

# 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.*

Greetings to my new family of faith! I am very excited to join you in the ministry that God has called First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock to be about. As I write this, I am in Champaign and the movers are emptying out our home here. Most things will be moved to storage for a bit, as we look for the home that we will call our own in Woodstock. In the meantime, Cheryl and Jim Wormley have graciously offered the Corbin family the use of their Woodstock home. We are so thankful and overjoyed by their hospitality! We will be settling into their home in the next few days.

I am grateful for Pastor Cindy's work with you in the last nearly two years, as you all faithfully engaged in the challenging tasks of the Mission Study and the subsequent changes to the structure of the church's ministry. Meanwhile, you have carried out the work and worship of the church throughout this pandemic, inventing new ways to gather, study, serve, and praise God.

Now, it is a new beginning for all of us, and I'm grateful to God for bringing us together. My thanks to the Pastor Nominating Committee for all their hard work in seeking God's will for this congregation. My gratitude to you all for the gracious welcome you have already provided my family. I am greatly looking forward to the gatherings where we will get to know each other a bit better, as we begin this chapter of ministry together.

A quick note on communication: the best way to reach me for most matters is by email: [eric.corbin@fpcwoodstock.org](mailto:eric.corbin@fpcwoodstock.org). I check email throughout each day, and my email also goes to my phone. If you need to reach me urgently, please call or text (815) 575-9454 (a new local number; if you have the 731 phone number, please update your records). I will soon figure out the rhythm of the congregation and decide on office hours when you can count on catching me in the office. I'm also considering holding a couple of office hours weekly in a local café or such. Let me know your suggestions on where I might go to be available to the wider community of Woodstock.

With gratitude to God and to you, I'll close this first newsletter note with Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

In God's joy,  
Pastor Eric

## August 2021



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### Sunday Worship Services

In the Great Hall @ 9:30 a.m.



**August 22**

**Special Jazz Worship and  
Goodbye to Bob Diss**

### **Newsletter Editor**

Mark Bundick

### **Reporters:**

Angie Boe, Mark Bundick, Eric Corbin,  
Bob Clark, Dave Davis, Joyce Maynard,,  
Chris Nedjl, Ray Thuma,

# TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN



## Thank You from Pastor Cindy

My last Sunday was so wonderful! Thank you for your beautiful words during worship, the warm thoughts expressed in person and in such lovely cards, and the generous gifts.

Most of all, thank you for a blessed 23 months with this congregation. You are fabulous!

Blessings on all Christ will accomplish with Pastor Eric!

## N.O.W. Dinner Updates

The N.O.W. Dinner Team met on July 19 to begin planning for the fall. Session has given permission for dinners to resume indoors with some slight changes in protocols. Food will be served by volunteers who will be masked and gloved and utensils will be packaged. Tables will be spaced and families will be encouraged to sit together.

N.O.W. is also looking for groups who are willing to prepare dinners. During the pandemic, with a limited number of dinners scheduled, the N.O.W. team took on the organizing and preparation for all dinners in 2020, and the brunches in 2021. In the past, small groups and families hosted N.O.W. dinners with team member assistance. We're looking to return to that approach for 2021 in order to avoid burning out the N.O.W. team. If you're up to the fun of doing a dinner, please contact Cheryl Wormley at 815-519-7402 or [indepublisher@comcast.net](mailto:indepublisher@comcast.net).

Finally, FPC new cleaning service will not be doing N.O.W. dinner set up or take down. We will need assistance from 2 volunteers who are willing to rearrange the worship space for dinners and help return the space for worship after the dinner is complete. If you are planning to attend, and can spare 15 minutes to help out, we'd really appreciate it!

## 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](mailto:vmdownes@gmail.com)

## Gone Fishin' - Men's Bible Study

The Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study is taking a summer sabbatical. Contact Dave Davis at [ddavis@ameritech.net](mailto:ddavis@ameritech.net) if you wish to join the study when it resumes in the fall. 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.

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## Men's Group/Bible Study

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## Wednesday Early Bible Study

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## From Education and Spiritual Growth

### Battery Box

The confirmation youth have created a battery recycling box as part of our commitment as an Earth Care Congregation. Special thanks to Lydia Johanson, Evan Kaye, and Barb Bundick for painting, and to Angie Boe for leading the project. The box can be found in the entryway.

