

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.

October 2022



The Queen's English

On Sunday, a few of us gathered at **Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center** for the Olde English Faire. 'Twas a grand time of merriment, with many people speaking in an English dialect that has largely disappeared. Two of my children were appointed as "protectors of the realm" by none other than Queen Elizabeth I. I noted that the year on the certificate read 1574, so that would explain the language we heard around us.

Our language does change over time, and the church sometimes needs to adapt. A challenging question is this: How much do we need to change to be "relevant" to the culture, and how much do we need to hold firm to our traditions? One area where we do change and update language is in our reading of Scripture. Many of us may have grown up using only the King James Version of the Bible with its abundance of "thees" and "thous." The KJV came out in 1611 (not long after my children met the Queen, apparently.) Our language has changed greatly over the 400+ years since, and the words of the KJV are often difficult to understand. For example, how many of us know what the sentence "I trow not" means? (Answer: "I don't believe so.") And while Jesus was known to "sup" with His disciples in the KJV, today "sup" is much more commonly a greeting. ("What's up?" has become simply "sup.")

While there are some verses for which the KJV's poetry will likely always remain meaningful – "it came to pass in those days" has a certain ring, doesn't it? – newer translations are much easier to comprehend for modern ears. It is also true that more modern translations are often truer to the original manuscripts in Hebrew and Greek, as scholars have found earlier copies and have done greater study of the culture and language. In worship, we are now generally using the *Common English Bible*, which was published in 2011. When I was in seminary, the commonly preferred translation there was the *New Revised Standard Version*, which was published in 1989. Another type of Bible we sometimes use is a paraphrase – which renders concepts from the original languages using creative analogies from modern times. A prominent example of a paraphrase is *The Message*. When preparing a sermon, I often read a handful of translations of the scripture passage, to see how different translators rendered the passage.

There are hundreds of English translations of the Bible. So, what Bible translation is your favorite? Drop me a note and tell me what it is and why. I'd love to hear from 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 or call/text me at 815-575-9454. Or, grab a time to chat at fpcwoodstock.org/meetwitheric. Connect with me on Facebook at fb.com/ericcorbin or fb.com/pastorericcorbin.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Eric

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Sunday Worship Services

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

Sunday School

October 23 @ 9:45-10:30 a.m.



NOW Fellowship

Wed. October 12, at 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Wed. October 19, at 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Wed. October 26, at 5:15-6:15 p.m.
(Youth Dinner)

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TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

N. O.W. Dinners Are Back!



Your N.O.W. Team is back in action and working to give you some great brunches and dinners.

In September, the team hosted three Wednesday night dinners and two Sunday brunches. Dinner selections included the ever-popular corn and brats, yummy pulled pork and chicken enchiladas. Thanks to **Tony Spaldon** for the pulled pork and **Matt Thuma** for his enchiladas.

Our brunch menu featured eggs and sausage, French toast casserole, fruit bowl, mini-muffins, quiche, juice and coffee. Some great fellowship was had by those who attended.

Looking ahead to October, mark your calendars for October 12, October 19, and October 26 for Wednesday night dinners. The October 26 dinner deserves your special attention because our meal will be prepared by FPC's Youth. They're making this a fundraiser, which means your dollars will be going to a local mission project selected by the youth. Don't miss this spaghetti and meatball blast! Finally, brunch will be held after worship on October 23 with a menu of eggs, sausage, hash browns, coffee cake, and fruit.

Also, don't forget to keep an eye out for the Mid-Week email update where you'll be reminded about N.O.W. Dinner details, including the evening's menu.

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Annual Craft Fair

FPC's second annual craft fair will be coming soon. We are planning to hold it the same morning as the Christmas cantata -- Sunday, December 11th -- in the back of the Great Hall. Plan to get some great gifts for those on your list. And keep working on your crafts to contribute.

Last year we sold pottery, dish towels, napkins, shopping bags, potholders, and much more. Anything handmade is welcome. All proceeds are contributed to the youth program of our church.



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

The group is meeting virtually using Google Meet. We select a single reading from the Revised 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.

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

Join us via Google Meet for Bible study on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Contact John Moorhouse, 815-236-7408 or 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 God's love in right relationship through God's son Jesus.

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

Sunday School Update:

Sunday School is off to a great start in this new school year. We meet twice a month immediately following Pastor Eric's "Time with Children" during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Our lesson plans and activities are based off of the same scripture Pastor Eric preaches on that Sunday morning. If you or anyone you know have school-age children and wish to attend, all are welcome! Please help us spread the word. We also invite our middle schoolers and high schoolers to help us in the classroom whenever they are interested and available. It's a great way to teach (and learn) the scripture and an excellent way to accrue volunteer hours, if needed! Upcoming Sunday School classes are as follows: October 23, November 6, November 20, December 4, December 11 (Musical Cantata and Children's Christmas Program)

Questions about Sunday School? Please contact Erin Kaye at erinlkaye@gmail.com or Jackie Lawler at jackieboe@comcast.net.



