



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.



Dear Members and Friends,

In his life on earth, Jesus came and went from place to place, just as all of us do. Before his resurrection, he was in one place at a time. Place and time are our ordinary ways of being.

After Christ's resurrection, things were very different. Jesus was no longer strictly limited by place or time. In his resurrection message to his disciples in Matthew 28, his last words were these, "Remember, I am with you always, till the end of the age." This would not be possible if not for the Ascension.

On the 29th of May, this year, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. That is our remembrance that Jesus ascended from us so that he might be with us at all times and in all places. The event of the Ascension is indescribable in any ordinary terms. Jesus, in a resurrection body, moved from the physical plane of being to the spiritual. He didn't vaporize or sparkle into atomic bits like what happens through a Star Trek transporter. He moved from a shadowland of the material into the deeper (higher?) reality of the spiritual dimension, into what the scripture often call "heaven." In Bible talk, he rose from earth to heaven. Matthew and John have no account of this. Mark uses the simple phrase, "he was taken up into heaven..." It is Luke who tells us most about the Ascension. In fact, he has two different descriptions of it. In Luke 24, Jesus blessed the disciples and "while he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven." Luke's second account is in Acts chapter 1. There he writes, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. ' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight."

In this second account, Luke gives us a theological key that helps unlock the mystery of the Ascension. When Jesus ascends, he gives the Holy Spirit to his followers for all time and in all places. He breaks the bonds of time and place and is everywhere all at once. That is what we celebrate on the Feast of the Ascension – the everywhere-ness and all-at-onceness of Christ. This is the answer to the poet's question, "Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?" There is no place we can be or no time we can be there when Jesus Christ is not with us. As he said, "I go to prepare a place for you... so that where I am you may be also.

In hard times and in dark places, Christ is there. He has gone ahead of us and is waiting for us there. He has already prepared that place and time for us and will take us there to himself. May you have a blessed May and a joyful Feast of the Ascension!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Steve



OPERATIONS

Cash Flow Report for Month Ending 3/31/2025

The gross operating income for three months 2025 was \$49,043. Contributions, *excluding* Designated Funds for this period were \$49,043. Operating expenses were \$51,424. Our Net Income was **negative \$2,381**. Donations were \$4,160 higher than in 2024 because IRA distribution donations were received during the month of March. This has contributed to a more positive cash flow for the 1st quarter of 2025.

For the same period in 2024 the income was \$44,882 (includes contributions from IRA accounts). Operating expenses in 2024 were \$48,585.

Here is a breakdown of our expenses for 3 months in 2025

Administration (Staff & Office)	\$28,903
PNC Exp	297
Facilities (Utilities & Maint.)	16,462
Education	60
Congr Life & Missions/Per Capita	4,416
Communication	999
Worship	286
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TOTAL	\$51,424

Checking Account Balance on 3/31/25 was \$11,763. This was enough to cover invoices and payroll and the quarterly Multi-Peril Insurance Premium due on April 1st in the amount of \$5,568. Donations to the Building Fund were \$1,365. The balance in the Building Fund is \$30,977 (\$6,400 of this has been designated for repairs to the parking lot; \$519 for landscaping, \$3,919 for railing in the pulpit area and the remainder of \$20,939 for future needs.).

Many of our members and non- members give very generously to the Operating Fund, Building Fund, the Deacons Fund. We do have some Reserves to fall back and that is a blessing. But those will only sustain us for so long.

Our congregation is also blessed with a dedicated staff and volunteers.

The Pastor Nominating Committee will be working diligently to find the pastor God has chosen for us. Please pray for the team we have chosen and for Pastor Steve as he continues to lead us.

I pray each of you is blessed in ways you never expected. God is good!

