

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock

June 2025 Newsletter

A letter from Rev. Eric Corbin

June breezes in on a Pentecost wind—the Spirit’s breath stirring tree-tops and our own weary lungs. The school year winds down, gardens burst with color, and long evenings invite us outdoors to notice God’s handiwork in fireflies, sunsets, and the laughter of children playing outside. As the Easter season draws to a close and we approach Pentecost on June 8, the Spirit nudges us into a gentler rhythm—one that makes room for both rest and renewal.

One week later, on Sunday, June 15, we will celebrate Trinity Sunday *and* step onto Woodstock’s historic Square for PrideFest. This year our congregation will walk (and ride) in the parade, carrying banners and the conviction that Christ’s welcome has no asterisks. In our church’s past participation, more than one passer-by said, “I didn’t know a church would welcome me.” Your warm smiles turned those words into tears of relief—and into an invitation to experience love without caveats. I hope you’ll sign up to walk, wave, pray, or welcome people at our booth. Every gesture of hospitality becomes a sermon in motion.

Summer itself offers a living lesson in community and Sabbath. In Scripture, Sabbath is never only about ceasing; it is about delighting in God, in one another, and in creation itself. Whether you’ll find delight gathered around the fire-pit with our youth on June 8, going on a nature walk on June 21, picking up litter along Route 47 on June 28, or sipping lemonade after worship, I encourage you to practice Sabbath intentionally this season. Ask: *Where is God inviting me to breathe, to notice, to rejoice, to serve?*

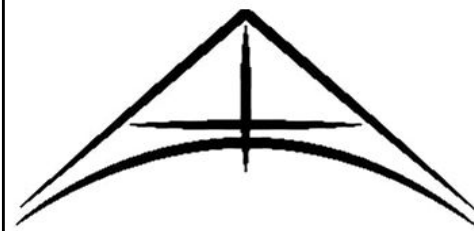
Meanwhile, Session is launching a **Future of the Church** Task Force to explore creative, sustainable ways to strengthen our ministry and finances. Snacks are promised. If you feel a tug to dream with us, let me know.

Finally, several of you asked to keep the rhythm of weekday devotionals we tried in May. I’m happy to continue. If you’d like a brief reflection in your inbox each Monday–Friday morning, just send me a note and I’ll add you to the list.

Wherever summer takes you—on the road or in the backyard—remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. If you’re traveling, worship with us online; if you’re home, reach out to someone you haven’t seen for a while. Together, let’s receive this season as a gift and live it in gratitude.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Eric

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

In the Great Hall @ 9:30 a.m.
or online at
fpcwoodstock.org/worship

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Fishing Mission
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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, at 7:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for a time of learning and fellowship. Together, we trust in God's guidance and grace, experiencing the love of our Creator through a right relationship with 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.

JUNE RED WAGON DONATIONS

Applesauce (plastic jars, please), Canned Pineapple Chunks, Canned Peaches, Canned Pears, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Mandarin Oranges



FOOD PANTRY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer anytime during these hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday:

8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 12:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

People wanting to volunteer should call the Woodstock Food Pantry at 815-337-0375 and leave their name and phone number. The volunteer coordinator will then get in touch with them.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Week of	Monday Route	Tuesday Route	Wednesday Route	Thursday Route	Friday Route
June 30	Jim Wormley	Tom S. & Chris M.	John Moorhouse	Velma Downes	Anna Kittle

Thank you for your time and dedication to the Meals on Wheels program.

Saturday, June 7th

9 AM – 2 PM

34TH ANNUAL KIDS DAY

FREE FISHING PROGRAM

BIGFOOT BEACH STATE PARK
LAKE GENEVA



Join the Lake Geneva Fishing Club at our 34th Annual Event.

Kids must be accompanied by a parent or a responsible adult at least 21 years old to participate. We will provide a free lunch, snack, and beverage for kids up to age 15 while supplies last. Plenty of prizes for all kids while quantities last. You can bring your own fishing tackle, but the club will provide loaner fishing equipment and bait while supplies last. Club members will be available to teach successful preparation and fishing techniques as well as assist with fishing and landing fish.

