

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock

August 2024 Newsletter

A letter from Rev. Eric Corbin

Unity in Christ

In worship, we are currently making our way through the book of Ephesians. This book of the Bible is a letter which was written nearly 2,000 years ago. However, it still holds great relevance for us today, especially as we navigate the challenges and opportunities of living out our faith in an increasingly complex world.

Ephesians is a letter rich in theological depth and practical guidance, but one of its central themes is unity. In Ephesians 4, we read these words (with some key words underlined): “Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together.”

These verses challenge us to reflect on how we are living out our faith together. In a world which often emphasizes division and discord (as well as supposed self-sufficiency), Paul’s words call us back to our shared foundation in Christ. We are reminded that the church is not simply a collection of individuals, but a *community* united by our common faith and our calling to serve God and one another. Those key words from above are instrumental to how we live out this calling. We are to interact with one another in humility, gentleness, and patience. That’s a pretty good start to bridging the divides between us, isn’t it? Then, we are to accept one another in love and preserve the unity of the Spirit in peace. This way of living will have a tremendous impact on our lives, and the lives of those around us. Imagine the ripple effect of each of us behaving in this way!

In this same chapter, we are reminded that “There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.” This calls us to focus on what unites us rather than what divides us. In a world of divisiveness and animosity, especially during a heated election year, it is all too easy to create barriers between us. Ephesians reminds us that our unity is grounded in something far greater than our individual perspectives, and that Christ has torn down the barrier between us all. As we continue to journey together, let us make every effort to live out the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, always remembering that we are one in Christ.

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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



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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 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](#) to be added to the mailing list or for more information.

WACM

WACM completed its fiscal year on June 30 and is proud to report that almost \$45,000 of financial assistance was paid out to help D-200 residents avoid eviction or utility shut offs as well as providing others with gasoline, clothing, shoes, and assistance with car repairs. WACM's Direct Assistance Program (DAP) relies on donations from its member churches and others as well as fundraising efforts to support this level of assistance. Thank you for the generosity of members of First Presbyterian, a member church of WACM.

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BURGER NIGHT

Fundraiser

Proceeds benefit WACM's Direct Assistance Program



Thursday,
August 22nd
5-7:30 p.m.
406 Clay St.
Woodstock, IL

Open to the Public

VISIT US :
wacmgroups.org



SAVE THE DATE- The Woodstock Moose Lodge sponsors a 4th Thursday Burger Night each month with proceeds going to a local charity. WACM has been selected to be the recipient of profits from the August 22nd Burger Night from 5- 7:30 pm at the Moose Lodge, 406 Clay Street. 1/3 lb. burgers are just \$6 with cheese; double burgers, fries, and more available at an extra cost. This event is open to the public, and you may dine in or get food-to-go. Please consider participating and feel free to invite your friends and family to join you. WACM board members and supporters will be happy to serve you.

A big thank you is extended to Linda Hansen for her years of service on the WACM Board of Directors. Linda is stepping down from this position but will continue to volunteer with the Direct Assistance Program. We extend our gratitude for her service and support of WACM.

THE FOOD PANTRY

The Pantry is looking for help serving the people in our community who rely on us.

Can you commit to ONE day a month?

Below are the shifts that need coverage.

- 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 the Northern Illinois Food Bank delivery from 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
- Second Tuesday each month- 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.



Call Carolyn and leave a message if you have questions about volunteering at 815-338-0897. or visit the [Pantry Website](#)

Little red wagon items for August

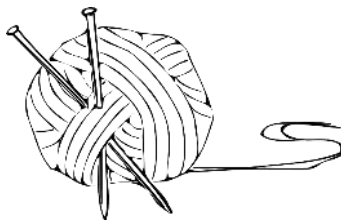
Spam, Corned Beef, Salmon, Tuna, Beef Stew, Small Hams, Canned Hash, Canned Chicken Breast

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

Summer is going fast, and we are thinking ahead to our winter projects. Please join us on August 21st, at 10 a.m., if you are interested.

Call Kay Darby at 815-572-1729 for any information.



