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.

For All the Saints...

On Sunday, we commemorated All Saints' Day in worship. We brought to mind those who have died in the last twelve months, thinking of their lives and legacies. We also thought of all of those who went before us in the faith, whether related by familial or spiritual ties. As we remember the Saints of the past, we are to be the Saints of the present, empowering the Saints of the future — and we do all of these things together, as a community of faith. All the while, the great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1) surrounds us and cheers us on.

I was also surprised on Sunday by a lovely Pastor Appreciation Day! Thanks so much for the cake, cards, candy, tie, notes from the children, and all of your kind words. It is an honor to serve God alongside you! I appreciate you, too!

Halloween has now passed and the year seems to really speed up from here. Soon enough it will be Christmas, but let's not start counting the days just yet. While my Facebook feed today included at least one person (not in this community) whose house is fully decorated for Christmas, I'm first looking forward to joining with you on Sundays in November for brunch (11/6), a baptism (11/13), pledge Sunday (11/20), Thanksgiving Sunday (also 11/20), and decorating the Great Hall (also 11/20), all before we get to the First Sunday of Advent (11/27). I also look forward to gathering with you for worship, NOW Dinners, committee meetings, and however else we may gather.

If you can't make it to the Great Hall for worship, please join in online. You can do so by going to fpcwoodstock.org/worship. I'd love to hear from you about your experience of worship, whether online or in person.

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 fpcwoodstock. or fb.com/pastorericcorbin and the church at fpcwoodstock.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Eric

November 2022



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Sunday Worship Services

In the Great Hall @ 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School
After Children's Time
on November 6th and 20th



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TOGETHER TO LAUGH AND LEARN

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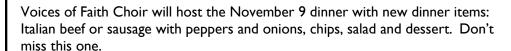
Join Us for the Fall N.O.W. Dinners!

The N.O.W. Dinner team has finalized our 2022 brunch and dinner schedule. We hope we'll see you soon for some good food and excellent fellowship.

The November 2 dinner will feature pulled pork and burgers, baked beans and cole slaw.

Brunch returns on Sunday, November 6. Sit down after worship to eggs, sausage,

bagels and fruit before you head out to finish your Sunday.



Our fall dinner series concludes on November 16 with our traditional Thanksgiving feast. N.O.W. will provide turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, with congregation members supplying the side dishes. We already have commitments for sweet potatoes, green bean casseroles, salad, and rolls. Please let Lee Nejdl or Cheryl Wormley know if you've got a family favorite that you'd like to share with us.

Finally, thanks to everyone who came out on October 26 for the Youth Group spaghetti dinner. Your generous contribution raised \$498 to help fund future Youth Group events. Thank you for all your support for our youth!

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.



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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 or johnmoorhouse54@gmail.com, to get connected through Google Meet 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 God's love in right relationship through God's son Jesus.

CARING TOGETHER

Sunday School Update:

Our next Sunday School class will be November 6th. We will begin practicing for the Children's Christmas Program!!

This year's Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 11th, in conjunction with the Musical Cantata, during the 9:30am worship service. All children are welcome to participate, regardless of past Sunday School involvement! (Feel free to invite your friends!)

We also welcome any middle schoolers and high schoolers who are interested in helping us with behind-the-scenes activities (costume changes, prompting entrance cues, and general kid-wrangling)!



We are looking forward to a fun holiday season. Please let us know if you have any questions. We hope to see you all on Sunday, November 6th!

Middle School and High School Youth Group

Attending Woodstock's Annual Christmas Parade

Bring a blanket and grab a cup of hot chocolate and maybe a cookie or two and settle in to watch the Christmas Parade as a group! The parade is Sunday, November 27th at 2pm. We will plan to meet at a location near the square about 1pm and then walk to the square to find a spot to watch from. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. Please let Jackie Lawler or Erin Kaye know if you can make it!