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/Ruling/Elder



Prayer Concerns

Members: Pat Potter; Jerry Kolter; Lucy & Mert Jacob; Nina Dellinger; Donna Thompson; Mike Rice

Members who are Nursing Home Residents:
White Oak Health Campus:
Jim Hallar; Ruth Erdmann & Naomi Ward

Service Men & Women

Brian Strantz (NAVY) (son of Tom & Julie Houck); Brad Switzer (USMC); Ensign Daniel Weathers (NAVY) (grandson of James Hallar); PVT Peyton Chaffin (son of Heather Chaffin);
All unspoken prayers



Friends and Relatives

Elain Berry (Cinda Wilhite's sister); Jenny & Natalie Hanes (Judy Dowden's daughter & granddaughter & Gina Guy's sister & niece,); Holly Conner (Jenelle's friend); Mark Skidmore (Dennis Boyd's friend); Mike O'Farrell; Mindy & Jon Gutwein (Sara Phelps's friend); Kathy & Roger Maxwell (Dave & Tom Anderson's sister & brother-in-law); Ray Dulin; Fallon Wildrick (Jim Wildrick's granddaughter); Kimberly Dulin (Linda Fullerton's friend); Janet Anderson (Art Anderson's wife); Katelyn Creigh (Gary & Kim Creigh's daughter); Flor Sare; Fred Bailey (Richard's brother); Jim Wanders (Naomi Ward's son); Kristin Arnone (Dennis & Roslyn Boyd's daughter); Kathleen (Jennifer Haskin's friend); Joey (Jennifer Haskin's friend's grandson); C.J. White (Judy Dowden's grandson & Gina Guy's nephew); Wayne Speicher (Mike & Liz Rice's friend); Maverick Davey (Chris & Linda Fullerton's great grandson); Chrissy (Fry) Downey; Frank Walker; Brothers & Sisters in Christ at New Hope Lutheran Church.

Sister Churches

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Frankfort, IN
Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett, IN
First Presbyterian Church, Goshen, IN - Rev. Kenneth Weaver
First Presbyterian Church, Hammond, IN - Rev. Linda S. Skaggs

Church Directory

Rev. Stephen Quinlan	Bridge 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 2025

Lucy Jacob; De Anna Paschen; Judy Bertram

CLASS OF 2026

Jody Headdy, Jay Janke; Dave Bramlage; Dave Anderson

CLASS OF 2027

Joy Bailey, Jenelle Foddrill, Tom Anderson, Liz Rice

THE DEACONS:

Andi Janke	Moderator
TBD	Vice-Moderator
TBD	Secretary
Andi Janke	Treasurer

CLASS OF 2025

Andi Janke, Mark Hay
Donna Thompson

CLASS OF 2026

Theresa Baker, Greg Bossaer
Amber Brothers

CLASS OF 2027

Reesa Flora, Susie Good
Richard Bailey

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

Donna Thompson	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



SESSION NEWS

March 25, 2025 Mini Minutes

The March 25, 2025 Regular Session Meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Stephen Quinlan at 6:30 p.m. in the new conference room. Ten Elders were present, and one was by phone. Clerk, Joy Bailey declared a quorum. Devotions for the evening were given by Elder De Anna Paschen. The docket was amended to include a report from the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The February 25, 2025 Regular Session Minutes were approved as corrected. The Communion Count was 63.

Shelle Hay, Co-Chairman of the PNC presented suggestions from the meeting with Morgan Stanley, Treasurer Lucy Jacob, and the PNC about the Effective Salary that will be offered. Following discussion, the Session approved the Effective Salary. The 2024 Church Statistical Report was approved by the Session and will be filled with the Presbytery. The Administrative Team reports that the gross operating income for two months in 2025 was \$25,903. Operating expenses were \$38,580. Checking Account Balance on 2/28/25 was \$5,742.

Facilities Needs reports that the Sanctuary Handrail Project will be put on hold until after Easter. Dave Anderson hopes to do the work himself. The Communications Team has done ads for Easter and Richard Bailey has done a poster for the Last Supper Presentation. The Worship Team reports that the Maundy Thursday Service will be at 8 p.m. on April 17th. We will have 4 new disciples in the Last Supper Presentation this year. The Mission Team reminds us that the “One Great Hour of Sharing Offering” will be taken up during Lent.

Pastor Quinlan has spent a total of 46 hours in the office in March. He spent 22 hours in preparation for Sunday Worship on March 2, 9, 16, and 23. He served the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper once. He has made 15 pastoral contacts at nursing homes, the hospital and 2 trips to Indianapolis. He also held staff meetings, fellowship and work at home. The Session approved a study plan by Sherry Evans to hold *The Daniel Plan* at the church beginning on April 14th. It is a 6-week plan that requires each person to purchase a study guide. It is mostly led by DVD’s.

