



LIVING HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Living Hope Presbyterian Church seeks to inspire and empower through the Gospel.

From the Pastor...

June/July 2023 Newsletter

“West and wewaxation at wast!” These are the words of Elmer Fudd in a classic Bugs Bunny cartoon where Elmer goes camping in the woods hoping to get away from all of the irritations of life in the city. Unfortunately he finds himself harassed by Bugs and eventually a bear. Throughout the cartoon, Elmer tries to find peace and quiet, a place to get away from it all, only to be stymied again and again by this rabbit that for some reason follow him wherever he goes.

Summer is coming (and the weather this past weekend surely confirmed it), and with it hopefully the chance to try and get away from the routine of our daily lives and find re-creation. Vacations are those places where memories are made and we are reminded that humans are not made for work only. The problem is that vacations can be as much work, if not more, than your everyday routine. The working twice as hard before you leave and twice as hard when you get back to catch up on what you miss; the stress of making sure that you have packed everything and have all the information you need about the stops along the way; the issues of being in close proximity to folks for an extended period of time with little hope of getting some space to yourself.

What we need to remember in this season of vacations is that even in the routine of every day and the novelty of the adventure, it is really only in God that we are able to find our rest and peace. No matter where we go or what we do, we still bring ourselves and all those cares and concerns with us. It is only when we find ourselves aware that God is ultimately in control and we can leave our cares in God’s hand that we are finally able to relax and find rest.

In the final two scenes of the cartoon, Elmer gets fed up with trying to find relaxation and in frustration smashes a sign for the park that promises rest. A ranger is there, however, and Elmer knows that he is in trouble for vandalizing park property. The final scene shows Elmer in a jail cell, where he utters those words, “West and wewaxation at wast!” believing that he is finally going to be left alone, only to have his new cell mates respond, “Ehh, What’s up doc?” May we find rest and relaxation this summer in God, even if the world around us continues to try and annoy us like that rascally rabbit did Elmer.

In Christ,

Summer Sermon Series

The Revised Common Lectionary is a tool that a number of denominations and Biblical scholars have developed to suggest readings for use in worship on any given Sunday of the year on a three-year rotating basis. The listing provides four different readings for every week: an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, a Gospel reading, and a reading from the Epistles. These readings are chosen for the season, like Lent or Advent, or they will often go through a story line, choosing readings that follow one after another or help to cover a story arc. This year we have a couple of natural series that come from the lectionary. In June we will be following Abraham and Sarah and in July we will hear Jesus tell parables about seeds and how they are like the kingdom of God.

June 11: God calls Abram and Sarai to leave their homeland

June 18: A son is promised to Abraham and Sarah

June 25: Hagar & Ishmael are sent away by Abraham & Sarah

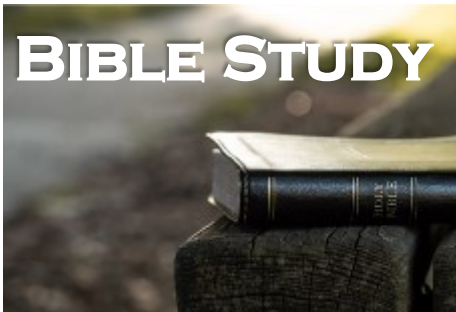
July 16: The Parable of the Sower

July 23: The Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat

July 30: The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Recent Session Tasks:

- Purchasing a new TV and microphones with DH.
- Refinancing our Certificates of Deposit from 0.05% to 4.5%!
- Final stages of rebuilding the Presbyterian stained glass window in the Gathering Place with access to the lights.



Monday Bible Study

Mondays at 9:45 AM

Join us for a discussion about the coming Sunday's lectionary readings either in-person in Fellowship Hall or watch on Channel 966.

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| June 5 | Psalm 33:1-12; Genesis 12:1-9 | for June 11 |
| June 12 | Psalm 100; Genesis 18:1-15 | for June 18 |
| June 19 | Psalm 86; Genesis 21:8-21 | for June 25 |
| June 26 | Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Song of Songs 2:8-13 | for July 9 |
| No Bible Study Monday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day | | |
| July 10 | Genesis 25:19-34; Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23 | for July 16 |
| July 17 | Genesis 28:10-19a; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 | for July 23 |
| July 24 | Genesis 29:15-28; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-46 | for July 30 |
| July 31 | Genesis 32:22-31; Matthew 14:13-21 | for Aug 6 |

JUNE / JULY 2023



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 4 - Trinity Sunday 10 AM Worship - with communion -  Food Pantry Sunday <small>First Sunday of each month</small> | 5 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH | 6 6:30 pm Finance | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 10 AM Worship | 12 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Session and Deacon Meeting | 19 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH | 20 No office hours | <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p>Lisa will be working fewer hours for 4 weeks. She will be in the office on Mondays and minimal remote the rest of the week.</p> </div> | | | |
| 25 10 AM Worship | 26 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH | 27 No office hours | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 July |
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| 16 10 AM Worship | 17 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH | 18 Regular Tues hours resume | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 10 AM Worship <div style="text-align: right;">30</div> 10 AM Worship | 24 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |



We are a connectional church...connected in faith to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine...and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

June Prayer Calendar

July Prayer Calendar



Birthdays

The Care and Concern of the
Congregation is with:

Average May Attendance

In person: 48

Zoom: 4

Livestream Views: 2

Total Average Attendance: 54

(We cannot track how many people watch on Ch 966. Livestream is household, not individual count)

Anniversary Wishes to:

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Please let the office know so we can
update our files.

| FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of April 30, 2023 | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Actual | Budget | | Fav/(Unfav) Variance |
| Total Income - YTD | | | | \$ 43,049.74 | \$ 36,532.00 | | \$ 6,517.74 |
| Total Expense - YTD | | | | \$ 56,026.65 | \$ 51,100.00 | | \$ (4,926.65) |
| Net Income - YTD April 30, 2023 | | | | \$(12,976.91) | \$ (14,568.00) | | \$ 1,591.09 |
| Unrestricted Funds as of April 30, 2023 | | | | \$325,220.55 | | | |



Food Pantry Sunday

First Sunday of each month

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June 4

July 2

Aug 6

Do you get paper grocery bags?

Please save and donate to the Food Pantries. They need paper bags.

Other Top items:

BREAKFAST Cereal, oatmeal, applesauce, canned pineapple

SOUP - chunky soup, Progresso Soup

PROTEIN - Canned (Tuna, Spam, beef hash, chicken), peanut butter, corned beef hash

NOODLES - any dry pasta or noodles, canned pasta (ravioli, beefaroni)



Thank you to all those that helped plant and will be watering our garden this summer.



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2023 Session Members: Karl Bertram, Michael Brady, Dorothy Dieter, Kathryn Fresch, Curtis MacDonald, Mike McBride and Marcia Sinner

2023 Deacons: (A-B) Tom Tennyson (C-F) Ann Tennyson (G-K) Diane DeBoer – Moderator
(L-O) Cherie Andrus (P-R) LaVonne Gardner (S-Z) Ken DeBoer