

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

June 2022



Unity in Diversity

This past Sunday's scripture passage was from John 17, and it included a prayer from Jesus that we would all be one. That's a tall order! There is so much division in our world today that it seems impossible for



us to all be one. However, when we look carefully, we'll see that there is so much more that unites us than that which divides us. We often focus on the differences and argue with others or separate ourselves from them. Jesus called us all to be one. Our denomination's Book of Order speaks to this:

"Unity is God's gift to the Church in Jesus Christ...The Church seeks to include all people and is never content to enjoy the benefits of Christian community for itself alone....The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), affirming its historical continuity with the whole Church of Jesus Christ...is willing to seek and to deepen communion with all other churches within the one holy catholic and apostolic Church." (F-I.0302a)

So, reach out to each other, to your neighbors, to your co-workers. One by one, we can make a difference, we can unite with one another. Each one of us can make a difference. Remember this quote, "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try spending the night in a closed room with a mosquito."

I invite you to read this newsletter with an eye toward joining in with one another in acts of love, kindness, and service.

I hope to see you in worship, in meetings, and in fellowship this month. Please reach out to me anytime – you can email me at eric@fpcwoodstock.org or call/text me at 815-575-9454. Or, grab a time to chat at fpcwoodstock.org/meetwitheric. Connect with me on Facebook at fb.com/ericcorbin or fb.com/pastorericcorbin and the church at fb.com/fpcwoodstock.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Eric

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Come and Worship!

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

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Congregational Life News

Updates from the Hospitality Team:

Have you seen the redecorated Fireside Room? If not, take a minute to stop by and check out the new paint, fireplace and furniture and the cleaned carpet. Several groups have already taken advantage of the space for their meetings.

Work continues on updating our visitor tri-fold brochure. A second draft will be reviewed at the June meeting. On the patio, the kids' playhouse needs some TLC. The team will assess its condition and think about how we might refresh it to make it more appealing.

Thank you to Pam Moorhouse and Nancy Bingham for leading this project!



From the Education and Spiritual Growth Committee:

Please join us for the first Intergenerational Vacation Bible School lesson on Sunday, June 26th following the service! This summer we will dive into an exciting program from GenOn Ministries titled All God's Children: The Church Family Gathers for Summer. Mark your calendars for our additional lessons on July 10th and July 24th also following the service.



LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 a.m.

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

NO-NAME KNITTERS

The No Name Knitters will meet Wednesday night, June 8, at 6:30. This will be the only date in June. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please come join us! Call Kay Darby at 815-572-1729 if interested.

JUNE NEWS FROM COMPASSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Mark Bundick June 2
- Ron Parrish June 2
- Trevor Dunker June 3
- Teddy Reese June 7
- Emma Mathison June 7
- Dave Davis June 8
- Wesley Moorhouse June 9
- Todd Norgard June 11
- Regan Oliver June 11
- Henry Olesen June 12
- Elizabeth Elbersen June 13
- Cindy Steffens June 14
- Kay Darby June 17
- Jacob Dunker June 18
- Emily Lawler June 18
- Sandy Brown June 22
- Bob Clark June 22
- Elijah Kruse June 22
- Katherine Greenlee June 23
- Tiffany Sobczak June 28

Happy Anniversary!

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- NEJDL, Lee & Chris
June 7
- BAKER, Alex & Sara
June 21
- JOHANSON, David & Christy
June 21
- LAWLER, Jackie & Mike
June 29

R.I.P. Medical Debt

Blackhawk Presbytery has launched a campaign to relieve medical debt for vulnerable individuals and households.

More than 1 in 3 Americans struggle to afford their medical care, and medical debt is the leading cause of bankruptcy in the United States. In 2020, collection agencies held \$140 billion in unpaid medical debts. Our congregation, in connection with other churches in Blackhawk Presbytery, can easily relieve millions of dollars of this debt, and do so for pennies on the dollar.

The Compassion Peace and Justice committee will be launching a fundraiser to help with this effort in July. Watch the newsletter for more information on how you can help. To learn more about medical debt and the R.I.P. Medical Debt campaign visit: <https://blackhawkpresbytery.org/2022/04/18/ripmedicaldebt/>

N.O.W. DINNERS ARE BACK



Our Sunday, May 15 post-worship brunch was a great start to the N.O.W. season. Members and friends feasted on scrambled eggs, sausage links, mini-bagels with cream cheese, fruit salad, coffee, orange juice, milk, and water.

Now we move on to regular Wednesday dinners. Dinners will begin serving at 5:15 PM. We've aligned our summer dinner dates with the Woodstock City Band's 138th Season. Those concerts will be Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Park in the Square. Mark your calendars for June 8, June 15, June 22, and June 29.