Instead of throwing your used alkaline batteries in the trash, bring them to church and we will recycle them for you. Shipping and recycling costs are approximately \$2 per pound, so donations to offset this expense are welcome.

### Highway Cleanup

We had a small but dedicated crew, Ray Thuma, Jim Wormley and Cindy Carlisle, at our last highway cleanup. Many bags of trash were gathered for pick up by the Department of Transportation.

We would love to have more people join us for the next cleanup in September. Individuals are always welcome, but it is more fun as a group. The Compassion Peace and Justice committee challenges every small group to include a mission component into their activities. If your small group would like to participate in this simple mission activity, please contact Ray Thuma [ray.thuma@fpcwoodstock.org](mailto:ray.thuma@fpcwoodstock.org).

## Congregational Life News



Thanks to Sally Nelson, Nancy Bingham and Mark Bundick for the FPC history display at the Woodstock Public Library!

## Earth Care News—Battery Box is Here!

Many thanks to Evan Kaye, Lydia Johanson, Angie Boe, and Barb Bundick for building and decorating a beautiful container for us to collect our used batteries.

Why recycle your batteries? When batteries become corroded or damaged, they leak chemicals that are harmful to the environment and human health.

**Reduce** – Take an inventory of all the batteries you use. Are there ways you can extend the life of your batteries? Are there places you could use rechargeables?

**Reuse** – Find another use for a battery that still has juice.

**Recycle** - Batteries use raw-earth materials like lithium, nickel, lead, cobalt which are non-renewable and expensive to mine. The mining process is dangerous for workers and can release potentially toxic metals into the air. Recycling your used batteries means you conserve resources while reducing the need to mine more raw materials by extracting the raw materials from used batteries and getting them to manufacturing companies for reuse.



## Red Wagon Items Requested for August

**Spam, Corned Beef, Small Hams, Canned Hash, Canned Chicken Breast, Canned Salmon and Tuna**

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

Anyone living in School District 200 may receive food two times each month. If you know someone who needs help with food, please encourage them to visit the Food Pantry, 1033 Lake Avenue (behind the Dorr Township building), Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

# CARING TOGETHER

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Trent Lovejoy-8/01  
Matt Petrik-8/01  
Ryan Wormley-8/01  
JeanChase-8/02  
Braeden Ferrera-8/02  
Calvin Wormley-8/03  
Cameron Wormley-8/03  
J.T. Wormley-8/03  
Georgia Collins-8/04  
Jung Sook Slack-8/08  
Simon Baker-8/10  
Alan Dunker-8/11  
John Moorhouse-8/11  
Charles Boe-8/12  
Rachael Landrey-8/12  
Miriam Lozada-8/12  
Shari Olesen-8/13  
Angela Thuma-8/13  
Karina Maksimova-8/17  
Randel Stock-8/18  
Gary Mazur-8/19  
Adam Zingrone-8/19  
Mark Morozink-8/20  
Andrew Ferrera-8/21  
Sara Baker-8/25  
Robert Boyne-8/26  
Vicki Thuma-8/26  
Cary Cook-8/27  
Philip Dahm-8/27  
Karen Thennes-8/27

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Jodi Landeros-8/02  
Katherine Geneske-8/03  
Rhonda Knaack-8/03  
Philip Konopinski-8/03  
Steve & Nancy Bingham-8/06  
Tom & Karen Thennes-8/08  
Michael & Emily Lazar-8/10  
Joshua Robinett-8/12  
Angela Boe-8/13  
Tony & Katie Spaldon-8/14  
Jack & Kay Darby-8/17  
Marilyn Mcallister-8/19  
Robert & Sandra Landrey-8/20  
John & Pam Moorhouse-8/28  
Amanda Nicolai-8/28  
Alan & Mary Carol Dunker-8/30



## Save the Date!

**Thursday, August 26, 8:00am-6:00 PM**

**Friday, August 27, 8:00am-4:00 PM**

(items half price beginning at noon)

**Saturday, August 28, 8:00am-Noon**

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

We welcome donations of clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, toys, books, CD's, DVD's, 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 ?????????!! **Please, please, please make sure all items are clean, in working order and have no pieces missing.**

You can drop off donations beginning after the service Sunday, August 22, in Rooms 1-3, or from 9:00-4:00 Monday August 23, Tuesday, August 24, or Wednesday, August 25. If you need to make special arrangements to get your donations to church or to drop them off at other times, please call Joyce Maynard at 815-338-7265.

