

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock

A fellowship of people in all stages of life who gather together, praising and worshipping God with gratitude for our many blessings, accepting and caring for all God's children, and serving the community and the world with love and joy.

Grateful for the Rising!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

I don't remember when Easter ever felt so good. The sunshine is more comforting; the occasional warm breeze more refreshing; the ability to chat with others outdoors more satisfying. It is not just the sun and temperature and face-to-face contact (1/2 face to 1/2 face that is!). Each day I hear news of first and second vaccine shots and even a few reports of people being fully vaccinated. Elderly residential facilities are planning to open slowly to visitors. Our Session has planned our first service in the yard! YEA! The end of cold and ice is temporary. The immunization does not make us absolutely safe, but we can look forward to more freedom to be together in nature, in friendship and in worship. We have so much for which to be grateful. With the business of coming together again, let's offer prayers of gratitude

...for the solid ground beneath our feet

...for the air that we breath

... for the beauty we see

... for the water that we drink

... for the food that we eat

... for the people we encounter on the road

... for the help we get along the way

...for this community of faith

... for Christ our constant companion.

Blessings on your Eastertide,

Pastor Cindy

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

April 2021



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Sunday Worship Services

Due to COVID-19 risk, worship will remain virtual until April 25th. All services are posted abt 9:30 a.m. and remain available on YouTube and Facebook

BEGINNING April 25th worship will be held on the North Lawn/Patio when weather allows. See Page 12 for details.



Next All Church Fellowship

Sunday, April 11

10:15 am - 11:00 am

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Mark Bundick

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Sue Ayres-Krause, Angie Boe, Bob Clark, Pat Morozink, Chris NejdI, Ray Thuma, Cheryl Wormley, Jim Wormley

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

BIBLE STUDY



Men's Bible Study — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m.

Join us via Zoom for Bible study on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. where our new study series is "Some Biblical Bases of A 'Brief Statement of Faith' ". "A Brief Statement" expresses the faith of American Presbyterians in contemporary language, and it deals with contemporary challenges. Of course, "A Brief Statement" is not entirely new. Its ideas are as old as the gospel it seeks to summarize. There is probably not a line in it with which the framers of the earlier creed would now disagree. It is based on the same Bible they loved, and it honors the same

Lord. An appendix allows cross-references to the earlier confessions. And "A Brief Statement" has some special values as we face the third millennium.

Like other studies, "Some Biblical Bases of 'A Brief Statement of Faith'" is intended for seven sixty-minute sessions. It makes no attempt to explore the entire meaning of "A Brief Statement" in so short a time. The overall series is intended to be a study of the Bible, and thus, this guide focuses simply on some Bible passages that illustrate some major ideas in the Statement. Actually, an appendix to "A Brief Statement" includes more than 650 citations to Scripture, supporting the statement line by line... and here it begins.

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

The study curriculum is from our series A Seven-Session Bible Study for Men. Contact Dave Davis at ddavis@ameritech.net to get connected through Zoom and to obtain a copy of the material. All are welcome to join with us during this time of learning, understanding, and fellowship, as in faith that God is in charge and by the grace of God, we will experience His love in right relationship with Him through His son Jesus.

Small Group Meetings Can Return!

Session has voted to permit outdoor small group meetings beginning April 1!

There are a few simple rules for any gatherings. The meeting leader will maintain an attendee contact list and leave the list at the church for the church office staff. This will be used for contact tracing should any COVID illness arise in the group. Those attending the meeting are also responsible for cleaning the bathroom if used.

Please call or email the church office if you have any questions or wish to put your meeting on the calendar.

Lectionary Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.

The group is meeting virtually using Zoom. We select a single reading from the Common Lectionary and take turns leading the discussion. Join us for lively discussion, thoughtful readings and good fellowship. Contact Velma Downes to be added to the mailing list or for more information at vmdownes@gmail.com

Some Brief Highlights

Our ice cream social is on Wednesday, July 28 and in conjunction with that we will be having a display of the history of First Pres. at the Woodstock Public Library running from July 19 through August 7th.

