

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock

June 2024 Newsletter

A letter from Rev. Eric Corbin

SABBATH PRACTICES

As I write this letter to you, my mind is swirling with thoughts about Sabbath. The lectionary for the first Sunday in June this year brings us a passage where Jesus' detractors were questioning how Jesus and His disciples behaved on the Sabbath. The Ten Commandments say that we should "honor" the Sabbath, and keep it "holy". What does that mean for us? For one thing, it means that rest is important for us. And, rest is important for *others*. We find the Ten Commandments in slightly different versions in two places in the Hebrew Scriptures: Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. Exodus tells us that God rested on the Sabbath, and that is why it is holy and why we, too, should rest. Deuteronomy tells us that others in our lives deserve rest, just as we do, and so we should be mindful of others' need for Sabbath rest, too!

So, how do you rest? How do you "honor" the Sabbath in your life? Worshipping God is always an appropriate activity, particularly on the Sabbath. Spending time with loved ones is, as well. Enjoying the beauty and wonder of God's creation is honoring the Sabbath. Our world rarely slows down, so being intentional about Sabbath practices is essential. God gives us the gift of Sabbath, and we are invited to find true rest in God – and others are, as well!

In the spirit of honoring the Sabbath through acts of love, our church will be observing part of a Sabbath in the historic Woodstock Square at PrideFest on June 9th. This is a time of sharing love with God's people in the LGBTQ+ community, many of whom have had negative experiences with other Christians in the past. It's a chance to celebrate love and community, reflecting God's welcome for all. Join us at our booth for conversation, fellowship, and a chance to celebrate the joy of diversity in God's creation! To me, that sounds like a wonderful way to observe Sabbath!

However you observe and keep the Sabbath holy, I hope to see you in the worship, meetings, fellowship, and service of the church! Let's continue to BE the Church; not just GO to church!

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This month brings many activities in the life of the church, which you can read about in the pages of this newsletter. Take a look at the various ministries of the church, and then *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

ALERT! Some members have received messages which claim to be from Pastor Eric, but are fraudulent. If you receive a suspicious message, contact the office before responding. Pastor Eric will NOT contact you by email or text about gift cards. This is a common scam tactic.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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



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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](#),

815-236-7408.

LECTIONARY STUDY

Wednesday, at 9:00 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](#) to be added to the mailing list or for more information.



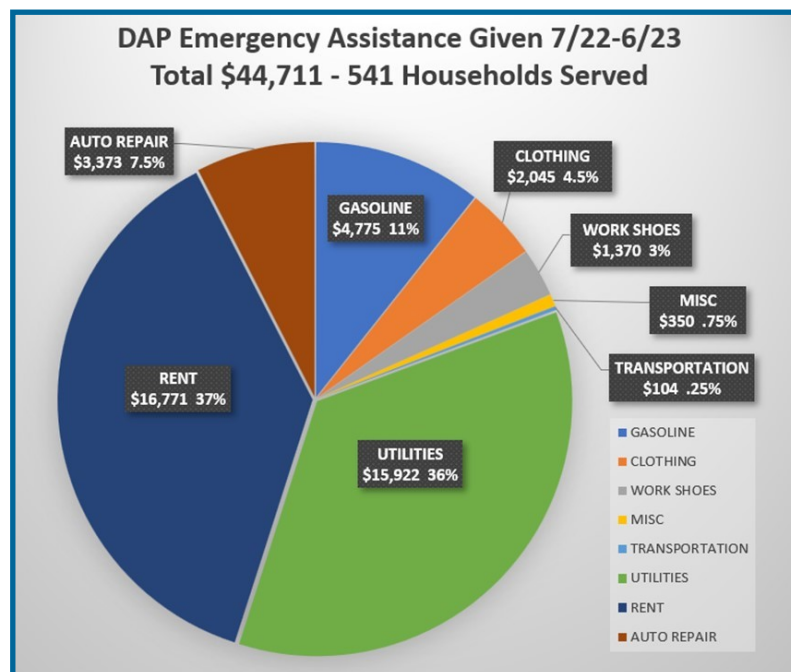
WACM

Giving back to God.

WACM's Direct Assistance Program (DAP) responds to the emergency financial needs of people living in Woodstock School District 200. Requests are as varied as the people who make them.

