

First Presbyterian Church

THE VOICE August 2022

TO KNOW
HIM AND TO
MAKE HIM
KNOWN

Dear Friends,

Greetings! It is with great joy and anticipation that I write to you as the new minister of First Presbyterian Church. For many months, I have prayed for this community of faith and our collective ministry together. As we embark on this new season of life, I look forward to shared meals, conversation, laughter, and experiencing Christ in our midst.

This summer, I have been reflecting on Colossians 3:16-17, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." These words to the people of Colossae demonstrate the deep call of Christian discipleship: to be people transformed by God's word in spirit and action; to be faith-filled bearers of Christ to one another and to do all things with thanks and praise. Through the lens of these verses and God's call on our lives, we experience the way God unifies the church. We're reminded that Christ not only dwells in us but sends us into the world as people rich in hope.

My prayer for First Presbyterian is that we be a church filled with God's welcome. In a world desperate for restoration, may we be disciples centered in Christ's peace. That, altered by Christ's presence, we go to the ends of the earth with gratitude and joy. True transformation of the soul begins with hearts centered on God, relationships built by trust, and lips proclaiming gratitude.

Already, God has been at work in this community. Your faith, commitment, prayers for the future of the church, and care for all people shines the light of Christ into the world. I am honored to be called to serve alongside the good work that you have begun. In Christ, and through Christ, let us hold fast to the foundation of faith that joins us in joy, peace, and love. May it be so.

Always in Christ,
Rev. Lex M. Allum

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(First Presbyterian of Paducah)

WORSHIP

August 7

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
The Foundation of Faith

August 14

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Acts 2:14-17, 43-47
People Who Dream

August 21

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 13:10-17
Only Days That End in "Y"

August 28

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Psalms 112
Great Delight!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

August will be a time of Revelation in Fellowship Hall, literally so. We will spend the entire month looking at various Scriptures from the most misunderstood book of the Bible. We are in the book of Revelation!

The unit is titled "The Great Hope of the Saints." For our football fans, this has nothing to do with New Orleans. It does have to do with heaven and what awaits us there. We are the saints being spoken of in this adventure.

Each session will look at another aspect of heaven. We start with A New Home, then A New City, The River of Life, and Come and Enjoy.

The book of Revelation is an apocalypse and refers to a disclosure or unveiling of divine mysteries. A mystery itself means something that was hidden but now revealed. Also note that the Book is "singular" in that it is one revelation and not about many revelations. Come and help us with this discovery.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS RESUME!

Wonderful Wednesdays are midweek occasions when our four-year-old through 5th graders gather for a time of fellowship, learning, crafts, and music for personal and congregational enrichment. As the new school year gets underway, we will begin the Wonderful Wednesdays schedule on Wednesday, August 17 with a Welcome Back Party. Mrs. Elaine Shurley will be filling in for Mr. Jim while he is away; she is very excited to return to the Wonderful Wednesdays team. Planning is underway, and both our curriculum and musical themes for the semester will begin in Genesis with creation.

We are considering moving the start time to 3:30 pm, with pick up at 5, but would like to hear from our parents about their schedule and transportation needs first. Please contact Whitney via text or email (270-559-6918 or stratemeyer@bellsouth.net) about your preferred schedule and any transportation assistance you may need getting your kiddos to and from WWs. Mrs. Leigh, Mrs. Linda, Mrs. Chris, Mrs. Elaine and Mrs. Whitney can't wait to see you on August 17 for a sing-and-play welcome back party!

WELCOMING REV. ALLUM

Rev. Allum is very excited to arrive in Paducah and meet the members of our church. Several opportunities are being scheduled for you to meet Rev. Allum on a more personal level through small dinner parties and receptions. The choir and the 'Room with a View' Sunday school class have already scheduled their dinners. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the following receptions:

AUGUST 7

Please join the FPC family for a Sunday Social on August 7, 5:30-7:30 pm at the home of Vic and Anne Speck, 137 Valley Road. This will be a casual evening of food, fun and fellowship as we welcome our new pastor, Reverend Lex Allum. Please bring a lawn chair and plan to park along the street on Valley. A golf cart shuttle will be available. If there are special treats or finger foods you would like to bring, contact Lisa McClintock at 270-217-1884.

AUGUST 13

Rev. Allum will be introduced to the Presbytery in Franklin, Kentucky at 10:00am at the Presbytery meeting. We will be taking the bus if anyone would like to ride there that day to support her. We will need a count of who is going to attend for the luncheon (cost \$5.00). Please contact the church office.

AUGUST 14

"Lemonade with Lex" will follow worship in Fellowship Hall. It will be a time for an informal questions-and-answers dialogue with Rev. Allum.

SEPTEMBER 18

Installation of Rev. Allum at First Presbyterian Church at 4:00pm followed by a reception.