And volunteer signups are up at the church. Please consider giving an hour or two to help out this important Mission fundraiser.



## Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...

Pat Davenport, Nick Botian, Tom Schwarz, Jim Higgins, Tim Arnold, Velma Downes, Ron Parrish, Paul Thuma, Becky Medins, Russ Warye, Lance Sobczak, Beth Koehler, Rowan King, Loretta NejdI, Sue Krause, George Kruse, Lance Sobczak, Becky Medins.

Also hold in your prayers Candee McMahon as she grieves the death of her brother John and the family and friends of Sally Wilyat as they grieve her death.

## August Update from the Deacons



- Deacons Pam and John Moorhouse, supplied snacks for the June inter-generational VBS after the worship service June 27th. There was no VBS in July, but we hope to continue in August.
- We will be meeting in person at the church at our August 10th meeting so Pastor Corbin can get to know us all better.
- Deacon member, Barb Parrish, and congregational member, Mary Hill, are working on an updated church directory with members' photos. We are hoping to get this out for our new Pastor to better learn everyone's names.

- Deacons served cookies and cake after Pastor Eric's first Sunday, August 1st

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Sue Epperson 224-293-2295  
Joyce Maynard 815-338-7265

Pam Moorhouse 815-814-5585  
John Moorhouse 815-236-7408  
Barb Parrish 815-338-8112

Matt Petrik 815-209-2835  
John Rigby 815-236-1780

### WACM Notes:

Our church is a member of WACM and provides financial support to this ministry. Other churches that are part of WACM include First United Methodist Church, Free Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran Church, McHenry County Jewish Congregation, Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

## Happy Birthday to Us! - 175 Years of FPC in Woodstock

We are Presbyterians

We are Presbyterians in more than just name. Pastors and elders from FPC have served Blackhawk Presbytery as moderators and committee members through the years. In the 1960s and '70s, Bertha Tammeus served at all four judicatory levels: FPC elder, Presbytery committee member, member-at-large on the first Synod of Lincoln Trails Council, and member of UPW's national Committee of 500.

More recently, two of our pastors served as moderator of Blackhawk Presbytery: The Rev. Steve Plank 1991-92 and the Rev. Paul Nelson, 2007-08. Beth Elbersen was a lay delegate to the General Assembly in 2000, and she served on the Presbytery's Personnel Committee for six years. Other members also have served on Presbytery committees.

We consistently attend Presbytery meetings and are frequently involved in Presbytery mission activities.

At the present time, two retired Presbyterian pastors worship and participate in the life of FPC. We also are blessed to have a retired Methodist pastor active in our congregation.

We are honored to have called two women to positions in our church, which led to their ordination, The Rev. Melinda Hinnars (1987) and The Rev. Janet Potter (2012).

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Our most recent pastor, the Rev. Dr. Paul Nelson, led our congregation for 17 years, beginning with a prayer service the day following 9/11. He guided the congregation through the building of its new church on North Route 47 and leaving the historical church building on West Calhoun Street. He fostered a spirit of involvement, service, and programming, and he fulfilled his calling to preach and teach.

Pastor Paul resigned in January 2019, because he had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He died January 20, 2020. The congregation called the Rev. Cindy Carlisle in September 2019 to serve as interim pastor. After the interim period, we call Rev. Eric Corbin to begin his ministry with us on August 1, 2021.



## Nominating Committee Update

We celebrate that Erin Kaye answered the call to serve. On July 25th, she was ordained as Elder in the church of Jesus Christ and installed on the Session. We pray for God's Spirit to be upon her.

The Committee is now working to bring a slate of officers and at-large Nominating Committee members to the congregation later this year. Please keep the Committee in your prayers.

## Memorial Committee Formed

Session has asked the Board of Deacons to oversee an on-going Memorial Committee composed of two Deacons appointed by the Deacons and 3 at-large members appointed by the Session. At-large members will serve in classes for up to three years at a time. One or both of the Deacons will be chair of the Committee. The Committee will advise Session on the use Memorial Funds consistent with any designations.

