

# NEWS AT FIRST

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Our Mission: *To make known the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

Our Vision: *We are empowered to live out our faith in daily life.*

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Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National

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**Pastor:** (beginning August 1)

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Pastor Bill Warhover  
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*\*\*Pastor Bill anticipates to be in-office Monday-Thursday, hours to be determined while needs of the congregation are assessed.*

*Thank you for your patience!*

**Office:**

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**Treasurer:**

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Dan Saunders

**Worship:**

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Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Join us on FaceBook  
livestream for worship each  
Sunday.

**Social Media:**

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Facebook: @MonticelloFPC



The first things to know about Bill is that he is married to Donna and they live in Mt Vernon, IA. Bill and Donna have three children, Matt, Erin, and Martha who all live in the St Louis area. One of the greatest joys for Bill and Donna are their 7 grandchildren, Ian, Adienn, Sage, Quinn, Mavis, Roxie, and Blythe.

Bill is a second career pastor. He was working as Director of Youth and Family Ministries in a large Presbyterian church in Crestwood, MO before going to seminary at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. On graduating Bill has served both rural and urban churches in Eastern Iowa as called pastor and interim/transitional pastor. Bill recently finished ten years with Hospice of Mercy in Cedar Rapids where he worked as a hospice chaplain. Prior to ministry Bill worked selling industrial woodworking machinery and doing service work on conveyor belts.

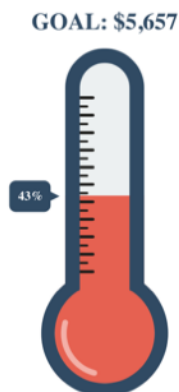
Bill and Donna own and operate Morning Glory which is both a vegetable farm and an event venue just south of Mt Vernon. Besides growing and selling vegetables they work to maintain connections and provide opportunities for meaningful work with clients from Goodwill of the Heartland. Bill and Donna support various feeding agencies including Southeast Linn Community Center in Mt Vernon.



First Presbyterian is looking for help! If you are interested in helping, please contact a session member.

**Sunday School teachers** — **TWO** teachers are needed, beginning the 2023 fall term. Per the Child and Youth Protection Policy, 1) All those who volunteer to work with children and/or youth must give permission to the Pastor to do a background check. The background check will include a check of the appropriate state sex offender registries. 2) Volunteers must be members or actively affiliated with the church for at least six months before being permitted to work with children and/or youth.

**Pianist** — First Presbyterian Church is seeking (a) piano player(s) to accompany the congregation during worship each Sunday, on a temporary and/or permanent basis. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact a member of the Session.



The church treasurer has sent in our full per capita payment of \$5,657.30, although we have received only **43.9%** to date.

If you are an active member and have not submitted **\$40.70**, please do so as soon as possible.

Thanks to everyone committed to a healthy and vital Presbyterian Church!

## Registration is FULL!

The first annual Monticello Community VBS was limited to the first 100 participants to ensure enough supplies, food and volunteers. Capacity was met. Wow! Thank you to all that donated resources, their time or financially. It truly does take a village!





Thank you to all those who helped with the watering of our new landscape plants.

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Thank you to Dan & Janie Saunders for their donation of books to the Sunday School library.

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Thank you to Glendon of Ontario, Canada. Glendon purchased a ticket to Sunday's Great Jones County Fair, and when he found out the act was coming closer to his home in Canada, he donated his non-refundable ticket to be used by a member of our church.

A **TREMENDOUS** thank you to our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), who committed their time and talents these last two and a half years to lead First Presbyterian Church into the next chapter. Your efforts are truly a blessing to our congregation. Thank you!

Suzy Gilkerson, chair

Roger Benedict

Alexis Corbin

Carrie Fellingner

Aaron Orcutt

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Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Mary Louise Helen's and Dale L. Streif scholarships. Thank you for your generosity which will help cover my tuition at college.

I will be attending Kirkwood Community College for one year, and then plan to transfer to Iowa State University to continue my education in music education. Because of your generous scholarship and others, I will have one full semester of Kirkwood completely covered.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

Sincerely, Brandan Pasker, Monticello High School, Class of 2023



the family of  
Charlie Kelchen

the family of  
Delaney Kremer

Peg Arduser

Betty Lambert

Doug Mettler

Shawn Nolan



Betty Yount

Marge Stubbe MNRC

Lorraine Haag Pennington

Frank Smith Pennington

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### Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests?

If you have questions, comments, or special prayer requests, the session would love to hear from you! Oftentimes, these things go unaddressed simply because we are unaware. Please bring your questions, comments, and special prayer requests to a session member, and your feedback will be shared with the committee. Thank you!

Jim Anderson

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Anita Benedict

Vickie Bone

Curt Mayo

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Each week during worship, we'd like to include a couple of church families on our Family Prayer list. For the month of August, please remember to include in your prayers each week our August families:

August 6: Bill & Penny McLaughlin and Mike, Kim & Marissa McNally.

August 13: Sherri Neofotist and Barb Null.

August 20: Aaron, Traysa, Jayden & Landon Orcutt and Becky Orcutt.

August 27: Jeff, Teresa & Meredith Parker and Linda Parker.



