

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.*

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

This inscription is on keychains the church gave to graduates this year. It's certainly a wonderful reminder for those graduating and going on to new adventures. However, it is a great reminder for the rest of us, as well. We need not fear or become discouraged because God is indeed with us wherever we go. The Message paraphrase, which you may recognize by now is a favorite resource for me, says "God, your God, is with you every step you take." Every step, God is with us. What a beautiful promise – whether you are a recent graduate, just starting your school journey, beginning a new season, coming to the end of a particular journey, or well-established in your place in work or in life. No matter what, God is with you! Embrace that great news – and share it with others.

In the month of June, we will gather for a NOW Dinner on June 7 (see details elsewhere in this newsletter). Following that, you are invited to gather in the Square for the first of this summer's City Band concerts. It will be a wonderful time! We'll also convene in the Square for PrideFest – a time of sharing love with God's people in the LGBTQ+ community. Some who will gather there have been told the church is not a place for them, but we know that God's love is for everyone. Last year, I was moved to tears when someone said, "There's a church that would accept me?!" Indeed, our church doors are open for all! God goes with every one of us, everywhere we go.

I hope to see you in worship, 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 June. 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

June 2023



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Sunday Worship Services

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

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TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

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WACM NEWS

Assistance with past due rent is a common request made to WACM's Direct Assistance Program. Verification of the amount owed is made with the landlord or leasing company before

assistance is provided. Because residents can only receive \$300 of financial help through DAP in a calendar year, we often work together with the township office and the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Woodstock among others to be able to pledge funds to cover the amount of rent that is due. Cooperation with other groups is an important part of providing assistance to residents with larger financial needs, and we are grateful for the working relationship we've formed with other groups.

Most of all, we are grateful for the member congregations' support of WACM so we can fund the financial requests made by Woodstock residents in need. Thank you to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church for your support of WACM.



NO NAME KNITTERS

The knitters/crocheters will continue to work on a variety of projects during the summer months. This is a good time for us to stockpile some winter hats and scarves, since fall always seems to arrive all too quickly!

If your summer schedule allows you to join us, please come! We would love to see you! Our meeting times remain the same, with the addition of a new morning meeting on the third Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. The night meetings are held at 6:30 on the second and fourth Wednesdays, in the fireside room.

Please call Kay Darby at 815-572-1729 with any questions.

No Name knitters



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:johnmoorhouse54@gmail.com),

815-236-7408.

Wednesday, at

9:00 a.m.

LECTIONARY

Bible Study

The group gathers via 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@wacm.org) to be added to the mailing list or for more information.

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN



N.O.W.

Mark your calendars for two special summer N.O.W. Dinners!

Wednesday, June 7th and Wednesday, July 12th

Both dinners will begin at 5:15p.m. at the church. Our June dinner will feature delicious hamburgers and hotdogs with fun summer side dishes. Our July dinner menu is yet to be determined.

After we enjoy some wonderful food and fellowship, there is the option of heading to the Woodstock Square for the band concert both evenings. We hope to see you all there!

If you would like to be a member of Team N.O.W., or help in any other way, please let one of us know!

Team N.O.W.

Mark Bundick, 224-242-2451, Linda Hansen, 815-451-8735, John Moorhouse, 815-236-7408, Lee Nejd, 815-546-1731, Katie Spaldon, 815-276-3410, and Cheryl Wormley, 815-519-7402.

COMPASSION, PEACE, AND JUSTICE

The CPJ Committee is looking for someone to help us about once a quarter to refresh our bulletin board in the church front hallway. We need a creative person to help us design and implement the board to keep it fresh and informative. Committee members will work with you to provide content and photos. If you can help in this way, please contact Jeri in the office or talk to [Sue Krause](#).

**HELP
WANTED**

HOSPITALITY

Are you looking for a fun, easy way to get involved at First Pres without the huge time commitment?? Then join the Hospitality Committee! We are a small, but mighty, group that meets once a month via Google Meet to plan fun social and outreach activities, like handing out carnations on Mother's Day and organizing a church booth at the Woodstock Pride Festival. If you'd like to be a part of our fun group, send me an email!

[Erin Kaye](#)

FOOD PANTRY

June Items

Macaroni and Cheese, spaghetti sauce, pasta sides, rice sides, Spaghetti O's, canned pasta and rice.

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



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 11:00a.m. Pick up location is Northwestern Hospital, 3701 Doty Road.

The hospital phone number for Meals on Wheels is 815.334.5057. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via phone or email. Marla Norgard @ 815.482.4855 marlanorgard01@gmail.com.

