

# First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock

## June 2026 Newsletter

### A Faith That Makes Room

Last month, on Confirmation Sunday, we reflected on “The Next Faithful Step.” That felt like the right way to name what was happening, not only for our Confirmands, but for all of us. Faith is not something we *finish*. It is something we keep growing into, one faithful step at a time. Sometimes those steps are large and public, like standing before the congregation to profess faith. Sometimes they are quieter, like showing up for worship, praying for someone who is grieving, greeting a newcomer, or offering a word of encouragement.

In this season of the church’s life, we are taking several of those steps together. We have welcomed Gary Wilhelm as our new Director of Music. New leaders are stepping into Sunday School. We are adding simple half-sheet orders of worship on the hymnal cart for those who find it helpful to have the flow of the service in hand, and reminding everyone to wear a name tag on Sundays. These may seem like small things, but small things often speak loudly. They say: we thought about you. We want you to participate. There is room for you here.

That is part of Christian welcome. Welcome is not just a feeling we have or a sentence printed on a sign. Welcome becomes real when it is visible and embodied. It takes shape when we make space for questions, prepare a meal, call someone by name, carry one another’s grief, and show up in public as people of love.

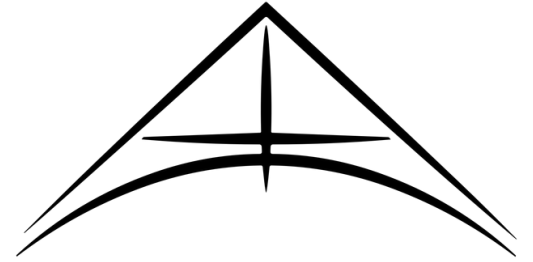
This month, our congregation will again participate in the Woodstock Pride Festival. For many LGBTQIA+ people, the wider church has not always been experienced as a place of safety, blessing, or joy. Our presence there matters. It is one way we say, with our bodies and our time and our smiles, that God’s love is not limited. It is one way we practice welcome as a visible, embodied witness.

We make room because Jesus made room. Again and again, Jesus drew the circle wider than people expected, welcomed those others pushed aside, and showed mercy where others drew lines. As summer begins, may our next faithful steps become part of that same witness: there is room here, because there is room in the heart of God.

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](http://fpcwoodstock.org/worship)

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Chris Mathews, Pam Moorhouse,  
John Moorhouse, Pat Morozink,  
Bob Clark, Kay Darby,  
and Mary Carol Dunker

# TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

## Men's Bible Study

John Moorhouse

815-236-7408

## Lectionary Bible Study

Velma Downes

815-245-4043

## Adult Spiritual Growth

Ray Thuma

## Hospitality Team

Fred Strauss

## Music Ministry

Gary Wilhelm

## No-Name Knitters

Kay Darby

815-572-1729

## T.L.C.

(Tender Loving Care)

Mary Hill

815-338-6051

## Meals-On-Wheels

Carol Hubner

815-338-2627

## WACM Local Mission Team

Pat Morozink

815-338-7769

## Food Pantry

Joyce Maynard

815-338-7265

## Fishing Mission

Bob Clark

847-274-8247



## Generosity Report YTD May 2026

*Operating Account (numbers rounded)*

| <i>Income</i>        | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Variance</i> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Contributions</b> | \$110,000     | \$87,000      | \$23,000        |
| <b>Other</b>         | \$14,000      | \$12,000      | \$2,000         |
| <b>Total</b>         | \$124,000     | \$99,000      | \$25,000        |

| <i>Expenditures</i> | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Variance</i> |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Payroll</b>      | \$71,000      | \$74,000      | (\$3,000)       |
| <b>Other</b>        | \$28,000      | \$50,000      | (\$22,000)      |
| <b>Total</b>        | \$99,000      | \$124,000     | (\$25,000)      |

|                    |                 |                   |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Net Revenue</b> | <b>\$25,000</b> | <b>(\$25,000)</b> | <b>\$50,000</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|



## Per Capita Offering



Just a reminder! Per capita apportionment is like a utility bill: just as we pay for essential services to stay connected, we contribute per capita so the wider Presbyterian connection can serve us all. It links our congregations, reflects our unity in Christ, and shares costs fairly across the whole church.

