

# 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*

The year has mercifully ended and a new one has begun. While we may have joined in the chorus of "Auld Lang Syne," as the ball dropped on New Year's Eve, there will be less reminiscing about the fun times of 2020 than in previous years.

We had more than our share of hardship and heartache over the past months. The pandemic has caused isolation and grief. Civil unrest and political strife have made us anxious and angry. Unemployment rates have made us nervous.

And yet, sickness has increased the intensity of our prayers. Isolation has moved us to reach out to the lonely. Unrest and conflict have forced us to explore our own values, beliefs and actions. Economic instability has made us more generous. I do not believe that God sent COVID-19, but God clearly moves in mysterious ways in the midst of the world's troubles. Do not doubt that God has been at work and will be still in 2021.

While it is not as obvious as other things, there is much to celebrate about 2020, including most certainly Christ's church. In every corner of the earth, she has continued to praise God and serve the world in creative ways. She has fed and clothed and housed the poor, visited the sick, comforted those in mourning, and not relented in advocating for justice. She has collectively prayed and worked for peace.

So, let's do give thanks for 2020 and for the lessons these months have taught: how much we desperately need the community of Christ; awareness of God's presence in the good times and the bad; Christ's light is still shine brightly in the world; Christ has built his church and "the gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it."

Thank you, good disciples for standing together so beautifully through a difficult year; for your generosity and steadfastness; for your love of the Lord and your brothers and sisters in Christ; for caring so deeply for neighbor and stranger.

I give thanks for a new year in which this congregation will shine forth Christ's light in the world.

Gratefully,  
Pastor Cindy

January 2021



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## Sunday Worship Services

Services will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning on Facebook and YouTube. **No in-person Worship will be held until further notice.** Session will re-evaluate the COVID-19 risk monthly to determine when it is safe to return to in-person worship.

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 24, 2021, 11:00 AM**

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888778733>

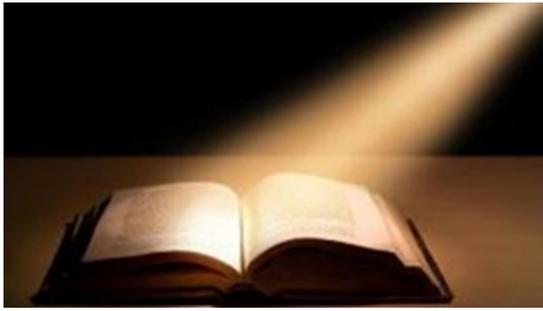
## **Attention, Committee Chairs!**

Your reports are due to the Church office not later than Monday, January 11, 2021.

**Newsletter Editor, Mark Bundick**

**Proof-reader, Velma Downes**

# TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN



## Shining Light on the Bible

Epiphany Study

Wednesday, January 13 thru February 16 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

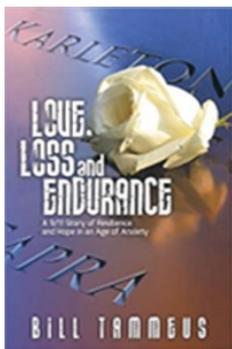
(See details below.)

The PC(USA) Confession of 1967 says this about Scripture:

*The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ. The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless words of human beings, conditioned by the language, thought forms, and literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written. They reflect views of life, history, and the cosmos which were then current. The church, therefore, has an obligation to approach the Scriptures with literary and historical understanding. As God has spoken the divine word in diverse cultural situations, the church is confident that God will continue to speak through the Scriptures in a changing world and in every form of human culture. (9.29)*

As part of our ongoing work in adult education we have asked John Hudson to lead a study that will bring light on the basics of reading and studying Scripture. These will be ZOOM meetings on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM for 5 weeks starting January 13th.