Middle School and High School Youth Group

Stronghold Olde English Faire

The Youth Group will be taking a trip to the Stronghold Olde English Faire on Sunday, October 2nd. The event will be led by Erin Kaye and the group will leave immediately following church. The cost of the event is \$10 for 12 and older, \$5 for ages 6-12 and 5 and under are free. Please sign up with [Jeri](#) in the office and indicate how many of your family will attend and if you will need a ride or be able to take others so we can arrange driving ahead of time.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at NOW!

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, October 26th in conjunction with the NOW dinner, the Youth Group will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for their summer retreat. Following the dinner, all ages will gather around the firepit for S'mores and Candy Corny jokes, sponsored by the Education and Spiritual Growth Committee.

Stronghold Retreat

The Stronghold Retreat will be held, Friday, November 11th at 7pm to Sunday, November 13th at noon. There will be fun, games, music, a Mission project, campfire and more! It is \$135/person (\$85 for adult leaders). This includes lodging in the Castle and Carriage House, 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Currently we have both male and female adult volunteers. Please let [Jeri](#) know if you will be attending.

Youth Group Help Wanted

We need your help! We would like to ask for volunteers to please sign up to lead an activity for a month. We want the youth to have input in the type of events that are planned and make this an exciting time for them! Please use the link to sign-up. [Youth Group Activity Sign-up](https://bit.ly/FPCWYOUTH) (<https://bit.ly/FPCWYOUTH>)



October Birthdays

Evan Randall-10/01

Jen Oliver-10/03

Alex Baker-10/06

Kristi Corbin-10/06

Jeri Loiselle-10/07

Dan Chwalisz-10/21

Lenali Petrik-10/22

Sherry Thuma 10/29

Happy Anniversary!

October Anniversaries

Greg & Lisa Knaack-10/03

Tim & Kelly Fitzpatrick-10/12

Dave & Evey Davis-10/18

Thank You!

A very heartfelt Thank you goes out to everyone who helped to make our Anniversary special.

Barb & Ron Parrish

WACM News

Monday, October 24, from 4-8 p.m. marks the return of WACM's Crandall's Dinner Fundraiser. This popular chicken dinner fundraiser

helps WACM raise money for its Direct Assistance Program which provides help to people in Woodstock with financial needs. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids ages 6-12, and \$5 for kids 5 and under. Another option is to buy an adult ticket to provide a meal for a veteran. Enjoy dining in, or a carry out meal will be prepared for you. Crandall's Restaurant is located at 10441 IL Route 47, Hebron, IL. Tickets may be purchased online at Crandall's [On-line Tickets](http://wacmgrouops.org) (wacmgrouops.org) or in person from one of our WACM representatives: **Linda Hansen, Dave Davis, or Pat Morozink.**

A barrel in the entryway is waiting for your clean, gently used winter gear donations. Coats, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, snowpants, boots, and other winter gear for adults and children are being collected. These items will then become part of the *Share the Warmth Community Coat Drive* being held October 28 and 29 at First United Methodist Church. Members of the community in need of winter gear are invited to attend on those dates. Items that aren't selected in October will continue to be offered at various times to Woodstock residents throughout the winter. As you check your closet and are ready to replace winter gear, please consider this donation opportunity. Others will benefit from your generosity. Collection of items at church will end October 27.



October Red Wagon Items requested for October Cereal, Pancake Mix, Oatmeal, Syrup

The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to unload and stock inventory on the second Thursday of the month from 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

In addition, they are looking for a few people to be "on-call" to fill in on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the ALDI food pick-up. From 8:45 a.m.-9:45 p.m.

The most beneficial way to donate is to donate monetarily. The Pantry uses that money to buy nutritious "staples" to have in stock at all times.

www.woodstockfoodpantry.org

Our Thoughts and prayers are with...

Gail Abrams, Tom Thennes, Tim Arnold, Sue Hunt, Tom Schwarz, Hunter Johanson, Benjamin Sauer, Kristin Harris, Aaron, all of the people affected by the hurricane, pray for the refugees in the Ukraine. As always, pray for our church and pray for the unreached.



CARING TOGETHER

News from the Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Team has been reviewing worship attendance at our monthly meetings. We're helping Pastor Eric and the Deacons identify where follow-up or pastoral care might be needed.

Our greeters work to welcome everyone attending worship. They're especially mindful when we have new visitors to make sure they know we're happy to see them in worship. The team works to follow up with an email or card, if we get contact information from the visitors.