The park is located on East Lake Shore Drive (Old WI 120) just north of The Geneva Inn and across the street from the east end of Lake Geneva. There is no fee to enter the park and no fishing license is required for this event. It's Wisconsin's Free Fishing Weekend – bag limits apply!

Illinois Club Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday, February – June & September – November

Poplar Creek Bowl
(Banquet Entrance)
2354 W Higgins Rd
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

Guests Are Always Welcomed
For A Guest Fee
Food/Beverage Available For Purchase @ 5:00 PM
Meeting Start Time 6:00 PM !!!

CARING TOGETHER

June Birthdays

Mark Bundick	6/02
Trevor Dunker	6/03
Emma Mathison	6/07
Levi Traimany	6/08
Wes Moorhouse	6/09
Regan Oliver	6/11
Hank Olesen	6/12
Beth Elbersen	6/13
Kay Darby	6/17
Jacob Dunker	6/18
Emily Lawler	6/18
Sandy Brown	6/22
Bob Clark	6/22
Katherine Greenlee	6/23
Tiffany Sobczak	6/28

June Anniversaries

Lee & Chris Nejd	6/08
Anna & Cliff Kittle	6/12
Christy & Dave Johanson	6/21
Sara & Robby Roewer	6/24
Jackie & Mike Lawler	6/29

In our Prayers

Pete Thennes, Liz Bundick, Jackie Spicer, Fred Strauss, Michael, Katie Spaldon, Paul Thuma, John Hudson, Melinda Gallant, Savanah Karm, Sue Kenady, Loretta Nejd, Kareem, Tim Arnold, Gayle Abrams, Aaron, Mary Kittle, Cassidy Tullos, Travis Walters, Larry Collins, Braelyn Kittle, those impacted by new federal policies.

FIRE PIT GATHERING

On Sunday, June 8th, Middle school and high school youth are invited to an evening of fireside fun. We will gather from 5:30 until 6:30 for hotdogs, s'mores and games around the fire pit. Friends are welcome and the weather is expected to be pleasant. We will have Gaga ball, corn hole and washer games set up in the grass around the fire pit. Feel free to bring your favorite outdoor games.

Hot dogs, chips and all the condiments will be provided. And, of course, there will be marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers for everyone's favorite campfire treat.

Contact [Ray Thuma](#) if you are interested in joining us.

COMPASSION, PEACE, AND JUSTICE

Highway Cleanup

Saturday, June 28th at 8:00 a.m.

Please join us as we beautify the sides of the highway in front of our church. We have committed to picking up trash along Route 47 between Ware and Charles roads.

Please consider joining us, even if you haven't in the past. We have been serving our community and the planet this way for almost 25 years, but we need new volunteers to keep going into the future.

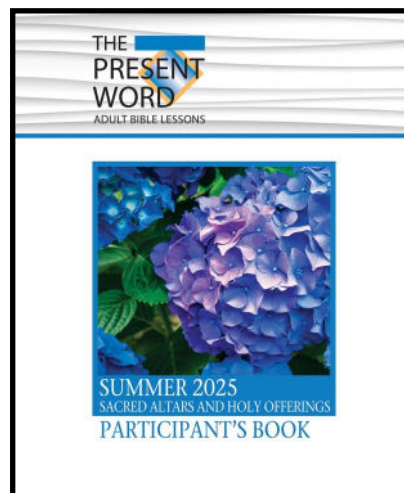
We will provide trash pickers, bags, vests, and gloves. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants. Come to help and enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship as we walk along the road. For more information contact [Ray Thuma](#).

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We're excited to launch a new adult Sunday School class beginning June 1, using *The Present Word* curriculum.

This Bible study series invites group-led conversation with accessible weekly lessons and no prep required for participants. The class will meet Sundays at 8:30 a.m. throughout the summer and is open to all who are interested in thoughtful, scripture-based discussion. Books will be available soon. Let us know if you'd like to join in.

Email [Ray Thuma](#) for more information.



COMPASSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE- EARTHCARE COMMITTEE

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock is a certified "Earth Care Congregation" within the Compassion, Peace and Justice committee. One of our annual goals is to host a church wide multigenerational nature walk.

Please join us on Saturday, June 21 at the [Glacial Park](#) McHenry County Conservation site in Ringwood, IL. We'll meet at their "[Lost Valley](#)" visitor center at 10:00 a.m. to look at their exhibits, then enjoy a 2-mile interpretive trail loop hike. We'll wind up having a picnic around noon.

What to bring; sack lunch, water bottle, comfortable hiking shoes and clothing. Sunscreen and bug repellent will be provided.

Please reply to Nancy Bingham if you are planning to come, wish to carpool, or have questions. nancycbingham@gmail.com or 815-823-5107. Thank you!

FINANCE REPORT FOR JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

Net operating revenue is favorable ~ \$22,000 and favorable to budget by ~ \$29,000. Contributions to the Operating Budget are favorable year-to-date by ~\$17,000 – Thank You for your continued generosity.

The Finance Team met with an outside consultant to review our procedures and policies. The review was positive overall, but we will be revising some of these as suggested. Included in the revisions, the Treasurer's Job Description has been revised again in order make it more attractive. The Nominating Committee will be reaching out to find a volunteer to fill this opening.

May God bless you for your support toward the financial well-being of our church.

Bob Clark – on behalf of the Finance Team

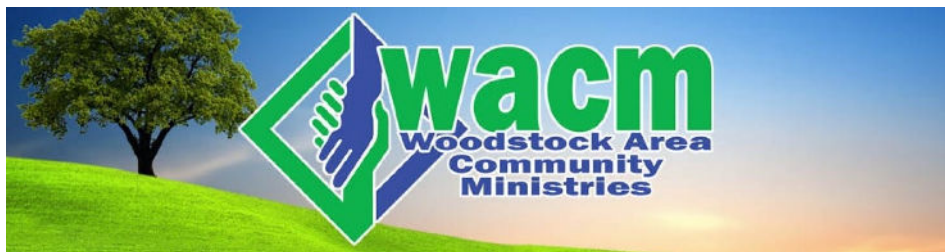
COMPASSION, PEACE, AND JUSTICE**Pentecost Special offering April 21-June 8**

**THE PENTECOST OFFERING HELPS OUR YOUTH BEGIN LIFE WITH A STRONG START
– A SOLID FOUNDATION OF FAITH FORMED IN THE FIRST THIRD OF LIFE, FROM
CHILDHOOD THROUGH YOUNG ADULthood.**

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.

Pentecost arrives 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension – when Jesus ascends into heaven. Jesus and the Scriptures are making an important theological point at Pentecost. Jesus ascends and the church is born. If his mission and ministry are to continue, it is upon us, his disciples, to keep it going, and we have the Holy Spirit to lead us, who blesses us all with different gifts to be used at different times and in different ways. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith.

If you would like to learn more about our local recipient of funds, check out their webpage at [Child Advocacy Center \(mchenrycac.org\)](http://ChildAdvocacyCenter(mchenrycac.org)) To donate online to the Special Pentecost Offering, go to our [website](#) and write Pentecost in the memo.



WACM's Direct Assistance Program (DAP) never provides cash payments directly to applicants to assist with their financial needs. Instead, some local businesses are willing to accept vouchers towards goods and services to help with those financial needs. Applicants might get a voucher for gasoline at Kristensen's Service Center. To purchase shoes or boots, Woodstock's Blain's Farm and Fleet accepts a DAP voucher, and both Woodstock's Sparrow's Nest and McHenry's Salvation Army Thrift Shop take vouchers for clothing needs. We are grateful for these local businesses who accept the vouchers and then submit them for reimbursement.

We are also grateful to the member churches and individuals who support WACM so we can help residents with their financial needs. Special "thank you" goes out to co-chairs Joyce Maynard and Linda Hansen and all the other volunteers who helped with the church rummage sale. A generous donation to WACM came from the proceeds of the sale and will help us continue to provide financial assistance with Woodstock residents. Thank you!



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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WE'VE HEARD THE GREAT NEWS

Congratulations!

