

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.

From Pastor Eric

It is hard to believe that I'm about to begin my second month as your pastor! I'm grateful for the ministry we've shared together in this month. It is an honor to be your pastor and a joy to serve God with you!

A huge thank you to Joyce Maynard for being the head honcho of our Rummage Sale, and to all of the volunteers, donors, and shoppers. Together, we raised \$3,143.20 for Woodstock Food Pantry and Woodstock Area Community Ministries! It was incredible to watch the Great Hall transformed from our place of worship to the site of a giant rummage sale, and back again. I am awed by your teamwork, volunteer spirit, and heart for helping others.

In the month of September, we plan to have Rally Day on September 12, the return of NOW dinners starting September 15, and a "get to know you" gathering on September 26. I'm looking forward to these and other events to get to know you all better.

As Labor Day approaches, we typically return to a more routine schedule. School is back in session, summer vacations have ended, and we settle in for Fall. In a time of global pandemic -- a seemingly unending one (remember when we were going to stay home for fifteen days to "flatten the curve?") -- there seems to be no routine. We are still masking up to do our part to keep each other safe. We are still unsure about when to shake hands, bump fists, or tap elbows. We are still trying to keep some physical distance between each other. We are weary. Let's remember to have lots of empathy for each other. This pandemic affects each of us differently, though it is a challenging time for us all, so let's show each other Christ's love in all we do.

As mentioned last month, the best way to reach me for most matters is by email: 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. I'd also like to mention Facebook. I'm active on Facebook in two ways -- personally, at <http://fb.com/ericcorbin>, and in a more public way, at <http://fb.com/pastorericcorbin>. I have a policy of not sending Facebook "friend" requests to church members, but I will respond to your friend request, if you would like to send me one. However we do so, let's stay in touch!

I share these words from Philippians 1:3-4: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."

Grace and peace,
Pastor Eric

September 2021



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Sunday Worship Services

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



Come and
WORSHIP

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TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

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Rally Day

We are changing our model of Christian education and are not planning a traditional Sunday School this year. However, we are still kicking off the fall season with Rally Day. Bring your children to worship on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

During worship, we will recognize the children from age 0 to end of high school and present them with a special bag to be used for church events. We will have an intergenerational table available for all to use for hands on Christian activities during the service.

After worship, there will be games, snacks, and fun. Stop by our information booth and ask your questions about confirmation, Christian education, youth groups or anything you want to know about the Education and Spiritual Growth committee's plans for the upcoming school year.

N.O.W. Dinners Return!

Wednesday night N.O.W. dinners are back!

Things kick off with the N.O.W. team on September 15 with a fall favorite, corn and brats! If the weather's good, we'll be eating outside, so bring your lawn chair or blanket and be ready to chow down.

On September 22, your Deacons will be hosting. On September 29, Matt Thuma takes charge, Be sure to mark your calendar, skip the food preparation for one night and enjoy something delicious!

Getting to Know You: Meeting and Greeting Pastor Eric

Want to get to know our new pastor better? He wants to meet and know all of us. The Hospitality Team is scheduling a series of small "meet and greet" sessions with Eric. There's not a set agenda to these gatherings, just a chance to share our personal and faith journeys with Eric.

The first session is post-worship on September 26. Hospitality is working to schedule additional sessions later in the fall including post N.O.W. dinner sessions and small group meetings. Keep an eye open for signup sheets outside worship, and email invitations in your inbox.