Tom Schwarz has a new address. Please direct any cards or well wishes to Tom Schwarz, 4605 W. Crystal Lake Rd. Apt 12, McHenry, IL 60050

Don't forget to get started on your craft items for the fall craft sale at church. All profits go to local mission areas and your skills are really appreciated.

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Men's Group/Bible Study

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PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM
certifies

First Presbyterian Church

an
EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

for its environmental stewardship achievements in worship,
education, facilities and outreach actions in the life of the church.

"The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it,
the world, and those
who live in it." Psalm 24:1

Signature: *Janice Mandolin* Date: 3/15/2021
Approved by: Janice Mandolin, Earth Care Coordinator

Earth Care Application Approved!

Our Earth Care application has been accepted and approved. We received our official certificate on March 15!

Confirmation Youth

Jacob Dunker

Alex Rewaiko

Collin Greenlee

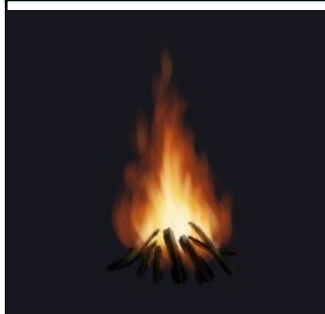
Addie Sobczak

Evan Kaye

Ben Walters

Lydia Johanson

Contact **Pastor Cindy** if you know of other youth, grades 6-8, who would like to join in the adventure!



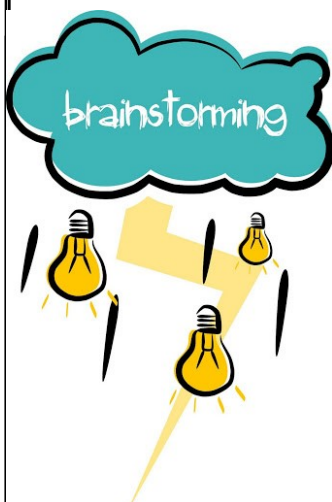
Confirmation Gathering—April 25

Our next Confirmation Gathering will be on April 25th at 7 pm. If the weather permits, we will be gathering around the fire pit. In case of inclement weather, we will meet over zoom. Please join us as we learn about being a Presbyterian, share one another's company, and just have fun.



Grades 3-5: SAVE THE DATE!

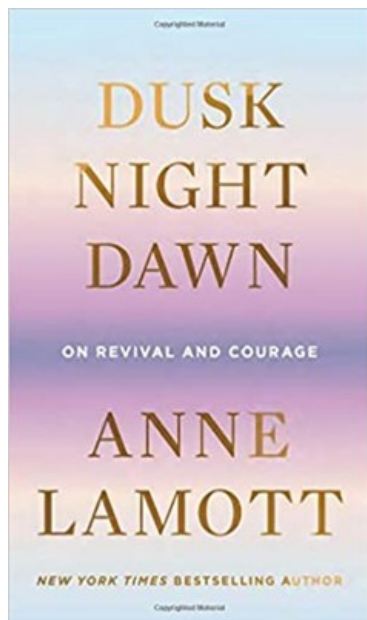
On May 2nd, weather permitting, we will be having a gathering around the fire pit for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and s'mores. Watch for a time and additional information.



Brainstorm with Us!

On April 11th at 6 pm, in place of the regular Education and Spiritual Growth meeting, the committee will be conducting a brain-storming session on the topic of Intergenerational Education Opportunities. All members and friends of First Presbyterian, young, old, or in between, are invited to join in the discussion of creating an environment where all members and friends, young, old, and in between are nurtured in their continuing spiritual growth. Please contact Ray Thuma (RPThuma@SBCGlobal.net) for more information and a Zoom link.

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN



New Book Discussion

Tuesday Evenings @ 7 PM beginning April 27th

Please join us for our next book discussion. We will be reading Anne Lamott's *Dusk Night Dawn, On Revival and Courage*. The discussions will start in Mid-April, time and day to be determined. The book is available on Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/Dusk-Night-Dawn-Revival-Courage/dp/0593189698/ref=nodl> or through our local bookstore, Read Between the Lynes 111 E. Van Buren Street, Woodstock, IL 60098 (815) 206-5967 If you would like assistance obtaining a copy, please contact the church office.