Stronghold Retreat

The Stronghold Retreat will be held, Friday, November 11th at 7pm to Sunday, November 13th at noon. There will be fun, games, music, a Mission project, campfire and more! It is \$135/person (\$85 for adult leaders). This includes lodging in the Castle and Carriage House, 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Please let Jeri know if you

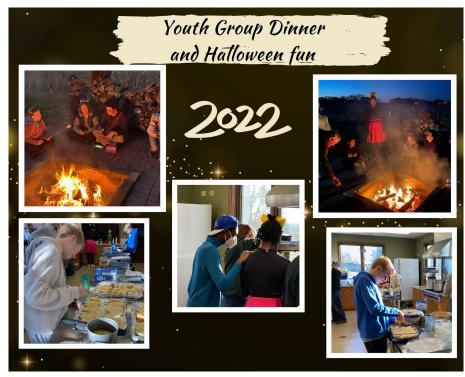
will be attending.

Youth Group Help Wanted

We need your help! We would like to ask for volunteers to please sign up to lead an activity for a month. We want the youth to have input in the type of events that are planned and make this an exciting time for them! Please use the link to sign-up.

Youth Group Activity Sign-up

Pictured to the right are members of our Youth Group working hard to serve up the spaghetti for our N.O.W. Dinner and enjoying the Halloween celebration by the fire pit last month.



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November Birthdays

Ray Thuma—II/3 Benjamin Walters—I I/3 Lee Nejdl—I I/4 Jalina Petrik-11/6 John Rigby—-II/6 Michael Downes—11/8 Christopher Corbin—II/II Lora Totton Schwarz—11/12 Kyle Lafontaine—II/I6 Chris Nejdl—I I/I7 Tom Schwarz—II/I8 Mary Grace Ferguson—I I/20 Steve Bingham—I I/22 Brenda Bradley—I I/23 Anne Nelson—I I/23 Fred Strauss—II/24

Happy Anniversary

Evey Davis-11/26

November Anniversaries

Tim and Barbara Arnold—I I/I
Cary and Dawn Cook—I I/5
Iulie and Ken Farver—I I/9

WACM News

Thank you to the congregation at First Presbyterian for the support you provide to WACM. Members attended the Crandall's chicken dinner fundraiser, donated coats and other winter gear which were distributed to community members in need and contributed financially to help fund the Direct Assistance Program (DAP).



WACM chicken dinner at Crandall's

Requests for help with rent or

utilities assistance plus gas vouchers continue to be the most common aid provided through DAP. As Thanksgiving approaches, we give thanks for all the support provided by First Presbyterian and its members.

No Name Knitters



The knitters and crocheters have been very busy making items for various community groups. We have donated winter hats and scarves to School District 200 Kindness Closets, the Woodstock Public Library, Community Health Partnership, and baby hats to the First Way Pregnancy Support Center. We also sent bags of prayer shawls with John and Marla Rigby when they transported cleaning buckets to the people of Bonita Springs, FL. for hurricane relief.

If you are unable to join us at our meetings, but would like to knit or crochet items from your home, please contact Kay Darby. She will give you all the information you need. We need many hands to help us in our mission to give warmth and comfort to others!

Our group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30. We will not meet the 4th Wednesday of November, however, due to Thanksgiving. Please call Kay Darby at 815-572-1729 if you have any questions.

Annual Craft Fair

FPC's second annual craft fair will be coming soon. We are planning to hold it the same morning as the Christmas cantata -- Sunday, December 11th -- in the back of the Great Hall. Plan to get some great gifts for those on your list. And keep working on your crafts to contribute.

Last year we sold pottery, dish towels, napkins, shopping bags, potholders, and much more. Anything handmade is welcome. All proceeds are contributed to the youth program of our church. For questions about how to participate, call the office.

Our Thoughts and prayers are with...

