



# Presbyterian Post

## First Presbyterian Church

Being God's Church, WE ARE. Living God's Vision, WE WILL.

Being God's Church, I AM. Living God's Vision, I WILL.



### Grace Woven In

***"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."  
Colossians 3:17***

September is a season of new beginnings. Fields move toward harvest. Students and teachers return to the classroom. Choirs lift their voices once again. Families settle into familiar routines, and many of us embrace fresh opportunities to serve God and one another.

These opportunities are gifts from God and part of the calling He has entrusted to us. As we worship, learn, serve, and encourage one another through the life of our church, we participate in God's gracious work among us. We then carry that same calling into our daily lives. Tending a field or livestock, teaching a classroom, repairing an automobile, working hard at the office, caring for a family, serving a neighbor, or faithfully carrying out other forms of daily work all become opportunities to honor Christ.

Yet woven among these amazing gifts, God is always doing something more. While we faithfully carry out the responsibilities He has given us, He is also strengthening hearts, preparing conversations, granting wisdom, deepening faith, opening doors, and creating opportunities we could never have arranged ourselves. Faith invites us to look expectantly among the responsibilities God has entrusted to us, trusting that God is accomplishing far more than we can presently see. As we begin to live with that expectancy, we discover gifts of His grace and opportunities to share that grace with others that may have been there all along.

Sometimes we discover that God's grace has been at work in ways we simply had not noticed before. It may be finding the strength to take the next step when the whole day has felt overwhelming. It may be realizing that a burden feels lighter after prayer, or discovering that a difficult conversation goes better than we expected. Sometimes it's the wisdom we need arriving just in time to make a decision, the realization that we are not carrying a struggle alone, or an unexpected reminder that God has been faithful before and will be faithful again. At other times, it is discovering joy even though our circumstances have not changed, or experiencing a moment of thanksgiving that catches us by surprise.

God also weaves opportunities to share His grace into the fabric of our everyday lives. We may notice someone who has been unusually withdrawn. We may have the chance to welcome someone who is new, thank a person whose faithful work often goes unnoticed, or celebrate someone else's success. We may be given the opportunity to speak words that calm rather than increase anxiety, to choose patience over irritation, or simply to be fully present in a conversation. We may never know how deeply these familiar moments touch another person's life, but God often accomplishes extraordinary things through opportunities we might otherwise have overlooked.

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# OPERATIONS

## Cash Flow Report for Month Ending 7/31/2026

The gross operating income through July 2026 was \$121,077 in contribution income and Facility usage donation of \$750 from Tri-Kappa and \$25 from Credit Card Points. Operating Expenses were \$173,814 for a Net Income ***of negative \$51,962*** (that's a shortage of \$7,423 per month). Any funds needed to cover cash flow were transferred to checking. In 2025 the Income was \$115,384 and expenses were \$124,061. Expenses are higher for utilities due weather and beginning in May staff expense increased with a full time pastor leading our congregation. However, giving has increased about \$700 per month compared to last year's seven month period.

### **Here is a breakdown of our expenses for seven months**

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Administration (Staff & Office)  | \$101,154         |
| Moving Exp-Pastor                | 8,000             |
| PNC Exp                          | 546               |
| Facilities (Utilities & Maint.)  | 50,599            |
| Education                        | 1,068             |
| Congr Life & Missions/Per Capita | 10,280            |
| Communication                    | 1,526             |
| Worship                          | <u>641</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>            | <b>\$ 173,814</b> |

Checking Account Balance on 7/31/2026 was \$5,424 and the Offering on August 2<sup>nd</sup> was sufficient to cover payables for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August. (Note: In order to have sufficient funds for July expenses after the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month a total of \$12,750 was transferred from savings sources. Donations to the Building Fund were \$3,250 for the 7 month period The Building Fund is \$20,875, \$6,550 of this has been designated for repairs to the parking lot; \$49 for landscaping (\$470 was used in July for the area at the front entrance of the church); \$25 for a plaque and uncommitted funds of \$14,251 for any needed repairs to the building.

We have diversified our investment portfolio beginning in July of 2025 which is generating a little more income. Income from our investments for 7 months was \$5,494 (net of fiduciary fees). In 2025 it was \$4,262.

Thank you to all who have generously contributed to the financial needs of this wonderful church so we could be the Lord's hands and feet.

