

# 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.*

July 2022



## Summertime!

Nichole Nordeman's song "Every Season" speaks of the work of God's hands in each season of the year. If you'd like to hear it, visit <http://bit.ly/everyseasonvideo>. The verse about summer says this:

Every evening sky, an invitation  
To trace the patterned stars  
And early in July, a celebration  
For freedom that is ours  
And I notice You  
In children's games  
In those who watch them from  
the shade  
Every drop of sun is full of fun  
and wonder



You are summer

It's now summer, and children's games are in full swing (literally, for those in baseball and softball!) and our communities will be celebrating Independence Day this week. The days are full of fun and wonder in the sun.

I pray that you enjoy the summer season. It is a break from the routine of the school year for many of you. For others, it is a more intense time of gardening and farming. Some enjoy time at the beach, while others escape the heat in the air-conditioning. You might even check in with the office to see if there are any quick tasks you might take care of. However you experience summer, give thanks to God! 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says "Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

As your summer plans take you away from the area, travel safely, and take First Pres along with you by joining us in worship online on Sundays. Send a postcard from wherever you go, or tag the church in your Facebook posts. Let's share our summer joys with one another, as we also share our cares and concerns.

Also, please put Sunday, July 31st on your calendar, as my (long-delayed) Service of Installation is planned for that date. It will be a great celebration of our ministry together. I look forward to many years of faithful ministry with you.

I hope to see you in worship, in meetings, and in fellowship soon. Please reach out to me anytime – you can email me at [eric@fpcwoodstock.org](mailto:eric@fpcwoodstock.org) or call/text me at 815-575-9454. Or, grab a time to chat at [fpcwoodstock.org/meetwitheric](https://fpcwoodstock.org/meetwitheric). Connect with me on Facebook at [fb.com/ericcorbin](https://fb.com/ericcorbin) or [fb.com/pastorericcorbin](https://fb.com/pastorericcorbin) and the church at [fb.com/fpcwoodstock](https://fb.com/fpcwoodstock).

Grace and peace,

Pastor Eric

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## Sunday Worship Services

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

## NOW Fellowship



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# TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

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## FPC Fishing Mission – Let's Go Fishing FPC!

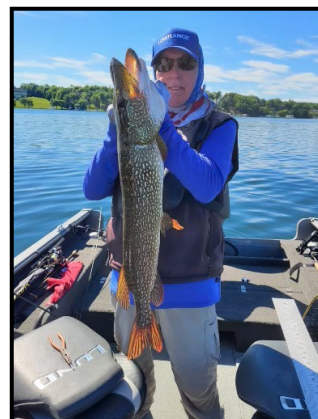
The 2022 fishing season is off to mixed reviews. This is due to a late and colder spring season compared to typical years. However, we are catching some decent size fish from Geneva Lake at times. We expect things to pick up as the water is warming up now and many species are finishing their spring spawning activities. Hopefully the fish will be



into their summer patterns soon as Geneva's water temperature is in the mid 70's.

Dave Davis and Bob Clark participated in the Fourth Annual Backyard Battle fishing club tournament on June 23rd. While they did not place in the Top Three this year, they were able to finish second in the Big Fish portion of the contest. In previous years Bob had won the tournament (three years ago with his friend Jim Bloede) and placed second overall (two years ago with Jim Bloede), and Bob, Dave, and their friend Ben Garvens finished third overall last year.

That is Bob holding the second place 35 1/2" / 10 lbs. Northern Pike that he caught, and Dave netted for the



team last Thursday. Their friends and fellow Fishing Mission members Ben Garvens and Jim Bloede won the Biggest Fish portion of the contest last week with a 20 3/4" Smallmouth Bass. Mike Downes spent a few days in the Boulder Jct., WI area in late June with his friend Chuck Mauter.

That's Mike with a nice 19 1/2" Smallmouth Bass from Crawling Stone Lake.

Please contact Bob if you want to participate in our Fishing Mission. The summer Bluegill/Pumpkin Seed bite on Geneva should begin soon which should be fun for all ages and skill level anglers.