In *Dusk, Night, Dawn*, Anne Lamott explores the tough questions that many of us grapple with. How can we recapture the confidence we once had as we stumble through the dark times that seem increasingly bleak? As bad news piles up—from climate crises to daily assaults on civility—how can we cope? Where, she asks, “do we start to get our world and joy and hope and our faith in life itself back . . .

with our sore feet, hearing loss, stiff fingers, poor digestion, stunned minds, broken hearts?”

We begin, Lamott says, by accepting our flaws and embracing our humanity. Our discussion of this book should be enlightening, please consider joining us.



Congregational Life News

Your Congregational Life Committee has been busy looking ahead to improving weather and vaccination rates, planning for fun spring activities.

The Hospitality Team organized a Valentine's Day mailing, resulting in 26 Valentines distributing some love to our members and friends. Thanks to the 15 youth who wrote those Valentines. Hospitality also coordinated the preparation of our Lenten Tote Bags stuffed with fun Lenten activities and devotions. Finally, Hospitality is working on having Prayer Request Cards ready for the upcoming return to in-person worship. You'll be able to write and leave prayer requests before or after worship.

The N.O.W. Dinner team, sidelined since last fall, has met and set two dinner and two brunch dates! N.O.W. dinners will return on May 12 and May 26. The first menu is still being worked out but will likely feature items from the grill. Something new for 2021 will be two post-worship brunches. These have been scheduled for June 13 and July 11. Look for further details in future newsletters.

The Fellowship Team held its initial meeting last month. Discussion included re-opening the fire pit for small groups, possible nature hikes or bike rides as part of the Earth Care initiative, sporting activities (volleyball, whiffle ball, etc.) and a return of kite flying and concerts on the lawn. Weather must improve before these activities could be scheduled, but we have good ideas ready once spring really arrives.

Compassion, Peace, and Justice Committee

The CPJ met in a mini retreat this month to do some long term planning and goal setting. We developed a mission statement to help direct our committee work. That CPJ Committee mission statement is as follows: “We go in grace, challenged by Christ’s calling to be a church of action, and strengthened by the Spirit to do God’s work and show God’s love in the world. We seek to look beyond our walls and beyond ourselves—to see Christ’s image in every face, and to transform God’s Kingdom. We seek to empower every member of the congregation to share in this work.” At their March meeting, the Session approved and accepted this direction for the CPJ Committee.

We also determined areas of focus for the coming year and developed some guidelines and process around engaging with projects in the community. Focus areas include :

Poverty	Peacemaking
Hunger	Immigration
Homelessness	Structural racism
Senior care	Mental health
Children/youth	Healthcare
Environmental Stewardship	Ministry to the incarcerated

Each project must have an internal champion or contact person from our congregation, be aligned with our new CPJ mission statement, fit into a matrix of balance within our plan and include projects that have a multi-generational aspect of programming.

We are currently planning several initiatives and projects as we continue to develop goals for the year that will “Build Congregational Vitality” as part of being a Matthew 25 Church. We welcome anyone who would like to become more active in Compassion, Peace and Justice activities to join one or more of our teams/projects.

Committee members: Sue Krause, Nancy Bingham, Annie Nelson, Joyce Maynard, Lynne Sobczak, Ray Thuma, Cary Cook, Karen

From the Woodstock Food Pantry

Good news! Starting on March 1, the Woodstock Food Pantry’s inventories were such that clients can now visit twice a month. Your cash and food donations make this possible. The Food Pantry board will monitor inventories and determine if and when it will be necessary to return to a single monthly visit for its clients.

The Food Pantry is also looking for volunteers who have either a pickup truck or a large SUV to assist with food donations pickups. Specifically, they need help with:

- Aldi pickup on Saturday’s and Sunday’s;
- Food drops at the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month; volunteers would need to arrive as soon after 9:30 AM to get the best selections;

Please contact Rick Reuter, Food Inventory Manager at xrr310@yahoo.com or Bob Pierce at renlpierce@sbcglobal.net.

