

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.

Back to the Grind?

It is now August, and for many, that brings a return to the routine of school and "fall" activities. I hope it's not too much of a "grind," though! Some have been traveling, enjoying the beauty of God's creation, and now you're back home for a while. I hope that we can all enjoy the gifts of God in our everyday lives, as well as in the grand adventures. Psalm 118:24 says "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Every day is a day for rejoicing!

August 1st also brings my first anniversary of serving God alongside you as your pastor. The pandemic has brought about creativity in ways that we worship and serve together. I've seen some of you more often on my computer screen than in person, and that is certainly a different way of beginning a pastorate! I am grateful for our time together over the past year, and I look forward to many years of ministry together. My hope is that we can resume more activities this coming year than we were able to do in the past year. I'm excited to hear your creative ideas as we explore new ways to be the body of Christ in Woodstock and beyond. Got ideas? Let me know!

Thanks to all who played a role in my installation service on July 31st. It was a joyous time as we formalized my role as your pastor. If you missed it, you can view the video and see photos at fpcwoodstock.org/installation.

I hope to see you in worship, in meetings, and in fellowship soon. 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



August 2022



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Sunday Worship Services

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

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TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

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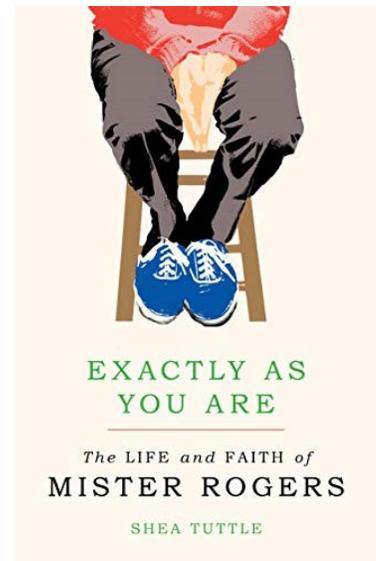


Book Discussion – Open to All!

On Sundays at 6pm in August, we will be holding a discussion online about the book *Exactly as You Are: The Life and Faith of Mister Rogers* by Shea Tuttle. It's a fun and easy read. Copies will be available at the church office late on Wednesday afternoon for \$17.76 each. However, you can access the book online for free through Hoopla at <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13757258>. (If you prefer to get your own copy in hardcover or Kindle editions, the link at Amazon is <https://smile.amazon.com/dp/0802876552>.)

After we complete the book, we'll gather to watch the Mister Rogers movie.

For this Sunday, August 7th, we'll read the Introduction and the first four chapters (pages 1-33). Let Pastor Eric know if you plan to join in this book discussion, even if you'll miss a week or two, by emailing eric@fpcwoodstock.org.



Sunday School Update: RALLY DAY!!



Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11th - the first day of Sunday school! We will kick off the new school year with a fun activity and lesson. Sunday School will take place every second and fourth Sunday beginning September 11th, immediately following the "Time with Children" during the 9:30a.m. worship service. We hope to see you there!

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

The group is meeting virtually using 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 at vmdownes@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m.

Join us via Google Meet for Bible study on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Contact John Moorhouse, 815-236-7408 johnmoorhouse54@gmail.com to get connected through Google Meets and to obtain a copy of the material.

All are welcome to join with us during this time of learning, understanding, and fellowship, as in faith that God is in charge and by the grace of God, we will experience His love in right relationship with Him through His son Jesus.

TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

Spreading the vision of Matthew 25 across the Church

by Melody K. Smith | Presbyterian News Service

The 1,000th congregation to join Matthew 25 is Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Highland has long been committed to the emphases of the Matthew 25 vision, even before the movement began. From its founding in 1949, Highland has been actively involved in the community in ministries that challenge structural racism and address poverty — all the while maintaining a vibrant congregational life centered in worship, learning and caring.

