

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 world with love and joy.

Where in the World is Pastor Eric?

Are you familiar with the children's show, "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" or other shows bearing the same first five words? In the first two months of my time serving as your pastor, I've felt a bit like that question needs to be asked of me. Sometimes, I've met myself coming and going. The Corbins have now successfully purchased a house to make our home. Some of you are well aware of the challenges of the whole real estate process. With every 't' crossed and 'i' dotted now, we have begun doing a few repairs before we move in. I've been working from the new house, our current housing, and the church office this week. I'll be glad when we are settled in our new home, with all of our belongings out of storage!

While many still get up and go to work much as you always have, the pandemic and technology have changed how and where others of us work. Some of you used to get on the Metra and go into Chicago every morning and now work from home. Some have gone from teaching school in the classroom to your living room and back. Some may no longer be working in the jobs you used to have. For me, I now spend much less time in a church office than I used to in years past. I gather with some of you via Zoom from home in morning, afternoon, and evening meetings. I do most of my sermon writing at home. I attend Presbytery meetings and gatherings from home. The ability to work from wherever I am has opened up many possibilities in meeting people face to virtual face, and I'm grateful for that. However, we still need to gather with one another physically, and I'm greatly enjoying being with you for our worship times and NOW gatherings.

When would you like to meet with me – face to virtual face, or in person? You can easily set up a time with me by going to fpcwoodstock.org/meetwitheric

A reminder of various ways to be in touch:

Email: eric.corbin@fpcwoodstock.org. I check email throughout each day, and my email also goes to my phone.

Call or text: (815) 575-9454

Facebook: I'm active on Facebook in two ways -- personally, at <http://fb.com/ericcorbin>, and in a more public way, at <http://fb.com/pastorericcorbin>. I have a policy of not sending Facebook "friend" requests to church members and friends, but would love to connect with you on Facebook if you send me a request.

This Sunday is **World Communion Sunday**. Psalm 133:1 says "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" and I look forward to gathering with God's people around the world this Sunday!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Eric

October 2021



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Sunday Worship Services

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



Come and
WORSHIP

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TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

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Confirmation Class



Confirmation is starting. Youth in eighth grade, along with high school students who haven't been confirmed are invited to join us in the process that leads to church membership.

The curriculum we are using this year is Big God, Big Questions, which focuses on the four questions of membership.

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
- Who is your Lord and Savior?
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Confirmands will be looking at the membership questions and how they can answer them faithfully.

Each confirmand will be paired with an adult member of the church who will mentor them through the confirmation process. If you are interested in mentoring a confirmand, please contact Ray Thuma or Pastor Eric Corbin.

We plan on meeting twice a month on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m., following the NOW meal, from October through April. Confirmation Sunday will be in early May. The proposed schedule of meetings is October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16, March 2 & 16, and April 6 & 20.

Letters have been sent to the parents of likely confirmands, but if you didn't receive a letter and have a youth who is interested in joining this year's confirmation class, please feel welcome to contact [Pastor Corbin](#).

Prayground Open—Our intergenerational activity tables are open in the back of the great hall. Coloring pages, youth bulletins, and other activities will be available each week for children and anyone who likes to keep their hands busy while they listen to the message. Feel free to stop by the Prayground at any time during the Sunday worship service.

Sunday School—In addition to our "Prayground" and intergenerational activities during worship, we will be conducting a traditional Sunday School program twice a month. Jackie Lawler and Erin Kaye have volunteered to teach a short Sunday School lesson on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

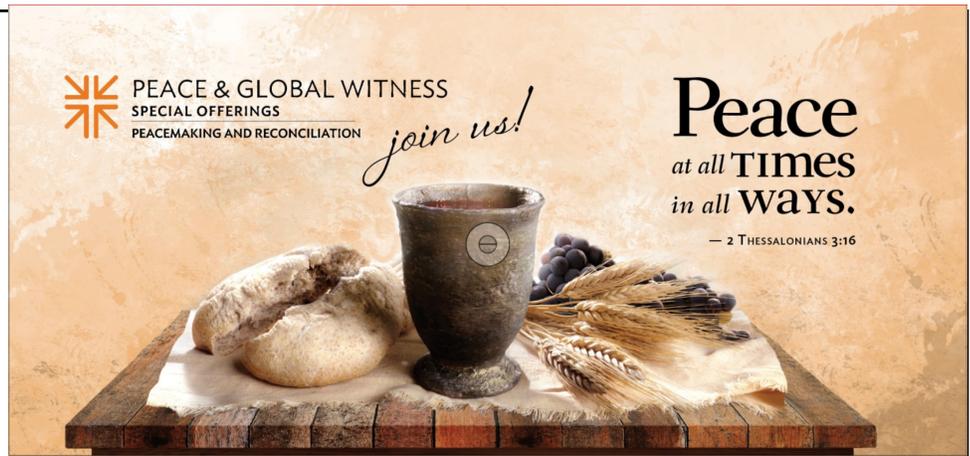
Children from pre-K through fifth grade can choose to join the Sunday School class during worship after the time with children.

