

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.

A Holy Lent

Lent begins this week, with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. We'll gather for a worship service led by our confirmands, as we begin Lent together. The Book of Common Worship of the PC(USA) includes resources for the life of the Church, including through the liturgical seasons. One part of the liturgy there comes to my mind each year toward the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is this:

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ,
to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting,
by works of love,
and by meditating on God's word.*

This wording is not unique to the PC(USA). Versions of it date back centuries in other traditions. The invitation speaks to what we are to be about in the Season of Lent – self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, works of love, and meditating on God's word. Sometimes the focus of Lent is primarily on the “giving up of something” which is the fasting part of this liturgy. While fasting can be a powerful part of Lenten discipline, it is not the full extent. Keep your eyes open for ways that you can be attuned to the other components of observing a Holy Lent. One suggestion is to join in our Lenten Book Study. Look for details on page 2 in this newsletter.

Welcome, Jeri!

As of last week, the church's new Office Administrator, Jeri Loiselle has joined us! She is learning the ins and outs of the church, and is eager to get to know church members and friends, so reach out to her when you have a need or just to say Hello. We are excited that she is joining us in ministry here at First Pres! See more information about her on page 7 in this newsletter.

Celebrate Diversity

As I write this, February is coming to a close, and I hope we've all taken some time to honor and celebrate the gifts of our Black siblings during Black History Month. March is Women's History Month, and we are invited to honor and celebrate the gifts of Women. When anyone is diminished, we all are diminished, so let us find ways to promote the gifts of all of God's children. James 2:1 – “My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.”

Grace and peace, Pastor Eric

March 2022



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CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 13 AFTER WORSHIP.



Sunday Worship Services
In the Great Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

Newsletter Editor
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Jackie Lawler, John Moorhouse,
Pat Morozink, Chris Nejd, Ray Thuma,

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

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Save The Date—Sunday, March 13, 2022

Congregational Meeting After Worship

Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 13, immediately after worship for the purpose of electing officers and approval of the pastor's terms of call. To establish a quorum, 38 voting members must be present. Please make every effort to attend this brief, but important meeting.

From the Education and Spiritual Growth Committee

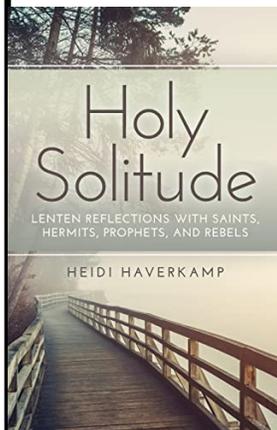
Sunday School:

Sunday School is in full swing again and we have many activities planned in the upcoming Lenten season! We meet on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, following the "Time with Children" during the 9:30am service. Our next Sunday School class is on Sunday, March 13th. We will be practicing a song to perform during the Palm Sunday service on April 10th. There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, March 27th, due to Spring Break.

Confirmation:

Confirmation Class meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6pm. On Wednesday, March 2nd the Confirmands will meet in the Great Hall at 6pm to prep for the Ash Wednesday service, then lead at 7pm following class.

Lenten Book Study:



Pastor Eric will be leading a book study on "Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels" by Heidi Haverkamp. There are short daily readings (about 5 minutes) and questions for reflection, starting on Ash Wednesday, March 2. We'll gather online on Sunday evenings at 6 PM, from March 6 - April 17. The book is available through Amazon in print or Kindle, or through Read Between The Lines. Or, copies are available at church day for \$12 each.

Men's Bible Study Is Back!

We welcome anyone who would like to join us at 7:00 am on Saturdays. Currently we are working on the book of Hosea and plan on starting the book of Acts in a couple of weeks. To join our group, just contact John Moorhouse at 815-236-7408 or via email at johnmoorhouse54@gmail.com.

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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lydia Dunker-3/4
Lynn M. Idle-3/4
Gwen Wormley-3/9
Hank Olesen-3/11
Mary Carol Dunker-3/14
Gail Diss-3/21
Ken Farver-3/24
Carol Halma-3/24
Justin Thuma-3/25
Amanda Nicolai-3/28
Alexandra Norgard-3/28

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary!

Ray & Angela Thuma-3/2
Chris & Ellen Dahm-3/22
John & Marla Rigby-3/29

MARCH NEWS FROM COMPASSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering 2022

The first of four special offerings in 2022 is the One Great Hour of Sharing, which will be collected Ash Wednesday (March 2) through Easter (April 17). The Compassion Peace and Justice Committee has set a goal of \$1400 for this offering. We are encouraging everyone within our congregation to consider participating, no matter how large or small the gift. The donations are always kept confidential.

