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February 2026

To Know Him and To Make Him Known



Siblings in Christ,

While February typically brings thoughts of candy hearts and love letters, this year it also brings us to the doorstep of Lent. Starting Ash Wednesday, February 18, First Presbyterian Church begins a season of reflecting on God's ultimate love letter to us: the story of Jesus Christ and his sacrifice.

To honor this season, we are introducing a new format for our Lenten gatherings outside of worship. While our traditional "Noonbreak" services are on hiatus, we invite you to join us every Wednesday evening for a Lenten

supper (potluck) and teaching series focused on our theme for the season:
“Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News This Lent.”

Led by Rev. Lex Allum and David Banister, these evenings will explore how the Good News surprises us, protects the vulnerable, and inspires us toward justice and peace. We will also be guided by a Lenten devotional and beautiful curated art from A Sanctified Art.

- When: Wednesdays in Lent, 5:30-7:00pm
- Where: Fellowship Hall
- Childcare: Provided for all sessions.

Mark your calendars! We look forward to sharing this meaningful season with you.

Blessings,

Lex

FEBRUARY WORSHIP

February 1-*Two Birds, One Stone*
Luke 2:22-40

February 8-*Just What the Doctor Ordered*
Matthew 5:13-20

February 15-*Skeletons in the Closet*
Matthew 17:1-9

February 18-*The Good News Is...All Are Invited*
Luke 14:15-24

February 22-*The Good News Is...So Good It Catches Up by Surprise*
John 2:1-11

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 2-Bible Study 12pm in Memorial Hall & on Zoom

Wednesday, February 4-Evening Prayer Meeting on Zoom 6pm

Monday, February 9-Bible Study 12pm in Memorial Hall & on Zoom

Tuesday, February 10-PW Circle 10am in the Library

Wednesday, February 11-Evening Prayer Meeting on Zoom 6pm

Monday, February 16-Bible Study 12pm in Memorial Hall & on Zoom

Tuesday, February 17-Session 7pm in Memorial Hall

Wednesday, February 18-Ash Wednesday Lenten Supper at 5:30pm & Service of Ashes and Communion at 6:30pm

Monday, February 23-Bible Study 12pm in Memorial Hall & on Zoom

Wednesday, February 25-Lenten Supper at 5:30pm

Treasurer's Report-Calendar Year 2025

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	455,371	440,490	14,881
Expenses			
Benevolences	26,917	29,717	(2,800)
Church Staff	206,522	245,309	(38,787)
Administrative	42,403	45,193	(2,790)
Worship	5,920	8,800	(2,880)
Christian Life	6,238	8,600	(2,362)
Property	59,554	69,418	(9,864)
Pastoral Care	-	300	(300)
Missional Outreach	966	2,700	(1,734)
Programs	2,620	2,879	(259)
Buddenbaum	6,554	5,000	1,554
	357,694	417,916	(60,222)
Net Total	97,677	22,574	75,103

The summary operating statement for 2025 is presented above. We ended the year exceeding budget income amount by \$14,881. Expenses were below budget for the year by \$60,222, primarily due to the fact that we were not fully staffed throughout the year. The operating surplus for 2025 was \$97,677. The Session voted to transfer \$20,000 of the surplus to fund future nonroutine building repairs, \$3,000 for future Buddenbaum House repairs, with the residual carried forward in operating fund balance. Our operating budget for 2026 is \$450,385. Your continued financial support of First Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated.

Karen Durbin, Treasurer

February Birthdays

1~Tara Derington	16~Ralph Young
2~Helen Mungle	18~Jackson Diaz
3~Michael Kelly	18~Matthew McKeel
6~Emily Hahn	19~Andrew Smith
7~John Hall	19~Mia VerCautren
8~Caroline Noneman	20~Patrick Burba
11~Mason Bressler	28~Johnathan Craft
11~Jean Brown	
13~Sarah Free	
13~Emma Martin	
15~Sarah Marcum	
16~Joan Hank	

February Anniversaries

11~Mike & Suzanne Underwood	
13~Michael & Elisabeth Kelly	
14~Mark & Natalie Cook	
18~Philip & Katherine Mayne	
24~Robert & Donna Worden	
28~Richard & Leigh Smith	

Wonderful Wednesdays

The children of Wonderful Wednesdays are beginning their study of the miracles of Jesus. All children ages 4-5th grade are welcome to join us from 4-5:30pm on Wednesdays for snacks, music, study, and crafts. We will be sharing our music with the congregation at the Family Night Supper on April 22nd. Mark your calendar now and join us for this special evening.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will be gathering on Tuesday, February 10th, at 10am in the Library. Viola Blackwell will be leading us through Lesson 6 of the Horizon's Bible study, "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." All women of the church are "Presbyterian Women" and are invited to join us for our monthly Bible study and projects.