Lectionary Bible Study—Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Join us for lively discussion, thoughtful readings and good fellowship on Zoom. Contact Velma Downes to be added to the mailing list or for more information at 815-245-4043 or vmdownes@gmail.com.

**Don't Forget Our Peace
& Global Witness
Offering—September 5
- October 3, 2021**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.



We have a goal of \$1,365 for this special offering. Please give generously.



Meals on Wheels Update

Our Woodstock community continues to be blessed by those who graciously give their time to deliver Meals on Wheels. Thank you to Dave Davis, Marcia Gummerson, Velma Downes, Gary & Sue Mazur, and Jim Wormley. You are appreciated!

Are you looking for a simple way to help locally? First Presbyterian delivers meals every fifth week throughout the entire year with the delivery route taking approximately one hour. If you are interested in volunteering in 2022, please contact Marla Norgard at marlanorgard01@gmail.com or (815)482-4855.

Rummage



Rummage Sale Wrap Up

The Compassion, Peace and Justice Committee would like to thank everyone that participated in the Rummage Sale. Special appreciation goes out to Ed's Rental—McHenry for their donation of clothing racks and tables; this is a significant contribution to our sale. Also a shout out to Tony Spaldon, who drives up at the end of the sale with a crew and his trailer and makes all remaining goods go away.

Our total proceeds this year of \$3,173.20 will be divided between WACM and the Woodstock Food Pantry.

Thanks to everyone for another successful sale!

**Red Wagon Items Requested for October
Cereal, Pancake Mix, Oatmeal, Syrup**

You can leave your donations in the red wagon located at the rear of the Great Hall. Anyone living in School District 200 may receive food two times each month. If you know someone who needs help with food, please encourage them to visit the Food Pantry, 1033 Lake Avenue (behind the Dorr Township building), Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

CARING TOGETHER



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jen Oliver-10/3
Alex Baker-10/6
Danielle Rewiako-10/15
Reagan Rockwood-10/15
Dan Chwalisz-10/21
Sherry Thuma-10/29
Tammy Robinett-10/31



Happy Anniversary!

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Greg & Lisa Knaack-10/3
Dave & Evey Davis-10/18



Don't Forget Your Batteries!

Remember our youth have created a battery box for recycling used dry cell batteries. Simply drop off your used batteries in the box in the entryway and the Education and Spiritual Growth committee will arrange to transport them to a recycling facility.

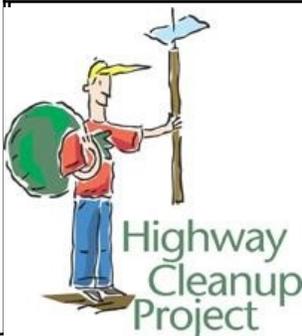
All of the Presbyterian Hunger Program's certified Earth Care Congregations commit themselves to a four-part pledge to take specific steps in four areas; worship, outreach, education and facilities. Additionally, that pledge affirms that the earth and all creation are God's. The pledge acknowledges that God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family.

Please support this part of our congregation's Earth Care initiative. Reduce, reuse and recycle!



November Craft Fair

How are those craft projects coming? Keep working on them. If you haven't started anything yet, now is a good time to begin. You still have plenty of time. Our second annual all-church craft fair/fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21, before and after the worship service. (If there happens to be a NOW dinner on Nov. 17th the craft fair will begin then.) No ideas? Consider woodworking, sewing, knitting/crocheting, picture frames, notebooks, cookie/baking kits, etc. Call or [email Lynne Sobczak](mailto:Lynne Sobczak) at 815-648-2321 for questions or more ideas.



