



The Circuit Rider

May, 2022

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From the Pastor's Pen

One thing I realize as I continue on in my sixth decade on this earth is that we all need rest. When we're really young, we sleep a lot as we grow, and then as we get older and older, we find we need a bit more of this precious commodity as well. As I write this, I'm recovering from the joy and difficulties of Holy Week – usually the busiest week of the year for pastors. It is such a blessing to provide these opportunities for people to grow in their spirituality, but the sheer volume of what needs to be done can leave a person needing a bit more rest than before Palm Sunday!

But of course I know this is true for everyone – it's just that pastors can schedule their exhausting time on the calendar beforehand! Each of us will have seasons of our lives when things will get overwhelming – whether it's with work, preparing for the 'rest' of a vacation, relationship difficulties, taking care of a child, grandchild or parent, or a myriad of others things that take a lot of time and focus. And during those times, it will be difficult to get the rest we need – projects and people will be the focus. But we can't let that go on for too long. The physical and emotional parts of us just aren't made to be taxed 24/7. We need breaks; we need to rest both our bodies and minds. I believe God made us this way for a reason. Remember that even God, the immortal One who doesn't have a physical body to get tired, rested on the seventh day of creation. God took a break to admire what He had done, thus giving us a model by which to pattern our lives. It's very difficult for us to take all of Sunday as a break nowadays – we still have to shop, cook, clean, and more. But we can choose to rest our souls by worshipping and rest our bodies by taking intentional time to do less intensive, less stressful activities on our Sabbath. Also realize that we have plenty of examples in the gospels of Jesus going away from the disciples and the crowds by himself to replenish his energy. God in human form needed to rest and recover from the teachings, miracles, and stresses of human life. If

Jesus did that, who are we to say that we're any different?

Each of us knows how much rest we really need. I personally tend to be an 'Energizer Bunny' and can keep going without a whole lot of rest. But I also make sure to get seven hours of sleep each night, and when the working day is done, I try to relax on the couch in the parsonage sun room reading or watching t.v. – something that gives my brain and body a rest. At times, I overdo it, but I'm intentional in making sure I have time each day to simply just 'be' and not 'do'. Sometimes that's hard, but I've learned it's very important. With spring morphing soon into summer, we'll be tempted to keep working in the yard, playing sports, running around after children, and those can be relaxing activities for people. But we also need to simply rest our bodies and minds with enough sleep each night, and with activities that don't stress us out. I've found that you're not a hero just because you keep going; if you end up burning out, you don't have anything left to help others – and that does no one any good. Again, each person knows how much rest they need – it's a matter of actually doing it!

May is a busy month – school is ending for the year; there are graduations and parties; people get together for Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Those are all joyous occasions but they take planning and work too. Be sure to plan for enough rest – body, mind and soul. Enjoy these fun activities, but don't overdo it because then you won't enjoy them – you'll just be tired! And remember that worship and church activities can feed your soul – don't neglect them in the midst of everything else. Do what God asks you to do – and that includes resting. If Jesus did it, it's probably pretty good for the rest of us too!

Getting the rest we need along with you,

Pastor Ryan's cell phone: 815-499-6314
Pastor Ryan's e-mail: revryansutton@gmail.com

CHANGE THE WORLD

In April, Change the World, funds were donated to **CAMP** (Central America Mission Project). CAMP organizes mission trips to Central America with the goal of not only construction of health service buildings, but also the coordination of health services and social needs in the area. Children's shoes were also collected during April. Funds donated to C.A.M.P. totaled approximately \$300.00 and we collected approximately 20 pairs of shoes.

Change the World funds for May will be donated to the Bureau County Food Pantry

NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN!

If you haven't looked at the church lately as you pass by on Peru Street, when you do, you'll be greeted by a new sign that changes messages and colors! The Trustees have been working on this project for about a year, and it finally came to fruition during Holy Week. Several staff members are being trained on how to change the messages – which will be done on a computer thus eliminating the need to spend time hunkered down by the sign itself in inclement weather.

We need to say thank you to a good number of people for making this happen.

