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To Know Him and To Make Him Known

Siblings in Christ,

In the early 2000s, Verizon Wireless promoted its business with a memorable commercial and tagline. In the ad, a man tests cell service in various environments – in a manhole in Chinatown, swampy backlands of the bayou, surrounded by busy office cubicles, in the midwestern cornfields, the hot desert, frigid tundra, and rolling mountains. He had only one line in the whole commercial:

“Can you hear me now? Good.”

The clever message of Verizon was clear, literally. It showed that wherever one might go, they'd always have service. They'd always be connected.

How are you connected?

This question probably has many answers. It's almost impossible not to be connected with the abundance of advanced technology. What about outside of social media, desired news outlets, NYT games, and constant text messages? In what spaces do you find real connections with other people?

I hope that First Presbyterian Church is one of those places. I pray that you feel welcome within the walls of this church and in the ministries of its people. Like you belong. There is space for everyone in this community.

Believing this to be true, a new connectional opportunity will begin at the church this Fall. As of now, they're called “Family Groups,” and they are exactly that – groups of families, big and small, that will spend time together.

Each of you and your entire household will be assigned to one of these intergenerational groups of about 8-10 in August.

The groups will meet individually once a month, for six months, for dinner, coffee, lunch, or during the Sunday School hour for fellowship and conversation topics provided by the church. They will provide spaces for people to be seen, heard, and find support through various life stages. Most importantly, the groups will reveal God at work in the life of the community. "God, can you hear us now?" we'll continue to ask, and the community will help us see that God does. And it will be good.

More to come on this exciting venture. As always, it's a joy to worship, serve, and learn alongside you.

Peace to you in June and July.

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SUMMER WORSHIP

June 1-Ascension Sunday

Continuous Blessings

June 8-Pentecost

Mystifying Magnitude

June 15-Trinity Sunday/Father's Day

Wisdom, Understanding and Truth

June 22-12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 29-13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dramatics

July 6-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sewn Into the Spirit

July 13-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Oldie but Goodie

July 20-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Scary Reality of Prayer

Upcoming Events

June 2-Bible Study 12pm

June 9-Bible Study 12pm

June 15-Trinity Sunday/Father’s Day

June 16-Bible Study 12pm

June 17-Session Mtg 7pm

June 19-Juneteenth Observed-Office Closed

June 21-28-Montreat Worship & Music Conference

June 30-Bible Study 12pm

July 3-Independence Day Observed-Office Closed

July 6-Paducah Chiefs Ballgame 6pm

July 7-Bible Study 12pm

July 14-Bible Study 12pm

July 15-Session Mtg 7pm

July 28-Bible Study 12pm

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 month. The generosity of our First Presbyterian Church family has been astounding.

- On May 3, the Tag Sale netted a profit of \$1,527 for Montreat Conference Expenses. We thank, again, all the families that made donations – 25 families donated 30+ loads and unsold items were donated to St. Vincent de Paul for our community.
- 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 \$373.50 was received which will be forwarded to PW(USA) to fill the requests of the two charities for 2025; one in Leland, Mississippi and one in Pine Ridge,

South Dakota. We’d also like to thank Bill Fowler for providing entertainment for the evening. 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.

The Presbyterian Women of Western Kentucky will meet again August 12 for the Coordinating Team Meeting. Moderators are invited for a brainstorming session and lunch at Highland Presbyterian Church in Hopkinsville. Plans are underway for the Fall Gathering in October.

Treasurer's Report-Year to Date through 4/30/25

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	162,975	146,830	16,145
Expenses			
Benevolences	12,327	13,493	(1,166)
Church Staff	64,315	68,890	(4,575)
Administrative	18,455	15,064	3,391
Worship	681	2,933	(2,252)
Christian Life	4,875	2,867	2,008
Property	23,169	23,139	30
Pastoral Care	-	100	(100)
Missional Outreach	108	900	(792)
Programs	599	960	(361)
Buddenbaum	2,036	1,667	369
	126,565	130,013	(3,448)
Net Total	36,410	16,817	19,593

The summary financial statement through April is presented below. The first four months were solid financially with operating results ahead of budget by \$19,593. Please let me know if you have questions.

Karen Durbin, Treasurer

July Birthdays

1	Lucas Ballert	16	Bruce Pope
1	Jim Gould	17	John Current
1	Jim Hank	20	Katherine Mayne
1	Jeff Johnson	21	Dan Stratemeyer
2	Jim Toy	23	Becky Binks
4	Nick Masek	23	Fumiko Hattori
4	Zack Masek	23	Haley Massad
4	Emily Wolfrom	23	Jerry Page
7	Viola Blackwell	24	Jeane Framptom
8	Suzanne Underwood	28	Owen Cody
9	Rita McKeel	29	Don Barger
13	Owen Masek		
14	Tim Kaltenbach		
14	Richard Trampe		