WACM Notes: In March half of the requests for assistance through WACM's Direct Assistance Program (DAP) have been for rent. Tenants are expected to at least make partial rent payments if their income has been affected by Covid-19. While waiting for other resources to become available in the county, DAP has been able to provide individuals and families in Woodstock with a one-time partial rent payment to help them remain in their homes. First Presbyterian Church is a member of and contributor to WACM. Thank you for this support.

Red Wagon Items Requested for April

Peanut butter, Jelly (plastic jars, please), Jello (mix), Pudding (mix)

You can leave your donations outside the church in the box provided by the front door.

April Update from the Deacons

Deacons have delivered unclaimed Lenten Bags to church members unable to pick them up. It was good to make contact with people that came to pickup and those that we delivered to. Next year, if done, we will deliver them a week before Lent starts.

We will be preparing "Care Packages" for our college students to get them through the end of the year. We are soliciting gifts cards from church members for this. If you would like to contribute to this project you may leave gift cards at the church either in the office or in the secure drop-off box by the door from April 1st - 18th. Gift cards for food places or places like Walmart would be appreciated in \$5-10 increments! Thanks to everyone for showing our college students we care about them as they study, especially in these troubled times.

We called our flocks and helped some members age 65+ gain appointments for vaccines with the help of Family Health Partnership.

When church resumes we are looking at using various groups in the church to take a month and host coffee fellowships. Deacons may continue to coordinate this effort, but it will allow others to participate.

The Woodstock Food Pantry is asking for volunteers to pick-up food from Aldi's in Woodstock and perishable at the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. Our Deacons will be helping with that and any members of the church wishing to help, please let us know.

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Happy 175th Birthday to Us!

The First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock is 175 years old! This is another in a series of articles about our rich life here in Woodstock. Let's look this month at our worship and music life.

It is evident that worship has been central to the long life of FPC, though little was mentioned in previous histories of the church. Since 2010, several approaches to providing contemporary music and worship were piloted but were not sustainable. Some would describe our current worship as blended. We have been worshipping in our fourth church home at 2018 N. Route 47 since Easter Sunday 2007

The purchase of new organs seems an indication of FPC's commitment to making a joyful song. The 1896 pump organ was replaced in 1948 with a Lyon & Healy electronic organ, a gift of members Phillip and Eleanor Masslich. In 1974, members Carolyn and Ron Huber gifted the church with a new Allen organ. Most recently, through the generosity of church members and memorial gifts, another new Allen organ was purchased in 2018.

Previously written histories of the church note a choir was formed in 1901 and laud the wonderful musicians, organists, and choir directors who shared their talents with the church. The same is true today.

For more than a decade, FPC has been blessed with several choirs and musical groups – Voices of Faith (adult choir,) JIM JAM (Joy in Music Jesus and Me children's choir), children's chimes group, and an adult bell choir.

Musically talented youth and adults in the church provide special music, and the annual Christmas cantata and jazz services are celebrated. A Hootenanny, held a few years ago, creatively combined the abilities and talents of children, youth and adults in a delightful and memorable celebration.

During COVID-19, music provided as part of virtual worship services was creatively recorded and gratefully received. Look for more FPCW history next month!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Pam Moorhouse, 4/10
Erin Kaye, 4/13
Joyce Chwalisz, 4/15
Wesley Justice, 4/15
Tricia Sowa, 4/16
Alexandria Rewaiko, 4/17
Jerin Ferrera, 4/20
SueSauer, 4/24
Jessica Thuma, 4/24
Ryan Diss, 4/25
Brooke Mathison, 4/30



APRIL **ANNIVERSARIES**

Sharon Stanger, 4/22
Jen Oliver, 4/30



Spring Road Clean-up

Meet your neighbors: “Hello, my name is Rusty and I have been living along Route 47 all winter. I am hoping someone will pick me up and speed me along my way to proper disposal.”

The next highway cleanup is scheduled for April 17th, at 9 am. The work is easy and doesn’t require any special skills. Please join us as we clean up our little corner of the world. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and gloves. Think of it as a two-mile nature walk punctuated by litter pick up. We are usually done in less than two hours; however, the more hands involved the faster we can finish.