Fall Highway Cleanup

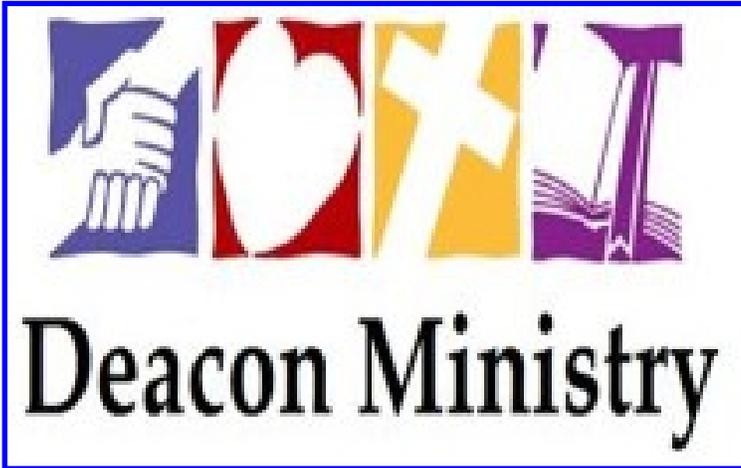
Our last highway cleanup of the year has been completed. Thank you to Matt Thuma, Ray Thuma, Karen Thennes and Pastor Eric Corbin for helping with the cleanup.



Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...

Pat Davenport, Nick Botian, Tom Schwarz, Jim Higgins, Tim Arnold, Ron Parrish, Paul Thuma, Becky Medins, Russ Warye, Beth Koehler, Rowan King, Loretta NejdI, Sue Krause, George Kruse, Sandy Landry. Hold in your prayers Candee McMahan as she grieves the death of her brother, John; the family and friends of Sally Wilyat, and the family and friends of Charlotte Bingham.

October Update from the Deacons



- The Church Directory that we have been working on just needs a few address corrections and then copies will be made for all to have.
• On September 22, a NOW spaghetti dinner was hosted by the Deacons. We had a great turnout! Deliveries of left-overs after the spaghetti dinner were taken to member of the congregation who have concerns.

- There was a Webinar for deacons available on 9/16, but not many of us were able to sign up. A link will be available soon to allow everyone to listen to a recording of this Webinar. John Moorhouse listened in on it and thought it seemed worthwhile.
• We reviewed flock updates and would appreciate when anyone has a concern or a joy to let us know.

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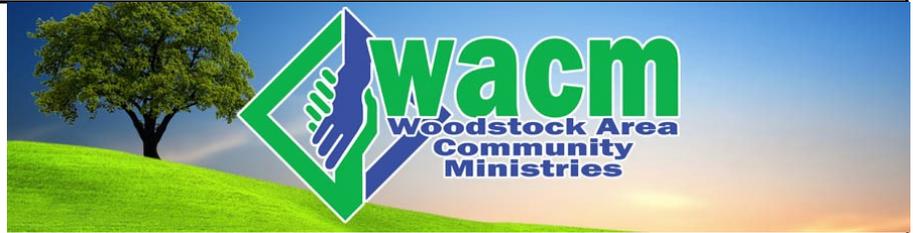
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WACM Notes:

Through WACM's Direct Assistance Program, households can get some financial assistance for a gas, electric, or water shut off notice if the household is within D-200 boundaries. Call the

Direct Assistance phone at (815) 529-4370 to speak to someone for help. An account number must be provided and permission to share billing information given in order to get this assistance. Checks are issued directly to the utility company. Thank you!



Come Join the N.O.W. Team on Wednesday!

Skip cooking dinner on Wednesday's by coming to the N.O.W. dinner! Serving starts at 5:15 PM, and the suggested donation is just \$3 per person or \$1 for kids under 11. We'll have indoor seating and outdoor seating as long as weather permits. Our October schedule looks like this:

- October 6 - No dinner due to D200 parent-teacher conferences.
• October 13 - Baked potato bar with cheese, sour cream, salsa, bacon, butter, ham and green onion toppings followed by freshly baked brownies for dessert.
• October 20 - Fried chicken, Italian bread, green beans and cookies.
• October 27 - Pulled pork sandwiches with lots of sides.

Come join us for a hearty dinner and mid-week fellowship!



September Session Notes

Clerk's Report: A report of the September meeting of Blackhawk was received.

Pastor's Report: Eric reported a full and active inventory of his ministry including worship, pastoral care, multiple committee

meetings, engagement with the Presbytery and ecumenical groups.

Deacons' Report: Deacons are hard at work on a new pictorial member directory.

COVID Task Force: Session decided to leave food preparation with the N.O.W. team preparing and serving while masked and gloved.

Ministry Support Team: Building and Grounds will investigate responsibility for the drain located at the Route 47 northbound entrance; it's unclear whether the hole there is the responsibility of the church or IDOT. Personnel is reviewing a candidate for the open accompanist position. Committees should expect guidance from Finance for the 2022 budget in October.

Worship, Music and Arts: Worship will continue to be masked. The Activity Tables at the rear of the sanctuary have been well received.

Compassion, Peace and Justice: The committee is seeking suggestions for local groups to receive 25% of the denomination's Peace and Global Witness offering.