July Anniversaries

6	Keith & Robin Kelly
16	Conner & Carly Framptom

June Birthdays

3	David Wolfrom	24	Keith Kelly
5	Scarlett Diaz	25	Randy Janne
5	Mike Underwood	25	Margaret Kaltenbach
6	Britton Edwards	26	Karen Durbin
7	Linda Gould	27	Sara Page
8	Eleanor Hammonds	27	Anderson Ballert
9	Ted Borodofsky	27	Nick Bowden
9	Zach Hoy	27	Evah Diaz
9	Stephanie Young	27	Mary Katherine Framptom
11	Chris Janne	28	Bobbie Wrinkle
14	Beckham Ballert	30	Anne Speck
14	Joe Framptom		
21	Erin Kelly		

June Anniversaries

11	Don & Renie Barger
12	Jim & Anne Gwinn
15	Steve & Jane Blue
17	Ted & Helen Mungle
17	Joe & Linda Suitor
18	Jeff & Suellen Johnson
18	Ralph & Stephanie Young
21	Britton Shurley & Amelia Martens
23	David & Leslie Peeples
30	John & Lisa Craft



Miss Chris will continue teaching Sunday School during the summer months for ages 3-6. All other classes will take some time off for the summer months. Children's Church will also take a break for the summer and resume in August. Children ages 0-6 are welcome in the preschool room during worship. Activities will be available in the sanctuary to engage the children ages 6+ during worship. Come join us when in town.

We would like to thank Miss Charity for her time with us in the preschool. Her last Sunday was May 25 so that she can resume attending worship. The Christian Life Committee is looking for adult volunteers during June and July to assist our teen workers during worship. Please contact Chris Krueger or Viola Blackwell if you are willing to sign up for a Sunday this summer.



Youth Tag Sale

Thank you for generously donating to the annual Tag Sale! Youth unloaded cars, boxes, and carts for set-up. On Saturday, May 3rd, they helped shoppers carry out purchases and kept the tables neat. Proceeds so far are \$1521.

Koinonia (Fellowship) Class

TIME

Time is an interesting thing. When we think of time we usually place something in the past, present, or future. Another way we use time is in our seasons. There is Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

In the Greek language we also find events being described as occurring in "punctiliar" or "linear" time. Punctiliar means that something happened at once. Such as when Jesus healed the blind man. The man was blind and then in a moment, he could see. He was healed immediately. Linear happens over a period of time. This is shown when Jesus walked on the water. He began walking and then he continued walking. It was not instantaneous but continuous.

As Presbyterians we also have religious seasons.

First we have Advent. Advent is a four-week period in which the church not only looks forward to the birth and incarnation of Jesus Christ, but also to his return. This season is observed for the first four Sundays prior to Christmas.

Next is Christmas. Christmas is the festival of the birth of Christ and the celebration of God's coming among us as a human being. The Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and ends with Epiphany (January 6).

We have something that we call ordinary time which is followed by Lent. Lent is a season of forty weekdays and six Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating in Holy Week. In this season, the church remembers and contemplates the atoning death of Jesus.

Holy Week, the last week of the Lenten season, relives Jesus' final week in Jerusalem, from his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), to his last meal with his disciples (Maundy Thursday), to his actual crucifixion (Good Friday).

Then there is Easter. Easter is a fifty-day season consisting of seven Sundays, beginning with Easter Sunday (marking Jesus' resurrection) and ending with Pentecost (the birth of the church through the gift of the Holy Spirit to Christians). The focus of this season is the hope of new life that we have now that God has defeated the power of sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus.

We follow that with Ordinary Time 2. This second period of Ordinary Time begins on the Sunday following Pentecost and lasts until the new liturgical year begins on the first Sunday of Advent (the Sunday closest to November 30). Unlike the first period, this second period does contain some special observances, including Trinity Sunday and All Saints' Day.

Our literature is also divided into three sections so that we can find ourselves in Year A, Year B, or Year C.

This keeps us from getting into a rut. We seem to be always either in a special season, going into a season, or coming out of a season. Life is filled with special days. As Christians we can call them Holy Days. The secular world has modified that to Holidays.

This summer we are not taking time out even though it might seem like that. We are adjusting our thought framework. We may be leaving the "wet" of spring and entering the "dry" of summer.

Summer might be a time to rest or a time to work. Whatever it is for you, let us stay in touch with Bible study and worship. We know that for God, time is irrelevant. God is the God of past, present, and future as well as God of Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter.

May God bless you, your family, and your friends.

Thank you God for the recent attendance in worship. I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

News from PCM

The 12th Annual Moonlight Ride hosted by Bikeworld will be Saturday, August 2, 2025. Register now at:

runsignup.com/Race/KY/Paducah/MoonlightRidePaducah

Paducah Cooperative Ministry has kicked off their Share a New Start capital campaign!

PCM is launching a 50-bed emergency shelter – the first and only in Paducah and McCracken County – to provide a secure refuge for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The facility will offer personal storage, shower facilities, nourishing meals, and tailored support from trained community health workers. By partnering with local agencies and community organizations, the shelter will connect guests with essential resources to address the root causes of homelessness.

PCM's food pantry is relocating to a larger facility at 425 Legion Drive, enabling us to implement a client-choice model that reimagines the traditional pantry experience. In this model, guests shop like they would in a grocery store – selecting groceries that meet their unique dietary needs, cultural preferences, and household sizes. This approach empowers individuals and families to choose what they need while also reducing food waste.

Donations may be made online: sharepcm.org/capital-campaign

Or sent to :

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Attn: Share a Fresh Start

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