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MEMORIAL DAY



Remember and Honor



Let us all remember
those courageous souls...
who laid down their lives
to keep our nation safe.

Warm wishes on
Memorial Day!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR



May 2024



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Quilt Club 8AM-4PM | 2 Prayer Group 9:00 AM | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Communion 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Rev. Dr. Laura Reason preaching | 6 Teacher Appreciation Week | 7 Elmwood Ministerium Sponsors Morgan Street Mug Coffee Shop that is student led | 8 | 9 Prayer Group 9:00 AM Session Meeting 6:30 PM | 10 | 11 Church reserved for Wedding |
| 12 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Kids Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service HAPPY Mother's DAY | 13 EBW 6:00 PM | 14 | 15 Quilt Club 8AM-4PM | 16 Prayer Group 9:00 AM Baccalaureate in EHS Auditorium 6:00 PM | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Service of Wholeness & Healing EHS Graduation @ 1pm | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Prayer Group 9:00 AM | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Coffee Hour following Worship Worship Committee Mtg following worship | 27 Office closed PEO 6:00 PM | 28 | 29 | 30 Prayer Group 9:00 AM | 31 Quilt Club set up for the Quilt Show held here during Strawberry Festival on June 1st | |

SCHEDULES

Announcements

May Elder

Julie Barrett

Elder to be Liturgist & Assist Treasurer

May 5th Julie Barrett/Calie Stalter
 May 12th Steve Winslow
 May 19th Anita Asbell
 May 26th Ron Cox/Mike Shissler



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| 2nd: Kyle Alcaraz Denise Hotz | 21st: Al Welker |
| 5th: Aaron Althiser | 23rd: Abigail Cox Thomas Cox |
| 10th: Mallory (Flinn) Miller | 27th: Julie Barrett |
| 12th: Steve Davis | 28th: Steve Winslow |
| 14th: Molly Halverson | 31st: Alex Coulter |
| 20th: Drew Flinn Olivia Althiser | |



29th: Troy & Emily Roberts



Thursday morning Bible Study & Prayer Group
 Thursday's @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall.



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets
 Sunday Mornings @ 9:00am

Everyone is Welcome!



Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School
 for ages 5 and up meets on
 the 2nd Sunday of each month
 @ 9:30am



May 6th ~ May 10th

Let's Support our Teachers!

The Elmwood Ministerium will be
 sponsoring Morgan Street Mug
 Coffee Shop that is student led
 on Tuesday, May 7th at the school.

Church News & Events



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Thursday, May 16th @ 6pm
in the EHS Auditorium

All community & church members welcome!



Save the Date:

September 15, 2024

Live from Nashville, TN

Country Gospel—"God's Country"
at The Elmwood Presbyterian Church

*more information to follow



Kate Meyers - Illinois Wesleyan University

Abigail Colgan - Elmwood High School

There is a Difference

Armed Forces Day

The third Saturday of each May— Honors those **serv**ing.

Memorial Day

The last Monday of each May— Remembers those who **died while serv**ing.

Veteran's Day

The 11th day of each November— Honors those who **serv**ed.



Recipe Corner

Recipe for Happiness:

Take two heaping cups of patience

One Heartful of love

Two hands of generosity

Dash of laughter

One headful of understanding

Sprinkle of generously with kindness

Add plenty of faith and mix well.

Spread over a period of a lifetime.

Serve everyone you meet.

- submitted by Gene Vaughan



FROM THE PASTOR

May 2024

Dear Friends,

I recently went for a walk at Lakeland Park in Canton. It was around 8:30am and there were very few people there. As I walked, I absorbed the beauty of God's creation all around me. I saw the green grass and last year's still brown grasses; the trees that were pushing out their newly formed leaves; the farmer's fields nearby which had been prepared, and the lakes that glistened and sparkled in the sun. I saw the geese, chipmunks, squirrels and birds scurrying on their way. I listened closely to the sounds—the animals (especially the geese!) shared their thoughts aloud, the water lapped on the shorelines, the wind whistled through the grasses. Finally, the sunshine was bright and strong while the wind reminded me that this is Springtime in Illinois.