During May, for a young woman with two children, as well as a senior citizen with a limited income, DAP was able to prevent utility shut offs. Two homeless people, a job seeker, and a Vietnam veteran were among some of the people who were issued gasoline vouchers. Several tenants received rent assistance. A woman got a voucher to resale shops to get warm weather clothes and shoes.

Treating others with dignity and respect is a cornerstone of DAP. With your generous support, financial help is passed along to a variety of people in our community. This is one way our church assists others as part of its local mission work. Thank you for your support!



N.O.W. NEWS

The N.O.W. team's spring 2024 season has come to an end.



The team met on April 28, and did some evaluation of our spring season. Please feel free to offer feedback about what you'd like to see in next fall's dinners and brunches. We really enjoy providing everyone yummy eats and good fellowship and are always looking for suggestions for new meals.



We also looked over the calendar and set dates for three summer cookouts. We'll be holding summer dinners on the third Wednesday of June, July and August. Mark your calendars for June 19, July 17, and August 21. Join us for some good cookout food and soak up the summer sun. After the June and July dinners, why not head off to the Woodstock Square and take in the City Band concerts that will be held starting at 7 pm? For your long-range planning, our 2024 fall season will kick off on Wednesday, September 11 with our traditional "Corn and Brats" dinner. Don't miss out on this traditional start to the fall!

Thanks to all who came, ate and enjoyed our spring season!

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WOODS OF WEBELOS

One of the most exciting events on the calendar for Cub Scouts in McHenry County is Woods of Webelos. Every year scouts in the fourth and fifth grades gather at Camp Lowden in Oregon, Illinois, for a weekend of camping, learning, advancement and fun!

The scouts from our troop were glad to help make this event a success. They ran a station at Woods of Webelos, teaching about trees and tree identification. How do you make trees exciting? With a skit, games and a hike!

Thank you scouts for passing along your skills to the younger scouts following in your footsteps.

If you would like you lean more about Scouting, contact [Ray Thuma](#).



CARING TOGETHER

June Birthdays

Mark Bundick	6/02
Trevor Dunker	6/03
Emma Mathison	6/07
Dave Davis	6/08
Levi Traimany	6/08
Wesley Moorhouse	6/09
Regan Oliver	6/11
Henry Olesen	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
Austin Nicolai	6/30
Mason Nicolai	6/30

June Anniversaries

Lee & Chris Nejd	6/08
Anna & Cliff Kittle	6/12
Dave & Christy Johanson	6/21
Jackie & Mike Lawler	6/29

In Our Prayers

Sam Hunt, Bob Boyne, Kareem, Renee Simes, John Rigby, Katie Stebbins, Mary Kittle, Aubrey Attochi, Shari Olesen, Caryl Lemanski, Tom Thennes, Pam Moorhouse, Aaron, Gayle Abrams, Tom Schwarz, Tim Arnold, Barry Summers, Mamie Drennen, Tim Arnold, Angela Thuma, Travis Walters, Larry Collins, Braelyn Kittle, and the family and friends of Ruth Hunt, Rob McMahon, & Michael Krause.

WOODSTOCK PRIDEFEST 2024

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024



For the third year in a row, FPC will host a booth at the Woodstock Pridefest on the square on Sunday, June 9th, 2024. The festival begins with a parade at 11:00 a.m. and goes throughout the day until 5:00p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to acceptance and inclusion, besides just having fun and meeting new friends at the festival. Come help us offer warmth and welcome to our LGBTQIA siblings.

We need quite a few volunteers to help with this effort. Can you give an hour or two of your time that day to help staff our booth? Please sign up at the link below, on the paper sign up at church in the entryway, or by contacting [Jeri](#) at the church office to have her put you on the list.

The first shift is 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will involve getting supplies and equipment from church around 9:00 a.m., bringing it to the square to unload at our assigned booth location, and helping set everything up. Between 11:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m., volunteers will help staff the booth, hand out tokens and greet visitors to welcome them and share information about our church if they are interested or have questions - mostly the job involves meeting and greeting folks warmly and enjoying the day with them. Around 4:30p.m. we need to begin to pack up and take down our booth, load everything into a truck to return and unload it all at church.

We need your help to represent our church at the event. Please help by signing up for a slot or two. THANK YOU!

[PRIDEFEST SIGNUP](#)

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING 2024

This Special Offering supports youth and youth at risk. Local churches are allowed to keep 40% of the amount collected to dedicate to local efforts in the youth development arena.