No advance sign-up is required. For more information contact Ray Thuma (RPThuma@SBCGlobal.net)

A Note from June Haasler

Dear Pastor Cindy,

Since this is such a sad and confusing time in so many way, I’ve decided that this may be the best way to thank so many people for all the cards, phone calls, and especially the kind thoughts about Herb. (Oh, and the food deliveries were delicious!) Many shared memories of time spent in fellowship, business meetings, and fun. For those who didn’t know him well, he served as an elder in Arlington Heights and McHenry, and as a church treasurer as well. Together, we led a retreat in Wisconsin, and attended many fellowship events in each church. Somehow, he always managed to inject some humor in his work. I can tell how much his service meant in all our churches from the many notes written in the cards. My sincere thanks and love to all on behalf of myself and his loving family – daughter Sharon, son-in-law Scot and grandsons Tyler and Ryan.

Love and thanks to all,

June



Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...

Pat Davenport, Scott Snider, Marty Sobczak, Tom Thennes, Nick Botian, Tom Schwarz, Sally Wilyat, Jayne Reicher, Addie Jo Wedoff, Jim Higgins, Tim Arnold, Velma Downes, Rev. John March, Pat Morozink, George Witczak, Gayle Abrams, Ron Parrish, Paul Thuma, Ellen Dahm at the death of her father, Donald Johnson, and Gail and Bob Diss at the death of Gail’s mother, Caryl Hatfield.

Hold the Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers. Pray for your next pastor whom God has already chosen to walk with this congregation into the future.



March Session Highlights

Sue Ayers-Krause will represent FPC at the April 13 Presbytery meeting.

Session approved COVID-19 task force recommendations to:

- resume outdoor activities at the church starting April 1 with conditions, and
- resume in-person worship with outdoor services beginning April 25 with reservations and attendance limited to 50, socially distanced with masks required.
- In the event of inclement weather, the worship leaders would move indoors to record the service for live stream.

Session also approved the Compassion, Peace and Justice (CPJ) Committee's recommendations to allocate 40% of the special Pentecost offering to Children's Advocacy Center, and approved the committee's mission Statement:

CPJ Committee Mission Statement: We go in grace, challenged by Christ's calling to be a church of action, and strengthened by the Spirit to do God's work and show God's love in the world. We seek to look beyond our walls and beyond ourselves—to see Christ's image in every face, and to transform God's Kingdom. We seek to empower every member of the congregation to share in this work.

Focus areas will include poverty, hunger, homelessness, senior care, children and youth, environmental stewardship, peacemaking, immigration, structural racism, mental health, healthcare and ministry to the incarcerated.

The Ministry Support Committee provided an update on the Audio-Visual Task Force. The task force will be looking to replace our outdated (and in need of repair) soundboards and computers so we can be ready for inside worship when it's safe to do so. Session approved the pastor's job description and Cindy's request for vacation April 5-11.

In other business, a request to use the fire pit on April 18 by a Boy Scout troop was approved by unanimous consent.

Next Meeting: (via ZOOM): 04/18/2021 11:00 am Regular Session meeting

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Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

Pastor search springs forward

Your Pastor Nominating Committee has narrowed the search for our new pastor to three outstanding candidates. Each has accepted our invitation to visit Woodstock in April and to see our home at 2018 N. Route 47.

Blackhawk Presbytery General Presbyter Eric Heinekamp says candidate visits are very important. He likened them to college visits by graduating high school seniors to identify “the college” that just feels right.

Please continue praying that all we do be done to glorify God. Pray, too, for the pastor God is calling to FPC.

We developed the following concise statement – some might call it our church’s elevator speech – back in October. It is included in all of our correspondence with candidates.