- The Trustees, in particular Sherri Parker. This is the group that made the decision to work on the project, knowing that the old sign was starting to have problems. Sherri did the majority of the leg work, and coordinated the effort.
- Beth Mulcahy, who for the last three years has been manually changing the outside sign in all kinds of weather. Thanks for your dedication, Beth!
- The Memorials Committee. They voted to give half of the cost of the sign from their Fund in memory of all those who have been so kind to have their legacy honored in our church.
- Individual donors. There were a good amount of people who chose to give towards this fund. Some preferred not to be named. Those who gave in honor or memory of a specific person will be listed in the June newsletter.

THANKS FOR THE STEPS!

If you've been attending our worship services or watching on line, you may have noticed that the steps leading up to the Chancel in our Sanctuary look different. You don't have to adjust your glasses! Rich and Vicki Mair generously had these steps professionally refinished and stained to match the refinished Chancel wood floor. Rich's father had made the steps about 20 years ago and donated



them to the church. Thanks to the Mair's for their very generous contribution!

TRUSTEES UPDATE

Starting Monday, May 2, the first phase of the HVAC update will begin. A&J will be working on the roof and in the upstairs of both the Youth and Education wings of the church building. While this shouldn't disturb any specific meetings/events at the church, we want to keep you updated on the progress and to be careful if you are in the vicinity of the equipment. If you have questions, please contact a Trustee or Pastor Ryan.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LITURGIST?

If you'd like to become a liturgist – helping out Pastor Ryan on Sundays with the spoken part of the worship service, let him know! He'd love to add some additional people to the rotation. He's more than willing to train you, and answer any questions. You'll only have to be in that position about once every three months. He'll be working new liturgists in starting after Easter, so if interested, let him know and you'll be on the schedule!

MAY HAPPENINGS!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours (Monday through Friday):
From 9 am – 12:30 pm Church Office Open
From 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Church Closed for Lunch
From 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Church Office Open

HOLY COMMUNION – May 2

On the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate Holy Communion in the worship service. We will continue to offer both cubes of bread and glasses of juice, and the prepackaged elements. If you are going to be worshipping from home, you are invited to stop in and pick up one communion pak for each person in the household during the week ahead of time. They are located in the office. Feel free to come and pick yours up!



SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES

May 7 and 21

On the first and third Saturdays of the month, we have our casual Saturday services. These start at 5:30pm with plenty of time for you to head out to eat or to a movie afterwards, and there are refreshments provided as well. On May 7, there will

be Holy Communion served, and there will be a children's message on May 21.



MOTHER'S DAY – May 8

Our annual day to remember and celebrate the mothers and mother figures in our lives, we will do just that in the church on



Sunday, May 8. We'll have a few stories about mothers, and as a thank you, a small gift will be given to each of the adult women in attendance.

MOTHER'S DAY PICTURES

We want all mothers to be able to attend church on Mother's Day! That certainly includes in person and on-line - encourage your mom to join you on May 8 at 9:00am. But there is another way this can happen. If your mom can't be with you in worship that Sunday, bring a picture of her - whether in a frame or by itself. We'll have a table set up outside the Sanctuary where all will be set - along with a bouquet of flowers. We can look at all the moms as they 'congregate' and then you can take the photo home with you. Hopefully you'll enjoy spending Mother's Day with your mom at church - whether in person or picture form!

OUR TABLE – MAY 9 and 23

In May, our two Our Table meal nights are on Mondays, May 9 and 23 from 5:00 to 6:00pm. This is a free meal for anyone who would like to eat with friends!

ZEARING SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are a graduating senior from either Princeton High School or Bureau Valley High School, and are active in this church, you are eligible to apply for the Joseph and Nancy Zearing Scholarship this year. You may pick up an application in the rack in front of the pastor's office. Deadline to turn in the application is May 14.

LAST SUNDAY FOR THE BELLS – May 15

If you enjoy the sound of bells ringing, please be at the 9:00am service on May 15. That will be the last appearance of our Bell Choir until September. Come to enjoy the melodic sounds of praise!

NEW MEMBERS MEETING – May 18

If you are interested in becoming an official member of PFUMC, please consider coming to a New Members meeting on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30pm at the church. At it, you'll learn more about what it means to be a member of the UMC, the history of our church, and get to meet some new people. We will then take in new members on a

subsequent Sunday. Contact Pastor Ryan if you have questions.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION – May 15

Graduation Sunday will take place on **May 15th** during the 9:00 am Worship Service. This year our church has a very large number of seniors graduating from high school who have been very active in our church and done so much ministry within our walls and beyond. We want to recognize them with a chance for them to tell us a bit about their future plans and they will be given a small token of appreciation by the congregation. We would also like to invite the graduates to participate in the worship service. Please let Pastor Ryan or Ms. Kelly know if you're able to be there and wish to help.