The church has longstanding partnerships with other congregations in the community as it's studied and discussed the realities of racism, partnered to build Habitat houses, shared in pulpit exchanges and more. In fact, the first interracial, interfaith Habitat build in the world happened in Winston-Salem through this partnership.

Members and friends of Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, pack meals for Rise Against Hunger. (Photo courtesy of Highland Presbyterian Church)

The church also actively supports over 20 organizations in the community with funding and volunteers as members and friends address issues of systemic poverty and suffering among their most vulnerable neighbors.

According to Randy Harris, pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church, "Our session's decision to join in the Matthew 25 movement came as the result of a recommendation from Highland's HEART Force (Highland Equity and Anti-Racism Task Force), recognizing the benefits that may come in connecting more intentionally with this denominational effort. We're glad to be part of it and know that we're better together!"

Highland Presbyterian joined 999 other churches, 87 mid councils and 54 groups like colleges, caucuses and prison ministries on the journey to live out Matthew 25 and help the denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. These commitments have re-energized faith and inspired many to unite for a common identity — to do mission.

To see the map and list of all congregations, groups and mid councils, [click here](#). You can learn more about the work of each congregation through their stories and videos.



August Birthdays

- Matt Petrik-8/1
- Ryan Wormley-8/1
- Jean Chase-8/2
- Calvin Wormley-8/3
- Cameron Wormley-8/3
- JT Wormley-8/3
- Georgia Collins-8/4
- Sue Slack-8/4
- John Moorhouse-8/11
- Charles Boe-8/12
- Shari Oleson-8/13
- Angela Thuma-8/13
- Gary Mazur-8/19
- Adam Zingrone-8/19
- Mark Morozink-8/20
- Linda Hansen-8/24
- Bob Boyne-8/26
- Vicki Thuma-8/26
- Cary Cook-8/27
- Philip Dahm-8/27
- Karen Thennes-8/2



August Anniversaries

- Steve and Nancy Bingham-8/06
- Tom and Karen Thennes-8/08
- Charles and Angela Boe-8/10
- Jack and Kay Darby-8/17
- John and Pam Moorhouse-8/28

August WACM Notes



The WACM Board of Directors extends a big thank you to all the people who have generously volunteered at the Clothing Closet over the years. The Clothing Closet has been a wonderful resource for the Direct Assistance Program which has provided vouchers for clothing or household items to residents in need. The Clothing Closet has been a steady financial supporter of WACM as well. We say a sad farewell to this organization and its volunteers as it permanently closes its doors. Thank you to the Clothing Closet for all the service you offered in Woodstock!

Compassion Peace and Justice News

Elderwerks is a complimentary not-for-profit organization helping to find assisted living or any type of senior housing or elder care solutions for your or your loved ones. We help older adults and seniors through the transition from one home to another or finding the services they need to remain in their home. Our "Senior Advisor" will discuss all aspects of moving with you and help you achieve you long-term lifestyle goals.

FPCW AND TLC PRESENT

ELDERWERKS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Speaker- Deana Liss
 Tuesday, August 9 at 10:30
 First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock
 2018 N. RT 47
 Woodstock, IL 60098

We encourage you to bring a friend or relative that could benefit from these FREE services!
 Elderwerks Educational Services is a not-for-profit organization offering senior living coordination.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WOODSTOCK For more information 815-338-2627

August Red Wagon Items



Peanut Butter and Jelly (in plastic Jars) and Jell-O and Pudding Mix

The most beneficial way to donate is to donate monetarily. The Pantry uses that money to buy nutritious "staples" to have in stock at all times.

www.woodstockfoodpantry.org

Our Thoughts and prayers...

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| Paul Thuma | Tom Thennes | Matt Wormley |
| Vicki Thuma | Gail Abrams | Rick Morozink |
| Julie | Jan Kennedy | |

Deacon Update for August

A report was given from the Memorial Committee, which is part of the Deacons about improving the church sign. We are investigating purchasing newer digital sign panels as it is the reason it is hard to read and our program is outdated. Matt Thuma, John Moorhouse and Pastor Eric are looking at some options and costs. Hopefully the cost can come from the Memorial Fund.