Bob Clark – Fishing Mission Coordinator

## July Updates from the Food Pantry

A BIG thank you to our congregation for your continued support and donations to the Woodstock Food Pantry. Please check out the Food Pantry's new website: [www.woodstockfoodpantry.org](http://www.woodstockfoodpantry.org) and follow the Food Pantry on Facebook for the latest information on needed food items. You can leave your donations outside the church in the box provided 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 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



# TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

## July News from the Education and Spiritual Growth Committee.

Please join us on Sunday, July 10th and July 24th following the service for Intergenerational Vacation Bible School! This summer's exciting program comes from GenOn Ministries titled All God's Children: The Church Family Gathers for Summer.



## July News from the No-Name Knitters

The No-Name Knitters will be safely meeting at the church on the July 13th at 6:30 p.m. If you love to knit or crochet, come join us! Contact Kay Darby at 815-572-1729, for more information.

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

The group is meeting virtually using Google Meets. 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)



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

Join us via Google Meets for Bible study on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Contact John Moorhouse, 815-236-7408 [johnmoorhouse54@gmail.com](mailto:johnmoorhouse54@gmail.com) to get connected through Google Meets 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.





## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Diss 07/03  
Rick Morozink 07/04  
Velma Downes 07/05  
Joyce Maynard 07/05  
Roger Dickman 07/09  
Cheryl Wormley 07/13  
Jim Wormley 07/18  
Sally Nelson 07/20  
Ruth Hunt 07/27  
Sara Botian 07/28  
Marla Rigby 07/30



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Brooke & Pam Mathison 07/01  
Tom Schwartz & Lora Totten Schwartz 07/05  
Scott and Katherine Greenley 07/12  
Emily Stack 07/23  
Fred Strausse 07/29

## July WACM Notes



Woodstock residents who are struggling to get back and forth to medical appointments and other transportation needs have been reaching out to WACM's Direct Assistance Program for a gas voucher. Woodstock drivers bring their driver's license and proof of car insurance to Grace Lutheran Church, 1300 W. Kishwaukee Valley Road on the first or third Thursday of the month between noon and 3 p.m.. Upon meeting with a volunteer, a gas voucher can be issued. Recipients are grateful for this assistance, and WACM is grateful for the support of its member churches so this help can be offered. First Presbyterian Church is a member of WACM; thank you for this support.

## N.O.W. Team News

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Wednesday Night Summer Dinners on June 8, 15 and 22. We had some great summertime treats like burgers, brats and fried chicken. Thanks to John Moorhouse who stepped in to handle the grill for us when Lee NejdI was called into work at the last minute. People who also attended the Woodstock City Band concerts after the N.O.W. dinner enjoyed good fellowship with their fellow FPC'ers.

The team met on June 28 to do some long-range planning. Mark your calendar for our fall kickoff on Wednesday, September 14 featuring our traditional "Corn and Brats" menu. We're still working on additional dinner dates and menus, so keep your eye open for our schedule later this summer.

Finally, we welcome Linda Hansen to our team. She's just joined us this summer and has been "learning the ropes" and gracing us with her hard work and big smiles. Thanks for volunteering, Linda!

## Our Thoughts and prayers...



Jan Kennedy	Sue Sauer	Jason, Michele and Family
Carol Dahlgren	Tony Spaldon	
Gail Abrams	Elaine Frick	
Tom Thennes	Shari Olesen	
Kyle Sobczak	Kristen Matter	
Addie Sobczak	Matt Wormley	



## Deacon Update for the July Newsletter

The Memorial Committee, which is part of the Deacons, reported that they approved the funds being taken from the Memorial Fund for the upgrades in the fireside room. Please take a look at this inviting room! Also, the committee is looking at improving the church sign. This

will involve purchasing newer digital sign panels as the reason it is hard to read and program is because it is outdated. Matt Thuma and John Moorhouse will put together some options and costs and hopefully the cost can come from the Memorial Fund.

We will be going back to coffee hours after church in the Great Room. Each deacon will be responsible for a month and will be asking their flock at times to join them in hosting. Doing it together with our flocks will help us to get to know each other better!

It was approved for Deacons to provide communion to shut-ins. If you know of a member unable to attend church on Communion Sundays, please let us know.

