

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.*

Summertime!

As I write, children from our church are wrapping up a week of Vacation Bible School in partnership with First United Methodist Church. The theme was *SonWorld Adventure Park* and it was a big success. Come to worship on July 9th to hear more about it!

At the end of the month, six youth and four adults will leave for a Go & Serve trip. We'll serve others in various ways in Kenosha, WI and learn more about the ways of Jesus. Your prayers are appreciated for this trip.

Learning and service – two good ways to spend the summer! What do you have planned for your summer? For some, summer is a time of rest from the activities of the school year. For others, summer is a time of much work. If you are traveling, I pray for safe travels. Remember that you can take the worship of the church along with you, through online worship. However you spend your summer, make sure that God is the center of your activities. *Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)*

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 July. 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

July 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

Financial support for WACM is provided by member congregations' donations as well as fundraisers. The following groups are member organizations that support WACM and its mission to provide financial

assistance to D-200 residents-in-need: First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Free Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran Church, McHenry County Jewish Congregation, St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church. During this fiscal year, WACM has provided over \$40,000 in assistance with rent, utilities, gasoline, car repairs, clothing, and shoes to households in D-200. Helping our neighbors would not be possible without this support.

A special thank you goes out to the Compassion, Peace, and Justice committee who has generously donated funds from the rummage sale to WACM after learning about some fundraising challenges. These funds go back into our community to help households experiencing financial hardships. Thank you to First Presbyterian Church for its support of WACM!



Come check out our new morning meeting! We've had two new ladies join us, and we couldn't be happier! We love to see new faces and have more hands to help with our projects! Come visit if you'd like to see what we're about! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., in the fireside room, and on the 3rd Wednesday at 10 a.m. Call Kay Darby at 815-572-1729 for more information.

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@wacm.org),

815-236-7408.

LECTIONARY

Bible Study

Wednesday, at 8:30 a.m.

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.



Summer N.O.W. Cookout

Wednesday, July 12

5:15 p.m.

On the patio

10 and younger \$1; everyone else \$3

Menu

Burgers and dogs, chips, coleslaw, beverages, and dessert

Come for food and fellowship and leave in time to enjoy the Woodstock City Band concert in the Park in the Square.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & POTLUCK
7/30/2023
Worship, Food, Music and Fun

Bring your Kites!
Have FUN!
Enjoy Fellowship
Play Gaga Ball
Outdoor Worship
Bring a dish to pass

9:30 am: Worship followed by Potluck
1:00 pm: Blessing of Youth Group Mission Trip

Question: Aren't wills for rich people?

The answer is yes,—and for poor people and everyone in between. Remember to put your church in your will.



FOOD PANTRY

July Items to bring to the Red Wagon at FPCW
Shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, laundry soap.

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

MEALS ON WHEELS

We are in need of a new scheduler for Meals on Wheels. After many years of serving, Marla Norgard has decided to retire and put this project back into the hands of the church. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays are covered through December. The church will need to find people for Mondays and Wednesdays. Marla will schedule through August. Thank you Marla, for all of your dedication to this project.

Check the church lobby for more information.



TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

ANNIVERSARIES

Brooke & Pam Mathison
07/01
Tom Schwarz & Lora Totton
Schwarz 07/05
Scott & Katherine Greenley
07/12
Larry and Sharon Stanger
07/22

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Diss	07/03
Rick Morozink	07/04
Velma Downes	07/05
Joyce Maynard	07/05
Gracy Petrik	07/06
Roger Dickman	07/09
Collette Spaldon	07/11
Cheryl Wormley	07/13
Jim Wormley	07/18
Sally Nelson	07/20
Ruth Hunt	07/27
Sara Botian	07/28
Ana Corbin	07/29
Ken Maynard	07/29
Sarah Oleson	07/29
Marla Rigby	07/30

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

29 HE GIVES STRENGTH TO THE WEARY AND INCREASES THE POWER OF THE WEAK. 30 EVEN YOUTHS GROW TIRED AND WEARY, AND YOUNG MEN STUMBLE AND FALL; 31 BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.

ISAIAH 40:29-31

EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Go & Serve Trip Meeting!

Where has the time gone?! This month 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. If you are unable to make it, please let Jackie know and we can meet separately.



Sunday School & VBS

We will resume Sunday School classes on September 10th this year. More details to follow.

VBS with the First United Methodist Church was a great success! We had many children participate and a number of youth and adults help as volunteers for the week. Many thanks to Jerin Ferrera and her family for their many hours helping and coordinating between our two churches.



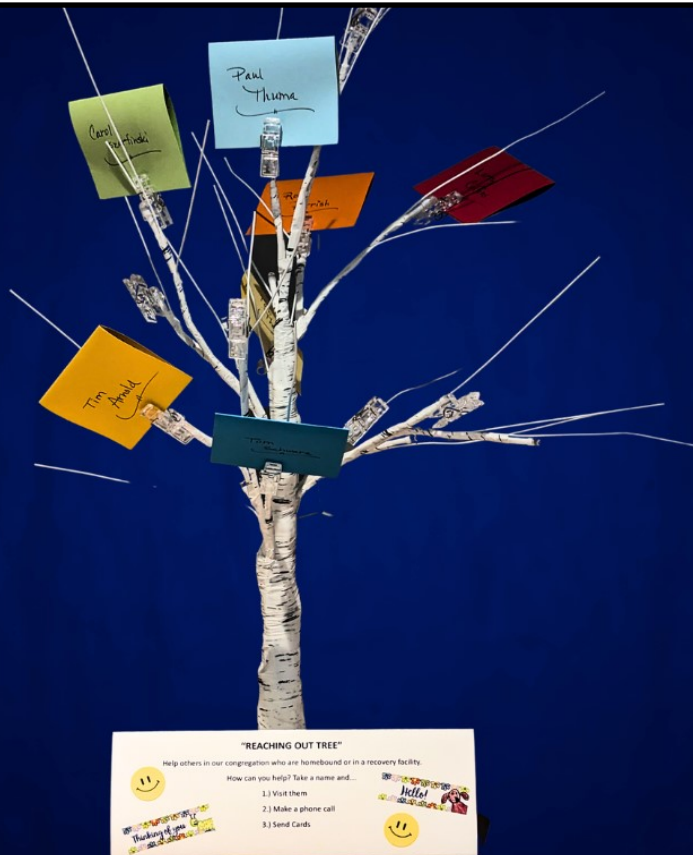
EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Youth Group

We had a wonderful time hiking, eating and conversing at the Wormley's last month. Events will begin again in September.