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

ANNIVERSARIES

Lee & Chris Nejd 6/08
Alex & Sara Baker 6/21
David & Christy Johanson 6/21
Jackie & Mike Lawler 6/29

BIRTHDAYS

Mark Bundick 6/02
Ron Parrish 6/02
Trevor Dunker 6/03
Dave Davis 6/08
Wesley Moorhouse 6/09
Todd Norgard 6/11
Henry Oleson 6/12
Beth Elbersen 6/13
Kay Darby 6/17
Jacob Dunker 6/18
Emily Lawler 6/18
Bob Clark 6/22
Katherine Greenlee 6/23
Tiffany Sobczak 6/28

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Ron Parrish, Braelen Kittle,
Mary Kittle, Breck Thennes,
Tom Thennes, Gayle Abrams,
Jamie Robinett, Kristin Harris,
Shirley Kinell, Phil Dahm,
Pam Moorhouse,
Ruth Hunt, Tim Arnold,
Tom Schwarz, Loretta Nejd,
Lance Sobczak, Kristen Matter,
Arlene Bernardoni,
Aaron Sommerville.

EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Youth Group

The final Youth Group event for the school year is on **Sunday, June 4th** from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 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 peek into the fun events we have! For anyone who would like to carpool we will be meeting at the church at 3:45pm. Address and directions will be sent via email. Please let [Jackie Lawler](#) know if you will be coming.



Vacation Bible School



The VBS program this year is SonWorld Adventure Park and is available for children ages 3 - 5th grade. It runs from June 26 -30 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$10. The program will be at the First United Methodist Church, 201 W South Street, Woodstock, IL. Please see their website to [register](#).

They are seeking adult and youth volunteers during the week of the program. Please click the link below to find a slot for you! [Sign Up Here!](#)

Go & Serve Trip Meeting!

The countdown is on, and in less than 2 months our youth will leave for their very first Go & Serve trip! All participants, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 9th** following church. We will have a short meeting to cover all of the final trip details, distribute trip information packets, complete final consent forms and answer any questions.

Questions? Please reach out to [Jackie Lawler](#) or [Erin Kaye](#)

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to become fearless disciples and actively engage in our community and the world.

COMPASSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE

Pentecost Special Offering

Thank you to all who have donated to the Pentecost Special Offering this year. As you know, we had a goal of \$1500 and 100% participation for this offering. 60% of what is contributed will go to PCUSA for youth related mission work, including schools, at risk youth programs, and the Youth Triennium gathering. 40% will be kept in our church this year to help our youth group finance their Go and Serve trip with any remaining funds dedicated to the Sunday School to spend as needed.

Other CPJ News

At our May meeting, we planned for Pride Fest and other upcoming events. We also voted to designate 80% of the Rummage sale proceeds (~ \$2880) to Woodstock Area Community Ministries (WACM) and 20% (\$720) to the Woodstock Food Pantry.

In addition, the committee members decided to send \$1300 from the Tammeus Mission Fund to Blackhawk Presbytery to help support the September visit from Kenya Presbyterians who will be spending a week in our Presbytery visiting, learning, and sharing with our churches.

We also will send \$700 from the Tammeus Fund to **Girls for Ghana** to help support delivery of feminine hygiene items to girls and women there.

The Diaper Distribution grows every month (the first Wednesday from 3-5:30 p.m.) This month, we have added adult diapers to the products available. Volunteers are always welcome to help with this project. Many of the recipients are Limited English Proficient so if you speak some Spanish, that would be a great enhancement to our service of distribution.

We want to add volunteers to the CPJ committee and we made a list of congregation members to ask!!! If you are approached in the next month or two, please say "YES!". There is plenty of work to go around and your help would be much appreciated!!! The committee meets monthly via Google Meet to plan, and then volunteers implement the plans. You may volunteer for a project about which you are passionate, or sign on to be a regular CPJ Committee member.

WOODSTOCK PRIDE FEST

First Pres will again sponsor a booth at the Woodstock Pride Festival this year. The date is Sunday, June 11th. Parade starts at 11:00 with the Fest after the parade in the Square Park until 5:00 p.m..

We need volunteers to help staff our booth. It was so much fun last year, and the response from participants was heart-warming and motivating! We hand out stickers and temporary tattoos, candy and water, and best of all, our "HUG" cards and real hugs from Pastor Eric (and others). We will need volunteers to help set up the booth at about 9:30 a.m. – it takes about 30 minutes to do. Then, beginning at about 10:30 a.m., we need 3 or 4 volunteers for every hour to staff the booth. If you can give more than one hour of time, that would be great!!!

[SIGN UP here](#) or call Jeri at the church office (815-338-2627) or sign up on the sheet in the entryway. THANK YOU!!



