



The Presby Record

A community beacon of faith, love and hope.

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VBS

Is Coming

Monday - Friday, June 10-14

5:30 - 8:00 pm

Have you registered your child?

**Join us for
NATIVITY QUEST**
A Journey through the Christmas Story

First Presbyterian Church of St. Albans

June 10th-14th

5:30-8:00

Grades PreK - 5th

**Dinner provided followed by an evening
filled with games, crafts, activities, and
adventure!**

Register at firstpresbychurch.com or Facebook



Mark's Message

Of the many joys we have in being Presbyterian, one of my favorites is that we are a connected people, drawn together in Christ. In fact, our Constitution alludes to this when it speaks to the biblical ideal of unity by stating,

“Unity is God’s gift to the Church in Jesus Christ. Just as God is one God and Jesus Christ is our one Savior, so the Church is one because it belongs to its one Lord, Jesus Christ. The Church seeks to include all people and is never content to enjoy the benefits of Christian community for itself alone. There is one Church, for there is one Spirit, one hope, ‘one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all’ (Eph. 4:5–6). Because in Christ the Church is one, it strives to be one. To be one with Christ is to be joined with all those whom Christ calls into relationship with him. To be thus joined with one another is to become priests for one another, praying for the world and for one another and sharing the various gifts God has given to each Christian for the benefit of the whole community. Division into different denominations obscures but does not destroy unity in Christ. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), affirming its historical continuity with the whole Church of Jesus Christ, is committed to the reduction of that obscurity, and is willing to seek and to deepen communion with all other churches within the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church”
(Book of Order, F—1.0302a)

Later this month that we will see a glimpse of one section of the Church, one of the members of the branch, gather as the General Assembly of Presbyterians in Salt Lake City, UT. I am excited to see how God calls us to come together continually in unity, recognizing our togetherness despite our separation theologically, geographically, socially, and in any other “-ally” you can surmise. There are commissioners elected from every Presbytery who will discern the will of God as it applies to multiple overtures and changes to the constitution for our denomination.

Should you be interested in reading all the overtures and legal actions we will be deciding this year, you can go to pc-biz.org and see the work of all the

committees of General Assembly and the work to be done.

There are often reasons why I am challenged in my faith by actions that are taken at the General Assembly, but in the larger scope of work that is done as a denomination, I’m still honored to be ordained as a Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament. This year will be no different as there are multiple overtures that have the potential to further divide the denomination. It is my hope that we will pray for the commissioners to seek God’s will for our denomination rather than seeking our own glory.

This is a great reminder of our connection to other churches, other denominations, and to the Body of Christ as a whole. We are not an island in the sea; rather what sets us apart as Presbyterians, (specifically PCUSA Presbyterians) is our commitment to work for the whole rather than serve only individually.

Spiritual Life Committee

Laurie Turley, Valerie Gillespie, Kristi Sutphin

Many thanks to all who helped with the End-of-Life Seminar and also with refreshments for Pentecost Sunday.

We continue to be blessed with goodies for after-service coffee hour. We really appreciate Raven Lanham’s many contributions as well as other anonymous givers. If you happen to know you will be bringing something to share beforehand, please put your name on the calendar inside the kitchen on the wall. Thank you everyone again!

Looking into June, we are looking forward to the Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Brunch on June 2nd. Please join us after the service! An offering will be collected which gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives by donating to other women in need.

VBS starts Monday June 10! We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas in June! Please contact Laurie Turley if you can help in any way by setting tables, serving food, cooking, bringing desserts or drinks, and with clean-up.

In lieu of the 5th Sunday brunch, we will be serving a spaghetti lunch on June 16th. We look forward to VBS attendees and their parents to join us!

Gathering together in the life of the church, may we be blessed with a closer fellowship with God.

Vacation Bible School Menu

6/10 Monday	Taco Bar
6/11 Tuesday	Baked Potato Bar
6/12 Wednesday	Pulled Pork/Mac & Cheese/ Baked Beans
6/13 Thursday	Chicken Fingers/French Fries/Corn
6/14 Friday	Hot Dogs/Chips/Watermelon

June Birthdays

- 1 – Denny Denison
- 2 – Stephen Wiles, Ma Otto, Jennifer Burgess
- 3 – Emma Truly
- 5 – Mark Boyd
- 7 – Susan Grosscup
- 12 – Debbie Duvall
- 13 – Havyn Jones
- 14 – Betty King
- 16 – Sarah Roberts
- 17 – John Wiles, Kayla Coffman
- 18 – Buck Ivey
- 19 – Patsy Denison, Teresa Evans, David Harvey, Makenzie McGrogan
- 20 – Dreama Walker
- 21 – Katlyn Morford
- 27 – Libby Mullins
- 30 – Judy Otto

Happy Anniversary

Steve and Rachel Moss	June 8, 1956
Elmer and Jeannie Young	June 30, 1984
Kathy and Steve Leftwich	June 6, 1998
Gary and JoBeth Mounts	June 1, 1996

Prayer Requests

Care Facilities:

Ann McCormick, Apt. 213, English Meadows, 5 Bexley Dr, Scott Depot, WV 25560
 Sadie Ashworth, 5 Rolling Meadows Dr., Room 118, Scott Depot, WV 25560

Prayer Concerns – Congregation Members:

Mark Curtis
 Eleanor Reeves
 Mike Clark
 Debi Speidel (pneumonia)