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



The Reaching Out Tree

Being homebound can be lonely. Look for the Reaching Out Tree in the lobby to connect with our homebound members.

GIVING TOGETHER

FINANCE NOTES

May Finance Notes by Mark Bundick, Finance Team Lead

The Finance Team's review showed our budget to be basically on track for now. See report below.

Thru May 2023	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Pledges	\$ 102,283	\$ 111,170	\$ (8,887)
All Other Income	\$ 14,509	\$ 13,685	\$ 824
Total Income	\$ 116,791	\$ 124,855	\$ (8,064)
Expenses			
Staff	\$ 90,573	\$ 88,284	\$ (2,290)
All Other Expenses	\$ 35,380	\$ 41,355	\$ 5,975
Total Expense	\$ 125,954	\$ 129,639	\$ 3,685
Net Income	\$ (9,162)	\$ (4,784)	\$ (4,378)

Due to performance issues, we have replaced the Finance Team's computer. All software and data were transferred from the old machine to the new one. Thanks to Pastor Eric for the quick ordering and installation of the new machine.

In July, we will be undertaking a deep dive into our financials to see if any adjustments are required for the second half of the year. Any action would be recommended to session for its July meeting.

Finally, your support makes all of our mission here at FPCW possible. Thank you for your generous gifts!



"Per Capita is crucial to the overall health of the PC(USA), because it binds presbyteries, synods, and congregations together in one church. – J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of PC(USA)

If you haven't made a \$41.00 Per Capita Offering in 2023, please consider doing so.

June Session Notes:

Memorial Committee: A project to renovate the church bell on display in the front of the church entrance at a cost of approximately \$2,000 to be paid out of memorial funds was approved.

Congregational Life: The report was received with thanks. Rally Day will be Sunday, September 10.

Ministry Support – Finance: Financial reports were accepted with thanks. A new computer for Finance has been purchased and configured.

Ministry Support – Staff Management: The team has two candidates for the organist position and are attempting to schedule interviews.

Worship, Music and Arts: The report was received with thanks. An outdoor worship for sometime this summer is being planned.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.



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

Coffee fellowship volunteers are needed for the months of July and August. The signup sheet will be posted in the hallway.

If you have not submitted a picture for the directory, please get it in to the office.

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JULY TEXT AND MUSIC SCHEDULE

Date	Text	Music
7/2/2023	Matthew 10:40-42	#337 My Country Tis of Thee (v. 1 & 3) #756 O God Of Every Nation (v. 1, 2, 4)
7/9/2023	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	#465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v. 1 & 2) #183 Come To Me, O Weary Traveler (all 4 verses)
7/16/2023	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	#771 What Is The World Like (v. 1, 3, 5) #171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills (v. 1,4)
7/23/2023	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Prayer for Illumination #451 Open My Eyes That I May See (v. 1) #295 Go To the World (v. 3)
7/30/2023	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Prayer for Illumination #451 Open My Eyes That I May See (v. 1) #295 Go To the World (v. 4)

“Songs of worship arise from a life of worship.”

Date	Liturgist	A/V	Ushers	Greeters
7/2/2023	Dawn Cook	Dave Johanson	Julie and Ken Farver	Julie and Ken Farver
7/9/2023	Tom Schaeffer	Rob McMahon	Rick and Pat Morozink	Cheryl Wormley
7/16/2023	Tiffany Sobczak	Dave Johanson	Lee and Chris Nedjl	Linda Hansen
7/23/2023	Renee Simes	Rob McMahon	Julie and Ken Farver	Lee and Chris Nejd1
7/30/2023	Velma Downes	Dave Johanson	Rick and Pat Morozink	Sue Krause
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July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7a Men's Bible Study
2 9:30a Worship	3 Office Closed	4 <div></div>	5 8:30a Lectionary Study 4p Diaper Bank distribution	6 7p Boy Scout Troop 159	7	8 7a Men's Bible Study
9 9:30a Worship 10:30a Go & Serve Meeting 11a Education and Spiritual Growth	10	11 <i>Independence Day</i> 10a TLC Ladies	12 8:30a Lectionary Study 5:15p NOW Dinner 6:30p No-Name Knitters	13 1p Finance Team 7p Boy Scout Troop 159	14	15 7a Men's Bible Study 8a Highway Clean-up
16 9:30a Worship 11a Session	17	18	19 8:30a Lectionary Study 10a No-Name Knitters	20 10a Hospitality Team 6p Compassion, Peace and Justice 7p Boy Scout Troop 159	21	22 7a Men's Bible Study 2p Chwalisz Baby Shower
23 9:30a Worship	24	25 7p Deacons	26 8:30a Lectionary Study 6:30p No-Name Knitters	27 6:30p Worship Arts Mtg 7p Boy Scout Troop 159	28	29 7a Men's Bible Study
30 Go and Serve Trip 9:30a Worship	31 <div></div>					

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All members and friends
of the congregation

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