

Three months ago, I came to Jefferson City as your interim pastor. As they say time flies when you are having fun. In the pastor business we often talk of a honeymoon period which lasts for a certain period of time. When a congregation calls an installed pastor, it is frequently about a year. Interims often stay for a year and up to two or three depending on circumstances related to the call process. Which means maybe for some interim pastors the bulk of the time spent is a honeymoon relationship of sorts.

Having said all that, I want to throw a thought out for the congregation to ponder. Way back in my timeline as a clergyperson art was introduced to me as a way to communicate Gods message. I was reminded of the artwork in the catacombs and the chanting music were artforms of the early Christian tradition. Since then, art forms have played a role in the church. The banners in the windows are wonderful visual expressions of the Christian story. Of course, many musical and art pieces have masterpiece status that we now revere as “sacred.” Handel wrote the Messiah,” Mozart’s wrote masses and requiems, and Bach’s cantatas were all the rage back in the day. A portrait like picture of Jesus, by Warner Sallman called “The Head of Christ,” the also named “Head of Christ” by Richard Hook, numerous Roman Catholic Sacred Heart paintings of Jesus and Eastern Orthodox icons are sacred to many.

Fast forward to the modern day and a new way to use art has entered the scene, film. Some traditions embrace film as art as possible. Others view it as essential. I wonder if its use might enhance the 1st Presbyterian’s footprint on the Christian witness in Jefferson City. Many, many many film productions are out there and it almost takes someone with an interest to make this kind of event happen.

The journal of the PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship “Call to Worship” vol 53.4 has an article on InLighten Films. They interview Scott Galloway the founder and executive producer. The interview spells out his vision for the work he does. The films are

weekly based on biblical scripture and follow the Revised Common Lectionary. The films can be used in worship, Christian Education, Bible studies and in other ways such as retreats.

One insight among the many he gives says young people are drawn to this. It connects with short story telling. Short story format connects with “audiences, particularly younger ones in a way they prefer.” IMHO this gets Presbyterians one step away from one of the failures we continue to insist upon that people are just going to somehow find us and come.

That’s all for now. Grace and peace.
 Pastor Robert



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next Men’s Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th at 8:00 a.m., at Perkins in Dandridge.

CHURCH STREET CAFÉ DELIVERY

We are in need of volunteers to help with our next delivery of food from Midwest FoodBank on Wednesday, May 11th at 11:30 a.m. We will need help unloading, sorting and stocking the goods. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Noonkesser (865-216-0715).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A CHURCH WIDE SHRED EVENT

On Wednesday, May 11, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring their sensitive/confidential documents to be shredded securely. *(If you are unable to bring your shredding items that day, you will be able to bring them to the church ahead of time and leave them.)* If you would like to donate to help with the cost of shredding, please see Heather in the Church Office.

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CHURCH STREET CAFÉ is collecting canned soups and peanut butter for May. You can bring items on Sundays and leave them in the boxes provided in hall or Narthex. Items can also be dropped off during business hours, Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can give online at fpcjeffcity.org or place a check in the offering plate (please note Church Street Café).

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We would like to honor our college graduate Jackson Moser from Clemson University, with a degree in Agricultural Business. We will be collecting cards for Jackson through Sunday, May 15. There will be a basket on the table in the library to place your cards. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



A NOTE FROM THE PNC

As the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) begins its search for our next pastor, one of our goals is to help the congregation understand the process we will follow, and to keep you updated on where we are in our journey. The first step was when you elected the PNC. Since then, we have held an organizational meeting with Robert, and we have also met with our liaison to the Presbytery’s Committee On Ministry (COM), which is another required step. Since then, we have met to formulate our plans.

One very important step will involve the entire congregation: We will be doing a survey to get your thoughts about who we are as a church, and how we, as a congregation, envision our ministry; we will also want your counsel about what qualities you would desire in our new pastor. We will give you details about how to access and complete the survey once it has been assembled, and we strongly encourage everyone in the congregation to complete it; we value your thoughts and opinions, and the more feedback we get, the better we can discern the best way forward.

After we gather the survey results, the next step will be to write the church’s *Ministry Information Form (MIF)*, which, after endorsement by Session and the COM, will be posted on the PCUSA’s Church Leadership Connection (CLC). The CLC will match our MIF with *Personal Information Forms (PIFs)* of ministers who are open to a new call and whose PIFs are compatible with our MIF. Then will come the process of interviews and discernment which will lead us to a candidate to become our next pastor.

While the work of the PNC must remain confidential, we shall endeavor to keep you informed about how we are progressing. Your PNC members (Carol Antoniewicz {secretary}, Jessica Evans, Peggy Hypes {vice chair}, Martha Sanders, and John Zirkle {chair}) welcome your insight and we’re eager to continue on our way.

WELCOME

The Personnel Committee is happy to announce, with the approval of Session, that First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, has hired Nicholas Moose as Music Director! His first Sunday will be on May 8th. Please join me in welcoming Nicholas to our faith community!