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

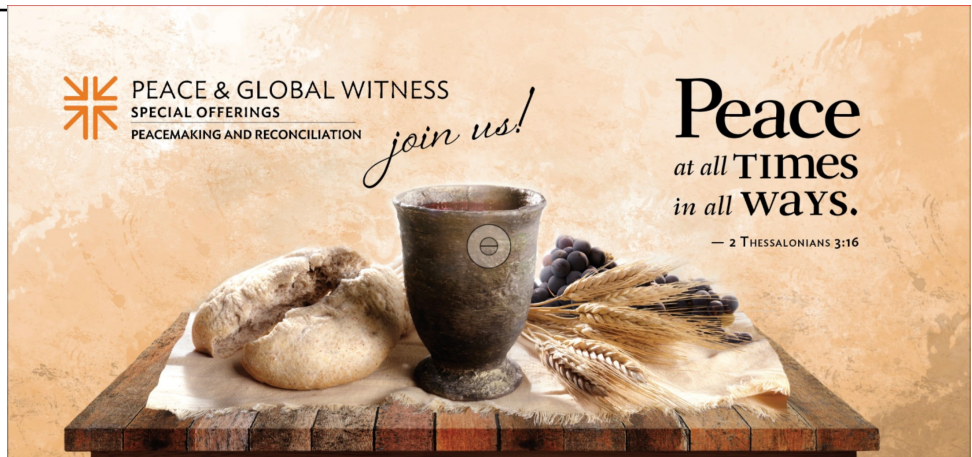
The group is meeting virtually using Zoom using a single reading from the Common Lectionary. Join us for lively discussion, thoughtful readings and good fellowship. Contact Velma Downes to be added to the mailing list or for more information at 815-245-4043 or vmdownes@gmail.com.

No Name Knitters Return!

No-Name knitters and crocheters will again meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of each month at 6:30 PM. Please join us if you enjoy making items for others! Call Kay Darby, 815-572-1729; kedarby@icloud.com for more information.

Peace & Global Witness Offering—September 5 - October 3, 2021

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.



confronting hopelessness, thwarting division

Empowering congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

your impact

Equipping Peacemakers in Congregations and Around the World.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

The Peace and Global Witness Special Offering is the third of four Special Offerings the Session approved to be collected this year at First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock. Our goal for this offering is \$1365 and will be collected between September 5 and October 3, 2021. You may make a contribution by check (made out to FPC Woodstock and write Peace Special Offering in the memo line) or cash using a special offering envelope or use the church website to make a contribution. We will report on progress toward our goal every couple of weeks during worship service.

Red Wagon Items Requested for September Chicken Noodle, Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken, Tomato and Vegetable Soup, Ramen Noodles Soup,

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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Candee McMahon—9/2
 Gianna Ferrera—9/3
 Jennifer Ludwig—9/5
 Julie Farver—9/8
 David Bingham—9/11
 Sarah Bingham—9/11
 Hanna Botian—9/12
 Terry Rouhandeh—9/12
 Lynne Sobczak—9/13
 Reagan Wormley—9/18
 Erik Johanson—9/20
 Sharon Stanger—9/20
 Ellen Dahm—9/22
 Larry Collins—9/23
 Richard Peters—9/25
 Lorianne Thennes—9/25
 Matilda Botian—9/26
 Madeline Lauf—9/27
 Pat Morozink—9/30



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Kathi Carr—9/3
 Danielle Rewaiko—9/9
 Kyle & Tiffany Sobczak—9/9
 Phil & Christie McKettrick—9/17
 Tom and Sara Signor—9/18
 John and Jo Williams—9/25

November Craft Fair

How are those craft projects coming? Keep working on them. If you haven't started anything yet, now is a good time to begin. You still have plenty of time. Our second annual all-church craft fair/fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21, before and after the worship service. (If there happens to be a NOW dinner on Nov. 17th the craft fair will begin then.) No ideas? Consider woodworking, sewing, knitting/crocheting, picture frames, notebooks, cookie/baking kits, etc. Call Lynne Sobczak for questions or more ideas.

From the Family of Charlotte Bingham

We would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and support during these past few weeks, and express our gratitude to all who helped with Charlotte's recent memorial service. We felt loved and cared for in the midst of our loss. With appreciation, Steve & Nancy Bingham

Help for Tom Schwarz

I am trying to find people to run interference for Tom at White Oaks in McHenry where he lives now. Mostly he stays in his room/apartment, but especially at mealtimes the staff needs help diverting/distracting other residents who tend to irritate him. They are all sweet people who are just confused and easy to redirect if they approach Tom's self-designated personal space.

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays have holes right now. Bring a book or handwork or your phone. Tom usually entertains himself fine between meals.

Call or email me, Lora Schwarz at 815-342-0755 or Psalm23@gmail.com.