Our goal for the Pentecost Offering this year is \$1500. Local 40% (\$600) will be given to the Child Advocacy Center for McHenry County (\$300) serving child victims of sexual and physical abuse and to the McHenry County Court Appointed Special Advocate program (\$300) which provides trained volunteer advocates to help children involved in the court system.

As of 6-3-2024, we have collected \$1503!!

If you would like to learn more about our two local recipients of funds, check out their webpages at [Child Advocacy Center \(mchenrycac.org\)](#) and [CASA McHenry County \(casamchenrycounty.org\)](#).



FOOD PANTRY

As the Pantry is deeply appreciative of our support through filling the Red Wagon and monetary contributions, the Pantry is looking for more help serving the 275 families/700 people in our community who rely on us. Below are the shifts that need coverage. As a volunteer you can pick one shift or more, it's up to you! Please consider volunteering at the Woodstock Food Pantry.

- Every Tuesday and Thursday 8:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. to pick up food at Aldi or the Food Coop.
- Every Tuesday and Saturday pickup at the Farmers Market and deliver to the Food Pantry.
- Saturday and Sunday, Aldi produce pickups anytime. (Pickup truck or van suggested).
- Second Thursday each month to unload at the Northern Illinois Food Bank delivery from 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
- Second Tuesday each month at 9:00 a.m. pickup at the Crystal Lake Pantry (pickup truck or van suggested).
- Front desk workers are needed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m. You do NOT have to commit to all shifts, you can volunteer as your time allows.

Call Carolyn and leave a message if you have questions about volunteering at 815-338-0897

JUNE RED WAGON

Macaroni and Cheese, spaghetti sauce, pasta sides, rice sides.
For more information, contact Joyce Maynard 815-338-7265 or
woodstockfoodpantry.org.

We appreciate donated food that is not past the expiration date.
When donating items: food must be in separate bag from soap and detergent.

NO-NAME KNITTERS

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to our longtime member, Julie Farver. We will miss her, as well as all the beautiful items she has made over the years. Hopefully, she will send us some shawls from Kansas!

On a happy note, our member, Joyce Maynard, ran another successful rummage sale, along with much help from Linda Hansen and many church volunteers. Thank you to all who made this happen! Many people have told Joyce they look forward to the sale, and it is one of the best around! What a great way to shine a light on our church!

Since our group is getting smaller, we are really needing help with our knitted and crocheted projects. If you are at all interested, please come visit us, or call Kay Darby at 815-572-1729.

Even if you could knit/crochet at home, we would be grateful for your help!

We do have a change in our schedule for the 3 summer months. We will meet on the third Wednesday of each month, at 10 a.m. No night meetings for the summer.

EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Greetings!

Confirmation went well with a nice turnout from families and church members. Following our every-other-year schedule, our next Confirmation Class will begin in Fall 2025.



2024 CONFIRMANDS

Pictured above from left to right:
Christopher Corbin, Brayden Sobczak,
Erik Johanson, Jacob Dunker, Elin Kaye,
Benjamin Walters, Lily Oliver and
Rev. Eric Corbin



The last Sunday School class was May 12th. The children sang a song for the congregation prior to going to class. Thank you Christy for all your work with the youth this year!



Support Youth

The next book discussion has not been developed yet, but possibly one this summer, if there is interest. If you have suggestions, let us know!

The scout troop was about to begin removing the former chartering organization's name (First Methodist) off of the trailer, but there is going to be a change with the national organization name in the coming months. The project has been postponed for now. Scouts have just returned from the Lincoln Pilgrimage and will be leaving soon for Camp Loudon.

Our next meeting is June 13th at 5:30 p.m. through Google.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Cook



MAY FINANCE NOTES

Our April financial report shows the following:

Thru April 2024	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Pledges	\$ 93,831	\$ 93,256	\$ 575
All Other Income	\$ 11,889	\$ 10,252	\$ 1,637
Total Income	\$ 105,720	\$ 103,508	\$ 2,212
Expenses			
Staff	\$ 65,269	\$ 71,357	\$ 6,088
All Other Expenses	\$ 21,478	\$ 31,661	\$ 10,183
Total Expense	\$ 86,747	\$ 103,018	\$ 16,271
Net Income	\$ 18,973	\$ 490	\$ 18,483

Work with Boy Scout Troop 159 continues. We have purchased insurance coverage for their trailer. The insurance protects the trailer and its content from damage or theft while it is stored in our parking lot.