We will also be celebrating other graduates as well - eighth grade, college, trade school, post-graduate. Let us know if you have a graduate in your family. All graduates are welcome to come to the 9:00am service on May 15 to be recognized. Those who are graduating will be featured in June's Circuit Rider Newsletter. Congratulations and God's blessings on your future!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON May 30

Just a reminder that the church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. Be sure to remember our veterans who gave their all, while serving for our freedom.

MEETINGS IN MAY

Staff Parish – Tuesday, May 3 @ 5:30 pm
Endowment – Monday, May 9 @ 6:00 pm
Finance – Monday, May 9 @ 6:30 pm
Staff Parish – Tuesday, May 10 @ 5:30 pm
Trustees – Monday, May 16 @ 6:30 pm
Adult Ministries – Tuesday, May 17 @ 6:30 pm

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Updated church directories are now available to pick up at the church office on the table in front of the church office.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES AVAILABLE

In doing an audit of the Sanctuary's audio system to determine what we need to get for the present and future to continue our in-person and live stream services, we found several headphones that can be used to amplify the Sanctuary's sound system. Please know that these are NOT state-of-the-art, but work by personal control of how loud the sound is coming into your ears. (They don't connect to hearing aids.) If you are interested in trying them

out, let Pastor Ryan or the Sound Desk know and we can provide you with them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for everyone!



This is a reminder that there are numerous Sunday School classes for you to attend after worship on Sunday morning! The Righteous Renegades meet in

Cushing Hall; there is an adult class in the Turquoise Room; the Middles meet in the Library; our Youth meet in the Narthex. All run from 10:15 to about 11:15am. Feel free to pop in and join one of them to see what they are studying!

DONATION CART IS BACK!

The shopping cart that we have used to collect donations for food pantry items is back in place in Cushing Hall. If you have items to donate to Tri-County Food Pantry, please feel free to bring them in and drop them in the cart. The need is great, and all gifts are appreciated.

HELPERS NEEDED AT COFFEE HOUR

Please consider helping out with coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside of the office. There are opportunities for setting up before the 9:00 service, cleaning up after coffee time or providing treats. Any help is appreciated.



CHOIR ON HIATUS

Due to the COVID resurgence, illness, and difficulties with scheduling, the difficult decision was made to put our Vocal Choir on hiatus for a few months. It was very difficult to perform choral numbers with only a few people. (The Bell Choir will continue to play on the third Sunday of the month.) The plan is to start up again in September when hopefully the COVID situation will be under control and schedules will be easier. Please contact our director Karen Newby if you have any questions – and especially if you'd like to join us in singing come the fall. We always welcome new singers!

SPECIAL MUSIC WANTED

If you would like to share your musical talent with the congregation for the glory of God, please let the office or Pastor Ryan know. If you can sing or play an instrument, your faith family would love to have you share that gift with us. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, we would love to schedule special music. We have accompanists if you need them.

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Ecumenical Women's Bible Study meets on Mondays at 3:30 pm-4:30 pm as an in-person group. Contact Janet Becker for details at beckerjnj71@gmail.com.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY

Do you have a 'special occasion' you would like to celebrate with your church family? We're always happy to join in all the joys of our brothers and sisters. New births, anniversaries, remembrances of those gone before us, birthdays, retirements and graduations are examples of what we love to celebrate together. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sunday morning services, please give your name to the office and the date you'd like to provide them. You are welcome to bring flowers from home or purchase them from a floral shop. Then we will make sure your name and the people you are celebrating/remembering are in the bulletin. You are then welcome to pick up your flowers after the service or during the week following.

CHIPPERS!

Chippers, the woodcarving group, meets on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm in Cushing Hall. No experience necessary – just show up to learn! Contact Jacquie Woodley if you'd like more information.

Help Us With the Lights!