The OGHS offering supports three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. The programs all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response, to fighting hunger, to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Please give to the OGHS offering either by checks made out to First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock (with "OGHS" on the memo line), or on the church website donation page. Thank you!

Red Wagon Items Requested for February



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. Also note that the Food Pantry will be open until 6:00 PM the first Monday of each month.



Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...

Nick Botian, Tom Schwarz, Jim Higgins, Tim Arnold, Ron Parrish, Paul Thuma, Russ Warye, Loretta Nejdil, Kristen Matter, Ken Sommerville, Sherry Engstrom, Cary Cook, Christy Johanson and Val Ayers.



March Update from the Deacons

The Deacons would like to welcome new members Sherry Thuma and Cheryl Wormley!

Concern was expressed for members who are recovering or going through health issues. Visits and calls have been made. One deacon even sent Valentines!

Elections were held for the following offices and results were:

- Moderator – John Moorhouse
- Secretary - Pam Moorhouse
- Nominating Committee Representative - Barb Parish
- Memorial Committee – Angie Boe & John Moorhouse

The Deacons will be keeping their existing flocks for 2022. New deacon, Cheryl Wormley, was assigned to John Rigby’s list and Sherry Thuma was assigned to Joyce Maynard’s list. Matt Petrik’s list will be split up and assigned to deacons with fewer flock members on their list.

Deacons will be contacting their flock members over the next month to introduce themselves as your deacon for this year. You may receive a letter, email, phone call, or be greeted by them at church in person!

Please let your deacons know if there is anything they can help you with. Concerns, health issues and celebrations are helpful to know about.

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March WACM Notes

WACM’s fundraising shows continue in March. Children are invited to attend a magic show at the Woodstock Opera House Stage Left Café on Saturday, March 5. Performances are held at 9:30 AM and 11 AM. At the end of the show each child will learn how to do a magic trick. Tickets are \$5 at the box office, online at woodstockoperahouse.com (click on EVENTS, then click on STAGE LEFT CAFÉ, then click on CHILDREN MAGIC SHOWS) or by phone (815-338-5300). Attendees must wear a mask.

“An Afternoon of Magic and Music” will be presented on Sunday, March 27 at 2 PM at the Woodstock Opera House. This WACM fundraising show will feature area performers sharing their talents. Magician Kevin Sarnwick will dazzle adults with magic tricks using sleight of hand, psychology, and misdirection. Chicago-based singing duo “Jeff and Janis” will present music from a variety of genres in a cabaret style show. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Opera House box office, by phone (815-338-5300), or online at woodstockoperahouse.com. Profits benefit WACM’s Direct Assistance Program and Woodstock School District Kindness Closet programs and a Fee Payment Program for D-200 Students-in-Need.

If you are unable to attend a show, you can show your support for WACM’s programs by participating in the \$18 Change-A-Life Donation Campaign. WACM provides financial assistance to community members in need and helps change their lives. Check made out to WACM can be mailed to WACM, P.O. Box 682, Woodstock, IL 60098, or you can donate online at wacmgroups.org.

If you have questions, or are interested in becoming more involved with WACM, please contact Pat Morozink at 815-353-0878 or pmorozink@yahoo.com.

“Big Night In” Fundraiser

The Compassion Peace and Justice committee would like to invite you to our “Big Night In” fundraiser on Friday March 4th to support efforts to house local homeless people when the temperature drops below 20 degrees.

There is no need to make reservations, get dressed up, or come to the church, because this is a virtual fundraising event. We are asking everyone to stay home that evening, eat their regular meal, and, if they are grateful for a safe warm place to live, make a donation equal to the amount you would have spent if you had gone out to dinner.

Donations will be collected and sent to Hope Take Action who works with Pioneer Center—PADS to provide emergency temporary shelter to the homeless on frigid nights. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian and sent to the church or dropped in the offering box. Simply indicate “Big Night In” on the memo line. For more information, please contact Ray Thuma at 815-3389780 or rpthuma@sbcglobal.net.

Highway Clean Up Is Coming in April!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM for the next highway clean up date. Spend a couple of (hopefully) sunny spring hours sprucing up the highway near the church. You’ll get some good exercise and have some great fellowship with your fellow clean up volunteers.