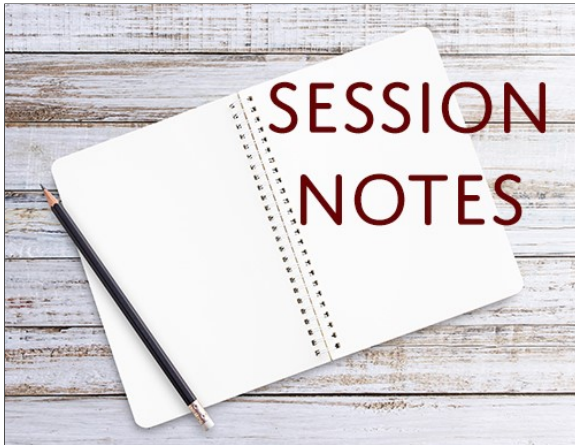
A list of potential uses of Memorial Funds will be created and maintained by the Committee with input from Session Committees, donors or donor families. The Committee will handle the acknowledgement of contributions and communicate with donors regarding use of gifts.

The 2021 Memorial Committee is:

Deacons John Moorhouse and Angie Boe (Co-chairs)  
Velma Downes  
Pam Mathison  
Lee Nejd

If you have ideas on how Memorial funds might enhance the ministry of the congregation, please contact one of these members.





## July Session Highlights

Clerk's Report: FPC received a letter from Ruben Martinez of the House of Blessing saying they would no longer be needing space in our building. Mark will reply thanking them for their time spent with our congregation.

Preparations for Rev. Corbin and family: With their home

purchase unfortunately cancelled, Jim and Cheryl Wormley have graciously offered their Woodstock home for the Corbin's use until approximately Thanksgiving. A motion was made, seconded and approved to make available all remaining funds from the PNC to Rev. Corbin to assist with all reimbursable moving and transition expenses in excess of the \$4,000 provided as part of the terms of call.

Nominating Committee: A recommendation to appoint Dave Davis to Ministry Support was approved.

COVID Task Force: Session spent time reviewing possible changes to current COVID protocols. Session approved removing capacity limits and return to regular occupancy levels. Masks will continue to be required for worship services indoors. For non-worship gatherings, it is recommended that unvaccinated persons wear a mask and maintain social distance.

Building and Grounds: The team reported on multiple maintenance and repair projects. Efforts to switch lighting to LED's will take longer than planned. Our Facility Use Agreement requiring building users to prohibit smoking, alcohol consumption or the use of legal or illegal drugs without written permission of Session was approved.

Finance: The Memorial Committee description was approved. The Committee is composed of 5 persons; 2 Deacons appointed by the Board of Deacons and 3 at-large members appointed by the Session. No member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive years on the Committee. The Committee will advise Session on the use of the Memorial Funds consistent with restrictions placed on any specific gift.

Other Business: A generous offer of a motorized scooter from Woodstock Heating will be referred to the Deacons to determine if there is some member who can make good use of it.

**Next Meeting: (in person):** 08/15/2021 11:00 am Regular Session meeting

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### **Clerk of Session**

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## AUGUST REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

### July Financials -

June 2021 Operating Budget				
	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance vs Budget</u>	<u>Annual 2021 Budget</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Contributions Income	\$120,164	\$119,990	\$173	\$192,622
All Other Income	<u>\$5,098</u>	<u>\$17,765</u>	<u>(\$12,667)</u>	<u>\$27,572</u>
Total Income	\$125,262	\$137,755	<u>(\$12,493)</u>	\$220,194
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
Staff	\$65,963	\$70,518	<u>(\$4,555)</u>	\$142,626
All Other Expenses	<u>\$50,163</u>	<u>\$58,427</u>	<u>(\$8,264)</u>	<u>\$103,087</u>
Total Expense	\$116,127	\$128,945	<u>(\$12,819)</u>	\$245,713
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$9,136</b>	<b>\$8,810</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>(\$25,519)</b>

- House of Blessing will no longer be using our facilities for their worship. We have enjoyed the relationship and wish them the best as they move forward with new plans.
- We are in the process of forming both landscape and interior design teams.
- We have been blessed to have Interim Pastor Cindy with us the past almost two year and are eager to welcome Pastor Eric. Cindy has worked diligently to make sure this is a smooth transition.
- We are sad to see Bob Diss leave but wish him and his family the best as they relocate out of state. We are in the process of searching for Bob's replacement and welcome any leads you might provide.