John is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and a lifelong Bible enthusiast. He looks at this time together as an expedition to uncover and illuminate the access to the Scriptures. As in any expedition a person needs to gather the right equipment. In this case we will be checking out histories of the Middle East and Mediterranean from 2000 BCE to 500 CE, maps, diggings, concordances, oral and written development of the Scriptures, the organization of the Biblical books, commentaries, cultural impact, and interpretations that are part of the landscape of what can be a fun and stimulating engagement with the Sacred Book of Christian faith.



Bill Tammeus, a child of our congregation, has a new book!

*Love, Loss and Endurance: A 9/11 Story of Resilience and Hope in an Age of Anxiety*, to be published on Jan. 19th tells the story of the multiple traumas his extended family experienced because of the murder of his nephew, Karleton Douglas Beye Fyfe, both of whose parents (Bill's sister Barbara and her husband Jim) grew up in Woodstock.

Karleton was a passenger on the first plane to smash into the World Trade Center. But beyond that personal family story, the book also explores the question of why some people get sucked into monochromatic religious thinking that can lead to violence -- and what the rest of us can do about such extremism.

### **MEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY—Saturdays @ 7:00 a.m.**

The group is meeting virtually using Zoom Study materials are available at: <https://www.bible.com/116/pro.12.25.nlt>

Contact Dave Davis for more information at [ddavis@ameritech.net](mailto:ddavis@ameritech.net)

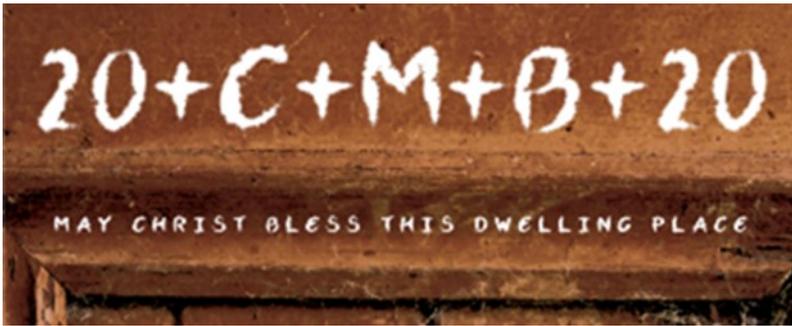
### **WEDNESDAY LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY**

**Wednesdays @ 7:30 a.m.**

The group is meeting virtually using Zoom

Contact Velma Downes for more information at [vmdownes@gmail.com](mailto:vmdownes@gmail.com)

# TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN



## Chalking the Door:

### An Epiphany Tradition

Epiphany falls on January 6th each year – twelve days after Christmas. Even though we will be celebrating Epiphany on Sunday, January 3rd, Wednesday is the official beginning of the Epiphany Season. In Epiphany, we celebrate the light of Christ entering the world, focus on

recognizing his light in the world, and think about how we might reflect that light.

#### What Is Chalking the Door?

This is an old ritual of marking our homes and churches with sacred signs and symbols as we ask God’s blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. In Deuteronomy 6:9 God tells the people of Israel: “These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house... You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Chalking the door is a tangible way to pray.

#### What Do the Numbers and Letters Mean?

The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year. The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, but may also be symbols of the Latin, “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” which means, “May Christ bless this dwelling!”

#### Why not bring in this Season after Christmas with this tradition.

On January 6th, or perhaps on Twelfth-Night, January 5th, the eve of Epiphany, find some chalk (any color is o.k.) and chalk your door or sidewalk with: **20+C+M+B+21**

Praying: “Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.”

You are also invited to stop by the church and mark the same on the entryway door or sidewalk. There will be chalk outside the door. Feel free to take some chalk to mark your home.

Don’t forget to take a picture of you and your door and email it to the Church office to include in our on-line worship. We love to see each other’s faces!

## Confirmation Experience: Earth Care Congregation



The youth participating in Confirmation are in the process of leading us through an application to become a certified Earth Care Congregation through the PC(USA). With the help of church leaders, they are assessing what we are already doing to care for the earth. Then they will propose goals for 2021 to the Session.

Watch for their leadership in helping us to have a lighter physical but greater spiritual footprint in the world.