If you are the last to leave a room, please check to see if the lights are turned out. The electric bill is big in a building this size and your help allows money to be used for ministry and not wasted electricity. Thanks for your help! – *the Trustees*

REMEMBERING PFUMC IN YOUR WILL

We never like to think about the time when we won't be here, but it comes for all of us. Thankfully we know the next phase of our life is a joyful one – being reunited with loved ones and with God. But we will all leave behind both the 'stuff' of this life and a legacy. What better way to combine both than by including your church in your will. Hopefully you have wonderful people to leave gifts to as well, but if you include PFUMC in your will, you'll be ensuring important ministry will continue long into the future because of your generosity. See Pastor Ryan or a member of the Endowment Committee if you have questions.

HELP WITH AUDIO/VISUAL

We truly need people who have audio/visual experience, or are willing to learn 'on the job' to help out and train with Josh Bush. If you could help us regularly or on a rotating basis, please contact Pastor Ryan or Josh. We would certainly appreciate it! We are willing to train!

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

If you are going to order from amazon.com, please remember to use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). For every order that you make through amazon's charitable giving site, our church receives .5% of the money you spent. And it doesn't cost you anything more! If you have questions, please call the church office and we'll walk you through how to register PFUMC as your charity of choice. Please consider this for all your shopping opportunities.

NEWS OF THE FLOCK....



RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS/INJURY/ SURGERY:

Teresa Bush
Julie McCutchan
Gary and JoAnn Patterson
John and Donna Prinz

IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND THEIR STATUS. MOST HOSPITALS DON'T LET THE CHURCH KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS ADMITTED.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

We share the grief with our church members, family and friends on the passing of...

Virginia Nelson, Christy Gramer's aunt.
Keith Reiger, Grace Reiger's dad on April 24.
Sue Ioder, Marg Wendle's sister on April 24.
Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn their loved one's passing.

Notes of Thanks:

A big 'thank you' to everyone who volunteered their time and talent for the Holy Week services this April. It takes many hands to put on these additional services, so please know that your help was noticed and appreciated - from those who put

together and donated communion elements, to those who put up and took down decorations, to those who read during services, to those who lit candles, to those making sure technically the services went smoothly, to those sharing their musical talents, and so much more. Your willingness to share during this special time of year was so important. Hopefully your participation brought you blessings as it did many other people. Again, thank you and God bless!

The Prayer Corner...

Remember in your prayers...Agnes Dunn (at Heartland of Henry), Jan Heaton (at Heritage of Walnut), Johnnie King (at Liberty Village), Vivienne Lutes (at Liberty Village), Bob Parker (continued immunotherapy), Irene Chase (sister-in-law of John & Jean Gewin - health issues), family of Keith Rieger (Grace Rieger's dad), Nancy Kautz (health issues), Jim DeWalt (health issues), Carol Byrd's mother, Pat (hospice care), John (Tom Sneed's brother - radiation treatment), Pat Eddy (lung biopsy), Pete (Teresa Stanley's brother - surgery), JoAnn Patterson (recovering from COVID and a fall), Sherri Parker Family (brother, Bill - hospice; cousin, Sue - stroke), Wendle family (passing of Marg Wendle's sister, Sue), Julie McCutchan (COVID), John and Donna Prinz (health issues), Kathy (Cal Gramer's sister - kidney issues), family of Virginia Nelson (Christy Gramer's aunt), all suffering with cancer, Russia/Ukraine military unrest, our military personnel, Health Care Workers, the lonely, the homeless, victims of social injustice, victims of COVID-19 and variants, law enforcement, fire and emergency personnel

FINANCE REPORT

Here's a brief report on the church's finances through the end of March:

Income in March:	\$31,081.90
Expenses in March:	\$22,465.35

Total year to date income:	\$115,718.93
Total year to date expenses:	\$116,382.90

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL PERSEVERANCE

On behalf of the PFUMC Finance Committee, we would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the people who have continued to contribute financially to the ministries of our church. By keeping up your regular giving, our church can continue its ministries in providing the love of God through Christ in our community and around the world. We ask that you continue that dedication as you are

able so we can keep sharing that divine love with others. May God continue to bless you with generous hearts and good health!

Below are some of the ways in which you can get your financial giving to the church.