Education and Spiritual Growth: The committee reported on preparations for confirmation class; classes will be held twice a month immediately after N.O.W. dinners. The Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be in Indianapolis in 2022; planning will begin for our participation there. Books are being considered for a fall book study.

Congregational Life: Session provided feedback on proposed Advent Bags.

Other Business: Jim Wormley is organizing the fall stewardship effort

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 11:00 p.m. in person.

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August 2021 Operating Budget

| <u>Income</u> | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Variance vs Budget | Annual 2021 Budget |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Contributions Income | \$140,947 | \$142,877 | (\$1,930) | \$192,622 |
| All Other Income | \$8,119 | \$9,060 | (\$941) | \$27,572 |
| Total Income | \$149,066 | \$151,937 | (\$2,871) | \$220,194 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | | | | |
| Staff | \$93,545 | \$94,587 | (\$1,042) | \$142,626 |
| All Other Expenses | \$56,629 | \$73,425 | (\$16,796) | \$103,087 |
| Total Expense | \$150,174 | \$168,012 | (\$17,838) | \$245,713 |
| Net Ordinary Income | (\$1,108) | (\$16,075) | \$14,967 | (\$25,519) |

REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY SUPPORT COMMITTEE

- Expenses are favorable to YTD Budget across all segments with Building & Grounds Maintenance being the most favorable by about \$7,700 of the All Other Expenses.
- Building and Grounds is investigating responsibility for a pothole near the drain located at the Route 47 northbound entrance; it's unclear whether the hole there is the responsibility of the church or IDOT.
- Personnel is reviewing a candidate for the open accompanist position.

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or comments.

Bob Clark: robtmclark@aol.com or 815-527-5109. or Dawn Cook: dcook@wcusd200.org or 815-276-3983.



“What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6

Numerous studies have shown that churches have a positive economic, social, educational and physical impact on their communities. You can be a part of that positive influence for years to come by making a gift to the church in your will.



YOUR MAIL IS SAFE WITH US

In order to enhance the security of our offerings, the church has installed a locked mailbox for U.S.P.S. mail deliveries.

News from the Worship Arts Committee

Join us for World Communion Sunday, October 3



The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. Thus, it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

Chris Neidl, Worship Committee

FPC Worship on YouTube and Facebook

Remember that our services are regularly live streamed on Facebook and archived on YouTube. If you can't get to church on Sunday morning, check out the live stream at our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/fpcwoodstock/>.

You can also watch all our worship services on FPC's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxGlfuDXFmONo2cpjMjkoqg>.



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YouTube

Livestreaming our Services

The Worship Arts Team is looking for interested individuals to join to help with live streaming the worship services. They'll show you all the things needed to successfully broadcast our worship. If you can help out, contact Ray Thuma at rpthuma@sbcglobal.net or Christy Johanson, mom@babyjohanson.com.



Worship Leadership

The Hospitality Team and Deacons will be greeting again this month. Please contact Cheryl Wormley (815-519-7402; indepublisher@comcast.net) or John Moorhouse (815-236-7408; johnmoorhouse54@gmail.com) if you would like to assist with this important ministry. We are looking for Sunday morning ushers. Please contact the office if you are able to serve on a rotating schedule. Please make a point of thanking our Sound Team members. They are working hard to improve our sound system and in-person worship experience every Sunday.

October 2021

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock, Holidays in United States Oct 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|--|-----|-----|
| 26 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Get to Know | 27 Newsletter Articles Due | 28 4pm - NOW Team | 29 7:30am - Lectionary 5:15pm - NOW Dinner | 30 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:30am - Worship | 4 | 5 | 6 7:30am - Lectionary | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:30am - Worship 6:30pm - Educ & Spirit. | 11 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' | 12 10am - TLC Ladies 7pm - Deacons | 13 7:30am - Lectionary 5:15pm - NOW Dinner 6:30pm - No-Name | 14 5pm - Hospitality Team 7pm - Finance Comm | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:30am - Worship 11am - Session | 18 | 19 | 20 7:30am - Lectionary 5:15pm - NOW Dinner | 21 6pm - Compassion, | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:30am - Worship | 25 Newsletter Articles Due | 26 4pm - N. O. W. Team | 27 7:30am - Lectionary 5:15pm - NOW Dinner 6:30pm - No-Name | 28 6pm - Worship Arts | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Halloween 9:30am - Worship | 1 First Day of American | 2 Election Day | 3 7:30am - Lectionary 5:15pm - NOW Dinner | 4 | 5 | 6 |

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All members and friends of the
congregation

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Danik Kooistra
Interim Organist

Christy Johanson
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Worship Arts Coordinator

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