Prayer Concerns - Family and Friends

Ashley Nestman, Lymphoma (Connie Ivey)
 Kathi Curtis' mother, Shirley Ware
 Dr. Cynthia Rigby, Parkinson's (Kathryn Maddy)
 William Wallace (Traletta Wallace's son) kidney
 Roger Schomburg (Kathryn Maddy's uncle)
 Victoria Reynolds hospitalized (Wanda Bowman)
 Joshua Higgins (Ron & Sharon Peterson's nephew)
 Jeff Maddy (Kathryn Maddy's husband)
 Michael Murphy (Mark Boyd's friend) cancer
 Eloise Waugh, Florida
 Mary Jo Swartz, cancer free
 Bill Rusika, Ann McCormick's uncle, Clarksburg hospital
 Janet Walker (Donna Merguc's sister) heart issue
 Bob Wharton (Laurie Turley's cousin)
 Clyde Ellis (Valerie Wade's high school classmate)
 Brucie Kessler (Breast cancer)
 Linda Cooper (Vickie Godbey) ovarian cancer

Military

- Captain Allie Curtis, US. Army (United States)
- Hunter Parsons U.S. Navy (Virginia)
- Mickey Swartz, Aircrew Flight Equipment Technician, U.S. Air Force (Eugene, Oregon)
- Lieutenant Jack Wiles, U.S. Air Force

Liturgists

June 2 – Adam Greathouse
 June 9 – Jamie Boyd
 June 16 – Mark Curtis
 June 23 – Buck Ivey

Communion Set-up and Servers

June 2—Buck Ivey, set up
 Kristi, Jack servers
 July 7 — Kristi Sutphin, set up
 Jack, Kathleen servers
 Aug 4 —Jack, set up
 Kathleen, Adam servers
 Sept 1—Kathleen, set up
 Adam Greathouse, Valerie Wade, servers



**July newsletter
 deadline is June 25.**

Notes from Session

A quorum was declared present and meeting was called to order with prayer by Moderator Mark Boyd at 12:00 PM.

Income and Expense Statement and Balance Sheet for April 2024 were approved as presented.

Congratulations to Kathryn Maddy who completed her studies and is now an Authorized Lay Pastor.

Clerk attended 2023 Minute Book Review and Clerk of Session training via zoom with Presbytery.

David Harvey presented the bid from Creative Audio Visual Group for improvements to the sanctuary audio visual and sound system.

Motion made to approve no more than \$4,000 from the \$30, 000 in the Reserve Fund to cover the purchase of (1) Black Magic ATEM Mini Pro to benefit streaming, (2) stage pickups, and (3) wireless microphone system.

Motion carried.

Daniel Bellamy, Music Director, has submitted his resignation as of June 23, 2024. His last service will be Sunday, June 23rd. Motion made to accept Daniel's resignation as submitted effective June 23, 2024.

Approved naming F. Emerson Ivey, Kathleen Jordan, and Andrea Pease as signees and program administrators on the Truist Bank Checking Account
Approved naming F. Emerson Ivey, John R. Jones and Andrea Pease program administrators of the Truist Commercial Card Account.

Approved naming F. Emerson Ivey, John R. Jones, and Andrea Pease program administrators of the Truist Stutler Trust Accounts .

Approved closing the Memorial Garden Fund, using the balance toward the recently ordered brass plaque. The remainder of the amount owed will be taken from the Memorial Fund.

LITTLES' STORY-TIME PROGRAM

meets on Fridays from 10:30 till 11:15am. It's 45 minutes but we accomplish a lot in that short period of time. We read a book, make a craft, play games, and eat a snack together after we have prayed.

2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 7 Kathryn Maddy (B)Sara Kell (C)Andi Pease (S)
June 14 Kirk King (B) Donna Merguc (C) Kathleen Jordan (S)
June 21 Connie Ivey (B) Debbie Duvall (C)Raven Lanham (S)
June 28 Kathy Weed (B) Andi Pease (C) Linda Slappe (S)

Suggested Activities:

- B - Reading the Book
- C - Preparing the Craft
- S - Preparing the Snack



Littles will not meet in the month of July, August 2 or 9. We will resume August 16.

"We are so thankful for our new and first-time Littles: Beau is 8 months old and Connie invited him, and Olive is 1 year old and I invited her, she's my neighbor. Carter is 5 years old and he came Friday (May 31), but we did not have Littles. Andi invited them to come back next Friday and to VBS.

From one of our Mothers:

*"Hello Donna,
I am the mother of Hiiro, who attends Littles.
As I mentioned before, we will be returning to Japan in July.*

I would like to bring my child to Littles until the very last minute, but Hiiro's older brother is at home because he doesn't have school.

Would it be okay for Hiiro's older brother to join us in June? I know it will be difficult as there are more and more children these days. On a different note, I have some toothbrushes and toothpaste that I received at various events. I would be willing to donate them to your church?" -- Naoko Suzuki



Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to:

- nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- support the mission of the church worldwide,
- work for justice and peace, and
- build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

PW will not meet during the summer months.

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Class of 2024: John Jones
Class of 2025: Buck Ivey
Class of 2026: Mark Curtis

Church Staff

Ministers Every Member of the Congregation
Pastor..... Rev. Mark Boyd
Custodian Mike Merguc
TreasurerBuck Ivey
Tech Team...Dave/Wendy Harvey, Betty King,
Michael Clark

Class of 2024

Jack Rogers (1)
Laurie Turley (1)
Holly Greathouse (2)

Officers

Class of 2025

Dave Harvey (1)
Adam Greathouse (1)
Buck Ivey (1)

Class of 2026

Kathleen Jordan (2)
Valerie Wade (2)
Kristi Sutphin (1)

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