#### Confirmation Youth

Jacob Dunker

Alex Rewaiko

Contact [Pastor Cindy](#) if you know of other youth, grades 6-8, who would like to join in the adventure!

Collin Greenlee

Addie Sobczak

Evan Kaye

Ben Walters

Lydia Johanson

**Compassion, Peace, and Justice Committee** by Sue Ayers-Krause

SIX of SIX Challenge

Our congregation supports mission activities at the local, Presbytery, National and International level through Special Offerings and local fundraising.

Blackhawk Presbytery sponsors a friendly challenge for local churches to achieve a “Six of Six” award. To earn this award, a local church must record contributions to each of four special offerings (One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy, make a contribution to the Blackhawk Presbytery Mission fund, and pay all of its per capita charges. We hope to earn this award this year!

Here are the dates during which Special Offerings will be collected:

<b>Begin date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Offering description</b>
Feb 17	April 4	<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b> Hunger*Disaster Relief*Development
April 5	May 23	<b>Pentecost</b> Children at Risk*Youth*Young Adults
September 5	October 3	<b>Peace and Global Witness</b> Peacemaking and reconciliation
November 28	December 19	<b>Christmas Joy Offering</b> Church Leader development and support for pastors in need

Much more detail about various projects supported by these funds is available on line at [PCUSA.org](http://PCUSA.org).

Our goal is to collect \$1260 for each of these special offerings averaging \$30 from each giving unit for each offering. Presbytery Mission Giving supports local churches to conduct mission projects and or church development activities. The Presbytery has a grant program to which local churches can apply for assistance for such projects.

Per capita funding, paid by each member of a church, supports administrative function at the Presbytery and PCUSA level. The per capita amount for 2021 is **\$38.50**. Each member is asked to pay this separately from regular pledging. This allows operating funds pledged to be used for the local church. Historically, only about one-third of our members remember to pay this and we have to make up the difference out of operating fund. This year, we hope to have the vast majority of per capita dues paid by members.

NEXT MONTH: Information on local Mission activities planned for 2021.

**Red Wagon Items Requested: for January**

Cereal, Pancake Mix, Oatmeal. You can leave your donations outside the church in the box provided by the front door.

# CARING TOGETHER

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carol Lemanski, 01/02  
Dylan Lawler, 01/04  
Braden Sobczak, 01/04  
Angie Boe, 01/07  
Christy Johanson, 01/07  
Scott Greenlee, 01/09  
Patrick Moorhouse, 01/12  
Charlotte Bingham, 01/18  
Marla Norgard, 01/25  
Marcia Gummerson, 01/25  
Thea Moorhouse, 01/25  
Joyce Rigby, 01/25  
Charlie Baker, 01/26

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Joyce Maynard,  
January 6  
Jim & Cheryl Wormley  
January 25  
Ryan & Gwen Wormley  
January 25

***If you do not want your  
birthday listed, please  
contact the church office.***

### ***Received Into the Loving Arms of Christ***

Todd J. Greenlee  
April 02, 1973 - December  
16, 2020  
Brother of Scott Greenlee



Thank you so much to Caryl Lemanski, Katherine Greenlee and Renee Simes for your service on the Board of Deacons. In 2021, we welcome Sue Epperson and Barb Parrish to serve Christ with us.

We are grateful that the Session was able to budget \$2,000 in 2021 for use by the Board of Deacons in caring for the congregation and encouraging compassionate activities by our church family.

With the transition of Deacon members, the Board will be reviewing its flocks and making adjustments. Watch for a 2021 greeting from your Deacon.

We remain in prayer for the congregation and ready to assist. Please contact your deacon if we can be of service.