Girls for Ghana

Thank you to the Compassion, Peace and Justice Commission for their donation from the Tammus fund to Girls 4 Ghana. They are so grateful to receive \$250.00 for their upcoming Mission trip to Ghana. Dina Amoo and her helpers will be distributing feminine supplies to adolescent girls as well as educating them while they are there. There is great need for this in Ghana and they do an amazing job. The money will be put towards providing a nutritious meal for the girls on the day of the team's visit. We will keep you updated on the trip and hopefully will be able to sponsor a sewing night to make supplies soon!



Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...

Pat Davenport, Nick Botian, Tom Schwarz, Jim Higgins, Tim Arnold, Ron Parrish, Paul Thuma, Becky Medins, Russ Warye, Lance Sobczak, Beth Koehler, Rowan King, Loretta Nejd, Sue Krause, George Kruse, Lance Sobczak, Becky Medins, Sandy Landry. Hold in your prayers Candee McMahon as she grieves the death of her brother, John; The family and friends of Sally Wilyat, and the family and friends of Charlotte Bingham.

September Update from the Deacons



We will continue meeting via Zoom until further notice.

Deacon Barb Parrish and congregational member Mary Hill are working on a new Church Directory with photos of the church members with help by Dave Davis getting the photos uploaded. Deacon John Rigby has offered to help with the binding.

The Deacons will be hosting a Wednesday night NOW dinner on 9/22,

Lora Totten-Schwartz asked for help with people to sit with Tom. John Moorhouse, John Rigby and possibly Pastor Eric said they will try and visit Tom Schwartz on 8/18 and assess the need.

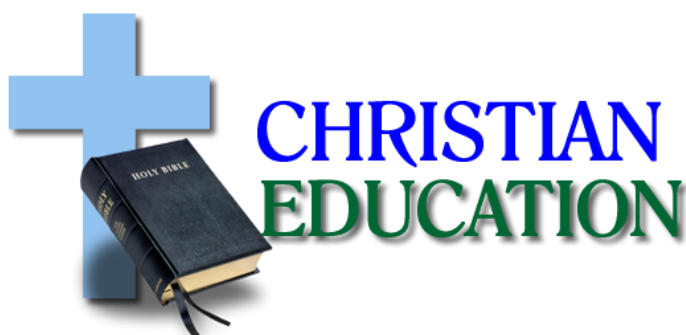
The Deacons will be assisting the hospitality committee with the Advent bags again this year.

Deacons assisted with Charlotte Bingham's visitation and memorial service on 8/21.

WACM Notes:

WACM's Direct Assistance Program helps individuals and families stay in their homes when they face financial difficulties. In July seven family units received help with rent, a NiCOR gas

bill, or payment of water bills. Assistance with gasoline, a vehicle repair, and clothing was also requested and received. As a member of WACM, our church supports local mission through its financial contributions. Some of the proceeds from the church's rummage sale benefit the work of WACM. Thank you



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

This month, let's look back at our education history!

Sunday school, confirmation, and vacation Bible school have been hallmarks for the children.

Sunday school staffing seems to have been a challenge even in the early 1980s. In a 1980 talk, eighth-grader Greg Bradshaw said, "One thing that bothers me ... is, every year, the church almost has to beg teachers to teach in the Sunday school program. When the kids hear this, they don't feel it's really important to go to Sunday school, if they can't find teachers." He went on to say that Sunday school taught him to pray and read the Bible and gave him the opportunity to sing and discuss problems. Volunteers creatively led the children's Sunday school through 2016. Then, a part-time youth coordinator position was created. Adult education has taken many forms: Bible and book studies, women's retreats, spiritual gifts and other seminars, and small group discussions.



Clerk's Report: Sue Krause was approved as Nominating Committee chair.

Pastor's Report: Session received with thanks Pastor Cindy Carlisle final report

Memorial Committee: A motion was approved to provide \$1,100 to the

N.O.W. Team for new metal prep tables, associated accessories and a knife set.

Nominating Committee: A recommendation to appoint Erin Kaye to the Worship Committee was approved.

COVID Task Force: Session authorized Building and Grounds to purchase and install a plexiglass shield for the pulpit, and Worship, Music and Arts to establish two children's tables at the rear of the sanctuary.