We have assigned coffee hour by months to Deacon members with the hopes of having their flocks help out in the hosting. Please help out if you get a call and get to know your Deacon and the congregation better!

Deacons discussed members who are going through certain difficulties who need some special care.

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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SESSION NOTES FOR AUGUST

Session Notes for July

Nominating Committee: Bob Clark reported that we received more declines from our asks for both deacon and elder positions. The committee will meet again to regroup on filling the current open positions

Compassion, Peace and Justice: Our Pentecost offering is now at approximately \$1,000 vs. goal of \$1,400. Diaper bank participants are increasing.

Education and Spiritual Growth: Jackie Lawler reported consideration of adding a VBS event in the fall and will provide an update at the August session meeting. Confirmation will switch to an "every other year" cycle with the hope to have increased participation. Sunday School is planned for kick-off on September 11.

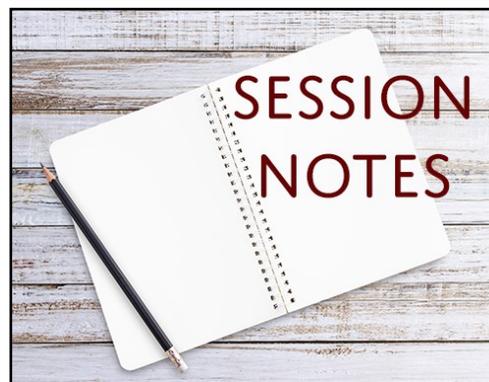
Building and Grounds: We have been displeased with the current cleaning service and we have new cleaning people. Dawn Cook noted the need for volunteers to organize and periodically clean all classrooms as the service does not clean those rooms.

Personnel: The committee will be meeting with Jeri for a 90-day review of her responsibilities.

Other Business

Session approved a motion to form a taskforce to address redecorating the Great Hall to make it more spiritual.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, August 21st at 11:00 a.m.



Finance Team for August Newsletter

Summary Finance Review 6-30-22 (provided by Cary Cook Treasurer)

FPC continues to remain in a sound financial position, and we remain debt free. Our operating net income is at a (\$16K) deficit position, an \$11K improvement in where we projected to be at six months (\$27K). With the improvement we have not moved \$10K from the Endowment Fund for our planned deficit funding. Continued Covid and economy impacts have slowed the return to more normalized church activities.

Contributions overall at \$118K are just over budget in total. Pledged shortfall exists with 20 of 48 contributors behind but is more than offset by growth in unpledged support being received. Those behind are mostly just one payment back and catchup is expected as is historically experienced. No pledge is felt in jeopardy at this point. Other income mainly in the form of specific mission efforts are progressing as planned as well. Local mission commitments will be reviewed for next month.

June is kind of our catchup month as we submit our mission payments as collected or pledged to date. All of our Presbytery special offering collections and our annual per capita and mission pledge totaling just over \$20K were remitted as planned. Lesser activities in educational activities, building use equipment and building repairs have allowed us to lessen expenses. Other categories of expense remain under control and within budget plans.

On the Balance Sheet we remain in good position as well. Operating account level is now down to acceptable levels with payouts of our mission commitments.

Operating Budget Results

June 2022 Operating Budget				
<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance vs Budget</u>	<u>Annual 2022 Budget</u>
Contributions Income	\$118,284	\$117,090	\$1,194	\$215,295
All Other Income	\$7,265	\$6,825	\$440	\$60,960
Total Income	\$125,549	\$123,915	\$1,634	\$276,255
<u>Expenses</u>				
Staff	\$93,822	\$100,706	(\$6,884)	\$206,929
All Other Expenses	\$47,500	\$59,955	(\$12,455)	\$104,248
Total Expense	\$141,322	\$160,661	(\$19,339)	\$311,177
Net Ordinary Income	(\$15,773)	(\$36,746)	\$20,973	(\$34,922)

All Income categories are basically even with the YTD Budget. **We thank you for your continued generosity!**

All Expense categories are favorable to YTD Budget from ~\$1,000 to ~\$4,000.