Also in April—Rummage Sale



The annual rummage sale in support of our mission projects will be coming in April. Start looking at your basement, attic and closets for donations of clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, linens, dishes, kitchen items, tools, fishing and camping gear, baskets, pictures, small appliances, sporting equipment, pet supplies, craft supplies, puzzles, games, luggage, gardening supplies, small furniture and ??????!. Details coming soon in the Mid-Week Update and April newsletter.

PC-USA Giving Opportunities



Did you know that there are many, many giving opportunities at the PC-USA website? Some of the programs available for your contribution include Compassion, Peace and Justice, 1001 New Worshipping Communities, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Public Witness and Advocacy, Leadership Development for Leaders of Color, World Mission, Young Adult Volunteers, and Katie Geneva Cannon ‘Women’s Ministry Fund’ supporting Women’s Leadership Development .

To learn more about these and other programs, visit <https://pcusa.org/new-give/>.

February Session Notes

Clerk’s Report: Session ratified an e-vote on recommendations of the COVID Task Force. A called congregational meeting for March 13, 2022 for the purpose of electing officers and approval of the pastor’s terms of call was approved.

COVID Task Force: Session approved recommendations including opening to outside groups on a case-by-case basis, continue with the rules established in 2020 including masks, cleaning and maintaining contact lists, and continuing masks in worship.

Ministry Support – Staff Management: Revisions to the church’s Personnel Policy were approved.

Compassion, Peace and Justice: A request to approve a “Big Night In” fundraiser in support of the extreme weather sheltering program was approved. A motion to have a rummage sale tentatively scheduled on April 28-30, 2022 was approved. *(Rescheduled to April 21-23)*

Other Business: A motion to elect Cary Cook as Treasurer and Mark Bundick as Clerk was approved. A motion to elect Bob Clark as corporation president and Mark Bundick as corporation secretary was approved.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, March 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM via Zoom

PER CAPITA From Bob Clark – Finance Team Lead

It has been said that per capita apportionment is like a utility bill. Just as we pay for heat, light, water, and telephone in order to remain connected to the utility systems and benefit from the services provided, we also pay per capita so that the Presbyterian system can function on behalf of all of us. It is the necessary linkage in our connectional system.

The payment of the per capita apportionment can be seen as a sign of healthy relationships within the church, giving tangible witness to the unity and wholeness promised to us in Jesus Christ, and is a way of sharing the costs that equitably belong to the whole Presbyterian Church.

You may learn more about per capita at <https://blackhawkpresbytery.org/per-capita-and-mission-giving/>.

Current Per Capita for Blackhawk Presbytery Congregations

YEAR TOTAL	PRESBYTERY	SYNOD	GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2022 \$40.00	\$27.21	\$3.81	\$8.98

We will appreciate receiving your support for this expense we pay for each member of FPC each year to our Blackhawk Presbytery. You can pay this online via our website at <https://www.fpcwoodstock.org/> and then select Giving in the upper right-hand corner of the home page and select [Donate Online](#). You may choose the Per Capita option to complete your donation. If you are writing a check, simply write Per Capita on the memo line. Thank You!

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MINISTRY SUPPORT COMMITTEE—Welcome Jeri Loiselle!



Please welcome Jeri Loiselle to the new full-time Office Administrator position. Jeri joined us the last week of February and reports directly to Pastor Eric Corbin. Jeri previously worked as a Public Service Representative at the Secretary of State Driver's Department here in Woodstock.

Jeri's primary responsibilities will be the point of contact via email and phone for general inquiries; administer the FPC website; publish emails, newsletters, and other updates with the congregation and friends of FPC; provide administrative support to the Pastor and other entities of FPC as directed by the Pastor; manage mail, filing systems and databases, manage our vendor relationships and other Building & Grounds activities. She will also manage our Social Media platform, that has previously been managed by Christy Johanson. Christy remains our Worship Arts Coordinator, and Jeri will assume the responsibilities now handled by Financial Secretary Dave Davis working with FPC Treasurer Cary Cook.

