

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.*

From Pastor Eric:

As this newsletter goes out, several youth and adults will be away on our Go & Serve trip. We appreciate your prayers as we join others in service. How might you be in service to your neighbors? Give it prayerful consideration, and then jump into action. It could be as simple as bringing their trash bin back or taking over a fresh batch of cookies, or it could be much more involved. Ask God what you should do to serve your neighbors.

An image I saw on Facebook recently takes issue with the classic George Gershwin song, "Summertime," which says "Summertime, and the livin' is easy." This image said "Summertime, and the livin' is surprisingly complex." Whether you are finding the summertime to be easy or surprisingly complex, I pray that you make time with God a priority. Martin Luther wrote "I have so much to do today that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." I'll admit that I've never spent three hours in prayer, but Luther's idea is a solid one. When we have much to do, we must spend time in prayer. We need that time with God in the midst of our busy schedules.

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 August. 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

August 2023



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Sunday Worship Services

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

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Saturday, at 7:00 a.m.

MEN'S

Bible Study

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:johnmoorhouse@gmail.com),

815-236-7408.

LECTIONARY

Wednesday, at 8:30 a.m.

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:velmadownes@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list or for more information.

N.O.W.

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!

We're FUN!!

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John Moorhouse, 815-236-7408,

Lee Nejd1, 815-546-1731, Katie Spaldon, 815-276-3410,

and Cheryl Wormley, 815-519-7402.

AUGUST FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

Spam, Corned Beef, Salmon, Tuna, Beef Stew, Small Hams, Canned Hash,
Canned Chicken Breast and Diaper Wipes.

Please drop off in the red wagon in the back of the Great Hall.

Contact Joyce Maynard 815-338-7265 or

woodstockfoodpantry.org.

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

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.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Just about every month our church is responsible for delivering one week of Meals-On-Wheels right here in Woodstock. 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. Check the church lobby for more information.



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](#)

MUSIC MINISTRIES

A poster for 'Worship with Bluegrass Live Music' featuring a background of a bluegrass instrument. The text reads: 'WORSHIP WITH BLUEGRASS', 'Live Music', and 'SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH'. Below the poster, it says: 'Sunday, August 6, join Tom, Chris, and Dave as they bring their bluegrass instruments and lead our congregation in some fun worship music.'



Facing a shut off notice for water, a Woodstock woman was referred to WACM's Direct Assistance Program by a city hall employee. Once the verification process was

completed, WACM was able to provide financial assistance so the woman and her five children would not have to face disruption of their service. Helping with past due utility bills is one of the ways WACM serves community members in need.

Thanks to the congregation of First Presbyterian for their support of WACM.

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN



| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Tom & Jodi Landeros | 8/02 |
| Steve & Nancy Bingham | 8/06 |
| Tom & Karen Thennes | 8/08 |
| Charlie & Angie Boe | 8/13 |
| Tony & Katie Spaldon | 8/17 |
| Jack & Kay Darby | 8/20 |
| Robert & Sandra Landrey | 8/28 |
| John & Pam Moorhouse | 8/28 |
| Al & Mary Carol Dunker | 8/30 |

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|-----------------|------|
| Matt Petrik | 8/01 |
| Ryan Wormley | 8/02 |
| Braden Ferrera | 8/02 |
| Calvin Wormley | 8/03 |
| Cameron Wormley | 8/03 |
| J.T. Wormley | 8/03 |
| Georgia Collins | 8/04 |
| Sue Slack | 8/08 |
| Simon Baker | 8/10 |
| Al Dunker | 8/11 |
| John Moorhouse | 8/11 |
| Charlie Boe | 8/12 |
| Shari Olesen | 8/13 |
| Angela Thuma | 8/13 |
| Randel Stock | 8/18 |
| Gary Mazur | 8/19 |
| Adam Zingrone | 8/19 |
| Mark Morozink | 8/20 |
| Andrew Ferrera | 8/21 |
| Linda Hansen | 8/24 |
| Sara Baker | 8/25 |
| Bob Boyne | 8/26 |
| Vicki Thuma | 8/26 |
| Cary Cook | 8/27 |
| Philip Dahm | 8/27 |
| Karen Thennes | 8/27 |



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Russ Warye, Gayle Abrams,
 Larry Collins, Tom Thennes,
 Tom Schwarz, Braelen Kittle,
 Mary Kittle, Tim Arnold,
 Jamie Robinette, Pam Moorhouse,
 Arlene Bernardoni, Ruth Hunt,
 Shirley Kinell, Aaron Somerville,
 Shari Olesen, Kristen Matter,

*Our prayers are with the Family and Friends
 of Ron Parrish through this great loss.*

EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Sunday School Rally Day!



Rally Day to kick off the new Sunday School year is Sunday, September 10th! We will meet immediately following Pastor Eric's "Time with Children" during the 9:30am worship service. After Rally Day, Sunday School will continue to meet every second and fourth Sunday of the month during the 9:30am service. The Playground will be available the first and third Sundays. This year we will be using the PC(USA) curriculum, Growing in Grace and Gratitude.

Youth Group

Youth Group is available again this year for our 6th-12th grade students. We welcome children from our congregation as well as any friends they would like to invite. The more the merrier! We will hold a short meeting for all Youth Group aged children and parents on Sunday, September 10th following church. As we start our second year, we would like to hear feedback of what worked, what didn't and what you would like to see this year. Information on an initial September event will be sent out in the next few weeks.

*Because they're not
just kids, they're
future leaders*

Confirmation



Confirmation classes will start again in September for children going into 7th, 8th and 9th grades. Classes will be twice a month and will once again use the PC (USA) curriculum, Big God Big Questions. Please be on the lookout for an email from Pastor Eric. We will also send a survey out to gain feedback as to what day of the week and time work best for classes.

