



# THE VOICE

JUNE - JULY 2024

## First Presbyterian Church

Siblings in Christ,

A personal reflection as we approach two years of ministry together:

*He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?"*

*I answered, "Lord God, you know." (Ezekiel 37:1-6)*

I appreciate the prophet Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel 37 because I cannot think of a better example of hope. His prophecy pertained to the dispersed tribes of Israel desperate for reunification and how finally, they would be redeemed from exile and brought to new life. We knew the power of God even in physical and metaphorical death, Ezekiel trusted that God's promise of restoration was not only possible, but already on its way.

"Mortal, can these bones live?" God questioned him. "O Lord God, you know," Ezekiel affirmed.

Amazingly, there is a resiliency to bone. Bones are the final remnants of our humanity that have seen the worst and upheld us at our best. They grant insight into health, trauma, and lifestyle. Bones tell stories of our past and cast a vision for a different future. The mere presence of bone provides new possibilities for all that can, and may, unfold.

This congregation's spiritual gift throughout the ages, is that we have good bones, and we know it. We realize that our sometimes strewn about yet resilient remains from the past are an opportunity for a grand future. The simple presence of our historic bones reminds us that God can and does grant new life.

It has been two years of ministry together, and fresh sinews develop daily at the church. New members are joining, babies are birthed and baptized, participation and attendance are growing, and the church faithfully cares for those in our community. There is a lively racket as new life swirls within this church. Our steady faith in God has created a refrain of hope. There is laughter and intrigue, vision, and warmth. Like Ezekiel, First Presbyterian Church does not focus on answering whether our bones *can* live, but we fix our eyes to see God's resurrection that is *already* taking place.

"Mortal, can these bones live?" God asks us. "O Lord God, you know," we say.

Miraculously, they do.

It is a blessing to serve Christ's church with you.

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### WORSHIP

June 2

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Trick Hand*

Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Where Did It All Go Wrong?*

Genesis 3:8-15

June 16

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Growing Up*

Mark 4:26-34

June 23

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Call of Servanthood*

1 Samuel 17:(1,4-11,19-23),32-49

June 30

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Two For the Price of One*

Mark 5:21-43

July 7

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Attacked by Christ*

Mark 6:1-13

July 14

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Drastic Reaction*

Mark 6: 14-29

July 21

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GUEST MINISTER

JULY 28

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Nourished*

John 6:1-21

## SUNDAY SCHOOL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FELLOWSHIP HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

My how time flies. It seems like last month was Christmas and last week was Easter. Those expected dogwood trees have bloomed and faded but summer flowers are just getting started. With the beautiful weather, we have hope for tomorrow.

The Fellowship Hall Sunday School Class will take the month of June **Experiencing Hope**. Our scriptures will all be from the New Testament. We will be looking closely at those who shaped the early New Testament Christian Church.

Hope is nothing new to First Presbyterian Church of Paducah. We have survived through fire and flood. We have survived flue and covid.

We are having more visitors and seeing more children in our pews. Hope is not foreign to us but a way of living.

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of Biblical discovery. Get some coffee and a donut in the Westminster Hall and then come be a part of our study.

### LIFELONG LEARNING SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Lifelong Learning Sunday School class will be continuing their study of the Book of Genesis throughout the summer. The next three weeks will focus on Women in the Bible and their impact in our theology. Please plan to join us in Memorial Hall.

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN & YOUTH

Miss Chris will continue teaching Sunday School during the summer months for ages 3-6. We will be studying the women of the Bible. If any children attend during the Sunday school hour in grades 1-3, they are welcome to join us.

The senior high class will continue to meet with Miss Jessiann.

Children's church will disband for the summer. Watch for activities to keep your "little hands" occupied during worship. There are children's bulletins with activities on the window ledge and activity bags are available. Children six and under may attend the preschool/nursery during worship.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

- Communion will be served June 2 and July 7.
- If you have a rising 5th grade student who would like to be an acolyte next year, contact Matt or Chris. We will be scheduling training in the Fall.
- We are seeking an additional two members for our committee; please contact Chris Krueger if interested.

*Next meeting will be June 11, 2024 at 6:00pm*

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##### WORSHIP TIMES

see Calendars

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

It has been a very busy time in the life of the church for PW. Multiple mission projects took place in the last two months.. The generosity of our First Presbyterian Church family has been astounding.

