

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock

May 2023



*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.*

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

The scriptures encourage us to come before God with singing.

One of the most memorable Psalms is Psalm 98, in which we read this:

4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

At least three other Psalms repeat the refrain "Make a joyful noise:" Psalm 66, 95, and 100. Other translations have this as "Shout triumphantly to the Lord," "Shout for joy to the Lord," and "Shout out praises to the Lord." Something I note in all of these translations is that there's nothing about the necessity of being classically trained in music before making this joyful noise! We are all called to shout out our praises to the Lord. A relative of mine was once told by a very good singer that he couldn't sing well, and he then stopped singing in church. That saddens me, as I believe God wants to hear all of our voices in worship, and any of us can make a "joyful noise" or "shout triumphantly!" So, let your voice be heard in worship this, and every, Sunday!

On May 21st, we'll celebrate the gift of music in worship with a special Music Appreciation Sunday. I'm looking forward to our combined bell choir and chancel choir leading us in worship that day. It will also be a day to honor the gifts and talents of our accompanist, Roger Dickman, as that will be his last day with us. Roger is departing for opportunities closer to his home. We will greatly miss his wonderful musicianship, friendly personality, and gracious musical leadership. Please see a note from Roger elsewhere in this newsletter.

In addition to worship, I hope to see you in various meetings and times of fellowship and service. Read this newsletter to learn more about the activities of the church in the month of May. While worship is a central gathering purpose for the church, we are also called together in many ways throughout our days. Come and see!

Let's Connect

Grab a time to chat at fpcwoodstock.org/meetwitheric. Connect with me on Facebook at fb.com/ericcorbin or fb.com/pastorericcorbin and the church at fb.com/fpcwoodstock.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Eric

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Sunday Worship Services

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

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NEWS FROM EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Youth

GROUP

We will have our final Youth Group event for the school year on Sunday, June 4th from 4:30-6:30 at the Lake Geneva home of Cheryl and Jim Wormley! They have graciously invited the youth group up for a hike and cookout! We are also extending the invitation to the incoming 6th graders to come get a sneak peak into the fun events we have!

Youth Group events will resume in September.

Sunday School

NEWS

Sunday, May 14th will be our last class and the children will be making a little something special for Mother's Day! Classes will resume in September.

VBS

We are happy to announce we will be participating in the First United Methodist Church of Woodstock's Vacation Bible School this summer! The program this year is SonWorld Adventure Park and is available for children ages 3-5th grade. It runs from June 26-30 from 9am-12pm with a suggested donation of \$10. The program will be at the First United Methodist Church, 201 W South Street, Woodstock.



Go & Serve Trip

A huge thank you to CPJ for generously supporting the Go & Serve trip with the local portion of their Pentecost offering going to help us reach our fundraising goal! We are still accepting donations and if you feel so moved to help, you may make a donation via check or online and please indicate the funds are for the Go & Serve trip.

Questions? Please reach out to [Jackie Lawler](mailto:jackie.lawler@fpcwoodstock.org) or [Erin Kaye](mailto:erin.kaye@fpcwoodstock.org).

MEN'S

Bible Study

Saturday, at 7:00 a.m.

All are welcome to join with us during this time of learning, 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. Contact [John Moorhouse](mailto:john.moorhouse@fpcwoodstock.org), 815-236-7408.

LECTIONARY

Bible Study

Wednesday, at 9:00 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](mailto:velma.downes@fpcwoodstock.org) to be added to the mailing list or for more information.

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

N.O.W. Dinner and Brunch News

There's one more brunch-Sunday, May 7, immediately following worship. Come for food and fellowship.

Team N.O.W. thanks Tiffany Sobczak for the design for our new aprons, Matt Thuma, Tony Spaldon, Dessert Queen-Vicki Thuma, Dessert Princess-Faith Corbin and Julie Farver for their contributions. *It takes a team because there's no I in team.*

We will meet Tuesday, May 9, to wrap up the 2022-23 seasons of Wednesday night dinners and Sunday brunches and begin planning for the future. We welcome feedback and ideas, and if you would like to be a member of Team N.O.W. or help in any way, just let one of us know.



