

First Things First

May 2022

We are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For

“You have been telling the people that this is the Eleventh Hour.
Now you must go back and tell the people that this is The Hour.

Here are the things that must be considered:

Where are you living?

What are you doing?

What are your relationships?

Are you in right relation?

Where is your water?

Know your garden.

It is time to speak your Truth.

Create your community.

Be good to each other.

And do not look outside yourself for the leader.

This could be a good time!

There is a river flowing now very fast.

It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid.

They will try to hold on to the shore.

They will feel like they are being torn apart, and they will suffer greatly.

Know the river has its destination.

The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off toward the middle of the river.

Keep our eyes open, and our heads above the water.

See who is there with you and celebrate.

At this time in history, we are to take nothing personally, least of all ourselves!

For the moment we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt.

The time of the lonely wolf is over.

Gather yourselves!

Banish the word struggle from your attitude and vocabulary.

All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration.

We are the ones we have been waiting for.”

~The Elders, Oraibi, Arizona Hopi Nation

Blessings in the years ahead. God is not done with us yet. *~Pastor Glen*

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MAY 1

9:30 AM Communion Sunday
Worship
Sanctuary
Luncheon at Golden Mast Restaurant*

MAY 4

6:00 PM Session Meeting
Office

MAY 8

9:00 AM Worship at E& R Church
413 Wisconsin Avenue, Waukesha

MAY 11

6:30 PM Deacon's Meeting
The Avalon

MAY 15

9:00 AM Worship at E& R Church
413 Wisconsin Avenue, Waukesha

MAY 17

9:00 AM Women's Breakfast
The Coop in Waukesha

MAY 19

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
Dady-Oh's

MAY 22 and JUNE 5

10:00 AM Worship @ St. Matthias Episcopal
111 East Main Street, Waukesha

MAY 29

Enjoy your Sunday with your family!

MAY 30 Memorial Day



May Birthdays

5/3 Calvin Volmar
5/3 Riley Burgett
5/7 Tony Bryant
5/8 Barb Armagost
5/9 Shelley Stover
5/11 Brianne Sura
5/12 Dan Pugh
5/23 Julie Sanicola
5/30 Beatriss Byshenk



2022 Per Capita

Per Capita for 2022 in the Presbytery of Milwaukee is \$40.00. Please consider contributing your per capita so that First Presbyterian might use your share elsewhere in the budget. Thank you!

Please note office hours are going to be very limited in May.
Monday 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM.
Please leave a message if you need something outside of these hours.



Celebration Service

Please come and join everyone for a **First Presbyterian Celebration Service on May 1, 2022**. We will be saying good-bye to Pastor Glen and celebrating over 175 years of ministry in Waukesha. The service will begin at 9:30AM. At the conclusion of Service there will be a **celebratory luncheon at The Golden Mast Restaurant in Oconomowoc**. Bus transportation will be available between First Pres and the Golden Mast. **Reservations are required** and your RSVP sent to First Pres prior to the luncheon.

Also, please note to come and join us **on May 8 and May 15** when we will be worshipping at **Evangelical & Reformed Church (E & R Church)** at 413 Wisconsin Avenue, Waukesha. Service will begin at **9:00 AM**.

We will also be joining **St. Matthias Episcopal Church** on 111 East Main Street, Waukesha for a worship service on **May 22 and June 5 at 10:00 AM**.

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying good-bye so hard.”

~A. A. Milne

Her Hands

Her hands held me gently from the day I took my first breath.

Her hands helped to guide me as I took my first step.

Her hands held me close when the tears would start to fall.

Her hands were quick to show me that she would take care of it all.

Her hands were there to brush my hair, or straighten a wayward bow.

Her hands were often there to comfort the hurts that didn't always show.

Her hands helped hold the stars in place, and encouraged me to reach.

Her hands would clap and cheer and praise when I captured them at length.

Her hands would also push me, though not down or in harm's way.

Her hands would punctuate the words, just do what I say.

Her hands sometimes had to discipline, to help bend this young tree.

Her hands would shape and mold me into all she knew I could be.

Her hands are now twisting with age and years of work,

Her hand now needs my gentle touch to rub away the hurt.

Her hands are more beautiful than anything can be.

Her hands are the reason I am me.

~Maggie Pittman



Session Recap

In April, the Session continued to discern the future of the church. There was a “listening session” after the worship service on April 3. A straw poll indicated a preference for Evangelical & Reformed United Church of Christ, but more discussion was necessary. The ad hoc committee led by Andrew Byshenk planned to schedule a meeting with E & R Church to understand how FPCW might nest with them.