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CARING TOGETHER

August Birthdays

Harrison Cole	8/1
Matt Petrik	8/1
Ryan Wormley	8/1
Jean Chase	8/2
Braden Ferrera	8/2
Calvin Wormley	8/3
Cameron Wormley	8/3
J.T. Wormley	8/3
Sue Slack	8/8
Al Dunker	8/11
John Moorhouse	8/11
Charlie Boe	8/12
Shari Olesen	8/13
Angela Thuma	8/13
Randy Stock	8/18
Andrew Ferrera	8/21
Linda Hansen	8/24
Bob Boyne	8/26
Vicki Thuma	8/26
Cary Cook	8/27
Philip Dahm	8/27
Karen Thennes	8/27

August Anniversaries

Steve & Nancy Bingham	8/6
Tom & Karen Thennes	8/8
Charlie & Angie Boe	8/13
Tony & Katie Spaldon	8/14
Jack & Kay Darby	8/17
John & Pam Moorhouse	8/28
Al & Mary Carol Dunker	8/30

In Our Prayers

Mary Hill, Kay & Jack Darby, Sam Hunt, Bob Boyne, Renee Simes, Katie Stebbins, Caryl Lemanski, Shari Olesen, Hank Olesen, Pam Moorhouse, Gayle Abrams, Tom Thennes, Tom Schwarz, Kareem, Tim Arnold, Mamie Drennen, Angela Thuma, Travis Walters, Larry Collins, Mary Kittle, Braelyn Kittle, Aaron, Tim Arnold, Maggie, the family & friends of Albert Ideler, and the family & friends of Barry Summers.



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

Saturday, August 17

The work list is long and we are anticipating help from the entire congregation.

When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

DEACON UPDATE FOR AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER:

We are happy to be continuing to offer coffee hour after church this summer hosted by the Deacons and other members of the congregation. Thank you to Chris Matthews & Tom Schaeffer for hosting on Aug. 4th.

We would love to have YOU sign up for a Sunday.

Barb Parrish is putting together a list of what is needed for a funeral and what we offer at the church, as well as a list of fees.

Please think about taking a name off of the "Reaching Out Tree" in the church entry way. 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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RALLY DAY!

Sunday, September 8
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of Woodstock



EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Rally Day and the start of Sunday School will be September 8th. Since there is plenty of curriculum left from last year, this will be continued.

There was discussion of having an Escape Room activity on July 28th at the NOW dinner and/or possibly Rally Day. Eric will check these activities soon.

Eric read the book *Mostly What God Does: Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere* by Savannah Guthrie. We discussed starting this book discussion possibly on Rally Day or the first NOW dinner on September 11th. Eric will check with others who may be interested as well as his schedule.

The scouts have been busy! At camp in Wisconsin they won the Baden Powell Award by building a gateway for their site. They invited other scouts to their camp and made dinner for them. They later won the Phillips Cup competition and earned some badges. Finally, some earned the Order of the Arrow award.

Next Meeting: August 11th at 11:00.



August Worship Schedule

Date	Text	Liturgist	A/V	Greeters and Ushers
8/4/2024	Ephesians 4:1-16	Cheryl Wormley	Dave Johanson	Cheryl Wormley & Beth Elbersen
8/11/2024	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Renee Simes	Kristi & Christopher Corbin	Mary Hill & Sue Krause
8/18/2024	Ephesians 5:15-20	Dawn Cook	Dave Johanson	Tiffany & Brayden Sobczak
8/25/2024	Ephesians 6:10-20	Addie Sobczak	Dave Johanson	Tom Schaeffer & Chris Mathews



AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6p Compassion, Peace and Justice	2	3
4 9:30a Worship	5	6 8:30a Lectionary Study 4p Diaper Distribution	7 8:30a Lectionary Study 4p Diaper Distribution	8 1p Finance Team	9	10
11 9:30a Worship 11a Education and Spiritual Growth	12	13 10a TLC Ladies 7p Deacons	14 8:30a Lectionary Study	15	16	17 Church work day
18 9:30a Worship 11a Session	19	20	21 8:30a Lectionary Study 10a No-Name Knitters 5:15p NOW Dinner	22 1p Hospitality Team 6:30p Worship Arts Mtg	23	24
25 FPCW Choir Party 9:30a Worship	26	27	28 8:30a Lectionary Study	29	30	31

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