Join us on **Saturday, August 26** for Church Clean Up day. Various housecleaning tasks will be completed.

*Many hands makes for light work.*

Please plan on joining us!

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The commercial coffee maker in the kitchen was recently replaced. We are looking to sell the old coffee maker, as well as kitchen mats.  
an offer!

For more information, contact Don Smith.

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## Food Pantry

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The Food Pantry continues to serve the community on Mondays, 5 pm - 7 pm, and Fridays, 2 pm - 4 pm. Donations can be taken at this time as well.

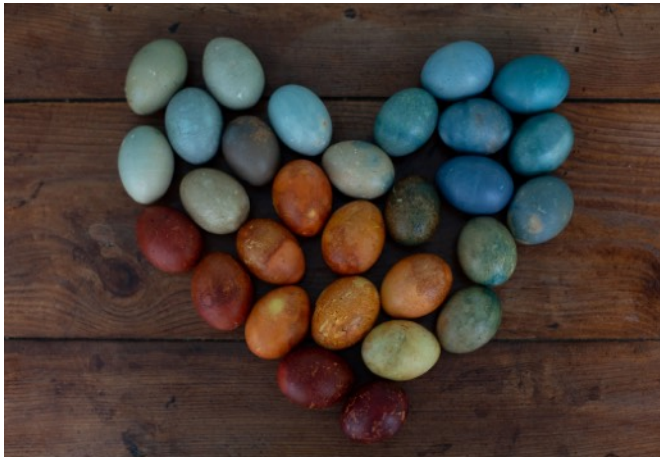
***If you have any extra produce from your gardens this summer, we would love to share your donation with a family in need. Fresh produce should be dropped off a half hour prior to pantry hours to ensure fresh quality to our clients. Thank you!***



Other needs include: **Jelly/jam, rice and rice mixes, and dry milk.** Gift cards to local grocers are always welcome!



## Save-worthy



I was teaching a junior high Sunday school class about salvation and that age-old question, “Are you saved?” Before diving in, I asked the students what they collect and why. Answers included sports cards, coins, stamps and rocks — items you may have saved as a child too. We save because items seem special or interesting to us. Collecting implies worth and a desire to keep something safe.

In our class, that led to discussion about what it feels like to be saved by or for Jesus ... to be the “savee” instead of the “saver.” How amazing that God deems us special, interesting and worthy of safekeeping. We are God’s precious, well-loved “collection,” and he’s reserving space and preparing a place for each one of us. —Julie Lee



### Presbyterian Pie Service

The Presbyterian Pie Service continues to fill the pie desires of the community. Consider a pie for your next potluck or get-together.

If you would like to place an order or check our stock, call Pam (319-480-7700) or Kris (319-480-1538).

Enjoy the FREE Community Picnic on  
**Monday, August 21, 5-7pm.**



Located on the lawn and in the lower level of the United Church of Monticello, 123 N Chestnut St, the picnic is planned for our community to come together for food and conversation and to celebrate the start of a new school year of learning for our community’s children.

Thanks to community businesses, churches and individuals, the picnic is FREE. Hamburgers will be grilled by the Jones County Beef Producers; the menu also includes hot dogs, chips, apples, homemade chocolate chip Cookies, ice cream, lemonade and water. Contact the church office for more information on how you can contribute to this community event.



## Session Summary - July 12, 2022

Pastor: Office days are Wed and Thursdays. He did 2 Home visits. Parker will preach on July 23. Pastors last day at our church will be end of July. The notification was created and signed by clerk of Session and given to Pastor Gary 6-18-23.

Christian Ed: Community VBS July 31- Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 9-1pm. Max capacity for VBS has been reached. First day of Sunday school Sep 10 kids to come talk about Camp Wyoming. We still need to find 2 new Sunday School teachers. Doing a baked potato bar Wed Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.

Financial: Dan handed out budget ledger for Jan-June along with payments and intake for June. Music Copyright license paid so we can use music on slides or play downloads on the piano. Notified board of pensions of new pastor.

Building: Put in some of the fixed screens in Sunday School wing. Charged AC for fellowship hall.

Worship Committee: Stacey resigning at end of year from worship committee. Need to have someone step in and help so she can train in advance.

Memorial: Red table paraments arrived and have been put with the others.

### Old & New Business

- Sat Aug 26 for church cleanup day.
- Community Back to School picnic Mon Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 5-7 pm outdoor area by United Church. Looking for people to help set up and clean up and post flyers etc.
- Pianists needed 1 – 2 Sundays a month.
- Adding communion to first Sunday in the monthly newsletter calendar.
- Printer in Sunday School teachers and food pantry. Discussed this and decided to not get a new printer. The office will be open on Sundays for the SS teachers.
- Next session meeting Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
- Newsletter deadline 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Presbytery Stated meeting Sept 23 hybrid 10am - 2pm
- Presbytery Stated meeting Nov 30<sup>th</sup> zoom 6-8 pm

### Attendance



	<u>Worship</u>
July 2	34
July 9	78
July 16	62
July 25	33



Thank you!

<b>June Contributions 2023</b>	<b>\$14,386.40</b>
June 2022	\$6,721.03
<b>June Expenses 2023</b>	<b>\$10,212.62</b>
June 2022	\$11,329.99