1. Via mail – 316 S. Church Street in Princeton.
2. In the locked white mail box near the main glass doors of the building.
3. Via your bank's on-line banking program. A physical check is then mailed to the church.
4. Through an automatic withdrawal (EFT/ACH) taken from your checking, savings or investment account. This can be done through your bank, or at our bank. **If interested, contact Shelly for the banking information (i.e. routing number and account number).**
5. Through PayPal. Just visit our website (princetonfirstumc.com) and click on the 'giving' button. Then follow the instructions. You can set it up for a one-time use, or on-going. See Shelly Grabill if you have difficulties. *(FYI, the Finance Committee has decided to give credit for 100% of your PayPal gift – including any fees you paid).*

Again, thank you so very much. We continue to do ministry because of God's grace and your support. May we continue to do what God is asking us to provide at this time!

WORSHIP VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Sunday worship videos are always available on PFUMC's youtube.com channel. To view them, simply type www.youtube.com into your internet browser. Then search for 'Princeton IL First United Methodist Church'. When you see one of our videos show up on your screen, click on it. If that's not the one you want to view, simply click on where it says 'First United Methodist Church' under the video that's playing. Then you'll be able to see the whole selection of videos you can choose. Videos are also available on the church's Facebook page – just scroll down until you find the one you want!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Courtney Hartmann
- 6 Ashley May
- 8 Greg Faber
- Ashley Richardson
- 9 Hazel Sims
- 10 Cheryl Miller

- 13 Paul Kautz
- Sasha Kusmierz
- 14 Phillip Goodale
- Duane May
- 15 Kurt Freeberg
- Sasha Kusmierz
- 16 Aaron Ray
- Niklas Schneider
- Jordan VandeVenter
- 17 Abby Davis
- 22 James Bystry
- Kent Knudsen
- Barb Skean
- 23 Karen Kuebel
- 24 Ryan Sutton
- Brett Taylor
- 30 Emmalaia Schnaiter
- Vicki Smith
- Lee Wahlgren
- 31 Rachel Denton
- Trent Goodale II
- Kathy Jessen

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Joe and LouAnn Birkey
- 7 Paul and Carol Byrd
- 9 James and Tami Zawacki
- 10 Gerald and Rhonda Leadley
- 11 Max and Carol Lauritzen
- 13 Jerry and Earlene Campbell
- 15 David and Sue Moss

If you are a member or regular attender who has a birthday or anniversary this month and your name does not appear on this list, please contact the office to update our files.

FUMC YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Youth Group

Sundays 6:00pm-7:00 pm

The Youth Group is continuing with its journey into the spiritual ordinances that John Wesley recommended. It has helped facilitate a lot of discussion and questions about why we do the things we do, how these practices help us draw closer to God, and the ways to receive God's grace.

A reminder that our last session of the school schedule is May 22nd, 6-7 pm. We plan to have a fun time ending the season and welcoming the start of summer.

Graduation Recognition will take place on May 15th during the 9:00 am Worship Service. Please let Pastor Ryan or Ms. Kelly know if you're able to be there. We would like to invite the graduates to participate in the worship service. So, if you are available, please let us know.

*A big thank you to the Trustees for the proceeds from the sale of the basketball hoop. We used the money to buy more ping pong rackets and ping pong balls. The Youth and even the children love to play, so it's a great investment. Thank you again!
Kelly McKune, Youth Director

United Women in Faith HEALING AND JOY ON OUR JOURNEY WITH GOD

UWF Calendar

- May 18** 1:30 pm General Meeting
Program: "Healing & Joy as We Grow" by Sharon Smith
- May 20-22** Assembly - Orlando, FL
Via In-person or ZOOM
- June 15** 1:30 pm General Meeting
Program: Orphan Train (Reprise)
By Judy Harris
Hostess: Anna Roadhouse
- July 20** 1:30 pm General Meeting
Hostess: Eloise Stabler
- Aug** Nominating Committee Meets
- Sept 21** 1:30 pm General Meeting
Program: Annual Conference Report
Hostess: Joyce Bickett
- Oct 19** 1:30 pm General Meeting
Program: All Church Read
Hostess: Rosie Baumgartner
- Nov 16** 1:30 pm General Meeting
Program: Arukah & Thank Offering
Hostess: Sheryl Noel
- Dec 7** Noon luncheon

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH HIGHLIGHTS From Julie McCutchan



THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED CULVER'S SHARE NIGHT

The United Women of Faith (formerly UMW) thanks everyone who participated in the Culvers Share Night on April 26. The restaurant was packed for a good amount of the night, and it was almost like a 'mini-church service' in the main dining room. Pastor Ryan was encouraged to take up an offering and give a sermon - he did neither! The amount that Culver's was able to donate to UWF was over \$700, and with tips and donations, the total became \$900! Thanks to everyone who came and ate - either through the drive-thru or inside, and those who volunteered with cleaning the dining room, greeting, or taking meals to diners or cars. All was greatly appreciated!