### **Your Deacons**

Angie Boe 815-338-7782	Sue Epperson 224-293-2295
Joyce Maynard 815-338-7265	Pam Moorhouse 815-814-5585
John Moorhouse 815-236-7408	Barb Parrish 815-338-8112
Matt Petrik 815-209-2835	John Rigby 815-236-1780

### **WACM (Woodstock Area Community Ministry)**

Thank you for the coats that were brought to church. They have been delivered to the Clothing Closet. Community members who are in need of winter wear can request a voucher through the Direct Assistance Program to get coats and other winter gear for the cold weather.

The Direct Assistance Program helped one couple avoid a water service disconnection and a mother and daughter have their electricity service restored during one week in November. Financial assistance goes into the community to help people in need thanks to the church's support of WACM.

### **WACM continues to need our help!**

Contact Pat Morozink @ 815-338-7769 (pmorozink@yahoo.com) to help WACM.

### **Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...**



Pat Davenport, Barb & Ron Parrish, Al Kennedy, Scott Snider, Lance Sobczak, Marty Sobczak, Tom Thennes, Nick Botian, Tom Schwarz, Sally Wilyat, Lyra Grace, Jayne Reicher, Addie Jo Wedoff, Jim Higgins, Tim Arnold, Ruth Hunt and Velma Downes.

Pray for the fast distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine and for safety to all who must work and be exposed to danger and all those who have been negatively affected by the pandemic.

Hold the Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers—Dave Davis, Erin Kaye, Christy Johanson, Rob McMahon, Justin Thuma, Cheryl Wormley. Pray for your next pastor whom God has already chosen to walk with this congregation into the future.

## December Session Highlights

### December 2020 Session Highlights

**Motions from Finance Team:** Bob Clark, Dave Davis and Cary Cook presented 10 motions to allow changes to bank accounts and signers of accounts. All 10 motions passed. The Team expressed great appreciation to Jim Wormley and Angela Thuma who conducted a financial audit and made excellent recommendations for changes to improve accounting and transparency. Cary Cook expressed that in his opinion, this is the most comprehensive and thorough audit of this kind that the church has had in recent memory. Session concurred with this appreciation.

**Review and discussion of 2021 BUDGET:** After Dave Davis reviewed the budget with Session, there was a motion from the Ministry Support Committee to approve the 2021 Budget. **Motion APPROVED.** A discussion followed re: adjustments to present a balanced budget to the congregation, using McCullough Distribution Funds previously designated for use to balance the 2020 budget but unused for that purpose to be moved into the 2021 income in order to balance a projected deficit. Although agreed in principle to do this, the motion was **TABLED** to January 17, 2021 meeting.

**Report of Deaths:** Elaine Morrison, 4/17/2020; Ralph Morrison, 2020; Deacon Jane Dahm, 11/24/2020.

**Correspondence:** Read note from Redeemer Lutheran Church with donation of \$516 for youth programs. Redeemer has closed and dispersed their funds to continue to support Christian Ministries in the community. Dave Davis has deposited the funds in our Youth account and sent a thank you note to Redeemer acknowledging the contribution and confirming its use.

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation:** Motion to call an annual meeting of the congregation for January 24, 2021 at 11:00 am via ZOOM **APPROVED.** Commission/Commission chairs and others wishing to have reports included in the annual report to the congregation are reminded that these will be due in to Pastor Cindy the first week of January 2021 – the sooner the better!

**Education and Spiritual Growth: Motion APPROVED** to have Rev. John Hudson conduct a ZOOM class on “Shining The Light on the Bible”. Class will start on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM beginning 1/13 and ending the week before Lent.

### Next Meetings: (all via ZOOM)

1/10/2021 11:00 am Called Session meeting: Examination of new officers.  
 1/17/2021 11:00 am Regular Session meeting  
 1/24/2021 11:00 am Annual Meeting of the Congregation

### Session / Committee Chairs

#### **Congregational Life**

Mark Bundick  
 815-337-9068 or  
[mbundick@comcast.net](mailto:mbundick@comcast.net)  
 (Hospitality, Fellowship & NOW)