APRIL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—April 13, 2022

- Approved a vacation day for Reverend White for May 15, 2022.
- Approved participation of our church in a community Pentecost service.
- Approved hiring Nicolas Moose as the Music Director.
- Jeff Drees offered to be the new chair for the Personnel Committee.
- Approved the recommendation of Finance & Stewardship Committee to use \$2458.50 from the contingency fund to help pay repairs in the sanctuary due to termite damage.
- Christian Education reported planning has begun for a community combined Vacation Bible School event for June 6-10, 2022.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	2	3 B & G Committee 6:30 p.m. Claud & Kay Gowan	4 Mission Committee Virtual Fellowship and Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	5	6 Kent & Susan Clouser	7 Rich Harlan
8 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Mother's Day John Ryan Scarlett Ashley Williams	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Church Street Café 4:30 p.m.	11 CSC Delivery 11:30 a.m. Virtual Fellowship and Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Session 7:30 p.m.	12	13 Charlie & Dian Wise	14
15 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Doug Dykstra	16	17 Connor Hypes	18 Virtual Fellowship and Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	19 Connie Harlan	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21
22 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Jama Seahorn	23	24 Church Street Café 4:30 p.m. J Moser	25 Virtual Fellowship and Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	26 David and Susan Nowell	27 Jack O'Hare	28
29 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31				

FINANCE REPORT — APRIL 2022

TOTAL APRIL \$18,711.22

(\$16,650 is needed monthly to meet budget)

YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) INCOME/EXPENSES

	Actual	YTD Prorated	YTD Budget
INCOME	\$101,222.28	\$55,155.60**	\$61,690.00
EXPENSES	\$48,448.63		\$86,403.81

YTD ACTUAL INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$52,773.65

YTD PRORATED INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$6,706.97

This number has been adjusted to reflect what actual giving through April would be, if completed yearly pledges, were divided out monthly. If you have questions, please see



A COMMUNITY VBS SPONSORED BY:

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, JEFFERSON CITY
MT. PLEASANT UNITED METHODIST, TALBOTT

HOSTED BY: FUMC 2011 BRANNER AVENUE, JEFFERSON CITY

AGES 2 - GRADE 5
ADULT BIBLE STUDY
SUPPER PROVIDED AT 5:30 PM

JUNE 6-10 2022 5:30PM-8:00 PM



A VALUABLE command

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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so t_at y_u may _i_e l_ng in t_e land
the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

?? Bible Quiz ??

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

A. Joshua
B. Levi
C. Caleb
D. Aaron

Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6)

REMINDER OF ONLINE GIVING DIRECTIONS

We have updated our giving options online to make things more streamlined for you as a user and for the church. Below you will find step by step instructions on how to use this new system.

1. Go to fpcjeffcity.org
2. Select Giving from the top menu and select Donate Here at bottom of page
3. This will take you to a secure site through Vanco with our current giving options.
4. Select the Mission (i.e. Regular Offering, CSC, Five Cents a Meal, One Great Hour of Sharing, or Emergency Community Support Fund) you wish to give too
5. You will then be asked to enter an amount, frequency, and start date. Once you fill out those fields, select add to basket.
6. At this point you can add additional giving ways to “your basket” (you follow step 5, for each way you wish to give) or select continue to payment.
7. Enter your credit card or banking for information. (At this step, you also have the option to contribute to the fees the church pays for processing. **THIS IS COMPLETELY OPTIONAL**) Click continue to review.
8. You should see a final summary of all donations you wish to make, if it is correct, click submit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me in the church office. If there is a fund you would like to contribute to, but don't see it listed, please let me know and we can add it to our list of giving options.

MISSION CORNER

One Great Hour of Sharing: Thanks to everyone who contributed to this special offering; to date \$930 has been collected. OGHS is a special offering of PCUSA which provides funds to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, to Presbyterian Hunger Program, and to Self-Development of People. All of these endeavors show our commitment to be a Matthew 25 congregation: to build congregational vitality, to dismantle structural racism, and to eradicate systemic poverty.

Reminder from the March newsletter: Each year the Mission Committee spends money from the Mission Endowment to fund grant requests from mission partners both locally and more broadly. We solicit grant requests during April. If YOU would like to help us determine which grants to fund this year, please join us for this project. We would send you the grant applications (probably from eight organizations), and you can join us for our meeting on June 4, 11am, via Zoom. If you can't make that day and time, but want to participate, you can send in your 'votes' ahead of time. Just let Carol Antoniewicz know if you want to help! Thank you!

And please do keep contributing cleaning and personal care items for the Necessities Pantry, in the bin in the office hallway. Items are delivered to the Pantry about once a month and are VERY much appreciated.

B&G CORNER

Did you miss us? Time got away from us and we did not have a B&G Corner for April. Heather tells me she was overwhelmed with calls asking about the April B&G Corner. Well to make it easier on Heather here is the B&G Corner for May.

We are expecting by early May roughly 20sq. ft. of Sanctuary flooring removed from the northwest corner in order to repair the termite damaged joists. After the subflooring elements get fixed new flooring will be put down.

Associated with this activity we are going to be moving the audio equipment to this back corner of the Sanctuary. So Lyle will be moving from the 'Front Row' to the 'Back Row' (memories of Bob Uecker Miller Lite commercials).

Finally, two of the benches around the Memorial Bricks are in place with two more to go. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for the Committee to make more progress on this project.