If you'd like to help spread our famous FPC hospitality, please let Pam Moorhouse or Cheryl Wormley know.

Deacon Updates for October:

We are continuing to offer coffee hour after church hosted by the Deacons. This month Angie Boe with the help of her husband Charlie and Linda Hansen will be serving. Hope to see many of you after church!

Deacons discussed members who are going through certain difficulties who need some special care.

We are still looking for people to join us on Deacons. Please let us know if you would be interested.

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.

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Cheryl Wormley 815-519-7402



DEACONS

Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

Highway Cleanup

Our next highway cleanup is October 22, 2022 at 9:00 am. Please consider joining us as we beautify the little corner of God's creation entrusted to First Presbyterian. We pick up litter along Route 47 between Ware Road and Charles Road. The cleanup takes less than two hours, and goes faster with more volunteers. If your small group is looking for an easy way to add a mission component to your ministry, consider adopting a cleanup day. Children 11 years and older are welcome, so, why not bring the kids and make it a family affair? For more information, contact Ray Thuma RPThuma@sbcglobal.net.



GIVING TOGETHER



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

9/4-
10/2
2022

FOR YOU SHALL GO OUT IN JOY,
AND BE LED FORTH IN PEACE.

ISAIAH 55:12

Special Offering

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 \$1400 and will be collected for a couple more weeks.

This fall 25% of the offering will be donated to *Compassion for Campers*. Compassion for Campers supplies food, and emergency shelter for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are experiencing homelessness. *Blackhawk Presbytery* will receive 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% of the collection will be used by the *Presbyterian Mission Agency* to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

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. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of contributing to this offering.

No Name Knitters

The No-Name Knitters will meet at 6:30 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

With cold weather fast approaching, we are currently making warm hats and scarves for various community groups. We can always use more hands.

Come join us! Call Kay Darby at 815-572-1729 if interested.



Finance Team for October 2022 Newsletter

August 2022 Operating Budget

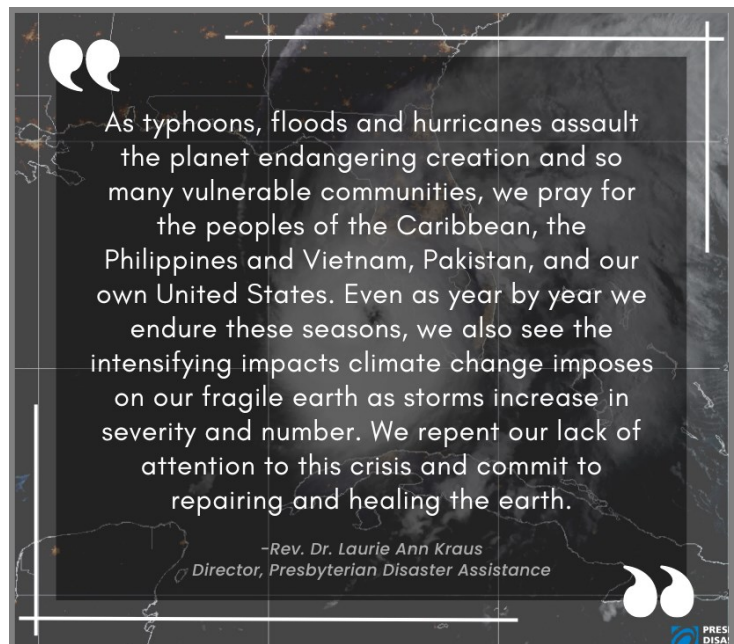
	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance vs Budget</u>	<u>Annual 2022 Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Contributions Income	\$138,666	\$137,530	\$1,136	\$215,295
All Other Income	<u>\$7,575</u>	<u>\$6,825</u>	<u>\$750</u>	<u>\$60,960</u>
Total Income	\$146,241	\$144,355	\$1,886	\$276,255
<u>Expenses</u>				
Staff	\$129,042	\$135,467	(\$6,425)	\$206,929
All Other Expenses	<u>\$57,175</u>	<u>\$70,770</u>	<u>(\$13,595)</u>	<u>\$104,248</u>
Total Expense	\$186,217	\$206,237	(\$20,020)	\$311,177
Net Ordinary Income	(\$39,976)	(\$61,882)	\$21,906	(\$34,922)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Responds to Hurricane Ian

Within the last few days, PDA has reached out to presbyteries in Ian's path in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina as well as to partners in Cuba, where Ian made landfall early Tuesday as a Category 3 hurricane. The hurricane plunged the island into darkness, partially due to power being turned off ahead of the storm to prevent electrocutions and fires.

We join together to lift our prayers for those who have already been impacted by Ian and those about to be impacted. As people of faith, we stand ready to partner with presbyteries, congregations and communities to meet the immediate and long-term needs.