Pastor Eric will be training the Deacons on the use of Google Docs and using the shared drive for FPCW Deacons. Please let us know if there is anything we can help you with. Concerns, health issues and celebrations are helpful to know about as we continue to care for you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Boe

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## July News from the Compassion, Peace and Justice Committee

### FIRST PRES AT PRIDE FEST!

Our church was well represented at the Woodstock Pride fest on Sunday, June 12th this year! We distributed candy, stickers, temporary tattoos and gender stickers, bottled water, the "Have a Hug" cards in the accompanying photo, and real hugs from Pastor Eric who wore his special "Free Pastor Hugs" t-shirt that day. The weather was beautiful and estimates are that 5-6,000 people attended the parade and festival in the square. We gave out almost 500 Hug cards (which people LOVED) and most of our other give a ways.

Thank you to those who volunteered to help set up and tear down our cool booth (photo attached) and also to help staff it during the day. Seth Krause, Sue Krause, Lee Nejd, Mark Bundick, Gary Mazur, Ken Farver, Matt Thuma and Sherry Thuma, Justin Thuma, Angela and Ray Thuma, Jean Long Chase, Dawn Cook, Barb Bundick, Caryl and Dan Lemansky, Sue Mazur, and of course, Pastor Eric. I apologize if I missed anyone. (I had to go staff a N.O.W. booth part of the time and may have missed one or two while I was gone.)

A common reaction from attendees was how much they appreciated our church and the five others who had booths and/or marched in the parade for being willing to step up and express Love and Support as Allies of the LGBTQA community. If you missed it, plan to participate next year. The air was filled with love all day long. Love is Love!!!!





## SESSION NOTES FOR JULY

**Memorial Committee:** Session approved use of \$4,074 in undesignated memorial funds for the recent renovation of the Fireside Room.

**COVID Task Force:** Session approved a task force recommendation to permit coffee fellowship after worship.

**Compassion, Peace and Justice:** FPC participation in Woodstock PrideFest went well with lots of good interactions and appreciation for the church's presence at the event.

**Education AND Spiritual Growth:** The committee reported they are looking to start Vacation Bible School on July 10 after worship.

**Ministry Support:** Driveway repairs are due to start

**Other Business:** To promote clarity about work and responsibilities, the clerk was asked to prepare a summary of committee scope and charter based on the mission study for next month's meeting.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 11 a.m. by Google Meet.

## RIP Medical Debt

Medical debt can easily become a crushing burden for anyone who faces a serious illness or injury. This can lead to negative credit reports which make it harder to rent an apartment or buy a car and is a leading cause of bankruptcy. Under our presbytery's Matthew 25 initiative we have been challenged to eliminate medical debt as part of our goal of eradicating systemic poverty. Blackhawk Presbytery has a goal of eliminating \$1.5 million in medical debt.

Fortunately, we do not need to raise \$1.5 million in cash to eliminate \$1.5 million in debt. By leveraging the debt collection system rules, debt can be retired for pennies on the dollar and the presbytery only needs to raise \$15,000.

To do our part in retiring medical debt, we have started a "bandage" fund raiser. Simply write a check with RIP Medical Debt on the memo line, or place cash in an donation envelope and mark it RIP Medical Debt, and then place your donation in the regular offering box at the back of the great hall. You can also donate online. After you make a donation take one of the bandages, color it any way you like and tape it to the glass at the back of the great hall.

For mor information on RIP Medical Debt you can visit <https://blackhawkpresbytery.org/2022/04/18/ripmedicaldebt/>



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## July Report from the Finance Team

All Income categories are basically even with the YTD Budget. We thank you for your continued generosity!

All Expense categories are favorable to YTD Budget from ~\$1,000 to ~\$4,000.

Bob Clark – Finance Team Lead

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or comments.