Jeri will be in the office Monday through Friday. We are experimenting with what hours the office will be open. If you have suggestions about office hours, please let Jeri or Pastor Eric know. When you come to the church office, please use the intercom to let Jeri know you are here and she will meet you at the door. If you have a key and come in on your own, please stop by the office to let Jeri know you are in the building. You can reach Jeri at jeri@fpcwoodstock.org. Please welcome her to the FPC family. —Dawn Cook & Bob Clark, Ministry Support Co-Chairs

From the Finance Team

2 Corinthians 9:6-8—"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

January 2022 Operating Budget Recap				
	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance vs Budget</u>	<u>Annual 2022 Budget</u>
Income				
Contributions Income	\$47,299	\$47,290	\$9	\$215,295
All Other Income	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$60,960</u>
Total Income	\$47,399	\$47,390	\$9	\$276,255
Expenses				
Staff	\$13,487	\$13,710	(\$223)	\$206,929
All Other Expenses	<u>\$4,975</u>	<u>\$4,863</u>	<u>\$113</u>	<u>\$104,248</u>
Total Expense	\$18,462	\$18,573	(\$110)	\$311,177
Net Ordinary Income	\$28,936	\$28,818	\$119	(\$34,922)

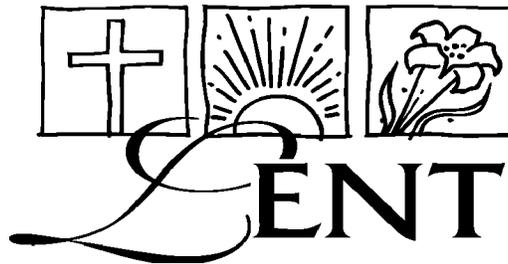
Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or comments.: Bob Clark: robtmclark@aol.com or 815-527-5109, or Dawn Cook: dcook@wcusd200.org or 815-276-3983.

From the Worship Committee

For the health of our church community of all ages, we will continue to wear masks during worship so we can sing hymns of praise and recite prayers together.

Orders are being taken now for Easter Lilies to decorate the Great Hall for Easter, and honor a family member or a special anniversary. Easter Lilies can be taken home following the Easter service. Recommended donation is \$12.00. Submit your request online, or drop off an order form in the church offering box. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and note Easter Lily on the subject line.

As part of our Earth Care congregation initiative, you can join Compassion Peace and Justice committee in planting the remaining Easter Lilies on the church grounds in late April or early May.



Lenten Service Planner

Ash Wednesday Service, March 2, 2022 at 7 pm— Confirmands lead the service.

Palm Sunday, April 10, our youth will lead us in worship with shouts of “Hosanna” and a palm parade.

Maundy Thursday, April 1, a virtual service with Communion, available to view on demand starting at 12:00 pm.

Good Friday, April 15, Tenebrae service at 8 pm with drama and special music.

Easter Sunday, April 17, at 9:30 am. Celebrate with trumpet, organ, and choir music.

Chris Nejd, Worship Arts Committee co-chair.

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://fb.com/fpcwoodstock/>. You can also watch all our worship services on FPC's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxGlfuDXFmONo2cpjMjkoyg> or directly on our website at <https://fpcwoodstock.org/worship>

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>First Day of Women's History Month</i>	2 7:30 am Lectionary Study 4 pm Diaper Bank distribution 6 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	3 6 pm COVID Task Force	4	5
6 9:30 am Worship 6 pm Book Study - "Holy Solitude"	7	8 10 am TLC Ladies 7 pm Deacons	9 7:30 am Lectionary Study 6:30 pm No-Name Knitters	10 5 pm Hospitality Team 7 pm Finance Comm	11	12 7 am Men's Bible Study
13 <i>Daylight Saving Time starts</i> 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School-PreK-5th 10:30 am Congregational Meeting 11 am Education and Spiritual Growth 6 pm Book Study - "Holy Solitude"	14	15	16 7:30 am Lectionary Study 6 pm Confirmation Class	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 6 pm Compassion, Peace and Justice	18	19
20 9:30 am Worship 11 am Session 6 pm Book Study - "Holy Solitude"	21	22 6 pm NOW Team	23 7:30 am Lectionary Study 6:30 pm No-Name Knitters	24 6:30 pm Worship Arts Mtg	25	26 7 am Men's Bible Study
27 9:30 am Worship 6 pm Book Study - "Holy Solitude"	28 Newsletter Articles Due	29	30 7:30 am Lectionary Study	31		

MINISTERS

All members and friends of the congregation

STAFF

Rev. Eric Corbin
Pastor

Jeri Loiselle
Office Administrator
Social Media
Financial Secretary

Roger Dickman
Accompanist

Christy Johanson
Worship Arts Coordinator

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Mark Bundick
Clerk of Session

Cary Cook
Treasurer

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