- ◆ In April, the Quilt Dinner and Lunch netted a profit of \$1,000 for Oscar Cross Boys and Girls Club of Paducah
- ◆ On May 4, the Tag Sale netted a profit of \$1,126 for Montreat Conference expenses
- ◆ The Presbyterian Women want to thank all those who attended the Family Night Supper in May. Donations were received for the annual Birthday Offering. A total of \$600 was received which will be forwarded to PW (USA) to fill the requests of the two charities for 2024; one in Missouri and one in Louisville, Kentucky.

We'd also like to thank all the Wonderful Wednesday staff for an outstanding evening of praise and parables. It was a treat!

What a great community of faith! You have reached out to help those within our walls, within our community, and within the world.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF WESTERN KY

The Presbyterian Women of Western Kentucky will meet again August 20 for the Coordinating Team Meeting. Moderators are invited for a brainstorming session and lunch at Highland Presbyterian Church, Hopkinsville. Plans are underway for the Fall Retreat in October.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**KICK-OFF KICKBALL** The next event is Kick-off Kickball in August. Look for details in the Sunday bulletins in August.

**HELP WANTED** The Program Committee is looking for a few good workers. The pay is zero but the rewards are incalculable, and it only requires a few hours per month.

### PLEASE CONTACT

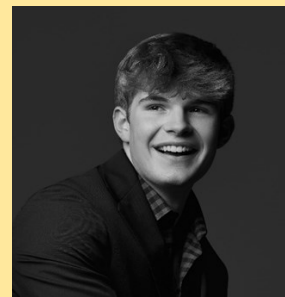
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## CONGRATS HIGH SCHOOL GRADS !

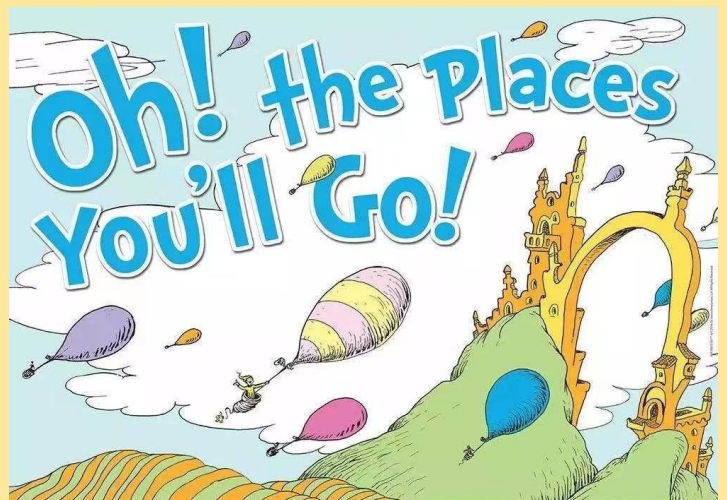


Owen Cody is a 2024 honors graduate of McCracken County High School. He is the son of Jack and Natalya Cody. Owen will be attending Harvard College in the fall with a double major in Government/International Law and Music Jazz/Organ Studies. He plans a career in Foreign Service with the U.S. Department of State.

Ellie McKnight was the beloved daughter of Paul McKnight and Erin Gwinn Coale, granddaughter of Anne and James Gwinn, sister of Paul Martin McKnight and Jack Coale, niece of Jimi and Megan Gwinn, and cousin of James and Grayson Gwinn. She was a student at Paducah Tilghman High School where she was known for her spunky personality and contagious laugh. She is remembered fondly by her church family.



Henry Stratemeyer is a 2024 honors graduate of Paducah Tilghman High School. He is the son of Dan and Whitney Stratemeyer, and brother to Harry. Henry will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall, studying ecology & evolutionary biology