### YOUR MAIL IS SAFE WITH US

In order to enhance the security of our offerings, the church has installed a locked mailbox for U.S.P.S. mail deliveries.

## August 2021 News from the Worship Arts Committee



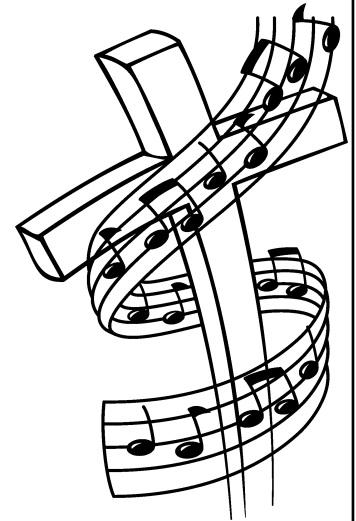
With great enthusiasm, we welcomed Pastor Eric Corbin at the August 1 Communion service.

### We Celebrate Our Musicians!

Calling all musicians. The first choir practice of the season follows immediately after the August 8 worship service. Please come out and join us for a fun time of music.

### August 15 Musician Recognition Sunday

We will celebrate our musicians for their musical contributions throughout the past year. The service will feature the choir and a Youth String Ensemble. All of our musicians are invited to attend and be recognized during the service on August 15th.



### August 22 Jazz Worship Service and Farewell to Bob Diss

Under the creative direction of Bob Diss, organist and jazz musical stylist, this jazz worship service will use what is unique about jazz music to enhance the worship experience. Blending jazz standards with favorite hymns to enhance Sunday's spiritual message, this special music service will be accompanied by a five-piece jazz band of Bob Diss, Paul and Jody Fields, Jim Seidel and Bryan Kyroutac.

Please join us for this very special worship service, and to say farewell to Bob and Gail Diss as they depart for their new home in Indiana.

### Worship Leadership

The Hospitality Team and Deacons will be greeting this month. Please contact Cheryl Wormley or John Moorhouse if you would like to assist with this important ministry. We are looking for Sunday morning ushers. Please contact the office if you are able to serve on a rotating schedule. Please make a point of thanking our Sound Team members. They are working hard to improve our sound system and in-person worship experience every Sunday.

# August 2021

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock							Aug 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat							
1 9:30am - Worship 1pm - Jane Dahm	2	3	4 7:30am - Lection	5 1pm - Ministry	6	7							
8 9:30am - Worship	9 4pm - Hospitality	10 10am - TLC Ladies 7pm - Deacons @	11 7:30am - Lection	12 7pm - Finance	13	14							
15 9:30am - Worship 11am - Session @ 7pm - Educ & Spirit.	16	17	18 7:30am - Lection	19 6pm - Compassion,	20	21							
22 9:30am - Worship 10am - All-Age Act.	23 Newsletter Articles 7:30pm - Rummage	24 7:30pm - Rummage	25 7:30am - Lection 7:30pm - Rummage	26 Rummage Sale 6pm - Worship Arts	27 Rummage Sale	28 Rummage Sale							
29 9:30am - Worship	30	31	1 7:30am - Lection	2	3	4 7am - Men's Study							

## MINISTERS

All members and friends of the  
congregation

## STAFF

Rev. Eric Corbin  
Pastor

Dave Davis  
Financial Secretary

Bob Diss  
Organist/Accompanist

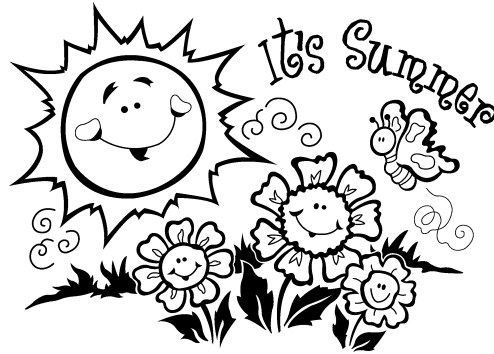
Christy Johanson  
Social Media  
Worship Arts Coordinator

## OFFICERS

Mark Bundick  
Clerk of Session

Cary Cook  
Treasurer

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