Our June 8 menu celebrates "picnic food" with burgers, hotdogs, and homemade potato salad. Make sure to wear your favorite baseball cap! The June 15 dinner will offer brats, hot off the grill and cole slaw. Fried chicken, hot rolls and salad grace the table for June 22. After your dinner, head down to the Square with your fellow FPC'ers for some good music and fellowship.

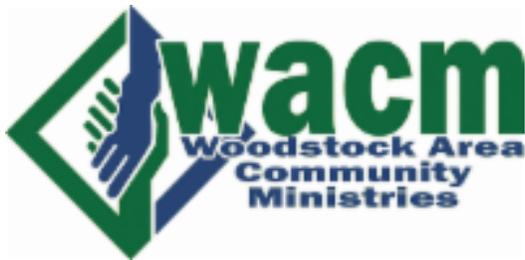
Come join us on the patio starting June 8!

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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| Carol Dahlgren | Loretta Nejd |
| Gail Abrams | Ken Sommerville |
| Jan Kennedy | Tom Thennes |
| Nick Botian | Tia Thorne |
| Tom Schwarz | Addie Sobczak |
| Kristen Matter | Ron Parrish |
| Tim Arnold | Loretta Nejd |
| Paul Thuma | Jim Higgins |
| Russ Warye | |

WACM (Woodstock Area Community Ministry)

WACM's Direct Assistance Program (DAP) is now meeting in person with community members in need. DAP volunteers are available to meet with Woodstock residents on the first and third Thursday each month from noon-3 PM to discuss ways to help with emergency financial needs. Assistance with past due rent or utility payments as well as gas vouchers, shoes, and clothing needs are the most requested kinds of help provided. Masks are required to be worn during these sessions and are provided to those without one. Grace Lutheran Church at 1300 W. Kishwaukee Valley Road kindly provides space for us to meet. Three volunteers from First Presbyterian Church help at DAP- Linda Hansen, Dave Davis, and Pat Morozink. Thank you to the volunteers and to the congregation for their support of WACM's mission.



Deacon Update for the Month of June

The Memorial Committee, which is part of the Deacons, will be funding the upgraded fireside room. We want to thank the Hospitality Committee member Pam Moorhouse, along with Nancy Bingham for putting this all together. What a great job they did! Please take a look at this inviting room!

We will be going back to coffee hours after church soon. Each Deacon will be responsible for a month and will be asking their flock at times to join them in hosting.

We are hoping to provide communion to shut-ins soon at the approval of session.

The deacons will be hosting an Ice Cream Social after church on June 5th in lieu of a deacon's brunch. Hoping you all can stay for a sweet treat!

Please let us know if there is anything we can help you with. Concerns, health issues and celebrations are helpful to know about as we continue to care for you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Boe

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May Session Notes

Clerk's Report: Session met with confirmands Addison Sobczak, Lydia Johanson, Ana Corbin, Collin Greenlee, and Evan Kaye. After delightful conversations, Session voted to receive all the confirmands.

Nominating Committee: The committee continued canvassing the congregation for current open and future positions.

COVID Task Force: The task force recommended Deacons be permitted to serve communion to shut-ins. Current mask optional protocol will be continued for worship. Food service indoors will be permitted starting in June.

Committee Reports:

Compassion, Peace and Justice: The committee will wait until fall to schedule a Land Conservancy speaker at a NOW event. There will be a ceremonial planting of Easter Lilies at a future worship service.

Education and Spiritual Growth: The Sunday School's noisy can offering proceeds went to Living Waters and the purchase of three lilac bushes that have been planted. VBS curriculum will be "The Church Family Gathers for Summer". VBS will be held after church on June 26, July 10, and July 24.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by Google Meet.

First Presbyterian Church will Participate in Pride Fest in Woodstock!

For the first time this year, our church will support the Pride Fest in Woodstock. We plan to have a table in the square and will give away candy and Pastor Hugs at the table.

The event will be on June 12, 2022 with a parade at 11:00 followed by a festival in the Square following the parade from noon to 5:00 PM.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the table before Noon and to take a shift or two to help staff the table to welcome visitors and share love and acceptance. Wear your rainbow colors and share the message of inclusion and welcome of diversity. To volunteer, sign up at the church, online at fpcwoodstock.org/PrideFest, or contact Sue Krause at 815-451-5385, shkrausel@yahoo.com or talk to Jeri at church!



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**Welcome, for a day of Celebration—
3rd Annual Interfaith Earth Festival.
Open to all! Youth, families and friends!**

A time for people of all ages and diverse traditions to pray and serve alongside one another.