GIVING TOGETHER

FINANCE NOTES

May Finance Notes by Mark Bundick, Finance Team Lead

The Finance Team did a brief review of financials as of the end of April and didn't see any unexpected changes. See report below.

Our team also received reports of the failure of our streaming worship service. After some initial investigate of our hardware at the church, we are now exploring switching internet providers. Doing so would also require us to investigate switching telephone service as both our internet and phone are provided through AT&T. Once we have options to present to the Finance team, we'll make a decision about switching the services.

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

Thru April 2023	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Pledges	\$ 93,523	\$ 89,776	\$ 3,747
All Other Income	\$ 6,024	\$ 5,294	\$ 730
Total Income	\$ 99,547	\$ 95,070	\$ 4,477
Expenses			
Staff	\$ 74,530	\$ 66,452	\$ (8,078)
All Other Expenses	\$ 26,799	\$ 23,900	\$ (2,898)
Total Expense	\$ 101,329	\$ 90,352	\$ (10,976)
Net Income	\$ (1,782)	\$ 4,718	\$ (6,500)

"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity."

Mike Stachura



Let Deacons or the church office know if you are in need of prayers or have celebrations you want us to know about.

We will continue with coffee fellowship for the month of June.

Angie Boe (815) 338-7782

Kristen Matter (847) 609-8340

Sherry Thuma (815) 847-8339

Barbara Parrish (815) 338-8112

Cheryl Wormley (815) 519-4702



Keep your Summer full of Faith

MAY SESSION NOTES

Clerks Report: Minutes of the April 30 Session meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Compassion, Peace and Justice: The Pride Fest booth will use a pop-up tent provided by Tiffany. A sign-up sheet for volunteer shifts will be available, both online and in the church.

CPJ will be attending a Matthew 25 event at Westminster Rockford on 6/17.

Education and Spiritual Growth: Plants for the garden are being planted on 5/22/2023. The Go and Serve trip should be fully funded with the donations from Pentecost. Thanks to all for their donations! Youth group will gather at the Wormleys' on 6/4/2023.

We are partnering with First United Methodist for VBS this year.

Ministry Support – Building and Grounds: The swing set was taken down due to rot. A church clean-up day will be hosted soon. Band-Aids will be supplied in the Sunday school rooms. A procedure for handling power loss and resulting alarms will be developed. Currently it's not clear who needs to be contacted in the event of a power loss.

Worship, Music and Arts: An email seeking communion volunteers will be distributed to session, deacons and ushers.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, June 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

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JUNE SCRIPTURE SCHEDULE

Date	Text	Lectionary
6/4/2023	Matthew 28:16-20	Trinity Sunday
6/11/2023	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Proper 5 (10)
6/18/2023	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)	Proper 6 (11)
6/25/2023	Matthew 10:24-39	Proper 7 (12)



"We live out God's will when we change our thoughts to God's thoughts, rather than living like the world dictates..... we behave—by changing our thoughts."

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Lectionary	Liturgist	A/V	Ushers	Greeter(s)
6/4/2023	Trinity Sunday	Evan Kaye	Dave Johanson	Julie and Ken Farver	Julie and Ken Farver
6/11/2023	Proper 5 (10)	Tiffany Sobczak	Rob McMahon	Lee and Chris Nejd	Cheryl Wormley
6/18/2023	Proper 6 (11)	Cheryl Wormley	Dave Johanson	Rick and Pat Morozink	Linda Hansen
6/25/2023	Proper 7 (12)	Sue Krause	Rob McMahon	Lee and Chris Nejd	Sue Krause

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7p Boy Scout Troop 159	2	3 7a Men's Bible Study
4 9:30a Worship 4:30p Youth Group event at Wormley home	5	6	7 9a Lectionary Study 4p Diaper Bank distribution 5:15p NOW Dinner	8 1p Finance Team 7p Boy Scout Troop 159	9	10 7a Men's Bible Study
11 9:30a Worship 12p Woodstock PrideFest 2023	12	13 10a TLC Ladies 7p Deacons	14 9a Lectionary Study 6:30p No-Name Knitters	15 10a Hospitality Team 6p Compassion, Peace and Justice 7p Boy Scout Troop 159	16	17 7a Men's Bible Study
18 9:30a Worship 11a Session	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>	20	21 9a Lectionary Study 10a No-Name Knitters	22 6:30p Worship Arts Mtg 7p Boy Scout Troop 159	23	24 7a Men's Bible Study
25 9:30a Worship	26 <i>Father's Day</i>	27	28	29	30	
VBS at First United Methodist Church						
			9a Lectionary Study 6:30p No-Name Knitters	7p Boy Scout Troop 159		

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All members and friends
of the congregation

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