At our May meeting at 1:30 pm, we will have some inspiration and information from Sharon Smith who is a master gardener.

UMW Quadrennial Assembly will be **May 20-22nd**. It will happen in Orlando, but will also be offered virtually. See Julie McCutchan for more information.

June 15th will be a reprise of Judy Harris' program on the "Orphan Train", which brought her grandmother to Illinois. Guests are welcome to join us that day at 1:30 pm.

COMING IN JUNE

PENTECOST – June 5

The birthday of the church, Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they were able to spread the news of Jesus' resurrection throughout the world. Be sure to wear red – the color of the day, and hear about how we can share Jesus' good news as well.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – June 8-10

For the first time in three years, the UMCNIC Annual Conference will take place in person! There will be about 1000 people gathering in Schaumburg to learn about ministries all over northern Illinois, vote on important issues, and worship/pray together. There will be five people from Princeton attending this conference. Please be in prayer for God's will to be done in the decision making.

MISSIONS FUNDRAISER – June 12

After the 9am worship service on Sunday, June 12, the Missions Committee will host a brunch fundraiser for mission work funds. There will be a variety of food available for a donation – all monies will go to funding mission projects.

FATHER'S DAY – June 19

Celebrate fathers with us on their special day! We'll have stories and jokes about fathers, and each adult male will receive a small gift of appreciation.

PASTOR RYAN ON VACATION – June 20-26

PR will take his summer week of vacation at the end of June. We'll have a guest preacher in the pulpit on June 27.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR THE YOUTH

The Youth Group will shift to its summer schedule in June, meeting at the parsonage for fun and games most weeks. See Kelly McKune for more information.

EASTER LILIES & SPRING FLOWERS

Thanks to all who supplied flowers to beautify our sanctuary at Easter or contributed to "Living the Beatitudes."

Greg and Elizabeth Anderson

In memory of Rev. & Mrs. Frank J. Rider and Dr. Greg Adelman

Jack and Janet Becker

In memory of Robert & Guida Grubb and Ray & Betty Becker and Janet's siblings: Don Grubb, Stan Grubb, and Cheryl Dykstra

Sharon Borg

In memory of Dale, Scott & Kevin Borg and Erwin & Ellen Gower

Veronica Carroll

In memory of Dennis Carroll and Lewis & Leola Jackson

Ron and Ruth Denault

In memory of the Denault and Phillips families

Charlie Gebeck

In memory of Patricia Nelson Gebeck

John and Jean Gewin

In memory of our parents, David & Edna Chase, and Sam & Marie Gewin, and our brothers, Russ Chase and Sam Gewin