#### **Ministry Support**

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 847-274-8247 or [robtmclark@aol.com](mailto:robtmclark@aol.com)  
 815-276-3983 or [dcook@wcdsd200.org](mailto:dcook@wcdsd200.org)  
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[candeeanbea@gmail.com](mailto:candeeanbea@gmail.com)  
 (Finance, Staff Support, Building and Grounds & Stewardship)

#### **Worship Arts**

Chris Nejdil  
 815-337-1070 or  
[cnejdl@hotmail.com](mailto:cnejdl@hotmail.com)  
 (Worship Arts, Worship Leadership, Audio-Visual)

#### **Compassion, Peace & Justice**

Sue Krause  
 815-451-538 or  
[shkrause1@yahoo.com](mailto:shkrause1@yahoo.com)  
 (Awareness, Service)

#### **Education & Spiritual Growth**

Ray Thuma  
 815-338-9780 or  
[rpthuma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rpthuma@sbcglobal.net)  
 (Adult, Youth, Child, Intergenerational)

#### **Clerk of Session**

Sue Krause  
 815-451-538 or  
[shkrause1@yahoo.com](mailto:shkrause1@yahoo.com)

### **Welcome and Thank You**

#### **Class of 2023 Officers**

##### **Session**

Jackie Lawler  
 Lora Totton-Schwarz

##### **Board of Deacons**

Barb Parrish  
 Sue Epperson

## Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

### Interviews are next!

In the past four weeks, your Pastor Nominating Committee has read and discussed the resumes (Pastor Information Forms) of 57 pastors whose qualifications appeared to match what we described in FPC's Ministry Information Form.

We set goals to individually review a certain number of PIFs each week and to meet weekly as a group over Zoom to review and rank each PIF – very interested, somewhat interested, and do not want to consider further. Ten candidates are in our “very interested” category.

Dave Davis emailed each one telling of our interest and asking if they are still available and interested in being interviewed.

Our plan is to begin virtual interviews in mid January.

We know God has called our next pastor. Please continue to pray for our committee that we may feel God's presence as He guides us through each step of this process!

Your PNC,

Co-chairs Dave Davis and Cheryl Wormley

Christy Johanson, Erin Kaye, Rob McMahon, Justin Thuma

Say good-bye to Pastor Paul	✓
Interim Pastor search process	✓
Interim Pastor joins congregation	✓
Mission Vision Study Team selected	✓
Information gathered and studied	✓
Feedback to congregation and Session	✓
Report completed/present to Session for approval	✓
Report approved by Presbytery Committee on Ministry	✓
Congregation elects Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)	✓
PNC creates Church Information Form and Presbytery puts on-line	✓
PNC review & interviews candidates	🕒
Candidate selected; terms of call agreed upon	
Candidate and Terms of call approved by Presbytery	
Candidate Sermon/Congregational vote on call	
Candidate installed as Minister of Word and Sacrament	

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## Connecting Points

### Men's Group/Bible Study

Dave Davis, 815-236-2815

[ddavis@ameritech.net](mailto:ddavis@ameritech.net)

### Wednesday Early Bible Study

Velma Downes, 815-245-4043

[vmdownes@gmail.com](mailto:vmdownes@gmail.com)

### Adult Spiritual Growth Groups

Chris Nejd, 815-337-1070

[canejdl@hotmail.com](mailto:canejdl@hotmail.com)

### Hospitality Team

Cheryl Wormley, 815-519-7402

[indepublisher@comcast.net](mailto:indepublisher@comcast.net)

### Music Ministry

Christy Johanson/Bob Diss

815-382-5234

[mom@babyjohanson.com](mailto:mom@babyjohanson.com)

### No-Name Knitters

Kay Darby, 815-338-5002

[kedarby@icloud.com](mailto:kedarby@icloud.com)

### T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care)

Shari Olesen, 815-338-0237

### Meals-On-Wheels

Marla Norgard, 815-482-4855

[marlanorgard01@gmail.com](mailto:marlanorgard01@gmail.com)

### WACM Local Mission Team

Pat Morozink, 815-338-7769

[pmorozink@yahoo.com](mailto:pmorozink@yahoo.com)