Gail Abrams, Tom Thennes, Kristen Matter, Sue Hunt, Tom Schwarz, Tim Arnold, Barb Arnold, Benjamin Sauer, Aaron, Phil Dahm, Blakely Stock, Jamie Robinett, Val Ayers, Barb Parrish.



CARING TOGETHER



DEACON UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER:

We are happy to be continuing to offer coffee hour after church hosted by the Deacons. This month Barb Parrish with the help of members of the congregation will be serving. Hope to see many of you after church!

Deacons discussed members who are going through certain difficulties who need some special care. We have been in contact with them through phone, email and in person. Dinners have also been taken to members in need and prayer shawls made by the "No Name Knitters" have been delivered.

We are still looking for people to join us on Deacons. Please let us know if you would be interested.

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.

Angie Boe 815-338-7782 Pam Moorhouse 815-814-5585 Sherry Thuma 815-338-4094

John Moorhouse 815-236-7408 Barb Parrish 815-338-8112 Cheryl Wormley 815-519-7402

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Watch for a stewardship letter and 2023 pledge card in your mail this month. Now is the time to give thanks for your blessings, consider an appropriate response, and make your pledge for the year ahead. Pledge Sunday will be November 20th.

The Generosity Team

November Red Wagon Items for the Food Pantry



Shampoo, Bath Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, Laundry Soap.



Did you know?

The Food Pantry accepts and prefers monetary donations so that they can keep essential food staples in stock for people in need.



October YTD 2022 Operating Budget					
Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance vs Budget		Annual 2022 Budget
Contributions	\$148,490	\$148,750	(\$260)		\$215,295
Income All Other	<u>\$8,124</u>	<u>\$7,605</u>	<u>\$519</u>	-	\$60,960
Income	\$156,614	\$156,355	\$259		\$276,255
Total Income					
Expenses.				-	-
Staff	\$146,202	\$153,465	(\$7,263)	-	\$206,929
All Other Expenses	\$66,023	\$78,249	(\$12,226)	-	\$104,248
Total Expense	\$212,225	\$231,714	(\$19,489)		\$311,177
Net Ordinary Income	(\$55,611)	(\$75,359)	\$19,748		(\$34,922)

McCollough Endowment Investment Summary

- The Portfolio ended 3Q22 at \$854,167 vs. previous quarter end value of \$899,183 and withdrawals of \$9,262.75
- Global equity markets had a negative third quarter. When the final Wall Street bell tolled on September 30th, all major equity markets were red. Further, entering Q4 2022, the DJIA and S&P 500 are both at their lowest since November 2020, while NASDAQ is at its lowest since the end of July 2020.
- For the third quarter of 2022: The DJIA dropped 6.7%; The S&P 500 lost 5.3%; NASDAQ lost 4.1%; and the Russell 2000 declined 3.6%.
- As the Fed increased interest rates during the quarter, to fight inflation, bond prices declined. The average intermediate bond fund dropped -4.64%.
- Due to the market value Session decided to suspend the quarterly distributions as September Balance Sheet shows ~\$150,000 Undesignated from the previous quarterly distributions.

A gentle reminder to fulfill your 2022 pledges. Our non-pledged contributions are favorable to budget YTD but pledged income is unfavorable to budget YTD. Also, we will appreciate receiving your per capita donation if it was not already submitted. Please look forward to seeing information from Stewardship shortly.





October Session Notes

Nominating Committee: Kristen Matter has agreed to be nominated for Deacons. Tentative date for a congregational meeting to elect her is November 6.

Compassion, Peace and Justice: The committee is seeking a Spanish speaker for diaper distribution. Katherine Greenlee assisted at the last distribution and was a big help.

Congregational Life: The photo directory needs updating; Deacons lead this project last year, but Congregation Life could help if needed, possibly by scheduling an event in conjunction with picture taking.

Education and Spiritual Growth: The committee is searching for a Go and Serve trip in 2023. Eric is working on a book study for Advent. The committee is working with Building and Grounds to finalize a location for the library.