Ministry Support – Building and Grounds: B&G reported that an anonymous donor funded the painting project.

Ministry Support – Personnel: Recruiting for a permanent accompanist is underway with job postings on our website, and solicitation by Christy Johanson. Danik Koostra has been secured as interim accompanist.

Worship, Music and Arts: A post-worship celebration for Bob Diss, including a card shower, has been planned for his final Sunday with us.

Compassion, Peace and Justice: A committee recommendation to use \$250 from the Tamaeus Fund for Girls for Ghana was approved. The committee asked Session to review at the September meeting which restricted funds are to be managed by the Memorial Committee and which might still be managed by individual committees. Session will conduct this review at the September meeting.

Congregational Life: The N.O.W. team is looking at options to handle setup and takedown of tables and chairs, since the new cleaning service will not be providing these services.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 11:00 p.m. in person.

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AUGUST REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Accompanist position opening is posted on several websites. The Job Description is also posted on the FPC website. Please feel free to let us know of any potential candidates.

We are very happy that Danik Kooistra has agreed to be our interim accompanist.

Many thanks to all who participated in painting several areas of the building

McCullough Endowment Fund Performance Commentary:

The Portfolio ended 2nd Quarter at \$1,061,958 vs. previous quarter end value of \$1,020,023 and a withdrawal of \$10,576.

2nd Quarter 2021 Performance was +5.16%% vs. +5.23% for the blended index used to compare performance.

One -year return at 6/30/21 was 24.5% and in line with a blended index.

About Planned Giving

How important is a will? How does it benefit your family?
Your church?

By including the church in your estate plan, there will be a little child in the future that will laugh out loud at the wonderful good news that God is love; a teenager one day on spring break in Mexico that will see that love first hand; a struggling adult that will finally understand what grace means in so complex and difficult a world – because of you.



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



Calling all ages for Intergenerational services where all members of the family worship together. Look for the Activity Zone tables for worship-related activities during the service.

On Sunday, September 5, we welcome Danik Kooistra as the Interim Accompanist following the departure of Bob Diss to his new home in Fort Wayne.

Rally Day is September 12

Kick off the fall worship season at First Presbyterian Church, with bags for the young people—up through high school age—who attend. Special music by Annie Nelson.

Chris Nejd, Worship Committee



FPC Worship on YouTube and Facebook

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background.

Remember that our services are regularly live streamed on Facebook and archived on YouTube. If you can't get to church on Sunday morning, check out the live stream at our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/fpcwoodstock/>.

You can also watch all our worship services on FPC's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxGIfuDXFmONo2cpjMjkoyg>.



Worship Leadership

The Hospitality Team and Deacons will be greeting again this month. Please contact Cheryl Wormley (815-519-7402; indepublisher@comcast.net) or John Moorhouse (815-236-7408; johnmoorhouse54@gmail.com) 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.

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Sep 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30am - Worship	30	31 7pm - Rally Day meeting	1 7:30am - Lesson Study	2	3	4 7am - Men's Study
5 9:30am - Worship	6	7	8 7:30am - Lesson Study 6:30pm - No-Name Knitters	9 7pm - Finance Comm	10	11 Thuma Party 7am - Men's Study
12 9:30am - Worship 7pm - Educ & Spirit.	13 4pm - Hospitality Team	14 10am - TLC Ladies 7pm - Deacons	15 7:30am - Lesson Study 5:15pm - Corn and Brats	16 6pm - Compassion, Peace	17	18 7am - Men's Study 8am - Highway Clean-up
19 9:30am - Worship 11am - Session	20	21 4pm - NOW Team	22 7:30am - Lesson Study 5:15pm - NOW Dinner 6:30pm - No-Name Knitters	23	24	25 7am - Men's Study
26 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Get to Know You	27 Newsletter Articles Due	28	29 7:30am - Lesson Study 5:15pm - NOW Dinner	30 6pm - Worship Arts Mtg @	1	2 7am - Men's Study

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All members and friends of the
congregation

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Pastor

Dave Davis
Financial Secretary

Danik Kooistra
Interim Organist

Christy Johanson
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