Upcoming PW Projects:

Each quarter our church is assigned an item to be used by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program for storm relief victims and also for school kits. In an effort to be fiscally responsible, we order the assigned items from Amazon and ship them directly to the warehouse in Ferncliff, Arkansas. In January-March, we will be funding nail clippers and new pencils with erasers. Any and all donations can be made to First Presbyterian Women which will allow us to increase our donations churchwide.

Chancel Flowers

If you would like to place flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday, please sign up on the Flower Chart located outside of the church office. Flowers are needed for February 8th before we enter into Lent.

Children's Corner

The children of the church spent the Fall studying the order of worship so that they would be able to participate in worship at “their table.”

Here's what we've studied so far:

- *Prelude-the time when we bring our conversations to a close and prepare our hearts for worship
- *Pastor Lex welcomes us and Calls us to Worship
- *Choral Introit-the choir sings a song that goes with the Call to Worship
- *Call to Worship-we take turns with Pastor Lex as we prepare our hearts for worship
- *Prayer of Adoration-we give thanks to God for his Love for us
- *First hymn
- *Prayer of Confession/Silent Prayer/Assurance of Pardon-The time when we pray together asking for forgiveness for the things we have done that might break a commandment, saying we are sorry individually for the things we did, and knowing that God forgives us because He loves us.
- *Passing of the Peace-Telling our church family that we, too, forgive each other

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

Happy New Year! 2026 promises to be an exciting year for our community and Paducah Cooperative Ministry as we look forward to the construction and opening of a new Emergency Drop In Shelter and Client Choice Food Pantry. Your continued support and dedication to our neighbors in times of need allows PCM to meet surges in demand created by things like potential policy shifts and weather. Thank you for helping PCM meet these needs. The K-Count set for late January has been rescheduled for February 25th. This is a point in time census of people experiencing homelessness and volunteers are needed.

Please contact Will Brandon at:

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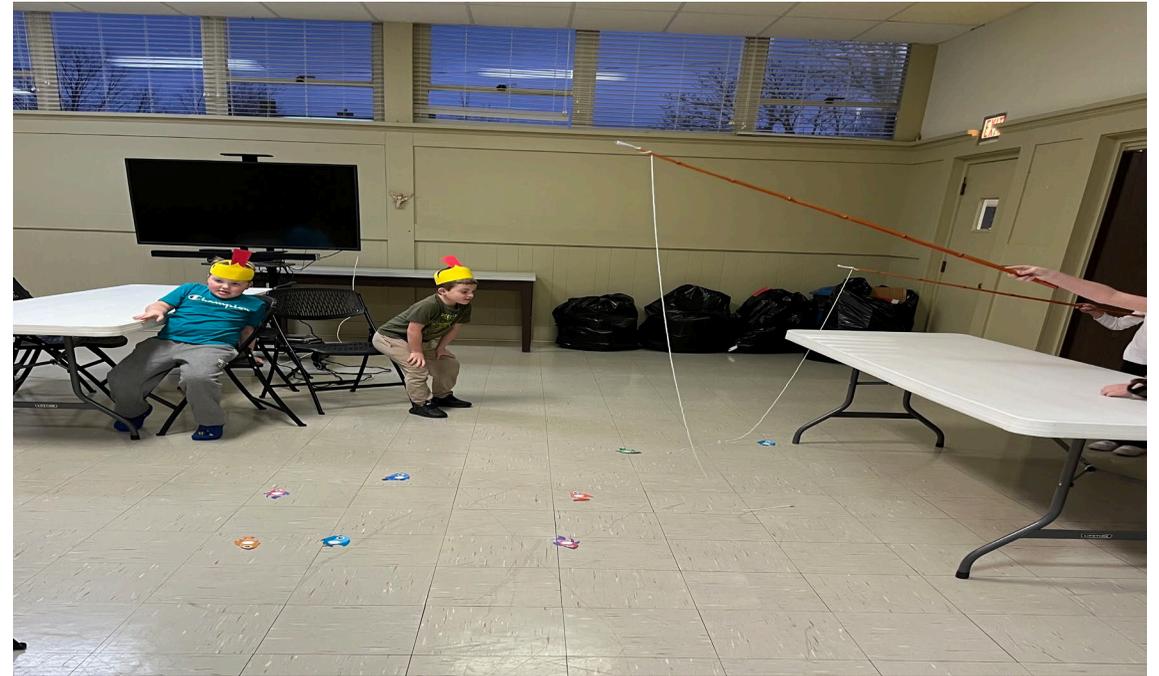
if you are interested in this or any volunteer opportunity with PCM.

2025 Service Stats

- **157 individuals stayed in Fresh Start in 2025: 91 adults and 66 children-the average stay was 126 nights**
- **97% of adults in shelter have income**
- **4,782 sets of groceries served in 2025**
- **769 new families received helped**
- **7,858 volunteer hours served**
- **338 volunteers served during the year**
- **308 utility & rent payments were made for individuals**
- **33 utility & rent deposits were made for individuals**



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Wonderful Wednesday Fun!