If you are interested in participating in a small dinner party (similar to our "Tables of Eight"), please fill out the form in the bulletin or contact Robin Kelly or Chris Krueger. We will be looking for hosts and guests.

BEST WISHES “MR. JIM”

Our Music Director, Dr. Jim Reifinger, will be taking a leave of absence August 15, 2022 – May 13, 2023. We congratulate him on being selected to assume a temporary position as Music Education Coordinator in the Department of Music at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. He will be coordinating the music education curriculum for the merger of three universities. Best wishes, “Mr. Jim.” Elaine Shurley and Owen Cody will be filling in during his absence.

FALL YOUTH RETREAT CAMP LOUCON

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to attend the first tri-presbytery youth retreat this fall at Camp Loucon, November 4-6. Camp Loucon is a beloved youth tradition where kids from churches all over Kentucky will gather for a weekend of spiritual-themed fun and games. This year’s keynote speaker will be Rev. Alonzo Johnson; he is the PCUSA coordinator of Self-Development of People and also works with the Matthew 25 Initiative in our denomination. His teaching will focus upon Matthew 25 and dismantling structural racism. We will stay in cabins, and enjoy activities including the zipline, rock wall, rappelling wall, and challenge course. The cost for the weekend will be \$75 per participant, with some scholarships available. The magic of Camp Loucon happens when kids and leaders from different churches gather and share their various gifts and love of God with each other. Make plans now to join in the fun at Camp Loucon this fall!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF WESTERN KY

The moderators of Paducah First are invited to attend the PW of Western Kentucky’s Coordinating Team meeting on August 15 in Hopkinsville at 10:00am. We will brainstorm ideas for the upcoming year and plan for our Fall Retreat. If you are interested in attending, please let Chris Krueger know.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The 2022-23 Horizon’s Bible study is “*Celebrating Sabbath.*” We hope to get back on track with our monthly circle meetings in September. Watch the weekly announcements for information about the opening luncheon. If you would like a large print copy of the study, please contact Chris Krueger in advance. We will place our order by August 15. If you have any changes to your contact information for the PW directory, please contact Chris. We will be making those edits, soon, so that the directory is ready by August 15.

PADUCAH COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

A special thanks to our youth and other members who volunteered to assist with and ride in the Moonlight Bike Ride on Saturday, July 30. The evening was a success and everyone that participated enjoyed the ride. A special thanks to Martha and Hutch of BikeWorld for their continued support of PCM and our community.

The Paxton Challenge is another way to support PCM financially. Donations can be matched up to \$10,000 to build their Endowment Fund. Brochures are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Just mark PCM as your designated charity and enclose a check to ***the Community Foundation.*** The deadline for donations is August 31.

September will be PCM Spotlight month. Please watch for more information and activities.

BOOK CLUB

The August Book Club selection is *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson, the story of Winston Churchill's first year as prime minister of the UK. We will meet at the home of Shirley Wrinkle on Tuesday, August 16. at 1:30pm.

YOUTH

Montreat Worship & Music Conference

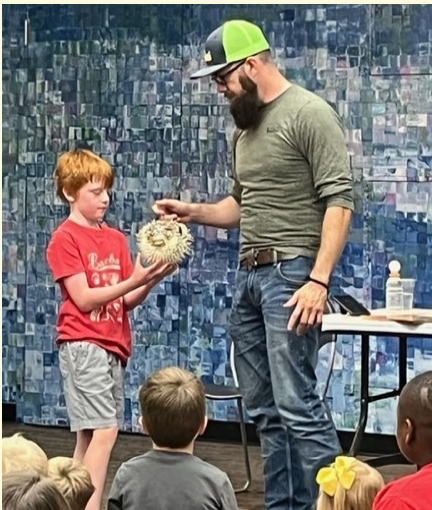


Montreat Youth Conference

MORE THAN ENOUGH!

Sunday School Rally Day is scheduled for August 14 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme for the year is borrowed from this summer's Montreat Youth Conference: More Than Enough. We will enjoy a quick breakfast while we briefly review the upcoming Sunday School classes and studies offered for fall. Please bring your favorite breakfast bite to share, and get excited about all of the great learning and fellowship opportunities here at FPC Paducah. Please plan to make Sunday School a part of your family's routine this year as God provides us with more than enough, and equips us to be more than enough.