In 2026, the per capita for Illinois Prairie Presbytery (formerly Blackhawk Presbytery) congregations is \$45 per member. We appreciate your support in helping cover this annual amount paid to our presbytery on behalf of each FPCW member.

You may give online at [fpcwoodstock.org/giving](https://fpcwoodstock.org/giving) by selecting "Per Capita," or write "Per Capita" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

## N.O.W. (Nurture on Wednesday) Team News

Don't forget our three dinners for the summer season!

| Summer Dates               | Menu                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wednesday, June 17, 2026   | Burgers and hot dogs    |
| Wednesday, July 15, 2026   | Italian sausage         |
| Wednesday, August 19, 2026 | Pulled pork / pork loin |

We'll start serving at 5:15, and pricing remains a bargain basement price of \$4.00!  
Come join us this summer.

### The N.O.W. Team

**Mark Bundick** ([mbundick@comcast.net](mailto:mbundick@comcast.net))

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**Cheryl Wormley** ([indepublisher@comcast.net](mailto:indepublisher@comcast.net))



**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - 2026**

**9 AM – 2 PM**

**35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KIDS DAY**

**FREE FISHING PROGRAM**

**BIG FOOT BEACH STATE PARK**

**LAKE GENEVA, WI**



Join the Lake Geneva Fishing Club at our 35<sup>th</sup> 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 fishing preparation and successful 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 !!!

## Woodstock Food Pantry

### June Red Wagon Donations

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



To contribute financially online, [click here](#) and type "Food Pantry" in the notes.

# CARING TOGETHER

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Mark Bundick, 6/2
- Trevor Dunker, 6/3
- Emma Mathison, 6/7
- Levi Traimany, 6/8
- Wes Moorhouse, 6/9
- Regan Oliver, 6/11
- Hank Olesen, 6/12
- Beth Elbersen, 6/13
- Kay Darby, 6/17
- Emily Lawler, 6/18
- Jacob Dunker, 6/18
- Bob Clark, 6/22
- Sandy Brown, 6/22
- Katherine Greenlee, 6/23
- Tiffany Sobczak, 6/28

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Chris & Lee Nejd, 6/8
- Ann & Cliff Kittle, 6/12
- Sara & Robby Roewer, 6/20
- Jackie & Mike Lawler, 6/29

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*William Heim, John Krauss, Lynne Sobczak, Lance Sobczak, Sue Sauer, Dylan Lawler, Sue Arnold, Tim Arnold, Sherry Thuma, Karen Thennes, Tom Houchins, family & friends of Jim Campion, Anna Kittle, the Charles Vorderer family, Jet Wallis, Gary & Laura Spice, Barb Bundick, John Hudson, and the family and friends of Melinda Gallant*



## Grief Support



The Grief Support group led by **Roxie Kaminski** will be held on Mondays at 10:00-11:30 am on the following dates:

- **June 22**
- **June 29**
- **July 6**
- **July 13**
- **July 20**
- **July 27**

This will be a six-week session, and an eight-week session will be offered over the 2026 holiday season. These sessions are open to anyone in the congregation. After the sessions have begun, they will then be closed to new members to help create a sense of safety and trust within the group.

Birthdays, death anniversaries and other events can trigger powerful feelings that can be difficult to handle alone.

Acknowledging this, Pastor Eric will start a monthly “drop in” grief group which will be open to new members at any time. Gatherings will be held every first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. All are invited to attend. Please reach out to Pastor Eric with any questions.

## Welcome, Gary Wilhelm!

My name is Gary Wilhelm and I am your new Director of Music of FPCW. I have 46 years of experience in the world of Church Music as a Choir Director on all levels, Bell Choir Director and as Director of Music. I was a High School (with a little College) Choir Director/Teacher for 36 years. I will fill in more details at a later date. My email is [gary@fpcwoodstock.org](mailto:gary@fpcwoodstock.org) and my phone number is (815) 483-5902.