*We are a Presbyterian congregation with a rich history in search of a new pastor.
We seek a pastor who feels called to intergenerational ministry and
is gifted with deep knowledge of scripture and in sharing the word
through inspirational messages and teaching –
one who values education, music, fellowship, and mission.
Together with our new pastor we will continue to witness and minister as God calls.*

God Bless,

Dave Davis, Erin Kaye, Christy Johanson, Rob McMahon, Justin Thuma, and Cheryl Wormley

Say good-bye to Pastor Paul	✓
Interim Pastor search process	✓
Interim Pastor joins congregation	✓
Mission Vision Study Team selected	✓
Information gathered and studied	✓
Feedback to congregation and Session	✓
Report completed/present to Session for approval	✓
Report approved by Presbytery Committee on Ministry	✓
Congregation elects Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)	✓
PNC creates Church Information Form and Presbytery puts on-line	✓
PNC reviews and interviews candidates	🕒
Candidate selected; terms of call agreed upon	
Candidate and Terms of call approved by Presbytery	
Candidate Sermon/Congregational vote on call	
Candidate installed as Minister of Word and Sacrament	

GIVING TOGETHER: REPORT FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

The 2021 Per Capita amount is \$38.50. We will appreciate receiving your support for this expense FPC pays each year to Blackhawk Presbytery. You are able to pay this online via our website at <https://www.fpcwoodstock.org/> and then select Giving in the upper right-hand corner of the Home page. You may choose the Per Capita to complete your donation. If you are writing a check simply write Per Capita on the memo line.

We will be upgrading our audio-visual technology so that you will have a more pleasant experience when we meet in-person again. Our Sound Board must be replaced as it is worn out. Some additional enhancements are being installed to help the A/V Team in their ability to operate the technology more efficiently. We are accepting donations specific to this project. See details elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are happy to report that Vicki Thuma has agreed to join the Finance Team!

We are in the process of forming a Team to manage Undesignated Memorial Funds

February 2021 Operating Budget				
<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>Variance vs Budget</u>	<u>Annual 2021 Budget</u>
Contributions Income	\$58,531	\$59,280	(\$748)	\$187,605
All Other Income	<u>\$742</u>	<u>\$415</u>	<u>\$327</u>	<u>\$32,589</u>
Total Income	\$59,273	\$59,695	(\$422)	\$220,194
<u>Expenses</u>				-
Staff	\$20,304	\$23,551	(\$3,247)	\$142,626
All Other Expenses	<u>\$7,376</u>	<u>\$11,703</u>	<u>(\$4,327)</u>	<u>\$103,087</u>
Total Expense	\$27,680	\$35,254	(\$7,573)	\$245,713
Net Ordinary Income	\$31,593	\$24,441	\$7,152	(\$25,519)

The positive variance through February was mostly due to lower than budgeted Staff and building & Grounds Maintenance expenses

Bob Clark – Co-Chair Ministry Support & Finance Team Lead

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The Compassion Peace and Justice Committee would like to say thank you for all of your contributions for One Great Hour of Sharing! We set a goal of \$1,360 to help people in need through One Great Hour of Sharing. Thanks to all of your contributions we have raised \$1,595.41!

We will be collecting donations through March 28th via check, bank direct payments, through the church website payment option, or by bringing your fish with cash/change and dropping it off at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday March 28th from 11am-12pm.

Your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing will be sent to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to help with three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People. Each of these programs helps individuals and communities in need.

A/V System Upgrade Project—Donate Today!

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You may donate online via our website at <https://www.fpcwoodstock.org/> and then select **Giving** in the upper right-hand corner of the Home page. On the Donate Online page, scroll down to Special Projects and insert A/V Upgrades in the box (see below). Or simply write A/V Upgrade in the memo line of your check.

Special Programs

Donation to a designated Special Program

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Please indicate special program, (i.e. A/V upgrades, etc.)

Frequency:

Choose One ▾

Donation Start Date:

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Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

A Matthew 25 opportunity

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25: 37-40



Some of us have received a check or a direct deposit of up to \$1,400 per person in a household as a result of the American Rescue Plan. This is a blessing where there is need.

Otherwise, it can be a time to give all or a portion to do as Christ would have us – feed the hungry and help our neighbors in need. Local charitable organizations are meeting immediate needs in our community through the Woodstock Food Pantry, Woodstock Area Community Ministries, United Way of Greater McHenry County, etc.

You might also consider aiding Presbyterian global missions through a gift to First Presbyterian Church Woodstock that is designated to efforts such as the Hunger Program or One Great Hour of Sharing.