## TREASURER'S REPORT

as of 4-30-2024

|                                  | Actual          | Budget         | Over/(Under)   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                    | <b>137,112</b>  | <b>143,773</b> | <b>(6,661)</b> |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>             |                 |                |                |
| <b>Benevolences</b>              | <b>12,009</b>   | <b>13,843</b>  | <b>(1,834)</b> |
| <b>Church Staff</b>              | <b>88,478</b>   | <b>90,351</b>  | <b>(1,873)</b> |
| <b>Administrative</b>            | <b>17,744</b>   | <b>15,639</b>  | <b>2,105</b>   |
| <b>Worship</b>                   | <b>1,604</b>    | <b>2,417</b>   | <b>(813)</b>   |
| <b>Christian Ed.</b>             | <b>4,375</b>    | <b>2,367</b>   | <b>2,008</b>   |
| <b>Property</b>                  | <b>20,918</b>   | <b>23,789</b>  | <b>(2,871)</b> |
| <b>Pastoral Care</b>             | <b>—</b>        | <b>100</b>     | <b>(100)</b>   |
| <b>Evangelism &amp; Outreach</b> | <b>452</b>      | <b>600</b>     | <b>(148)</b>   |
| <b>Programs</b>                  | <b>505</b>      | <b>936</b>     | <b>(431)</b>   |
| <b>Total Expense</b>             |                 |                |                |
| <b>Buddenbaum House</b>          | <b>1,863</b>    | <b>1,667</b>   | <b>196</b>     |
| <b>Net Income (Loss)</b>         | <b>147,948</b>  | <b>151,709</b> | <b>(3,761)</b> |
|                                  | <b>(10,836)</b> | <b>(7,936)</b> | <b>(2,900)</b> |

The summary operating statement through April is presented above. We are behind budget on the revenue side by \$6,661, but also under budget on expenses by \$3,761. As of 4/30, there was an operating loss of \$10,836 year-to-date.

As we enter the summer months, please try to stay on schedule with your giving. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Karen Durbin, Treasurer



**NO ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE SUMMER!**

## BUDDENBAUM SUPPORTS FPC MINISTRY

Travel season is upon us! Don't forget that we have a lovely couple's facility out back, the Buddenbaum House, which has been open for a year now. The facility is on Airbnb and is ideal for a couple, or a couple with an infant. It's a great place to lodge wedding guests, especially if the service is downtown. Profits will be posted to the Mission Fund at the end of the year.

## EVANGELISM & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our committee would like to thank all who volunteered to help us pull off a Putt-Putt golf fundraiser for the Lower Town Arts & Music Festival. Special thanks to Hutch Smith and Martha Emmons for their support/vision/enthusiasm. They worked the entire event!!! The funds raised are \$400 and will be used to help send the Youth to Montreat. We had so much fun! The playground was a nice respite for the festival attendees to sit on the benches and watch the children play. Thanks to the Community Kitchen Teams for their support of the BUMC Sunday lunches. Committee members include Robin Kelly, Martha Emmons, Hutch Smith, Nick Bowden, Anita Lentz, and May Hoy.



## PADUCAH COOPERATIVE MINISTRY (PCM)

The Paxton Challenge will run from June – August. This challenge gives community members an opportunity to sponsor their favorite non-profit organizations. PCM has been the recipient of funds for their endowment funds through this challenge. Watch the back of the sanctuary for forms in the near future. Select PCM as a recipient and write a check to the Community Foundation. Matching funds of \$10,000 can be received if PCM meets their goal. Please help.

PCM's Moonlight Ride is on July 27 at 7:30pm. Register at [www.moonlightridepaducah.com](http://www.moonlightridepaducah.com). This is the only active fundraiser that PCM sponsors. A great big thank you to BikeWorld for their partnership in this event. Come ride with us, or join us in the parking lot for music, dancing, and treats.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

|    |                       |    |                      |
|----|-----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 3  | David Wolfrom         | 21 | Erin Kelly           |
| 5  | Scarlett Diaz         | 24 | Keith Kelly          |
| 5  | Mike Underwood        | 25 | Randy Janne          |
| 6  | Britton Edwards       | 25 | Margaret Kaltenbach  |
| 7  | Linda Gould           | 25 | Elaine Oehlschlaeger |
| 8  | Eleanor Hammonds      | 26 | Karen Durbin         |
| 9  | Ted Borodofsky        | 27 | Nick Bowden          |
| 9  | Zach Hoy              | 27 | Sara Page            |
| 9  | Stephanie Young       | 27 | Anderson Ballert     |
| 11 | Chris Janne           | 27 | Evah Diaz            |
| 13 | Maria Miller          | 28 | Bobby Kaltenbach     |
| 13 | Allison Smith Schwall | 28 | Bobbie Wrinkle       |
| 14 | Beckham Ballert       | 30 | Anne Speck           |
| 17 | Darcy Masthay         |    |                      |