I look forward to working with all of you and Pastor Eric and continuing the faithful ministry of the music department at First Presbyterian. I would like to invite anyone who has an interest in singing to a rehearsal. This summer I will be having at least two, and possibly three summer choir experiences, open to ages middle school through adult. Times and dates coming soon! We will begin the Bell Choir rehearsals around September 1st. Look for those times and dates, as well, no experience required for either!

Please introduce yourself before or after a service. I look forward to meeting you!





## Woodstock Area Community Ministry (WACM) NEWS

Thank you to First Presbyterian for its generous donation to WACM from the proceeds of the rummage sale. Many selfless hours of work organizing the numerous donations contributed to the success of the rummage sale. The money given to WACM goes back into the Woodstock

D-200 community through financial assistance provided through its Direct Assistance Program (DAP). Whether it is help with paying rent or a late utility bill, the purchase of clothes or shoes for a new job, or a gasoline voucher to relieve transportation expenses, WACM's DAP helps our neighbors in need.

Thank you for supporting WACM.

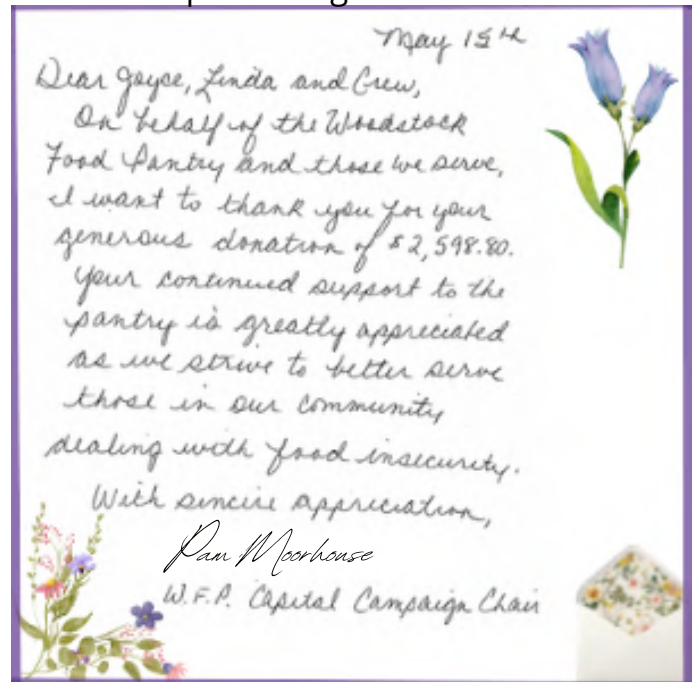


The Woodstock Food Pantry has now reached 90% of its capital campaign goal of \$1.25 million. Construction bids are being received with permitting to follow.

Volunteers are always needed especially as we get closer to opening our new location in the fall. If interested, please see Pam Moorhouse.

The Pantry continues to see an increase in visitors. Donations, either food or monetary, are welcome. Our Red Wagon contributions are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all for contributing to this important need in our community.

The food pantry is very appreciative of the support from First Presbyterian!



## BIBLE STUDY

We will be taking a summer break from June 6<sup>th</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>. We will resume again on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contact John Moorhouse at 815-236-7408 with questions.



## LECTIONARY STUDY

Wednesdays 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.

# CARING TOGETHER

## No Name Knitters

June brings us the promise of sunny days, adventure, and renewed energy! The knitters/crocheters group will strive to bring light and warmth to others by sharing our handmade gifts of prayer shawls, lapghans, or a cross for our pocket. Please join us on the first and third Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. Call **Kay Darby** at 815-572-1729 for more information.



## Woodstock Pride

On Sunday, June 14, our church will once again participate in the Woodstock Pride Festival. We'll be part of the parade, which steps off at 11 am, and we'll have a booth on the Square from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. The day is a joyful and affirming event providing blessings to those who attend as well as those who volunteer.

**Volunteers** are needed to help set up the booth and to greet visitors in 2-hour intervals throughout the day. At 5, volunteers are needed to break down the booth and clean up our area. Parade participants are also needed. Those who would feel more comfortable riding will have a space on the trailer/float. **Marchers** are needed to carry and walk behind the church banner. A sign-up sheet will be posted online and in the lobby area of the church for both the booth and the float.