Ministry Support – Personnel: Dawn has prepared a draft of Eric's annual review and gave access to all session members; Session will need to put together an action plan for 2023. This may be done as part of a separate meeting or retreat to talk about the future of church.

Worship, Music and Arts: Sanctuary decorating for Advent with pizza supplied by Hospitality will take place on November 20 after worship. There will be a December 11 cantata with Winds off Lake plus Sunday School participation. The task force working on Great Hall enhancements has purchased two banners to be hung next to the monitors. They are multicolored to fit with any liturgical color, and were funded from the Chancel fund. Worship will work with B&G to get these hung.

Other Business:

Facility Use Agreement: Eric led a discussion of the current agreement for building use. The requirements, including additional insured coverage of \$1,000,000 might knock out some groups. Bob will discuss needs with our insurance agent, who might be able to provide such coverage for a nominal sum. A motion to approve building use without charge or insurance for the upcoming Maples piano concert was made, seconded and approved.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

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Jackie Lawler

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Clerk of Session

Mark Bundick 815-337-9068 or mbundick@comcast.net

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

News from Worship

Veteran's Day is November 11, an opportunity to recognize our veterans for their service and for the sacrifices they have made for our country.

Our Advent kick off event is the Christmas Tree decorating party on November 20. After worship we will have a fun intergenerational gathering with activities for our youngest participants, supplies for making Chrismons for use in the Advent season, and decorating of the Christmas tree by adults and older youth. Pizza will be served for a fun lunch.

Save the date for these special Advent worship opportunities:

1st Sunday of Advent, November 27, Chrismon service

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4, Communion Sunday and special music by the Bell Choir.

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11–Cantata Sunday with the intergenerational choir, Sunday School youth, accompanied by Roger Dickman and Winds Off the Lake.

4th Sunday of Advent, December 18. Bell Choir will perform.

Christmas Eve, December 24, a Candlelight Service for the entire family at 4:30 pm.

Christmas Day Service Online available on demand at 9:30 am.

New Year's Day Service Online, available on demand at 9:30 am

Have you noticed something new in the Great Hall? A big thank you to the committee of Julie Farver, Nancy Bingham, Pam Moorhouse and Angie Boe, for selecting the Faith and Love banners and hardware to enhance the Great Hall. Thanks to Matt Thuma for a great job on the installation!



Worship Volunteers Schedule

Date	Liturgist	A/V	Usher	Acolyte
11/6/2022	Jim Wormley	Rob McMahon	Chris and Lee Nejdl	Noa Moorhouse
11/13/2022	John Moorhouse	Dave Johanson	Pat and Rick Morozink	Emily Lawler
11/20/2022	Evan Kaye	Rob McMahon	Bob Clark	Braden Ferrera
11/27/2022	Tiffany Sobczak	Dave Johanson	Pam and John Moorhouse	Erik Johanson

November 2022

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Wednesday	All Souls' Day 730 AM Lectionary Study 430 PM Diaper Bank distribution 431 FM NOW Dinner 611 FM Advanced Ringers Rehearsal 730 FM Choir Rehearsal	7.30 AM Lectionary Study 5.15 PM NUVW Dinner 6.15 PM WN Ringers Reharsal 6.30 PM Cantata Reharsal 7.30 PM Cantata Reharsal	16 7-30 AM Lectionary Study 5-15 PM NOW Dinner Thankagiving 6-15 PM Advanced Ringers Rehearsal 7-30 PM Cantata Rehearsal	7.30 AM Lectionary Study	30 7:30 AM Lectionary Study 6:15 PM Advanced Ringers Rehearsal 7:30 PM Cantata Rehearsal	FPCW
Tuesday	First Day of American Indian Heritage Month All Saintes Day 6:30 PM Worship Arts Mtg	Election Day 10:00 AM Tic Lides 7:00 PM Deacons	15	6:00 PM NOW Team 22	29	5 Notes Christian Holidays
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