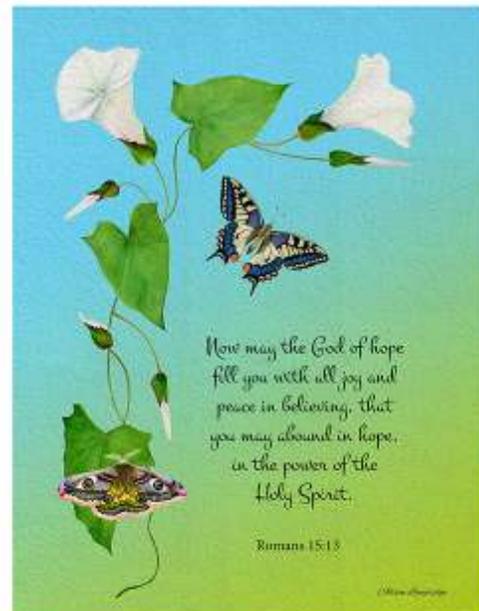
The Session decided to hold a Celebration Service on May 1 to celebrate Pastor Glen’s last Sunday and the ministry of FPCW. There will be members of Milwaukee Presbytery and other special guests in attendance. There will be a formal meal following the service. Since we will not have a pastor and have not decided on a nesting congregation, the Session decided to **worship as a group at E & R Church on May 8 and May 15. We will worship as a group at St. Matthias on May 22 and June 5.** Please note details in the newsletter calendar.

Because Therese will be retiring at the end of May, there were several actions that will need to be accomplished. These include items like phone, email, web site, payroll, and checks. A plan was developed for these. A letter was sent to Active Members of FPCW to understand who wanted to continue being members, or be removed from membership. The purpose of this was to help Deacons with their ministry in the future.

The property that FPCW decided to sell has been sold. In order to help with an accounting after Therese retires, it was suggested we find a person who can help print checks and create financial reports. A subcommittee of Session members provided a report to determine what to do with the proceeds from the sale of the building. The funds will be donated to assist with refugees from Ukraine and several local mission organizations.

Pentecost Offering

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Envelopes and brochures are available on the table in the entry. **Collections will be from April 18 - May 5, 2022.**



Happy Spring to ALL of you First Presbyterians!

I just wanted all of you to know that even though my Custodial/Maintenance work has come to an end at 810 North East Avenue I still look forward to seeing my Church Family wherever the Spirit leads us in the days ahead!

Saying goodbye has never been an easy task for me either personally or professionally and my last Sunday's Service (April 3rd) was no exception!

Pastor Glen had asked me the week before if I would help in the Blessing of The Church Building and of course I couldn't say no. I have stood before you many times before for Lectionary Reading and although I was honored I did so knowing that this was probably my last in the Church that I have attended since I was a lad. My Dad used to tell his friends and business associates that his son Robert was Baptized with a phonograph needle (for those of you that remember phonograph's) because I didn't have any trouble talking and singing. I guess I was a "Chip off the ole Block" huh Dad?...Seriously though your applause was appreciated and certainly unexpected because for me the five years I spent taking care of our Antique Church was just another day. Spending time with Great Friends and making sure everyone had what they needed in a clean and tidy place to Worship God. You All humbled this Old Welshman!

I want to say Thank-you to Therese Dorna whom I enjoyed working with as well as Russ Volmar whose work ethic and positive direction kept me mindful of getting things done conservatively and on budget. While I'm at it I also want to mention that I was honored to serve our Church after some fantastic Members that set the stage for continued operation like Homer Armagost, Bob Adams, and of course Frank Churchill. For me to be included with these fellows and the work that they did for FPC certainly deserves their recognition. I know that there are others that have contributed mightily and I don't mean to slight anyone but as I write this these people flash out of my memory. And there's always Dean Larsen who worked tirelessly at the County Fair!

Finally, I couldn't leave out my Spiritual Leaders in Pastor Nicole and Pastor Glen. Working with these two was really a blessing and I appreciate their belief in me and continued friendship and I'm sad that the days are drawing near when time will separate us but that the memories will be eternal.

Sincerely yours always,
Bob Pugh





"They must often change, who would be constant in happiness or wisdom." – *Confucius*

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." – *Semisonic*

"Farewell! God knows when we shall meet again."
– *William Shakespeare*

"It is so hard to leave—until you leave. And then it is the easiest thing in the world." – *John Green*

"If you're brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello." – *Paulo Coelho*

"Goodbyes make you think. They make you realize what you've had, what you've lost, and what you've taken for granted." – *Ritu Ghatourey*

"It's sad, but sometimes moving on with the rest of your life, starts with goodbye."
– *Carrie Underwood*

"Goodbyes, they often come in waves." – *Jarod Kintz*

"Goodbye always makes my throat hurt." – *Charlie Brown*

"See You Later Alligator." – *Bill Haley and the Comets*

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go" – *Oscar Wilde*

"Don't ever tell anyone anything. If you do, you start missing everybody." – *J.D. Salinger*

"So long, and thanks for all the fish!" – *Douglas Adams* huh???

"I'll miss you until you come back but I hope you'll make up for it by getting me awesome gifts. Bon voyage." – *Unknown*

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." – *Dr. Seuss*