Some of the most touching moments of the festival in the past have been the offer and acceptance of "Free Nana Hug," reading the prayer requests of people asking for God's help to mend family relationships and for self-acceptance, and seeing the joy (and sometimes surprise) on participants' faces when they see churches represented there. It is a wonderful way to demonstrate God's love to a community that needs to hear and feel that good news. Come and be a part of it. You will be glad you did.



WELCOME

*Adelyn Grace Frick*

BORN  
*May 21<sup>st</sup>*

Kate and Patrick Frick are overjoyed to welcome their beautiful daughter, Adelyn Grace, into the world!

6 lbs 15 oz      20 inches long

Proud grandparents  
*Brooke and Pam Mathison*

♥ *Congratulations!* ♥

There's nothing more special than the arrival of a new baby—a precious gift and a beautiful new chapter for the whole family. We can't wait to watch sweet Adelyn Grace grow and fill your lives with love, laughter, and countless blessings.

*Wishing Kate, Patrick, and Adelyn all the joy in the world!*

JOIN US FOR

*Adult*  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

at  
**8:30 AM**

Grow in Faith Together

REAL PEOPLE. REAL CONVERSATIONS. | GOD'S WORD. RELEVANT TO LIFE. | ENCOURAGEMENT. COMMUNITY. GROWTH.

*Everyone is welcome!*



## May Session Highlights

- The Session held special meetings in April for the purpose of meeting with the 2026 Confirmation class and to approve them for membership. **Braden Ferrera, Colin Kaye, Emily Lawler, Noa Moorhouse, Wes Moorhouse, Regan Oliver,** and **Brooklyn Walters** have been accepted into membership.
- There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on June 7 immediately after church to elect a new Deacon and a new at-large member of the nominating committee.

FPCW will again have a float and marchers in the Woodstock Pride Parade this June. Please watch for details if you would like to participate.

*Please contact your deacon if you need to be lifted in prayer or you have a joy to celebrate. Your deacon is happy to be a listening ear!*

*If you're not sure who your deacon is, on the bulletin board outside of the Great Hall is all of the deacons' pictures and contact information, as well as a list of names of families in their flocks. Go and check it out!*

### DEACONS (Six) (**Bold**=second term)

| <b>Class of 2026</b> | <b>Class of 2027</b>  | <b>Class of 2028</b>     |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Barb Parrish</b>  | Carol Brefeld         | <b>Mary Carol Dunker</b> |
| vacant               | Tom Schaeffer         |                          |
|                      | <b>Cheryl Wormley</b> |                          |

### ELDERS (Six) (**Bold**=second term)

| <b>Class of 2026</b>                                  | <b>Class of 2027</b>                         | <b>Class of 2028</b>                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Chris Dahm<br>Buildings & Grounds<br>Staff Management | Bob Clark<br>Finance<br>Staff Management     | <b>Tiffany Sobczak</b><br>Worship, Music, & Arts |
| Chris Mathews<br>Compassion, Peace, & Justice         | <b>Fred Strauss</b><br>Congregational Life   |                                                  |
|                                                       | Ray Thuma<br>Education & Spiritual<br>Growth |                                                  |

### Compassion, Peace & Justice

(Awareness, Service)

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Staff Management)

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### Clerk of Session

Chris Mathews

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## June Worship Schedule

We are grateful for all who serve in worship leadership each week. Below is the June schedule:

| Date | Text                         | Liturgist      | A/V                         | Greeters and Ushers              | Hosting Fellowship       | Streaming Operator |
|------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 6/7  | <u>Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</u> | Reneé Simes    | Erin & Colin Kaye           | Cheryl Wormley and Beth Elbersen | Pam Moorhouse            | Ray Thuma          |
| 6/14 | <u>Matthew 9:35-10:8</u>     | Cheryl Wormley | John Moorhouse              | Fred Strauss & Carol Brefeld     | <i>Need a volunteer!</i> | Tom Schaeffer      |
| 6/21 | <u>Matthew 10:24-39</u>      | Velma Downes   | Kristi & Christopher Corbin | Pam & Brooke Mathison            | Faith Corbin             | Ray Thuma          |
| 6/28 | <u>Matthew 10:40-42</u>      | Angie Boe      | Brayden Sobczak             | Rick & Pat Morozink              | <i>Need a volunteer!</i> | Tom Schaeffer      |