Team N.O.W.

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I'd like to give a heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered to help at the rummage sale this year. Especially those who put in extra time when they found that I was short on help.

\$2687.33 will be split and contributed to the Woodstock Food Pantry and WACM. Thank you again to all that donated, moved chairs and tables, helped pack up and deliver to the Sparrow's Nest and Savers. There couldn't be a sale without you.

Sincerely,

Joyce Maynard and the CPJ Committee





FISHING WITH A MISSION

Fishing Mission coordinator is passing along Fishing Opportunities for children. If you have any questions feel free to contact Bob at H - 815.527.5109 or M - 847.274.8247, or email robtmclark@aol.com.

Kids Day | Saturday, June 4th | Big Foot Beach State Park

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Lake Geneva Fishing club will hold its annual Kids Day event at Big Foot Beach State Park on Saturday, June 3 for kids up to 15 years old. they must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. See the flyer for more detail. It is not necessary to register for this event but Bob will appreciate knowing ahead of time that you will be attending- the club supplies tackle, bait and lunch, beverages, and snacks for the kids as well as try to help them fish as time allows. Feel free to arrive at your convenience but the club must collect all the equipment by 2:00 p.m.

Kids Fishing Lessons at Geneva Lake Conservancy - Children's Fishing Park

With the help of our educated GLC and Lake Geneva Fishing Club staff, we will oversee the fishing lessons and help your child catch fish! Every fish caught will be released back into the waters. Two fishing poles will be given away every lesson for the two largest fish caught. Each lesson includes a coupon for Frosty Moose ice cream. Lessons are every Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., starting June 6th. Lessons are one hour long. Last day of lessons is August 29th. Every parent/guardian must sign a waiver at the Pier before their child's first lesson and stay on-site during the lesson. Fishing poles and life jackets will be provided as they will spend part of the time fishing from the Municipal Pier, weather permitting.



For more information, contact Geneva Lake Conservancy at (262) 275-5700 or email at outreach@genevalakeconservancy.org. To donate, visit the Geneva Lake Conservancy website <https://genevalakeconservancy.org/>.

You MUST register here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/helen-rohner-childrens-fishing-lessons-2023-williams-bay-pier-tickets-617132498917> for your child to fish week by week as there are a limited number for every session due to space and supervision limitations... and they fill up quickly.

WACM NEWS

Transportation is a challenge for some Woodstock residents. Through WACM's Direct Assistance Program (DAP), drivers can get a gasoline voucher to get to and from work or medical appointments. McFare Cards, used for Dial-a- Ride, can be given to non-drivers. Assistance toward car repairs is also available. WACM's funds come from member congregations, including First Presbyterian, and fundraisers. Thank you for your support of WACM and DAP and the mission to provide financial assistance to Woodstock residents in need.



DIAPER DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

As of January 2023, the Diaper Distribution project has a new supplier: "Keeping Families Covered" (KFC). The executive director for The Diaper Bank of Northern Illinois was ready to retire and reached out to KFC to take over their operations.

Keeping Families Covered is a non-profit organization based in Waukegan serving Lake County and now expanding into McHenry County. One of the benefits of this transition is that we are now able to offer adult diapers. We are partnering with the Woodstock Food Pantry to distribute diapers on the first Wednesday of each month from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at our church. In 2022 we distributed 4,958 diapers. At our first four distributions in 2023, we have already given away 4,291 diapers. We appreciate the help and support we've received, and it's exciting to think about how many children and families we might serve in 2023!

If you would like to know more, please contact [Nancy Bingham](#) or 815-823-5107 (Nancy is looking for a co-chair as this project grows).

MEALS ON WHEELS

We are still in need of Drivers on Mondays. Please consider volunteering. There will be no meal delivery on days when District 200 schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Pick up time is 11:00. Pick up location is Northwestern Hospital, 3701 Doty Road. The hospital phone number for Meals on Wheels is 815.334.5057. Thank you for your time!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via phone or email. Marla Norgard @ 815.482.4855 marlanorgard01@gmail.com.