### Food Pantry

Joyce Maynard, 815-338-7265

### Fishing Mission

Bob Clark, 847-274-8247

[robtmclark@aol.com](mailto:robtmclark@aol.com)

### N.O.W. Team

#### (Nurture on Wednesdays)

Lee Nejd — 815-546-1731

Katie Spaldon — 815-276-3410

Mark Bundick—815-337-9068

Cheryl Wormley—815-519-7402

[indepublisher@comcast.net](mailto:indepublisher@comcast.net)

## Ministry Support Committee Update



### BUILDING and GROUNDS

### Volunteer Snow Removal Plan for our Church Entrance Areas

Attention all able bodied First Presbyterians! We are looking to create a Volunteer Program to ensure that our sidewalk entryways to the Church Entrance and our Offices are cleared of snow and ice for safety reasons for any activity at our Church. (Our Parking lot and driveways thankfully will continue to be cleared by a volunteer donor for those services.) Volunteer teams are needed for weekly periods running for Monday thru the next Sunday thru March 28th, 2021.

A volunteer would be responsible for any snow removal necessary during that week period. Snow would need to be removed by 4:30 PM on Wednesday's and by 8:45 AM on Church Sundays. For any other scheduled activities, each team would clear the snow and put down salt as necessary so that the entrances remain clear at all times. Folks who are regularly at the church will shovel a small path to the entrance for them as needed. If we can get eight individuals set up, they would only have to cover two, one week periods during the four month cycle.

Please call or text Cary Cook at 815-382-8879 or email at [ccooks55@earthlink.net](mailto:ccooks55@earthlink.net) with questions or to signup. Once volunteers are identified, a schedule will be posted and reminder calls will be made. Snow removal tools (shovels and salt) will be provided in the entryway to the church or teams could bring their own. If we get lucky, someone may donate a snowblower for use which could be stored in the entryway or the garage. Access to the church entry or the garage would be provided in an outside key lock box.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Building and Grounds  
Cary Cook

### YTD Through November 2020

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>Variance vs Budget</u>
Contributions Income	\$176,173	\$166,385	\$9,788
All Other Income	<u>\$12,674</u>	<u>\$20,178</u>	<u>(\$7,504)</u>
Total Income	\$188,847	\$186,563	\$2,284
<b>Expenses</b>			
Staff	\$135,742	\$159,497	<u>(\$23,755)</u>
All Other Expenses	<u>\$58,960</u>	<u>\$88,386</u>	<u>(\$29,426)</u>
Total Expense	\$194,703	\$247,883	<u>(\$53,180)</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(\$5,856)</b>	<b>(\$61,320)</b>	<b>\$55,464</b>

## Ministry Support Committee: News from the Finance Team

Your Finance Team is completing the recommendations from the Financial Audit. We appreciate the comprehensive review that was completed by Jim Wormley and Angela Thuma. As Treasurer Cary Cook commented this was the most thorough review in his memory. Jim and Angela complimented both Cary and Dave Davis in their management of your church's finances as Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Some changes being completed with Session approval are:

- A realignment and reduction in the number of our bank accounts
- Closure of unnecessary bank accounts
- Restructured authorized signers on our bank and investment accounts
- Updating counting procedures for worship and other offerings and donations
- Formalized the policy on Donation statements – to be distributed at the end of Quarter One, Quarter Three, and Year-End close
- Recommended that Session initiate a review and update of FPC's security procedures

The 2021 Operating Budget is about finalized. We are grateful that pledges toward the budget increased in both numbers and value so we anticipate our income will increase slightly vs. 2020. We do anticipate that the budget will be included in the Annual Report and that we will require some additional funding to balance the budget. The good news is that the \$55,000 approved to balance the 2020 budget will likely not be used in 2020; therefore, a portion of those funds can help balance the 2021 budget. Please see below for more detail on the 2020 Operating Budget.