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FPC Woodstock Market Value History											
Initial Deposit \$800,000 5/11/15											
Date	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	2021	June 2022
Withdrawals	(\$15,191)	(\$30,572)	(\$32,708)	(\$33,825)	(\$34,210)	(\$37,267)	(\$10,263)	(\$10,576)	(\$10,934)	(\$42,493)	(\$19,756)
Market Value @ Period End	\$757,756	\$770,656	\$840,036	\$779,705	\$901,613	\$999,675	\$1,020,023	\$1,061,958	\$1,049,420	\$1,093,908	\$899,183
										Total Quarterly Distributions	\$246,022
										Current Value Plus Distributions	\$1,145,205
										Total Return	\$345,205

PER CAPITA Reminder

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/percapita-and-mission-giving/>.

Current Per Capita for Blackhawk Presbytery Congregations in 2022 is \$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!

Worship Offerings Help Needed

We are seeking volunteers to help with this task each week. Our security process requires that we have two people count the weekly offering proceeds. We need a volunteer each week to perform this task on a weekday with Jeri Loiselle during Jeri's typical office schedule. Jeri has placed a signup sheet in the entryway for your convenience. Thanks for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Clark – Finance Team Lead

And appreciation for our Finance Team Members: Cary Cook, Dave Davis, Pastor Eric, Vicki Thuma, Jeri Loiselle.

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From the Worship Arts Committee

Blessing of the Backpacks on August 14

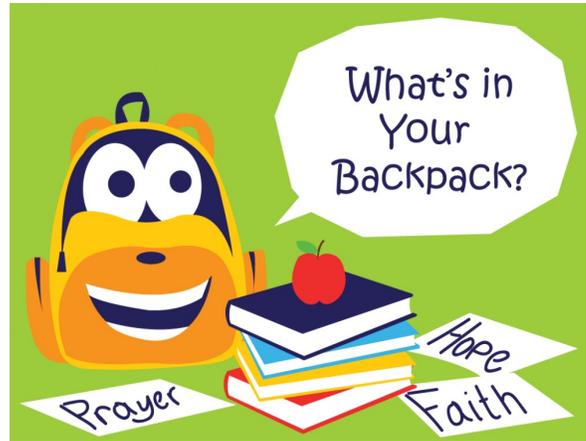
Heading to school this fall? Bring your school backpack to church for the blessing of the backpacks, and take home a specially designed bag tag.

Kick Off Sunday, September 11

There is activity for the whole family at church on Kick Off Sunday as we begin the fall season with worship and the first day of Sunday School classes.

Help Wanted!!!

Looking for volunteers to work in the sound booth or live-streaming the Sunday worship services. If interested, contact Chris Nejd, canejd@hotmail.com.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Installation of our Pastor Eric Corbin! For photos and the video, visit

fpcwoodstock.org/installation.



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September 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 31 9:30am Worship 3:00pm Installation of Pastor Eric Corbin	Aug 1	2	3 7:30am Lectionary Study 4:00pm Diaper Bank distribution	4 5:00pm Hospitality Team 6:00pm NOW Team 7:00pm Finance Team	5	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study
7 9:30am Worship 10:30am Full Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Book Study -	8	9 10:00am TLC Ladies Meeting and Presentation 7:00pm Deacons	10 7:30am Lectionary Study 6:30pm No-Name Knitters	11	12	13 7:00am Men's Bible Study
14 Backpack blessing 9:30am Worship 11:00am Education Team 6:00pm Book Study	15	16	17 7:30am Lectionary Study	18 6:00pm Compassion, Peace and Justice	19	20 7:00am Men's Bible Study
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