Happy
 Birthday

Kayden Petrik	5/01
Paul Thuma	5/01
Ben Thuma	5/03
Renee Simes	5/05
Jackie Lawler	5/10
Barbara Arnold	5/16
Dawn Cook	5/19
Bev Boyne	5/20
Lydia Johanson	5/20
Addison Sobczak	5/20
David Johanson	5/24
Katie Spaldon	5/25
Susan Krause	5/26
Jack Darby	5/27

Anniversary

Matt & Sherry Thuma	5/04
Hank Jr. & Linda Oleson	5/10
Mark and Barb Bundick	5/11
Matt & Jalina Petrik	5/29



In our thoughts
 and
 Prayers

Arlene Bernardoni,
 Barb Parrish, Braelen Kittle,
 Breck Thennes, Cary Cook,
 Gayle Abrams, Jamie Robinett,
 Kristin Harris, Shirley Kinell,
 Mary Kittle, Pam Moorhouse,
 Phil Dahm, Ron Parrish,
 Ruth Hunt, Tim Arnold,
 Tom Schwarz,
 and Tom Thennes.



The knitters and crocheters continue to work on our prayer shawls and lapghans, as well as community projects. We are always in need of more hands to help with our mission!

Don't forget we have a new morning meeting at 10:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.

Our regular night meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m..

Call Kay Darby, 815-572-1729, for any questions.

PENTECOST

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

investing in our greatest resource

Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service.

The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life.

By contributing to the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come-children, youth, and young adults.

This year, our Compassion, Peace, and Justice committee has set two goals for the Pentecost Special Offering

1. A financial goal of \$1500 in contributions, and
2. A participation goal of 100% of congregation members making a contribution, no matter how large or how small!

We are allowed to retain 40% of these offerings for local use to support youth in Christian formation, and this year, we have determined to use those funds to support our church youth group in their Go and Serve trip and possibly be able to support our Sunday School program as well. Sixty percent of the offering is passed on to PCUSA for use to support education and social services for youth around the world.

Please participate with us. The contribution period is from April 28 to Sunday, May 28th, Pentecost Sunday.

Wear **RED** to church that day!

When we all do a little, adds up to a lot.

By giving to the Pentecost Offering, you participate in helping our children, youth, and young adults grow up to proclaim with the Psalmist,

"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds." (Psalm 71:17)

40% stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

Finance Notes

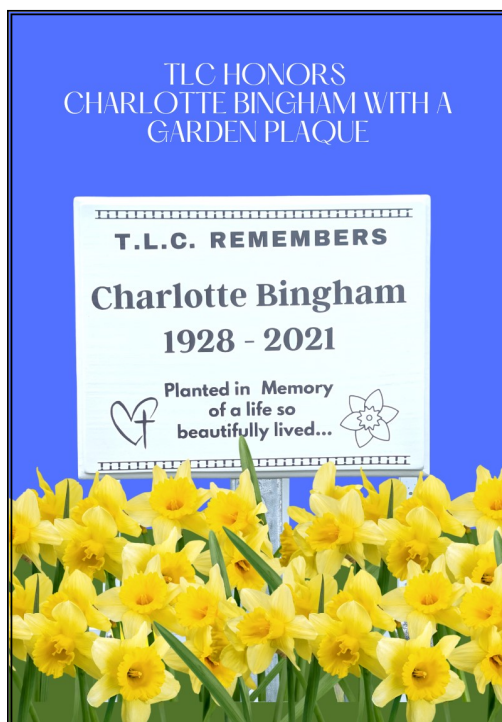
April Finance Notes by Mark Bundick, Finance Team Lead

The Finance Team spent most of our April meeting reviewing our current balance sheet and profit and loss reports. Nothing unexpected showed up in the numbers and our budgets are trending as expected.

In reviewing the balance sheet, we did note that our total funds at Advia Credit Union exceeded the \$250,000 FDIC insurance coverage. The team has recommended to session that sufficient funds be moved to a second bank to get us back under the insured deposit limit.

Thanks to everyone for their generous support of our mission here at FPCW!