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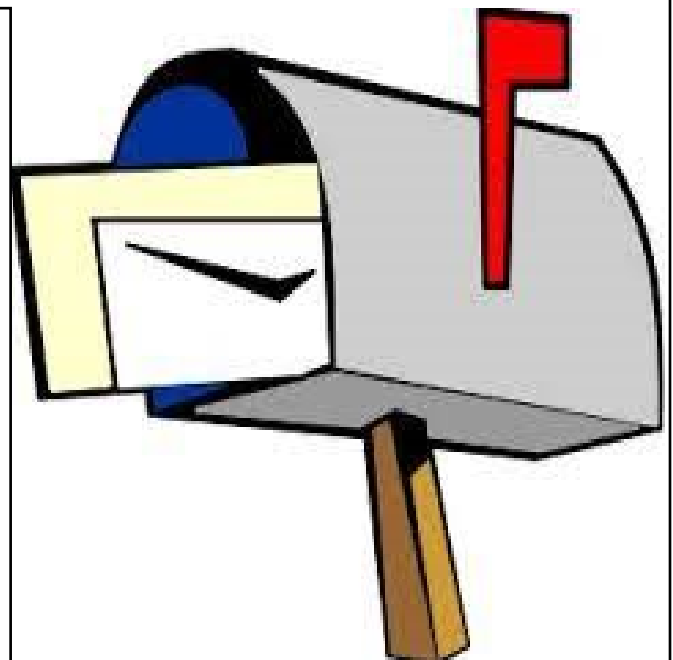
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### May 2022 Operating Budget

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance vs Budget	Annual 2022 Budget
Contributions Income	\$105,514	\$106,290	(\$776)	\$215,295
All Other Income	<u>\$6,128</u>	<u>\$6,045</u>	<u>\$83</u>	<u>\$60,960</u>
Total Income	\$111,642	\$112,335	(\$693)	\$276,255
<b>Expenses</b>				
Staff	\$76,828	\$81,073	(\$4,245)	\$206,929
All Other Expenses	<u>\$23,578</u>	<u>\$35,433</u>	<u>(\$11,854)</u>	<u>\$104,248</u>
Total Expense	\$100,406	\$116,506	(\$16,100)	\$311,177
Net Ordinary Income	\$11,236	(\$4,171)	\$15,406	(\$34,922)

### YOUR MAIL IS SAFE WITH US!

A reminder that our mailbox near the front outside entrance of the church is locked. Anything placed on there will be secure until picked up by the office.





## Worship News for July

Summer is now in full swing. We continue to worship in person every Sunday this summer at 9:30 am. If your travels take you away from Woodstock, you can enjoy worship live stream or on demand on You Tube. While Pastor Eric and family enjoy a vacation, we welcomed Rev. Eric Heinekamp on June 26 for a sermon on the fruits of the spirit. The Rev. Robert Conner of Rockford will lead worship and administer Communion on July 3.

Scriptures: II Kings 5:1-14

Luke 10:1-11

Sermon Title: Contributions by Ordinary People



## Worship Arts News

Thank you to the women who sang in our treble ensemble on June 26. It was beautiful!

Christy would like to invite tenors and basses to sing with our bass ensemble. Rehearsals will be July 10 at 10:30 after worship and Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m. The ensemble will perform on Sunday, July 17.

There will be a full choir rehearsal on August 7, with a performance on August 14. All are welcome!

If you are interested in performing special music this summer, please contact Christy Johanson at [christy@fpcwoodstock.org](mailto:christy@fpcwoodstock.org)





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## First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7am Men's Bible Study
3 9:30am Worship	4	5 7pm FPCW Education and Spiritual Growth	6 7:30am Lictionary Study 4pm Diaper Bank distribution 7pm Woodstock City Band Concerts	7	8	9 7am Men's Bible Study
10 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bass Ensemble Rehearsal 10:30am VBS 11am Education and Spiritual Growth	11	12 10am TLC Ladies Deacons	13 7:30am Lictionary Study 6pm Base Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30pm No-Name Knitters	14 5pm Cancelled-Hospitality Team 7pm Finance Team	15	16 7am Men's Bible Study
17 9:30am Worship 11am Session	18	19	20 7pm Woodstock City Band Concerts 7:30am Lictionary Study 7pm Woodstock City Band Concerts	21 6pm Cancelled-Compassion, Peace and Justice	22	23 7am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Highway Clean-up
24 9:30am Worship 10:30am VBS	25	26 6pm NOW Team	27 7:30am Lictionary Study 6:30pm No-Name Knitters 7pm Woodstock City Band Concerts	28 6:30pm Worship Arts Mtg	29	30 7am Men's Bible Study
31 9:30am Worship						

## MINISTERS

All members and friends of the  
congregation

## STAFF

Rev. Eric Corbin  
Pastor

Jeri Loiselle  
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Social Media  
Financial Secretary

Roger Dickman  
Organist

Christy Johanson  
Worship Arts Coordinator

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