There being no further business, the Session voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of Session, Joy Bailey



WORSHIP

Pastor Steve is available to serve home communion to shut-ins after church on Communion Sunday. If you would like to have communion, please contact Jody Headdy at 574-297-4075 to be scheduled.



EDUCATION/YOUTH NEWS

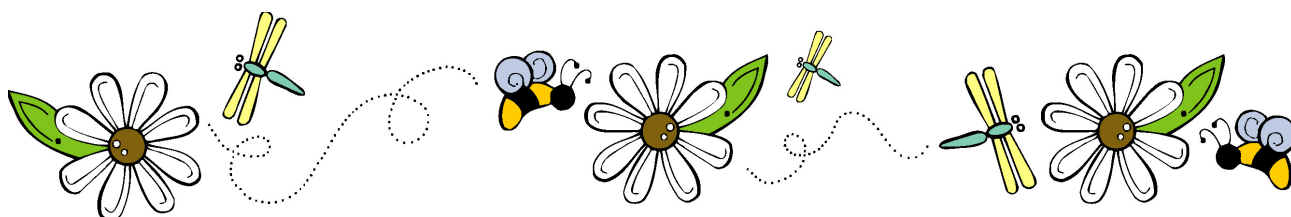
Attention all VBS Volunteers!

We will commission all of you during worship on Sunday, July 6th.

Vacation Bible School 2025: TRUE NORTH:
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Sunday, July 6th through Thursday, July 10th

We are again partnering with Monticello United Methodist Church to host a community vacation bible school. Volunteers are needed and all are invited to participate. There is a place for everyone who is interested in making the lives of children better. Please see Betsy Bossaer or let the office know if you have questions or want to volunteer. The more the merrier!!



OUR CHURCH AT WORK

	<u>May 4th</u>	<u>May 11th</u>	<u>May 18th</u>	<u>May 25th</u>
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<u>DEACON</u>	Richard Bailey	Richard Bailey	Richard Bailey	Richard Bailey
<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>	Sonja Russell Jennifer Haskin Bonnie Harmon	Dave Winings Greg Bossaer Scott Andrews	Graduation Sunday	Linda Maudlin Carol Mehrings Stephanie Dellinger
<u>FLOWER CALENDAR</u>	None	None	De Anna Paschen	The Peter's Family
<u>LITURGIST</u>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<u>POWERPOINT & STREAMING</u>	Dan Flora Leslie / Betsy	Dan or Jenelle Leslie / De Anna	Dan Flora Amber / Betsy	Dan Flora Amber / TBD
<u>USHERS</u>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Every Sunday at
10:15 a.m. in the
Chapel.