To contribute to hurricane relief, visit the PDA section of the PC-USA website: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/>



An excerpt from a prayer by PDA Director,
Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus

September Session Notes:

Nominating Committee: Fred Strauss will be installed on session. Jerin Ferrara will be joining the Education and Spiritual Growth Committee.



COVID Task Force: The task force has not had a reason to meet for several months. In future meetings, session will need to consider if we still need the task force.

Committee Reports

Compassion, Peace and Justice: Compassion for Campers was approved to receiving the local portion of the Peace and Global Witness offering. CPJ will be promoting the WACM coat drive and a WACM fundraiser at Crandall's restaurant in October.

Education and Spiritual Growth: There will be a Fireside event held in conjunction with the October 26 N.O.W. dinner. The dinner will also be a youth fundraiser. The committee is looking into organizing the church's library materials, possibly in rooms 4-5.

Ministry Support – Building and Grounds: The refrigerator might need repair work. The committee is working to plant a recently received donation of 200 bulbs.

Ministry Support – Personnel: The committee will present Eric's performance review at the October meeting.

Worship, Music and Arts: The Christmas Cantata will be held December 11. Virtual services *only* will be held on Christmas Day and New Year's Day as the holidays fall on Sunday.

Other Business:

The task force investigating changes to our worship space is discussing possible color changes and acoustic material for the Great Hall.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

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Worship News

October 2, 2022 is World Wide Communion Sunday

As we circle the Communion table, we celebrate with believers throughout the world on this, the first Sunday of October.

The first celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936, and churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning. It wasn't until 1940 when the celebration extended to a number of churches around the world and the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.



Save the Date for our Advent kickoff event!

Our intergenerational Christmas decorating party will follow the worship service on *Sunday, November 20*. The morning of decorating will include crafts and activities for all age groups, as we get into the spirit of the Advent season.

Worship Volunteers Schedule

The schedule will be in the upcoming Newsletters and Jeri will be sending out reminders for participants weekly.

Date	Liturgist	A/V	Usher	Acolyte
10/2/2022	Renee Simes	Dave Johanson	Lee and Chris Nejd	Collette Spaldon
10/9/2022	Velma Downes	Rob McMahon	John and Pam Moorhouse	Gracyn Petrik
10/16/2022	Angie Boe	Dave Johanson	Pat and Rick Morozink	Kayden Petrik
10/23/2022	Kristin Matter	Rob McMahon	Bob Clark	Colin Kaye
10/30/2022	Ken Farver	Dave Johanson	John and Pam Moorhouse	Christopher Corbin

October 2022

FCW, Holidays in United States

Oct 2022 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 7am - Men's Bible Study
2 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Olde English Faire	3	4	5 7:30am - Lectionary Study 4pm - Diaper Bank 6:15pm - Advanced Ringers 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 7am - Men's Bible Study
9 Choir Sings 9:30am - Worship 6pm - Education and Spiritual Growth	10 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	11 10am - TLC Ladies 7pm - Deacons	12 7:30am - Lectionary Study 5:15pm - NOW Dinner 6:15pm - New Ringers 6:30pm - No-Name Knitters	13 5pm - Hospitality Team 7pm - Finance Team	14	15 7am - Men's Bible Study
16 9:30am - Worship 11am - Session	17	18	19 7:30am - Lectionary Study 5:15pm - NOW Dinner 6:15pm - Advanced Ringers 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	20 6pm - Compassion, Peace & Justice	21	22 7am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Highway Clean-up
23 Choir Sings 9:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sunday School: 10:30am - Brunch	24	25 6pm - NOW Team	26 7:30am - Lectionary Study 5:15pm - NOW Dinner--Youth 6pm - Halloween gathering at 6:30pm - No-Name Knitters	27 6:30pm - Worship Arts Mtg	28	29 7am - Men's Bible Study
30 9:30am - Worship	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4	5

Stronghold Retreat High School & Middle School



Friday, November 11, 7 pm to
Sunday, November 13, noon

\$135/person (\$85 for adult leaders) includes
lodging in the Castle and Carriage House,
3 meals on Saturday + breakfast on Sunday

*Explore your faith and what it means to SEE yourself
and others through the eyes of God*

- ♦ Fun, games, music, 'Swing by Choice'
- ♦ Mission project
- ♦ Campfire and more
- ♦ Questions? Contact Steve Bowie
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Retreat is built from the
Triennium-developed theme,

When did we
See you?

Matthew 25: 31-46



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All members and friends
of the
congregation

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Pastor

Jeri Loiselle
Office Administrator
Social Media
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Roger Dickman
Organist

Christy Johanson
Worship Arts
Coordinator

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