*We are now producing a simple half-sheet order of worship available each Sunday for those who would find it helpful. Because our worship service is guided primarily through the screens, these printed sheets are not full bulletins, but they do provide the basic flow of the service for visitors, newcomers, or anyone who appreciates having the order in hand. They are available on the hymnal cart near the entrance to the Great Hall.*

## Sunday School

summer  
time

We have an exciting transition for the Sunday School program! With **Sara Roewer** and **Kate Frick** taking the helm, there's a great opportunity for fresh ideas and renewed enthusiasm.

Rally Day, falling just after Labor Day on September 13, is always a wonderful way to kick off the new Sunday School year, bringing everyone together for a day of fellowship and fun. It's a time to reconnect after the summer break and to welcome new faces into the community. As the new team plans the logistics, they have the chance to create engaging and meaningful activities that set a positive tone for the year ahead. We give thanks for Sara and Kate's leadership and look forward to the year ahead!



# JUNE 2026

| Sunday                                                                                         | Monday                | Tuesday                                                  | Wednesday                                                                | Thursday                                                                                                                       | Friday                      | Saturday |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
|                                                                                                | 1                     | 2<br>10a Drop-In Grief Group                             | 3<br>8:30a Lectionary Study<br>10a No-Name Knitters                      | 4<br>10a Education and Spiritual Growth<br>3p Hospitality Team<br>7p Scouting America Troop 159 meeting<br>7p Worship Arts Mtg | 5                           | 6        |
| 7<br>8:30a Adult Sunday School<br>9:30a Worship<br>10:30a Congregational Meeting               | 8                     | 9<br>10a TLC Ladies<br>11:30a Finance Team<br>4p Deacons | 10<br>8:30a Lectionary Study                                             | 11<br>7p Scouting America Troop 159 meeting                                                                                    | 12                          | 13       |
| 14<br>Woodstock PrideFest<br>8:30a Adult Sunday School<br>9:30a Worship<br><br><i>Flag Day</i> | 15                    | 16                                                       | 17<br>8:30a Lectionary Study<br>10a No-Name Knitters<br>5:15p NOW Dinner | 18<br>3p Hospitality Team<br>6p Compassion, Peace and Justice<br>7p Scouting America Troop 159 meeting                         | 19<br><br><i>Juneteenth</i> | 20       |
| 21<br>8:30a Adult Sunday School<br>9:30a Worship<br>11a Session<br><br><i>Father's Day</i>     | 22<br>10a Grief Group | 23                                                       | 24<br>8:30a Lectionary Study                                             | 25<br>7p Scouting America Troop 159 meeting<br>7p Worship Arts Mtg                                                             | 26                          | 27       |
| 28<br>8:30a Adult Sunday School<br>9:30a Worship                                               | 29<br>10a Grief Group | 30                                                       |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                |                             |          |

JUNE 2026

MINISTERS

*All members and  
friends of the  
congregation*

STAFF

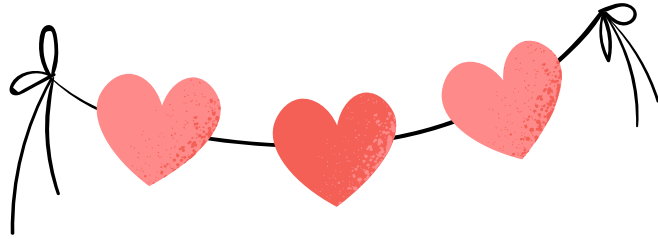
*Rev. Eric Corbin  
Pastor*

*Carol Hubner  
Office and Finance  
Administrator*

*Harrison Cole  
Accompanist*

*Gary Wilhelm  
Director of Music*

LOVE IS LOVE



CELEBRATING AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE

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