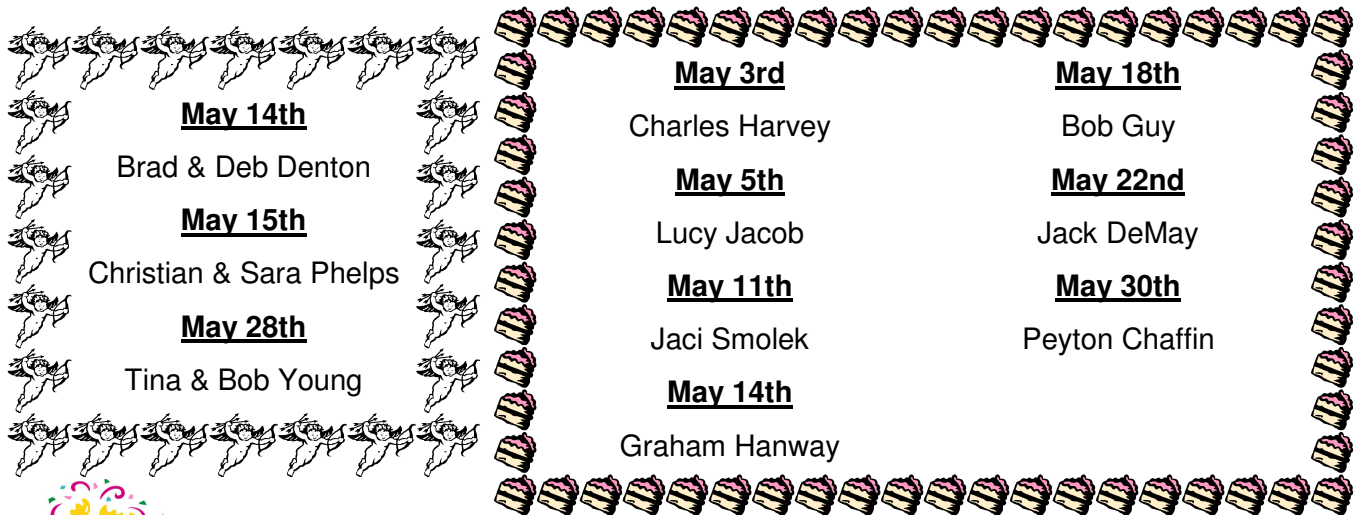


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MISSION/CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS



<u>May 14th</u> Brad & Deb Denton	<u>May 3rd</u> Charles Harvey	<u>May 18th</u> Bob Guy
<u>May 15th</u> Christian & Sara Phelps	<u>May 5th</u> Lucy Jacob	<u>May 22nd</u> Jack DeMay
<u>May 28th</u> Tina & Bob Young	<u>May 11th</u> Jaci Smolek	<u>May 30th</u> Peyton Chaffin
	<u>May 14th</u> Graham Hanway	

This Month's Anniversaries & Birthdays

Memorial Day
Office will be closed to observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th. The office will reopen Tuesday, May 27th.



REMINDER
Food Pantry Pick-up
May 27 - May 31
For questions, contact Mark Hay.

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

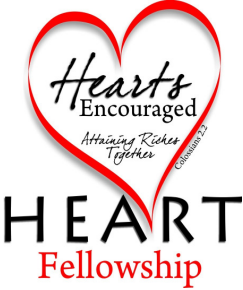
The Chair Exercise Class for mature adults and those with mobility limitations is scheduled for 10:00 am to 11:00 am.; classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday. Please come and join the fun!!



HEART Fellowship

Heart Fellowship will have their monthly meeting from 11:15 to 1:00 on Tuesday, May 13th. Phyllis Roth will present a program titled "Quilts Can Tell A Story". For reservations please call the church office prior to noon on Monday, May 12th or see the sign up sheet in the Narthex that previous Sunday. Reservations are necessary for food preparation.

THANK YOU !!!!



EDUCATION NEWS



Graduation Sunday is set for May 18th. During worship on May 18th we will recognize high school and college graduates. Please join us that day to celebrate their accomplishments. We have contacted all known graduates already; so if you have a graduate and we haven't been in touch, PLEASE let us know...we don't want to miss anyone!!!



Lewis Dellinger

I am graduating *Summa Cum Laude* from Wabash College, finishing at the top of my class with a degree in Financial Mathematics and a minor in Economics. I earned numerous academic honors and held several leadership roles. I played football for two years and compete in collegiate golf all four years. My passion for law and service was recently recognized with the prestigious Bingham Law Stipend, awarded by the College's Pre-Law Society. This fall, I will continue my academic journey at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, attending on a significant scholarship.



Leo Dellinger

I am graduating at the top of my class, earning recognition not only for my academic excellence but also as a standout three-sport athlete from Twin Lakes High School. Throughout high school, I demonstrated remarkable drive and discipline, earning acceptance into several of the nation's most prestigious educational institutions. After careful consideration, I have chosen to attend Wabash College, where I will pursue studies in business and engineering. My athletic journey will continue at Wabash, where I plan to compete in golf and potentially football as well.



Jaci Smolek

I am graduating with Academic Honors from the Accounting Department from Ivy Tech Community College with an Associates Degree in Accounting. I plan to put that knowledge towards learning more about Bookkeeping & Payroll here at FPC and helping my husband with his farm books.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

DAN'S FISH FRY

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 from: 4:00 - 7:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church

FISH, CHICKEN, SIDES, DESSERTS, DRINKS

PRICE: Adult to 12 yrs. - \$15; 5-11 yrs. - \$10; 4 and younger - FREE

Dine-In & Carry-Out Available

PW has sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall and tickets are available.



Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering:

Meet, Eat, Plant

Wednesday, May 21st

Bring light snacks to enjoy. We'll be planting herbs to take home.



Team Luncheon Served by PW

Sunday, May 18th

Lunch will be a delicious meal of ham, scalloped potato casserole, baked beans and left overs from fish fry!