WE'RE ALL PROUD OF YOU

Middle School
Graduates

Max Krause
Erik Johanson
Lily Oliver

High School
Graduates

Ana Corbin
Faith Corbin
Collin Greenlee
Alexandria Rewiako

MCC Graduate
Trevor Dunker



NO NAME KNITTERS

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Our knitters/crocheters group will be meeting only the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside room, for June, July, and August. Come join us, or stop in for a visit! Happy summer to everyone! Call Kay Darby at 815-572-1729 for any information.

Summer N.O.W. Cookouts

**2nd Wednesday of each month
at 5:15 p.m.**

Dinner Dates	Menu
Wednesday, June 11	Burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips
Wednesday, July 9	Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, Cole slaw, chips
Wednesday, August 13	Grilled pork chop sandwiches

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

June Worship Schedule

Date	Lectionary Text	Liturgist	A/V	Greeters and Ushers
6/1	John 17:20-26	Velma Downes	Kristi & Christopher Corbin	Tiffany & Brayden Sobczak
6/8	Acts 2:1-21	Angie Boe	John Moorhouse	Fred Strauss and Carol Brefeld
6/15	John 16:12-15	Cheryl Wormley	Dave Johanson	Cheryl Wormley and Beth Elbersen
6/22	Luke 8:26-39	Cheryl Wormley	Brayden S., Tiffany S.	Mary Hill and Sue Krause
6/29	Luke 9:51-62	Dawn Cook	Dave Johanson	Pam & John Moorhouse

SESSION NOTES:

•The Session approved a summer trial of a new Adult Sunday School class. The class will meet right before church, at 8:30 a.m. The curriculum is made to be member led and requires minimal leader preparation. Designed to inspire spirited group discussion, participants will learn from each other as well as the presented material. Ray Thuma will lead the first sessions. We will announce a start date when the class materials arrive, but we are hoping for an early June start.

•Pride fest plans are in the final stages. This year, FPCW will participate in the parade as well as having a booth. Those who are participating in the parade can either ride in a decorated hay wagon or walk with the church banner. We will line up around 10:30 a.m. for an 11:00 a.m. start. Sign up for the parade and booth is in the church lobby.

•The Food Drive Red Wagon offering will be presented at the front of the church during the service every 4th Sunday.

•The Session will convene a ***Future of the Church*** task force to brainstorm ideas to increase church income in a sustainable way in order to reduce our dependence on savings to meet the operational needs of the church. Anyone who is interested in joining this group, please let Eric or a Session member know. There will be snacks.

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Clerk of Session
Chris Mathews
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30a "The Present Word" Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:30a Nominating Committee meeting	2	3 5p PEO Dinner	4 8:30a Lectionary Study 10a No-Name Knitters 4p Diaper Distribution 7p Memorial Committee	5 7p Scouting America Troop 159 meeting	6	7 7a Men's Bible Study
8 8:30a "The Present Word" Sunday School 9:30a Worship 5:30p Youth Group - Firepit gathering	9	10a TLC Ladies 3:30p Deacons 5p Education and Spiritual Growth	11 8:30a Lectionary Study 5:15p NOW Dinner	12 7p Scouting America Troop 159 meeting	13	14 7a Men's Bible Study
15 8:30a "The Present Word" Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a PrideFest parade 12p PrideFest	16	17	18 8:30a Lectionary Study	19 2:30p Finance Team 6p Compassion, Peace and Justice 7p Scouting America Troop 159 meeting	20	21 7a Men's Bible Study 10a Nature walk and picnic
22 8:30a "The Present Word" Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Session	23	24	25 8:30a Lectionary Study	26 3p Hospitality Team 7p Scouting America Troop 159 meeting	27	28 7a Men's Bible Study 8a Highway Cleanup
29 8:30a "The Present Word" Sunday School 9:30a Worship	30 Meals on Wheels					

JUNE 2025

MINISTERS

All members and friends
of the congregation

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Pastor

Jeri Loiselle
Office Administrator
Social Media
Financial Secretary

Christy Johanson
Worship Arts
Coordinator

Harrison Cole
Accompanist



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