**Luke 6:38.** *"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap"*

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Jacob, Church Treasurer



## Prayer Concerns

**Members:** Jerry Kolter; Lucy & Mert Jacob; Art Anderson; Marsha Oilar; Jenelle Foddrill; Dave Bramlage

**Members who are Nursing Home Residents:**

**Monticello Healthcare:**

Pat Potter

**White Oak Health Campus:**

Ruth Erdmann & Nina Dellinger

All unspoken prayers

## Service Men & Women

Brian Strantz (NAVY) (son of Tom & Julie Houck); Marine Helicopter Pilot Captain Charles Tuan (Richard Bailey's grandnephew; All unspoken prayers



## Friends and Relatives

Natalie Hanes (Judy Dowden's daughter & granddaughter & Gina Guy's sister & niece, ); Kathy Maxwell (Dave & Tom Anderson's sister); Fred Bailey (Richard's brother); Rob Hood (Ardis Bramlage's friend); Kathleen (Jennifer Haskin's friend); Joey (Jennifer Haskin's friends grandson); Maverick Davey (Chris & Linda Fullerton's great grandson); Chrissy (Fry) Downey; Frank Walker; Sophea Bailey (Richard's daughter-in-law);

Melanie Ventrice (Pastor Steve Quinlan's wife); Ruth Bramlage (Dave's sister); Kristy Hunt-Shilder (Jaci Smolek's friend); Sharon McQuiston (Ardis Bramlage's friend); Janyce Bateson (Ardis Bramlage's friend); Alex Layher (Mert & Lucy Jacob's grandson); Bronsyn Layton; Mary Hanaway (Donna Thompson's sister); Brothers & Sisters in Christ at New Hope Lutheran Church; All unspoken prayers

## Sister Churches

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Frankfort, IN

Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett, IN - Rev. Lyle Ewing

First Presbyterian Church, Goshen, IN - Rev. Joseph Bagdanov

Range Line Presbyterian Church, Hebron IN

## Church Directory

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rev. Jonathan T. Basile | Pastor                   |
| Jaci Smolek             | Administrative Assistant |
| Lucy Jacob              | Treasurer                |
| Bill Cook               | Custodian                |
| Laura Lee               | Choir Director           |
| Marilyn Denton          | Organist                 |
| Jeffrey Cameo           | Media Specialist         |
| Flordeliza Sare         | Nursery                  |
| Jenelle Foddrill        | Youth Group Leader       |



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### THE SESSION:

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Rev. Stephen Quinlan | Moderator        |
| Joy Bailey           | Clerk of Session |

### CLASS OF 2026

Jody Headdy, De Anna Paschen; Jay Janke; Dave Bramlage; Dave Anderson

### CLASS OF 2027

Joy Bailey, Liz Rice, Tom Anderson; Jenelle Foddrill

### CLASS OF 2028

Sherry Evans & Dennis Boyd

### THE DEACONS:

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Reesa Flora | Moderator      |
| TBD         | Vice-Moderator |
| TBD         | Secretary      |
| Andi Janke  | Treasurer      |

### CLASS OF 2026

Andi Janke, Mark Hay  
Donna Thompson

### CLASS OF 2027

Theresa Baker, Greg Bossaer  
Amber Brothers

### CLASS OF 2028

Reesa Flora, Susie Good  
Richard Bailey

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Leslie Goss    | President           |
| Susie Good     | Vice President      |
| Ardis Bramlage | Historian/Secretary |
| Theresa Baker  | Treasurer           |

### Program Leaders:

Spring: N/A

Fall: N/A

Christmas: N/A

### Nominating Committee:

N/A



# OUR CHURCH AT WORK

|                                         | <u>September 6th</u>                             | <u>September 13th</u>                                  | <u>September 20th</u>                      | <u>September 27th</u>         |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>ACOLYTES</u>                         | TBD                                              | TBD                                                    | TBD                                        | TBD                           |
| <u>DEACON</u>                           | Mark Hay                                         | Mark Hay                                               | Mark Hay                                   | Mark Hay                      |
| <u>FELLOWSHIP</u>                       | Margaret Sherry<br>Carol Mehrings<br>Sue Winings | Stephanie Dellinger<br>Janet Anderson<br>Betsy Bossaer | Jane Harvey<br>Theresa Baker<br>Joy Bailey | Honorarium<br>Sunday          |
| <u>FLOWER<br/>CALENDAR</u>              | Jay & Andi<br>Janke                              | De Anna<br>Paschen                                     | None                                       | None                          |
| <u>LITURGIST</u>                        | N/A                                              | N/A                                                    | N/A                                        | N/A                           |
| <u>POWERPOINT<br/>and<br/>STREAMING</u> | Jenelle Foddrill<br>De Anna/Betsy or<br>Amber    | Greg Bossaer<br>De Anna/Betsy or<br>Jenelle            | Mike Rice<br>Amber/Jenelle or<br>Betsy     | Dan Flora<br>Leslie / De Anna |
| <u>USHERS</u>                           | N/A                                              | N/A                                                    | N/A                                        | N/A                           |



Office will be closed on Monday the 7th for  
Labor Day and will re-open on Tuesday the  
8th at 9 a.m.

**Have a Safe & Happy Holiday! God Bless!**



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Throughout Scripture, God often surprised people by bestowing unexpected acts of grace in the midst of everyday life. A widow did not know what God would do through her small jar of oil (2 Kings 4:1–7). A little boy could not have imagined what Jesus would do with his simple lunch (John 6:1–14). No one looking at a tiny mustard seed would expect it to become a place of shelter for many (Matthew 13:31–32). Again and again, God accomplished far more than anyone expected.

