

The Voice

First Presbyterian Church

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September 2026

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

As we enter September, a renewed sense of excitement and joy fills our church. Energy fills our worship, fellowship, ministries, and the ways we continue to care for one another and reach out to our community.

Our sermon series, *God is in the Details...Our Stories*, continues this month. Through this series, we are reflecting on God's presence in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of our lives. I encourage each of us to remain awake to God at work in us; to notice the moments, conversations, challenges, blessings, and unexpected circumstances where God may be speaking and guiding us. Sometimes God's presence is obvious; other times, we recognize it only in hindsight. May we become more attentive to the sacred details woven throughout our stories.

We are also excited about the arrival of Fall and all the wonderful programs and opportunities happening in the life of our church. One special day to look forward to is **Family and Friends Sunday on September 13**. I hope you will invite someone to come with you for worship. This opportunity is not only to celebrate who we are, but also to welcome others into the joy of our church family.

As our excitement and joy continue to grow, an important question lies before us: How do we keep this momentum as we close out 2026? I believe the answer begins with continuing to participate, invite, encourage, pray, and remain open to where God is leading us.

Thank you for all that you do, for all the time you give, the ministries you support, the prayers you offer, and the countless ways you serve. It is a gift to be part of this church family.

Peace,

Lex

Treasurer's Report-As of July 31, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)
Income	252,158	248,139	4,019
Expenses			
Benevolences	18,761	20,511	(1,750)
Church Staff	170,567	177,038	(6,471)
Administrative	32,660	26,460	6,200
Worship	3,612	4,463	(851)
Christian Life	4,621	6,854	(2,233)
Property	21,126	24,623	(3,497)
Missional Outreach	84	1,633	(1,549)
Buddenbaum	3,375	2,917	458
	254,806	264,499	(9,693)
Net Total	(2,648)	(16,360)	13,712

The summary operating statement as of July 31 is presented above. We are \$4,019 ahead of budget on the revenue side, \$9,693 below budget on the expense side, with a year-to-date deficit of \$2,648. Your ongoing financial support of First Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Karen Durbin, Treasurer



We will host our church picnic on the playground lawn and back parking lot on Sunday, September 20th at 4pm. The church will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks, and paper supplies. Please bring your favorite picnic side or dessert. We will have a tent for shade if you want to eat outside, tables indoors, and games for everyone that wants to participate. Come and join us for the fun!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1~Jack Cody	18~Megan VerCautren
1~Henry Skinner	19~Justin West
4~Peyton Courtney	20~Lucia Robertson
7~Ashlee Dochniak	21~Brian Courtney
10~Layne Wolfrom	22~Lucy LeBuhn
10~Joe Suitor	26~Eli Brown, Leslie Peebles
14~Henry Stratemeyer	28~Philip Mayne
16~Ted Mungle, Debra Pfeiffer	
17~Matthew Dochniak	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

16~Evan & Karen Brown	

Lifelong Learning Class Schedule

The Lifelong Learning Class will continue to meet Sundays before the church service in Memorial Hall. Our schedule of studies will include the following:

August 16-September 6~Reverend Lex's class on Hell

September 13~Discussion on history of First Presbyterian Paducah with Jim Hank

September 20-October 4~Our Story is Just Beginning: After Pentecost, Before Advent with David Banister

October 11-November 15~Priest, Prophet, King-Bishop Robert Barron

The class has not yet decided on their next course of study in November. Everyone is invited to join the discussion and share their ideas.

Peace.

Ralph

September Worship

September 6-*God Is in the Details...Reconciliation in Our Stories*
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13-*God Is in the Details...Being a Companion in Others' Stories*
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20-*Stories of Generosity...A Jonah Story*
Jonah 3:10-4:11

September 27-*Stories of Generosity...A Philippi Story*
Philippians 2:1-13

Youth Choir/Youth Group

The youth will have their first meeting on Sunday, September 13th with choir from 4:30-5:30pm followed by youth group from 5:30-6:30pm.

Wonderful Wednesdays Resume!

Wonderful Wednesdays are every Wednesday. Our four-year-olds through 5th graders gather for a time of fellowship, learning, crafts, and music for personal and congregational enrichment from 4-5:30pm. We will be learning about Jonah and the Big Fish. Mark your calendar for October 14th's Family Night Supper where they will share their music with you!

We will share our Advent music during worship on Sunday, December 13th, so make plans now for that service!

Book Club

Book Club will resume on Thursday, September 17th at 1:30pm at the home of Shirley Wrinkle. Please note that we plan to meet on the third **Thursday** of each month. The book for September is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.

Presbyterian Women

The 2026-27 Horizon's Bible Study is "*United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*." Our first meeting will be held on September 8th at 10am in the church library. Monthly meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. If you were unable to attend the brunch, you can still purchase your book (\$15 regular print, \$20 large print) and make your donation to the mission fund. Copies can be found in the church office while supplies last. We will place another order, if needed. The PW directory has been updated and can be picked up in the church office as well. Please bring your favorite snack for the Hospice Center.



Christian Life Committee:

Sunday School classes for children and youth will not be held on September 6th due to the Labor Day Weekend.



A huge thank you for the Tikes (ages 4-5th grade) for your support at the lemonade stand in August. These young folks received \$828.00 in donations to help supply food for our church food pantry. We have made several trips to our pantry this year and donate a portion of our offering each Sunday to keep it supplied. It is our plan to make a monthly shopping list and place \$50 worth of food on the pantry shelves. We want to thank Amanda Iwanski and Linda Suitor for making cookies. Caroline Murphy brought some canned vegetables and other items from her garden. Mia and Makenna VerCautren loaned us their lemonade stand. We stayed cool(er) under the Bowden's tent. The highlight of the day was when Karen Durbin brought "Pretzel" (her dog). But most importantly were the Tikes and their families who shared their day with the community. Very fun day! You may see us again (on a cooler day) 😊.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 6-NO Sunday School for children or youth (due to Labor Day Weekend)

Monday, September 7-Labor Day-Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8-PW Circle in the church library 10am

Tuesday, September 8-CLC Meeting 5pm & Worship Committee Meeting 6pm

Sunday, September 13-Friends & Family Sunday in Worship

Monday, September 14-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm

Tuesday, September 15-Session 7pm

Thursday, September 17-Book Club at Wrinkle home 1:30pm

Sunday, September 20-Church Picnic 4pm at FPC

Monday, September 21-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm

Thursday, September 24-TOTs 6pm

Monday, September 28-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm

Monday, September 28-LILs 6pm

