danny, Candy, Sarah Carr and Caryl Lemanski.

Please keep the Haimbaugh family and friends in your prayers as they grieve Judy's 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.

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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 keep in your prayers the church's COVID-19 Task Force as they plan for our eventual return to in-person ministry.

Hold the Mission Study Team in your prayers as they complete their work and present their findings.

Pray for Pastor Cindy, the Session and Deacons who are working hard to care for the congregation as we are distanced.

## Connecting Points

### Men's Group/Bible Study

Dave Davis, 815-236-2815  
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Shari Olesen, 815-338-0237

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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)

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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. If you were not able to join in any of the current discussions, we hope to provide more opportunities in the Fall.

### MEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY

**Saturdays @ 7:00 a.m.**

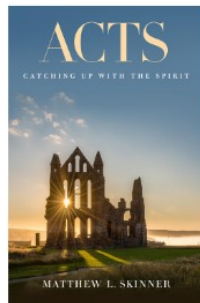
During these uncertain times the Men's Group is conducting virtual meetings using Zoom video conferencing. We will continue our study of 1st Corinthians in June. Men interested in participating in this small group setting should contact Dave Davis at [ddavis@ameritech.net](mailto:ddavis@ameritech.net) to get connected. All are welcome.

### July Bible Study

***ACTS: Catching Up With the Spirit***

**Wednesdays at 7:00 PM beginning July 1st**

Pastor Cindy will be offering a study of Acts. We will follow Matthew Skinner's book in which he explores six key themes that show us how the biblical book of Acts can ignite our imagination about the Christian message, the work of the church and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.



If you would like to know more, watch Skinner's introduction by clicking this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IstQuXXjntY>

This study will be held via Zoom. Please call or email the office if you would like to take part. Also, we would be happy to order and deliver the book to you if you like. Hope you can join in!

### Lectionary Bible Study

The Lectionary Study group has begun meeting via Zoom for this sheltering time. Think about grabbing your breakfast and joining us at 7:30 a.m. to ponder the scripture for the up-coming Sunday worship. Please contact Mark Bundick or Pastor Cindy for information on how to connect on-line. We are looking forward to the time when we can gather together again at Isabel's.

# LEADING TOGETHER

## April 26, 2020 Called Session Meeting

Session met to discuss accepting a PPP Loan. An application for a PPP loan was approved. After thoughtful discussion of the pros and cons, Session voted not to accept the loan because “there were others more in need of these funds.”

### May Session Highlights

Session met on May 9th to review and discuss the Mission Study Team’s preliminary summary. Members concurred with the general direction of findings and goals.

Session met on May 17th.

Canoeing the Mountains—Completed the reading and discussion of this book.

COVID 19 Planning—Appointed a COVID-19 Task Force to coordinate planning efforts: Chris NejdI, Chair, Ray Thuma, Mark Bundick, and Cindy Carlisle.

Board of Deacons Report—Approved expanding the use of the Deacon Fund at the discretion of the Deacons. Heard that Katherine Greenlee will offer a Guided Meditation via ZOOM to interested members of the congregation.

Nominating Committee—Heard that Cary Cook has joined the Mission Commission.

Building and Grounds—Heard that several repairs completed (grouting on bathroom counter tops, antenna installed on electronic sign to allow control from inside church in progress, cleaning of kitchen floors and grease traps).

Finance Commission— Heard reminder that FPCW has a structural budget problem that must be addressed. A task force to address increasing church revenues was suggested.

Mission Commission—Approved motion to give \$1500 from McCullough Distribution Fund to WACM in lieu of revenue from rummage sale. Approved Highway Clean Up on July 25, 2020 observing appropriate social distancing.

Approved Continuing Education for Pastor Cindy: ZOOM workshop on using our website for ministry through Luther Seminary (\$49) and Festival of Homiletics on-line May18-24. A \$275 donation will be made to Luther Seminary who is offering this free of charge due to the Pandemic

Worship Commission— Approved motion to wait to resume in-person worship until governor announces that groups of 50 or more may meet. A motion to allow groups under 10 to gather for worship preparation tabled pending recommendations from CV19 Task Force of FPCW.

Youth and Education—Approved motion to purchase Acts: Catching Up With the Spirit for July study.



## 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 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



## Mission Study Team Report

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

Your Mission Study team continues to “Zoom” weekly, is pushing towards completing its work and presenting its final report to Session and you.

We have incorporated Session’s feedback from our April 26 meeting with them. After prayer and discussion, we have drafted new vision and mission statements, developed short-term (1-3 year) goals, and started developing the characteristics that we think our new pastor must have to help achieve those goals.

We still have work to do to clean up and edit our report. We are pushing hard to complete the report and deliver it to Session in time for its June 21 meeting. We also will need to find a good way to present the report to you, our fellow FPC members and friends. Keep an eye open for opportunities to hear about our report.

Until our report is out, you’re welcome to contact us with any questions you might have. Please feel free to reach out to any of us.

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## Greeting Cards:

Many thanks to members of our congregation who helped supply cheerful greeting cards to clients of the Independence Health and Therapy Center in Woodstock (newly formed merger of Family Alliance and the Child and Family Therapy Group). Addison Sobczak, Beth Elbersen, Gail Diss, Cary Cook and Lynne Sobczak supplied blank cards or wrote thoughtful messages in the cards given out to 65 clients of the agency during May.

**THANK YOU**

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](#).

## 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.

If you need help or assistance with online giving tools, contact [finance2018@att.net](mailto:finance2018@att.net) and we’ll be in contact with [you](#).

## 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.

## Our Generosity: A report from our Finance Commission – June Newsletter

From II 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.

### Operating Budget performance

#### YTD Through April 2020

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Contributions Income	\$83,897	\$83,388	\$509
All Other Income	<u>\$5,902</u>	<u>\$9,015</u>	<u>(\$3,113)</u>
Total Income	\$89,799	\$92,403	<u>(\$2,604)</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel	\$56,736	\$56,739	<u>(\$3)</u>
All Other Expenses	<u>\$17,419</u>	<u>\$25,372</u>	<u>(\$7,953)</u>
Total Expense	\$74,155	\$82,111	<u>(\$7,956)</u>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$15,644</b>	<b>\$10,293</b>	<b>\$5,351</b>
		vs. March	\$10,500
		Variance	<u>(\$5,149)</u>

The Finance Commission appreciates your effort to keep contributions on budget during this pandemic. God Bless you all!

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); GA-\$8.95, Synod-\$3.81, Blackhawk Presbytery \$25.71. Thank 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)

Jesus had a will. Not the conventional kind, but in the Scriptures, he left explicit instructions for the distribution of his love. It is all spelled out in the New Testament. How about your will? Is your love for God spelled out through the gifts you'll make?

## MINISTERS

All members and friends of the  
congregation

## STAFF

Rev. Cindy Carlisle

Interim Pastor

Taylor Radtke

Youth Coordinator

Rosaura Breen

Administrative Assistant

Dave Davis

Financial Secretary

Melinda Davis

Director of Music Ministry

Bob Diss

Organist

Alan Dunker

Custodian

JUNE 2020

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and serving others.*

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