Thru March 2023	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Pledges	\$ 80,065	\$ 87,002	\$ (6,937)
All Other Income	\$ 8,430	\$ 4,456	\$ 3,974
Total Income	\$ 88,495	\$ 91,458	\$ (2,963)
Expenses			
Staff	\$ 56,976	\$ 53,060	\$ (3,916)
All Other Expenses	\$ 18,859	\$ 24,536	\$ 5,677
Total Expense	\$ 75,835	\$ 77,596	\$ 1,761
Net Income	\$ 12,660	\$ 13,863	\$ (1,202)



FOOD PANTRY

May Items

Corn, Sweet Peas, Green Beans, Tomatoes,
Mixed Vegetables, Pork and Beans.

Contact Joyce Maynard 815-338-7265 or
woodstockfoodpantry.org.



LEADING TOGETHER



APRIL SESSION NOTES

Clerks Report: Minutes of the March 19 Session and April 9 Congregational meetings were approved.

Deacon's Report:

Since the deacons are still one person short of a full slate, they have re-distributed members to the flocks of the 5 current deacons. They have been kept busy with hospitalizations and illness recoveries.

Committee Reports: Compassion, Peace and Justice: The One Great Hour of Sharing offering collected over \$2,100, exceeding the \$1,500 goal.

Congregational Life: Church advertising has been shifted from the Northwest Herald to the Woodstock Independent since most of our members are from Woodstock and Wonder Lake. The committee will be helping staff our booth at the Woodstock Pride Fest.

Education and Spiritual Growth: Plans have been finalized for the youth "Go and Serve" trip this summer. Sunday School will be wrapping up on May 14. VBS will be conducted jointly with the First Methodist Church.

Ministry Support-Finance: Session approved a recommendation to move \$100,581.83 from Advia Credit Union to BMO Harris Bank in order to have all church bank accounts fully covered by FDIC insurance. The team is working with Worship to investigate improving our current Internet service; our connection has failed multiple times in the past few months.

Ministry Support-Personnel: Our soon to be open accompanist position has been advertised extensively. Please feel free to let the church office know of any potential candidates.

Worship, Music and Arts: Session approved returning communion service to passing the elements; single serving communion elements will be available to those uncomfortable with served elements. Music Sunday will be held on May 21, recognizing all those who have given their musical talents to our services over the last year, and we'll recognize Roger Dickman on his last Sunday with us.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

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A LETTER FROM ROGER DICKMAN

I just want to thank all you wonderful people at FPCW for the extended welcome you afforded me at your church. It seems like just yesterday that you gave me the opportunity to join you in worship at the organ (an instrument that I was new at), having played the piano almost exclusively for the last 58 years. But it's been more than 1-1/2 years. You were wonderfully patient with the occasional wandering-foot on the organ pedals. It was exciting making beautiful music in praise to God with Christy, Brian, the choir, and bell choir. (My wife Gail REALLY enjoyed her bell choir experience.) You are fortunate to have such a committed core of dedicated & talented musicians. I anticipate there will be a bright future of adventurous music to come. I'm personally going to miss each of you. (I would start naming names, but there are too many for this column.) I'm going to miss the bucolic Sunday morning drives to Woodstock in my all-electric Nissan Leaf, though it stretched its 50-mile range to the limit! As Christians, no "good-bye" is permanent, and I hope to come back to visit in the future.

Blessings,

Roger

THANK YOU, ROGER!

YOU WILL BE DEEPLY MISSE!
YOUR FPCW FAMILY



MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Lectionary	Liturgist	A/V	Ushers	Acolyte	Greeter
5/7/23	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Angie Boe	Rob McMahon	Kyle and Brayden Sobczak	Emily Lawler	Julie and Ken Farver
5/14/23	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Kristen Matter	Dave Johanson	Lee and Chris Nejd	Braden Ferrera	Linda Hansen
5/21/23	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Ken Farver	Rob McMahon	Rick and Pat Morozink	Erik Johanson	Linda Hansen
5/28/23	Day of Pentecost	John Moorhouse	Dave Johanson	Julie and Ken Farver	Brayden Sobczak	Sue Krause

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