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

|    |                         |    |                                  |
|----|-------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| 7  | Ava Jean & Joe Roetteis | 17 | Linda & Joe Suito                |
| 11 | Renie & Don Barger      | 18 | Suellen & Jeff Johnson           |
| 12 | Anne & Jim Gwinn        | 18 | Stephanie & Ralph Young          |
| 14 | Lynda & Russ Flynn      | 20 | Valerie & David Fleming          |
| 15 | Jane & Steve Blue       | 21 | Amelia Martens & Britton Shurley |
| 17 | Helen & Ted Mungle      | 30 | Lisa & John Craft                |



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

|   |                   |    |                 |
|---|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Jim Hank          | 9  | Rita McKeel     |
| 1 | Jeff Johnson      | 11 | Eli Noneman     |
| 1 | Lucas Ballert     | 13 | Owen Masek      |
| 1 | Jim Gould         | 14 | Tim Kaltenbach  |
| 1 | Lou Coots         | 14 | Richard Trampe  |
| 2 | Kyle Miller       | 16 | Bruce Pope      |
| 2 | Jim Toy           | 17 | Luke Massad     |
| 3 | Bradley Baker     | 17 | John Current    |
| 4 | Nick & Zack Masek | 21 | Dan Stratemeyer |
| 4 | Emily Wolfrom     | 23 | Haley Massad    |
| 6 | Victor Speck      | 23 | Jerry Page      |
| 7 | Viola Blackwell   | 23 | Fumiko Hattori  |
| 8 | Suzanne Underwood | 28 | Owen Cody       |
| 8 | Tiffany Gust      | 29 | Don Barger      |
| 9 | Jimmy Gwinn       |    |                 |

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

|    |                        |    |                  |
|----|------------------------|----|------------------|
| 6  | Robin & Keith Kelly    | 22 | Jil & Carl Baker |
| 11 | Julie & Mike Golightly |    |                  |

## FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Volunteers are needed to bring flowers for worship this summer, except for Communion Sundays. They may be from your own gardens or ordered from a florist. Please sign up on the flower chart on the office wall by the south door. If you wish to make a dedication in the bulletin, notify the office early in the week.



# JUNE 2024

| SUN   | MON | TUES               | WED   | THURS | FRI | SAT  |
|---|-----|--------------------|---|-------|-----|--|
|   |     |                    |   |       |     | 1<br>Montreat Youth<br>Conference June 1-8                 |
| 2 2nd Sun after<br>Pentecost<br>Communion<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:45am Worship  | 3   | 4                  | 5<br>No adult choir<br>practice for the<br>summer | 6     | 7   | 8  |
| 9 3rd Sun after<br>Pentecost<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:45am Worship   | 10  | 11                 | 12  | 13    | 14  | 15   |
| 16 4th Sun after<br>Pentecost <small>FATHER'S<br/>DAY</small><br>Celebrate Whitney Day<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:45am Worship | 17  | 18<br>7:00 Session | 19  | 20    | 21  | 22<br>Montreat Worship &<br>Music Conference<br>June 22-29 |
| 23 5th Sun after<br>Pentecost<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:45am Worship  | 24  | 25                 | 26  | 27    | 28  | 29   |
| 30 6th Sun after<br>Pentecost   |     |                    |   |       |     |  |

# JULY 2024

| SUN   | MON | TUES         | WED  | THURS         | FRI | SAT |
|---|-----|--------------|--|---------------|-----|-----|
|   |     |              |  | OFFICE CLOSED |     |     |
|   |     |              |  |               |     |     |
| 7th Sun after Pentecost<br>communion<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:45am Worship |     |              | 10 No adult choir practice for the summer. |               |     |     |
|   |     |              |  |               |     |     |
| 14 8th Sun after Pentecost<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:45am Worship           |     |              |  |               |     |     |
|   |     |              |  |               |     |     |
| 21 9th Sun after Pentecost<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:45am Worship           |     |              |  |               |     |     |
|   |     |              |  |               |     |     |
| 28 10th Sun after Pentecost<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:45am Worship          |     |              |  |               |     |     |
|   |     | 7:00 Session |  |               |     |     |
|   |     |              |  |               |     |     |

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