The number of Pledges for the 2021 Operating Budget are at 41 vs. 37 for 2020

The Pledged income for the 2021 Operating Budget is up over \$9,000 (\$152,340 – 2021 vs. \$143,225 – 2020). Thanks to all who have pledged so generously to your church so that we may do God's work. And we deeply appreciate our Stewardship Team for their efforts during the pandemic. We are still open for pledges!

### Summary of Financial status through November 2020 (from Dave Davis):

Looking at the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual, in November the Operating Budget Net Ordinary Income was negative (\$2,471) and November YTD the Operating Budget Net Ordinary Income ended negative (\$5,856). Through November YTD the Net Ordinary Income Actual vs. Budget is favorable \$55,464. On the Income side, thanks to contribution income generosity from faithful Regular Giving, income is positive by \$8,844, and Next Year Giving by \$1,500. Across all Operating Budget Income categories, it remains positive by \$2,284 with the negative areas being "pass thru" activity in Mission and Outreach – effects of the COVID shut down.

On the Expense side through November, YTD actual expenditures are down \$53,180 from budget. All support and program areas are lower reflecting COVID. Primarily as a result of Mission Study restructure, Personnel expenditures are down \$23,755. Given the current state of the Operating Budget, the need to subsidize the 2020 plan with Session approved McCullough Distribution funds of \$55,000 is not expected to be required. God's grace works in unexpected ways. We give Him thanks and rejoice in His light even through the darkness.

Submitted by Bob Clark, Team Lead – On Behalf of the Finance Team of the Ministry Support Committee – Cary Cook, Treasurer, Dave Davis, Finance Secretary, Mark Bundick, and Scott Greenlee; Pastor Cindy Carlisle, Ex-Officio



## **Thank you for support and participation during our Pandemic Christmas Season.**

To all who watched or participated in our Intergenerational Christmas Program, thank you! Our Christmas Season sure seemed different, didn't it? There was no cantata with the choir or Winds off the Lake, no cute little angels, shepherds or wise men singing songs, and we couldn't sing familiar Christmas carols together during worship. But we did make the most of it!

In isolation, how could we preserve these important traditions, create and embrace new ones, and continue to make music together, while online? Well, we figured it out! Using online music software like SoundTrap, and pairing it with Zoom, as well as throwing in some Screencastify, MailDrop, Google Drive, and don't forget scanning music, and lots of lots of emails and texts, we brought you the group songs, while families and individuals worked at home, or came to church to record the other parts. And then after long hours in front of a computer screen, an entire program that included all ages was presented on December 20! (If you haven't seen it, you can still watch it!)

While the process of assembling this program does not resemble live, in-person music-making, or artful poem and scripture reading, I hope it serves as a reminder of the importance of music and the arts in worship and in life. I hope the program brought you hope, peace, joy, and comfort in a tremendously challenging year. Thank you to everyone who participated and who tuned in on Facebook or YouTube!

Christy Johanson, Worship Arts Coordinator

### **Miss a Worship Service? Try Catching Up on YouTube!**

Did you miss a worship service that you wanted to see, or perhaps you'd like to see it again? You can visit the FPC YouTube Channel where all our services are archived. Point your web browser to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxGlfuDXFmONo2cpjMjkoyg/videos>

# January 2021

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock

Jan 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30am - Worship	28	29 7pm - PNC Mtg	30 7:30am - Lection	31	1	2 7am - Men's Study
3 9:30am - Worship	4 7pm - Worship Staff	5 7pm - PNC Mtg	6 7:30am - Lection	7 6pm - Worship	8	9 7am - Men's Study 9am - Organ Group
10 9:30am - Worship 11am - Called 7pm - Educ & Spirit.	11 4pm - Hospitality 7pm - Worship Staff	12 7pm - Deacons @ 7pm - PNC Mtg	13 7:30am - Lection 6:30pm - CPJ 7pm - Light on the	14 7pm - Finance	15	16 7am - Men's Study 9am - Organ Group
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