News from the Worship Arts Committee

The month of April begins with virtual worship for our Easter Sunday celebration.

In-person worship will resume with outdoor services beginning April 25. Constant Contact reservations will be taken for each service. For a healthy worship experience, masks will be worn and social distancing between family units will be observed. In the event of inclement weather, in-person worship will be cancelled and the service live-streamed. A Constant Contact notification will be sent out to reserve your spot, and the service will be available for viewing on line via live stream for those who wish to attend remotely.

Earth Care will be the theme for the April 18 service.

Worship Brainstorming Session, May 2nd following Worship

If you are interested in sharing your ideas for summer worship, here's a great opportunity. After the Worship service meet with us on the lawn to think about creative ways to use the arts and music to praise God and teach and inspire the congregation. All are welcome and we encourage our youth to participate. There will be treats!

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Bundick will lead us in a virtual worship service on April 11, followed by a Zoom social hour at 11:00 AM. The information on how to connect will be sent with the Sunday Worship service notification.

2021 Easter Lily Donations

Thank you to those who made donations for Easter Lilies to decorate the Great Hall for our recording of our Easter worship service. Lilies will be available for pickup at the church on Saturday, April 3, 10:00 AM to 12 noon, to enjoy for your Easter celebration at home. Alternative pick-up time is Monday, April 5, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

- Steve & Erin Kaye: In memory of George & Jane Dahm and John & Laverna Moorhouse and Robert & Marie Forcht and Joseph Kaye
- Ray, Angela & Ben Thuma: In memory of Dotty Higgins, Josephine Romo and Reba Moore
- Velma Downes: In memory of Ethel Harris
- Bob Clark: In honor of my new grandson, Mark Clark
- Dawn Cook: In memory of Joe Carroll & Craig Atwell and Don and Charlene Cook
- Karen Thennes: In memory of Ruth Nylander
- Pam & John Moorhouse: In memory of Jane & George Dahm and Laverna & John Moorhouse and in honor of our children and grandchildren
- Cheryl and Jim Wormley: In memory of Jim "Jumbo" Maggio and Diane Melvin
- Jennifer Korzeniowski: In memory of Margery Jane O'Hara
- The Lawler Family: In memory of our grandparents - Jane & George Dahm, Carl & Ev Boe, & Donna Rogers In honor of our parents, Charles & Angela Boe and LeeA
- nne Goodman, and our children, Emily & Dylan Lawler
- Susan Hunt: In memory of Nick & Bea Polizzi and Birdie & Robert Schroeder
- Christopher Dahm: In memory of George & Jane Dahm and Don & Joanne Johnson
- Charles and Angela Boe: In memory of George & Jane Dahm and Carl & Evelyn Boe
- Dave and Cindy Carlisle: In honor of Polly Stover and In memory of Robert Stover

Liturgist Schedule

Thanks to the March liturgists: Kayden Petrick, Renee Simes, Jim Wormley, Chris Nedjl.

April Liturgists: Evan Kaye—April 4, Mark Bundick—April 11, Petrik Family- April 18, John Moorhouse- April 25



April 2021

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Apr 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 5pm - Holy Week	2 GOOD FRIDAY	3 7am - Men's Study
4 HAPPY EASTER 9:30am - Worship	5 7pm - PNC Mtg	6 7:30am - Lecture	7 7pm - Finance	8	9 7am - Men's Study	10
11 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Zoom 7pm - Educ & Spirit.	12 4pm - Hospitality 5pm -	13 7pm - Deacons @ 7pm - PNC Mtg	14 7:30am - Lecture	15 6pm - Compassion,	16 7am - Men's Study 8am - Highway	17
18 9:30am - Worship 11am - Session @	19 7pm - Worship Staff	20 7pm - PNC Mtg	21 7:30am - Lecture	22	23 7am - Men's Study	24
25 9:30am - Worship 7pm - Confirm	26 Newsletter Articles	27 7pm - Dusk, Night, 7pm - PNC Mtg	28 7:30am - Lecture	29 6pm - Worship Arts	30	1

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