We have completed the conversion to QuickBooks Online. Files were transferred on May 22. We're now rebuilding some reports which were not covered by the conversion process.

The Presbyterian Church Board of Pensions announced their long awaited changes to the medical insurance program. These changes will significantly increase our insurance expense for staff. Finance will spend time during our June meeting reviewing the changes in detail and assessing the budget impact for 2025 and beyond.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about anything FPCW financial. And thank you for your generous support of our ministry in Woodstock and the world!

Mark Bundick, Finance Team Chair
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$2,159.64
Pentecost	\$1,503.32
Per Capita	\$1,110.67
JOY Christmas Offering	\$480.00
Easter Lilies	\$419.07
Peacemaking Offering	\$100.00

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June Worship Schedule

Date	Text	Liturgist	A/V	Greeters and Ushers
6/2/2024	Mark 2:23-3:6	Ken Farver	Dave Johanson	Julie and Ken Farver
6/9/2024	Mark 3:20-35	Addie Sobczak	TBA	Rick and Pat Morozink
6/16/2024	Mark 4:26-34	Cheryl Wormley	Dave Johanson	Tom Schaeffer & Chris Mathews
6/23/2024	Mark 4:35-41	Tom Schaeffer	TBA	Tiffany and Brayden Sobczak
6/30/2024	Mark 5:21-43	Sue Krause	Dave Johanson	Cheryl Wormley & Beth Elbersen

DEACON UPDATE FOR JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

We are Happy to say we have a full team of Deacons! We have a lot of fun helping others! On Sunday, June 9th we will be doing a "Minute for Mission" on what a Deacon does.

Last month under the leadership of Mary Carol Dunker, we completed an outreach project with the college students in our congregation. Gift cards were sent for food places so that college students know we are thinking of them as they finish their school year.

Sadly, we have also been busy helping at both Ruth Hunt's and Rob McMahon's celebrations of life.

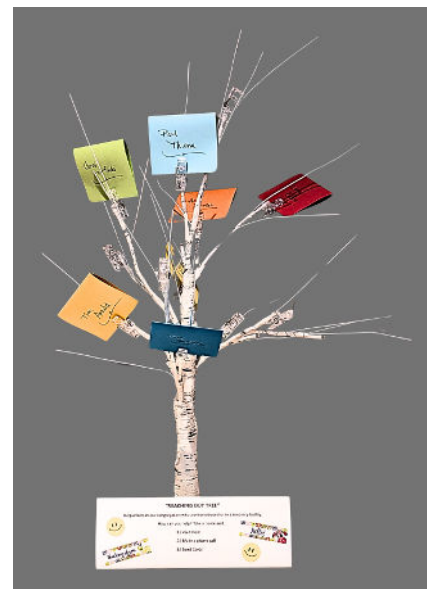
We are happy to be continuing to offer coffee hours after church this summer hosted by the Deacons and other members of the congregation. We would love to have you sign up for a Sunday.

Deacons discussed members who are going through certain difficulties who need some special care. We have been in contact with them through phone, email and in person. Dinners have also been taken to members in need and prayer shawls made by the "No Name Knitters" have been delivered.

Please think about taking a name off of the "Reaching Out Tree" in the church entryway. Send a card, call or visit in person.

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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JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7a Men's Bible Study
2 9:30a Worship 11a Hospitality Team	3 7p Deacons	4	5 8:30a Lectionary Study 4p Diaper Distribution	6	7	8 7a Men's Bible Study
9 PrideFest 9:30a Worship	10	11 10a TLC Ladies	12 8:30a Lectionary Study	13 1p Finance Team 5:30p Education and Spiritual Growth	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 7a Men's Bible Study
16 9:30a Worship 11a Session <i>Father's Day</i>	17	18	19 8:30a Lectionary Study 10a No-Name Knitters 5:15p NOW Dinner <i>Juneleventh</i>	20 6p Compassion, Peace and Justice	21	22 7a Men's Bible Study
23 9:30a Worship	24 VBS at First Methodist	25	26	27	28	29 7a Men's Bible Study
		6:30p Worship Arts Mtg	8:30a Lectionary Study			
30 9:30a Worship						

JUNE 2024



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