A simple vegetarian lunch will be offered at 1PM. Please email interfaithbridge@gmail.com with special meal requests.

Music and prayer from different traditions will be shared starting at 2PM.

We will spend time in family-like groups to create Andy Goldsworthy-style artworks, and clean brush in the fields at Pleasant Valley Conservation Area. (Please wear bug spray, sturdy shoes, long pants and gloves).

We will conclude with music and prayers from a variety of traditions.

Location: At the beautiful **Pleasant Valley Conservation, 13119 Pleasant Valley Rd, Woodstock, IL**

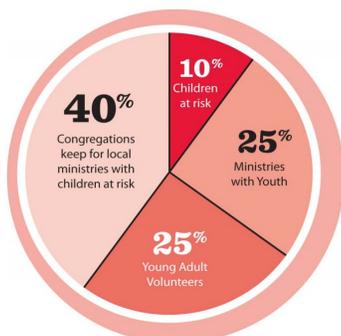


SPECIAL OFFERINGS

A gift to the **Pentecost Offering** helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

40% of the Pentecost offering will be retained by our church to donate to the **Child Advocacy Center** of McHenry County. This organization helps child victims of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse and their families, providing specialized interviewing to reduce trauma to the children, court support, case management and other counseling services to children and families victimized by this abuse.

The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



We have established a goal of \$1400 for this Special Offering. Please help us break the thermometer once again! Collections will be accepted anytime with the official collection being taken on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022. You may write a check to First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock with a memo indicating this is for Pentecost Offering, or donate at fpcwoodstock.org/giving.

No donation is too small! Thank you for your support of this important offering!

From the Finance Team June 2022

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

Presbytery- \$27.21

Synod- \$3.81

General Assembly-\$8.98

2022 Year Total- **\$40.00**

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!

News from the Worship Arts Committee

On May 22, we celebrated the confirmation of five young people in a special worship service. It was a delight to see the confirmands serving in leadership roles in the service as liturgists, leading the congregation in singing hymns, and with a special musical duet by Addison Sobczak and Chris Nejd. We also recognized Erin Kaye and Jackie Lawler for their work teaching Sunday School this year. A big “thank you” to the Hospitality and Now teams for hosting the cake and coffee reception for the confirmands following the service.

June 5, Pentecost Sunday. On Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter, Christians commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus’ early followers. Through the Holy Spirit, God empowers us to grow in faith, make more mature decisions and live more faithful lives. In addition to celebrating Pentecost, we will participate in Holy Communion. Parents Brian and Cindy Dahm will present their children, Jack and Laura, for baptism.

On June 19, Fathers’ Day, we recognize the men in our congregation.

Calling singers of all ages. We will have several opportunities this summer to join together to present special music.

On June 26, the ladies will sing a special ensemble piece.

July 17 service will feature the Men’s ensemble.

August 14, the full choir will present special music.



Kids Day Free Fishing Event, June 4



Looking for a great fun outing for your kids? Check out the Lake Geneva fishing club’s 31st Annual “Kids Day” fishing event on Saturday, June 4, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Big Foot Beach State Park, Lake Geneva, WI.

Kids must be accompanied by a parent or a responsible adult at least 21 years old to participate. The club will provide lunch, snacks, and beverages for kids up to age 15.

There are 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 required for this event. It’s Wisconsin’s Free Fishing Weekend!

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/UCxGIfuDXFmONo2cpjMjkoyg> 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.

First Presbyterian Church June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30 am 4:00 pm Lectionary Study Diaper Bank distribution	2	3	4 7:00 am 9:00 am Men's Bible Study Kids Day Free Fishing Event
5 9:30 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm Worship Ice cream social Interfaith Earth Festival	6	7 7:00 pm Education and Spiritual Growth	8 7:30 am 5:15 pm 6:30 pm Lectionary Study NOW Dinner No-Name Knitters	9 5:00 pm 7:00 pm Hospitality Team Finance Team	10	11 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
12 9:30 am 11:00 am Worship Woodstock Pride Fest 2022	13	14 10:00 am 7:00 pm TLC Ladies Deacons	15 7:30 am 5:15 pm Lectionary Study NOW Dinner	16 6:00 pm Compassion, Peace and Justice	17	18 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
19 9:30 am Worship	20	21 6:00 pm Session	22 7:30 am 5:15 pm Lectionary Study NOW Dinner	23 6:30 pm Worship Arts Mtg	24	25 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
26 9:30 am 10:30 am Worship VBS	27	28 6:00 pm NOW Team	29 7:30 am 5:15 pm Lectionary Study NOW Dinner	30		

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