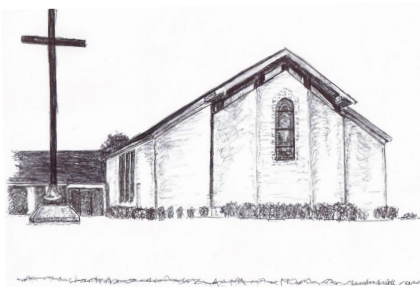


Presby News

AUGUST 2023



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

What a busy summer! Even though the summer heat of July tried to slow us down and keep us indoors, we have had an eventful summer. And that is wonderful! It's exciting to see what God has in store for us for the fall.

We began our summer hearing that our pianist, David Berrocal would be leaving to focus more on completing his degree and career. While we were sad to see David leave us, we sent David with a blessing to reach for his life goals and dreams. God blessed us with Jennifer Ciobanu! Jennifer is a remarkably talented pianist and worship leader. God brought Jennifer to us "in the fullness of time" because we didn't miss a single Sunday between her arriving and David's leaving. I am thankful that Jennifer is using her talents with us. She is a blessing to our church.

This summer has also brought other new life experiences within our congregation. We have some who have retired from careers and will be creating new experiences in retirement. I know retirement won't mean slowing down. It will just be a new schedule. We have others who have started new jobs, moved into new homes, and starting new phases of life and family. These new experiences are exciting mixed with a tiny bit of fear of what is to come. We are reminded that God is still at work in us as individuals and as a church.

Here at the end of summer, August brings other community changes for us. Some of us go back to school. Back-to-school affects us all. We will all have to adjust to the change in traffic, busier stores, and more community events sponsored by our schools. Please pray for our schools and education leaders as we begin a new year. But another change for our community is the upcoming election of a sheriff. We've all seen the yard signs and billboards. I know I've had several volunteers ring my doorbell with the campaign. I'm not about to weigh in on the election. However, I will encourage us to exercise our right to vote and express our opinion for the future of our parish law enforcement.

With the busy events of summer, our attendance has remained strong. Even as we have enjoyed summer trips and travel, we have continued to have good attendance each week. I'm excited to see where God will lead us as we move into the fall. As we remain faithful and open to the Holy Spirit's voice, I am confident that God will help us see what He is doing in our community.

I pray that each of us will continue to face new experiences with God's hand to guide us. May God continue to bless us and lead us to share his love with our community. I look forward to hearing from you as you share what God is doing in your life.

Grace and Peace,
Bro. Greg

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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SPECIAL DATES

August 6 9:00 am Brookdale Worship
11:00 am Worship/Communion
August 13 11:00 am Worship
August 20 11:00 am Worship
August 27 11:00 am Worship

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

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1 John 5:14

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31-Day Scripture Writing Challenge

August

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day this month to write down the following Scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the Scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 1 | 1 Peter 2:24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 17 | 1 Corinth. 13:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 2 | Luke 18:42-43 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 18 | James 1:27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 3 | Genesis 4:7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 19 | Romans 1:17 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 16 | James 1:2-4 | | |

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!

August Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
August 6	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	Communion Team: Elizebette Kennedy & Bill Higgins
August 13	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
August 20	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
August 27	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	

AUGUST



Jim Hockensmith	8/5
Elizebette Kennedy	8/22
Dee Dee Ellington	7/31

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Psalm 28:7

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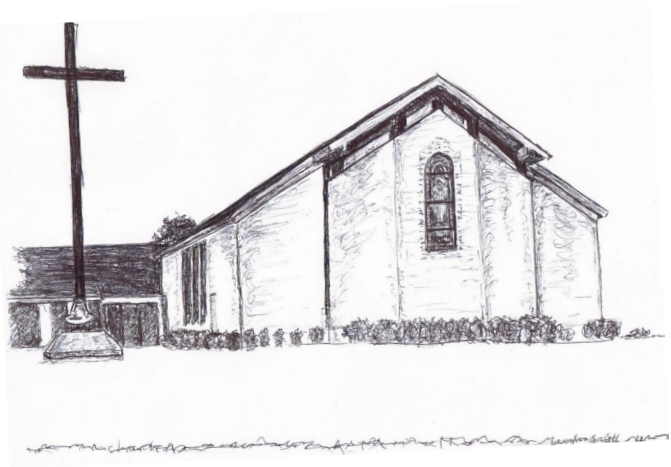
Greg Carroll, *Interim Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Music Director*

Jennifer Ciobanu, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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