This characterized much of Jesus' ministry. He continually recognized the Father's work in ways others overlooked, inviting people to share in the abundant blessings God was already bringing to harvest. As His disciples, we are invited to cultivate that same expectant way of seeing.

Paul speaks to this in his letter to the Colossians. He writes, *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."* The word translated "whatever" is wonderfully comprehensive. It means everything, every conversation, every responsibility, every moment of our lives. As Presbyterians, because we trust in God's providence, we can trust that He is faithfully at work in our lives and in His world, often accomplishing far more than we can presently see. As we faithfully live out the calling God has given us each day, we can trust that He is doing far more than we can presently imagine.

As we journey into September and embrace the responsibilities God has entrusted to us, it's my prayer that we'd also remember that His grace is woven throughout them. Every conversation, every task, every challenge, and every joy may become another place where His faithful presence and gracious purposes are revealed.

What gifts of God's grace might we discover in the days ahead?

How might God use even the most familiar moments of our day to bless us, and to bless others through us?

My prayer is that, together, we will learn to see our days more as Jesus did, recognizing the Father's work in ways we may once have overlooked, and joyfully sharing in the abundant harvest of His grace.

There is so much to celebrate as we discover God's Kingdom already at work among us!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Jonathan



## WORSHIP



**Choir will begin practicing  
September 9th at 7 p.m. All singers  
are welcome! Come and make a joyful  
noise to the Lord!**

# MISSION/CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS

## September 2nd

Dan & Reesa Flora

## September 12th

Chris & Linda Fullerton

## September 23rd

Pam & Bruce Hanway



## September 2nd

Joe Maudlin

Karen Brewer

## September 11th

Jessica Phillips

## September 13th

Logan Creamer

## September 14th

Tracy Creamer

## September 15th

Marsha Oilar

## September 20th

Dale Headdy

## September 24th

Adrian Bateson

## September 25th

Anella McFee

## September 26th

Larry Thompson

## September 28th

Allen Price

## SOUP FOR SOULS

The Methodist Church hosts Soup 4 Souls on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our church is responsible for the 4th Tuesday of each month. We need to provide at least two people to work and donate two plates of brownies. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Judy Bertram if you are willing to serve.



## Chair Exercise Class

The Chair Exercise Class for mature adults and those with mobility limitations is scheduled for 10:00 am to 11:00 am; classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday. Please come and join the fun!!

## REMINDER

Food Pantry Pick-up

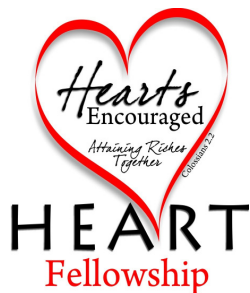
Sept. 28 - Oct. 3

For questions, contact Mark Hay.



## HEART FELLOWSHIP

Heart Fellowship will have their monthly meeting from 11:15 to 1:00 on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Laura Vogler of Vogler Elder Law will be presenting the program. For reservations, please call the church office prior to noon on Friday, September 4, 2026, or see the signup sheet in the narthex that previous Sunday. Reservations are necessary for food preparation. THANK YOU!!!!



## PNC NEWS

### *Save the Date!*

*A very special day is coming for the members and friends of FPC!*

On Sunday, September 27, 2026, dignitaries of the Wabash Valley Presbytery will gather with our congregation for the purpose of installing The Reverend Jonathan T. Basile as Pastor of The First Presbyterian Church of Monticello.

With heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the blessings we have received in welcoming Jonathan and Stephanie to our church family, all members and friends of FPC are warmly invited to Rev. Basile's installation ceremony. We look forward to sharing this meaningful observance with each other and our community.

We rejoice in the steadfast commitment of our congregation through our journey, as we searched for that pastor we knew that God had chosen for us. We give thanks for the gifts that God has bestowed on us in our new pastor. Words of inspiration and hope, together with blessings for Reverend Basile and our church family will make this day a very special one in our church's long history.

The PNC will be hosting a light reception immediately following the worship service. *Please plan to join us!*

For members and friends who may not be able to join us in person, we are pleased that the Service of Installation will also be available for viewing on our live stream Facebook page and on You Tube.



Rev. Jonathan T. Basile  
Service of Installation  
Sunday, September 27, 2026  
4:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Monticello, IN



## EDUCATION/YOUTH NEWS



### Youth Bibles

On Sunday, September 13th we will present Bibles to our youth who are beginning 4th grade. If you have a child or grandchild who will be in the 4th grade this fall who would like to receive a Bible, please let us know and plan to attend worship that Sunday.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

**COMING NEXT  
MONTH.....**

**DAN'S FISH FRY**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22nd  
from: 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**First Presbyterian Church**