Summer Fun & Fellowship McCracken County Library *Hooked on Science*



TREASURER'S REPORT

	as of June 30, 2022		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER (UNDER)
Income	175,726	165,248	10,478
Expenditures:			
Benevolences	17,150	17,250	(100)
Church Staff	80,441	84,051	(3,610)
Administrative	18,655	20,229	(1,574)
Worship	12,612	16,125	(3,513)
Christian Ed.	5,426	2,600	2,826
Property	18,976	17,800	1,176
Pastoral Care	7	75	(68)
Evangelism & Outreach	-	150	(150)
Programs	686	600	86
Total Expense	153,953	158,880	(4,927)
Net Income (Loss)	21,773	6,368	15,405

The summary financial statement through June is presented above. The church is showing a surplus for the first six months of the year of \$15,405. Hopefully this trend will continue for the second half of the year. Utility costs at the church are running about 19% over budget for the year. We can't control the weather nor the prices currently being charged for energy, but let's try to make sure that we aren't wasting energy during times when the church is not in use. (I know I sound like an accountant.) Karen Durbin, Treasurer

BUDDENBAUM HOUSE

I loved Robert Worden's sermon a couple weeks ago on Hospitality---Spirituality. As I sat there nodding my head like a bobble-head puppy, I couldn't help but think about the church's Buddenbaum project and how perfectly his message applied to this latest First Pres outreach project.

As many of you know, an extensive renovation has been ongoing the past couple years to transform our neglected historic property. First, to stabilize the neglected, deteriorating structure (which has been fully funded) and then to move inside to make the interior 'livable' and ready to provide that above-

mentioned 'hospitality' and we're very close. Through generous donations from several families, we have accomplished this part debt-free.

Our immediate dream is to turn it into a revenue producer, serving the Paducah hospitality industry as a B&B. But that won't be its full-time job. It will be available to the church for functions, from additional meeting space to added space for weddings to a place of rest for traveling Presbyterian ministers or youth.

The plan is also to become a more visible and integral part of the Lowertown community and of our UNESCO city by showcasing local artists' works, opening our doors to Lowertown house tours and participating with Lowertown arts festivities.

Through our hospitality, we are confident our spirituality as a church will shine.

We are at the point in the process where we'd like to invite anyone who is interested to help us with the final, financial sprint to the end. We still have a checklist of items we need to complete for a final inspection (remember, it's the third oldest residence in Paducah, the oldest in Lowertown and has some issues that need addressing!) We have last minute security measures to take care of, internet/WIFI connections to make, insurance, and all those smaller things needed to make a lovely B&B happen.

To this end, we would gratefully appreciate any donations. Add your name to the growing number of contributors to the project!

According to Romans 12:13: Hospitality is a valuable spiritual asset for community building. We hope you agree and will help us fulfill this dream.

Tax deduction donations can be made out to First Presbyterian Church/Buddenbaum Fund.

If anyone would like a tour to see the work already done, contact any member of the Buddenbaum House steering committee: Suellen & Jeff Johnson, Stephanie & Ralph Young, Leigh & Rick Smith, Rita & Greg McKeel, Anne & Jim Gwinn, or Linda & Jim Gould.

Stephanie Young

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

3	Rosie Hart	23	Lee Emmons
3	Anne Gwinn	23	Keith West
4	Cathy Crecelius	24	Noland Durham
5	Makenna VerCautren	24	Evan Brown
6	Sayer Smith	26	Joe Roetteis
9	Kye Miller	27	Perry Anderson
10	Sandra Cargill	27	Martha Emmons
11	Isabel Carlisle	27	Jennifer Johnson
13	Brooks Zacheretti	27	Matthew Smith
14	Abby Brown	27	Phillip Smith
15	Claire Kelly	27	David Johnson
19	Anne Kellie	28	Karen Brown
19	Peg Brown	28	Cindy Miller
20	Suellen Johnson	28	Judy Edwards
20	Mark Cook		

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Anne & Vic Speck
5	Mina & Andrew Smith
7	Margaret & Tim Kaltenbach
7	Leslie & John Current
8	Katrina & Todd Masek
9	Bobbie & David Wrinkle
15	Nancy & Corky Bloodworth
17	Cathy & Richard Trampe
25	Fumiko Hattori & Patrick Burba
26	Sandra & Perry Anderson
26	Sally & Glen Chaney
30	Sara & Jerry Page
31	Chris & Randy Janne

SEERSUCKER SUNDAY

Back by popular demand is Seersucker Sunday! To everyone who owns a seersucker suit (or other seer-sucker wardrobe essential), please wear your seer-sucker best to Sunday School on Rally Day, August 14.

NOW
FAITH
 IS THE ASSURANCE OF THINGS
 HOPED FOR
 THE CONVICTION OF THINGS
 NOT SEEN

HEBREWS 11:1



The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

And when He had said these things, all His adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.
 LUKE 13:10-17

AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 Worship 5:30pm Sunday Social - Rev. Allum welcome		9	10	11	12	13 10 Rev Allum intro to Presbytery
14 10th Sunday after Pentecost Seersucker Sunday! 9:30 Sunday School Rally 10:45 Worship Following worship— Lemonade with Lex	15	16 1:30pm Book Club	17 Wonderful Wednesday	18	19	20
21 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 Worship - Youth Sunday	22	23	24 Wonderful Wednesday	25	26	27
28 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 Worship	29	30	31 Wonderful Wednesday Paxton Challenge deadline	SAVE THE DATE September 18, 4pm Installation of Rev Allum followed by reception		

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