All of this to say that we just have to look around us to see how beautiful the earth is which our Lord created. The scriptures affirm this: *Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. (Ps 96:11-12); They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works. (Ps 145:5).* Even when Jesus is admonishing us not to worry about things, he uses examples from creation: ²⁸ *And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? (Matt 6:28-30)*

My friends, don't let the splendor of this world we live in slip through your fingers! Each day, meditate on God's word and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. Be inspired. Be at peace. Be reassured that our Lord loves you and says that you are more precious to him than the lilies of the field.

Blessings,

Pastor Marla

First United Presbyterian Church, Elmwood, IL
Session Meeting Minutes March 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Session of First United Presbyterian Church of Elmwood was held in the Fellowship Hall on March 14, 2024. The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Calie Stalter at 6:30 p.m.

Elders present: 2024 – Julie Barrett and Calie Stalter
2025 – Anita Asbell and Steve Winslow
2026 – Ron Cox and Marty Tarter

constituting a quorum. Absent was Brandy Stevens. Rev. Marla Bauler moderated the meeting. The guidelines for a quorum were established at the January 11, 2024 Session Meeting as the presence of 50% of currently serving Elders.

Elder Training: Calie Stalter, Responsibilities of the Worship Committee?

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

The Deacons Report dated February 11, 2024 was reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for January 2024 and February 2024 was reviewed. Approved .

Report of the Clerk

The minutes from the February 1, 2024 were reviewed & approved.
Read correspondence from Presbytery of Great Rivers regarding Per Capita.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Marla shared a printed report which listed her monthly ministry activities.
No communion served in February as noted in February 1, 2024 session minutes.
Pastor requested permission to perform the wedding ceremonies for Bob Shoop and Mary Brothers as well as Pam Sartin and Kent Franz from Faith PC in Yates City on May 11, 2024. Motion made. Approved. Also, requested permission to waive the building fee as Pam Sartin's wedding will be very small. Motion made. Approved .

Committee Reports

Personnel: Chair – Ron Cox

A motion was made to raise Brandi Teel's salary to \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2024.
A bonus will be discussed at a later date. Motion seconded. Approved

Finance: Chair – Marty Tarter

No report.

Worship/Membership/Christian Ed: Co-Chairs – Calie Stalter & Anita Asbell

Worship: Committee met after church on February 25, 2024. Plans for Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday Service were finalized. Possible need for cookies on Good Friday Service at the Methodist Church.

Christian Ed: Adult Sunday School reports the following financial accounting:

Beginning Balance as of 2/01/2024 = \$3,517.14.

Deposits of \$276 (for both 2-4-24 & 2-11-24); \$136; \$141

Ending Balance = \$4,070.14 as of 2/29/23.

Missions: Co-Chairs – Marty Tarter

Committee met on February 25 and will meet again on March 24th as still need to work through the allocations budget.

Marketing and Evangelism: Chair – Brandy Stevens

No report.

Building and Grounds: Chair – Steve Winslow; Asst. – Julie Barrett

Windows have been washed.

Work day will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

Still trying to find someone to work on stained glass window lights.

Water heater went out and will be fixed .

New Business

Discussed what needs to be done with memorials when they are received. If it is not specified, it goes into the General Fund. If something is desired for a memorial, then we can pull it out. No longer keeping a specific Memorial Fund account.

Per Capita has not been paid by the church in many years. This was discussed at length.

A motion was made that the church pay the annual Per Capita in full. Seconded. Approved .

There being no further business to come before the session, the meeting adjourned with a short prayer offered by Pastor Marla at 7:51 p.m.

The next session meeting is April 11, 2024 with Devotions and Elder Training by Steve Winslow.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Anita W. Asbell, Clerk of Session (bdt)

Moderator,

Rev. Marla Bauler