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

Compassion, Peace and Justice

DID YOU CATCH SIGHT OF THE EASTER LILIES IN FULL BLOOM DURING EARLY JULY?



As an "Earth Care Congregation", one of our initiatives the past two years has been to save the lily bulbs after Easter, let them go dormant, then plant the bulbs in the gardens flanking the entryway to the church. The first year, only five of the twenty bulbs we planted survived the winter and bloomed the next summer. This year, nearly EVERY bulb planted last spring survived and bloomed gloriously a few weeks ago!

FINANCE NOTES

July Finance Notes by Mark Bundick, Finance Team Lead

| Thru June 2023 | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Variance |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Pledges | \$ 112,290 | \$ 122,434 | \$ (10,144) |
| All Other Income | \$ 16,290 | \$ 14,940 | \$ 1,350 |
| Total Income | \$ 128,580 | \$ 137,374 | \$ (8,794) |
| Expenses | | | |
| Staff | \$ 108,770 | \$ 107,156 | \$ (1,614) |
| All Other Expenses | \$ 47,782 | \$ 63,424 | \$ 15,643 |
| Total Expense | \$ 156,552 | \$ 170,580 | \$ 14,029 |
| Net Income | \$ (27,971) | \$ (33,206) | \$ 5,235 |

The Finance spent nearly all the time in our July meeting reviewing the mid-year financial reports.

While there is a shortfall in pledge income, this is typical of our mid-year review. We expect pledge income to meet budget by the end of the year.

On the expense side, we are running favorable variance in multiple committees. Finance recommended no adjustments to our 2023 budget at this time. While the overall budget remains in deficit, it's slightly better than forecast. Finance will be undertaking another detailed review at the end of the third quarter, just prior to starting the 2024 budget process.

Finance also reviewed our balance sheet. Currently, there is approximately \$70,000 in unallocated income from the McCullough Distribution Fund for use to cover deficits. Previously, session had discontinued taking income distributions from the McCullough Endowment due to the drop in markets and the substantial balance in the Distribution Fund. Markets have since recovered quite nicely. Given the rebound in the endowment's value, and our expectation that 2024's budget will be in deficit, Finance recommended, and session approved, resuming taking income distributions in order to boost the unallocated income available to provide budget assistance.

Your financial gifts make sure we can serve God here in Woodstock, in Blackhawk Presbytery, and all around the world. Thank you for your generous support!

**If you haven't made a \$42.00 Per Capita Offering in 2023,
please consider doing so.**

"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)

JULY SESSION NOTES:

Deacon's Report: Eric is following up with visitors who have expressed interest in joining our church.

Memorial Committee: Eric reported that the bell restoration project is seeking a final quote on the plaque.

Nominating Committee: A motion to name Mark Bundick to replace Tiffany Sobczak as chair was approved.

Committee Reports:

Compassion, Peace and Justice: The diaper distribution project continues to grow. Given Crandall's reduction in fund raising events, the committee is investigating options for a WACM fundraiser in the Great Hall.

Education and Spiritual Growth: Confirmation returns this fall with 7th and 8th graders as participants.

Ministry Support

Building and Grounds: The committee will be replacing the missing first aid kit in the Education room.

Finance: Session approved a committee recommendation to re-start the 4% distribution of income from the McCullough endowment.

Staff Management: The search for an organist continues.

Worship, Music and Arts: Rally Sunday will be on September 10; the committee will coordinate events with Education and Congregational Life. The committee is exploring the idea of honoring Rev. Paul Nelson by updating the library and naming it in his honor.

Other Business: Marla Norgard is stepping down as coordinator for Meals on Wheels and the search is underway for a replacement coordinator.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.



Compassion, Peace & Justice

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August Worship Schedule

| Date | Liturgist | A/V | Ushers | Greeters |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 8/6 | Angie Boe | Rob McMahon | Lee and Chris NejdI | Julie and Ken Farver |
| 8/13 | Ken Farver | Dave Johanson | Julie and Ken Farver | Cheryl Wormley |
| 8/20 | Jim Wormley | Rob McMahon | Rick and Pat Morozink | Linda Hansen |
| 8/27 | Evan Kaye | Dave Johanson | Lee and Chris NejdI | Sue Krause |



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.

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Barbara Parrish (815) 338-8112

Cheryl Wormley (815) 519-4702



CONTACT BOB CLARK FOR MORE INFORMATION



Contact Mary Hill to see how you can help.

August 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|----------|
| | | 1 Go and Serve Trip | 2 8:30a Lectionary Study 4p Diaper Bank distribution | 3 7p Boy Scout Troop 159 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 9:30a Worship 11a Education and Spiritual Growth | 7 10a TLC Ladies 5p NOW Team | 8 8:30a Lectionary Study 6:30p No-Name Knitters | 9 8:30a Lectionary Study 6:30p No-Name Knitters | 10 1p Finance Team 7p Boy Scout Troop 159 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:30a Worship | 14 | 15 8:30a Lectionary Study 10a No-Name Knitters | 16 8:30a Lectionary Study 10a No-Name Knitters | 17 10a Hospitality Team 6p Compassion, Peace and Justice 7p Boy Scout Troop 159 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9:30a Worship 11a Session | 21 | 22 | 23 8:30a Lectionary Study 6:30p No-Name Knitters | 24 6:30p Worship Arts Mtg 7p Boy Scout Troop 159 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:30a Worship | 28 7p Deacons | 29 | 30 8:30a Lectionary Study | 31 7p Boy Scout Troop 159 | | |

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