Cal and Christy Gramer

In honor of Joanne Swan

Becky Guither

In honor of Lisa Nyman and In memory of Nell Nyman

Pat James

In memory of Gary James and Carl & Martha Nelson

Kathy Jessen

In memory of family and friends and In honor of my granddaughter

Larry and Deb Lawson

In memory of Joe & Polly Lawson, Richard & Jan Speer and Emily Speer

Rich and Vicki Mair

In honor of our grandchildren: Lana, Evan, Charlotte, Caleb, Wesley & Eliza

Julie McCutchan

In memory of Harold C. McCutchan

Robert and Jennifer Merth and Joanne Swan

In memory of Roger Swan

Perry III and Roxana Noble and Family

In memory of Perry & Madge Noble, Jr. and Harold and Lucille Sapp

Bob and Sherri Parker

In honor of all those on the "front lines," healthcare workers and military

Pam Parker

In memory of my parents

Gary and JoAnn Patterson

In memory of Bill, Jim & John Patterson and Don Erdman

Marcia Peddicord

In memory of my niece, Dayna Keyes and In honor of my grandchildren

John and Darlene Plumley

In memory of Elden & Harriett Plumley and Darlene's sister, Reithel Sels

Doug and Sue Ray

To celebrate and honor the memory of Jeff Ray, Karen Ray, and Harriet Ray

Anna Roadhouse

In memory of Charles & Kevin Roadhouse

Ryan Sutton

In honor of my mother, Carole Sutton In memory of my father, Charles

Eleanor Walker

In memory of Al Walker and Bob Lind

Bill and Margaret Wendle

In memory of Bob & Lois Wendle and Ellsworth & Phyllis Ioder

SPRING WORK & PLAY DAY AT HUNGRY

WORLD FARM - Sat. May 7, 9am – 4 pm

Join us in caring for the Earth! Volunteers of all ages are welcome to come to support the ministry of Hungry World Farm, and to enjoy the beauty of spring on the farm. Come for part of the day, or for the whole time. We'll gather at the Farm Learning Center (19183 Plow Creek Road, Tiskilwa) and break into project groups. Projects will range from light to vigorous physical activity, including prepping cardboard for garden use, clearing brush, and splitting wood. Hand pruners, chain saws, and work gloves will be helpful tools to bring, if you can. Please bring a water bottle. A soup and bread lunch will be provided at noon. Please RSVP to karla@hungryworldfarm.com to let us know you're coming and if you'd like to eat lunch with us (please indicate any dietary restrictions). We hope to see you on Saturday, May 7!

**UNITED WOMEN
IN FAITH
CULVER'S
FUNDRAISER**

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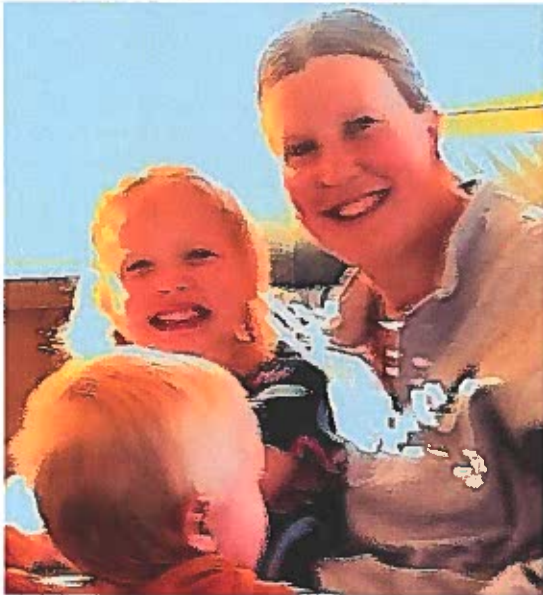


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May 2022 at First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> Holy Communion 10:15 Adult SS Classes Youth SS Classes</p>	<p>2 3:30 Women's Bible Study in person</p>	<p>3 5:30 pm Staff Parish 6 pm Bells</p>	<p>4 <i>Marcia at Malden</i> 8-Emmanuel Gp at Big Apple 3:30 Children's Ministry</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7  Saturday Worship 5:30 Saturday Evening Casual Worship <i>with Holy Communion</i></p>
<p>6 - Youth Group</p>	<p>9 3:30 Women's Bible Study in person 5 - Our Table Meal </p>	<p>10 5:30 pm Staff Parish 6 pm Bells</p>	<p>11 <i>Marcia at Malden</i> 8-Emmanuel Gp at Big Apple 3:30 Children's Ministry 4:00 Chippers in Cushing</p>	<p>12 12 noon-Princeton Ministerial Association 6:30 Missions</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Cushing Hall Reserved Orwig Family</p>
<p>8 9 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> 10:15 Adult SS Classes Youth SS Classes</p>	<p>6 pm Endowment Cmt 6:30 pm Finance Cmt</p>	<p>17 6 pm Bells</p>	<p>18 <i>Marcia at Malden</i> 8-Emmanuel Gp at Big Apple 1:30 United Women in Faith General Meeting 2:00 Marcia at Greenfield 3:30 Children's Ministry 4:00 Chippers in Cushing 6:30 New Member's mtg</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Cushing Hall Reserved Orwig Family  Saturday Worship 5:30 Saturday Evening Casual Worship</p>
<p>15 9 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> Graduate Recognition 10:15 Adult SS Classes Youth SS Classes</p>	<p>16 3:30 Women's Bible Study in person</p>	<p>17 6 pm Bells</p>	<p>18 <i>Marcia at Malden</i> 8-Emmanuel Gp at Big Apple 1:30 United Women in Faith General Meeting 2:00 Marcia at Greenfield 3:30 Children's Ministry 4:00 Chippers in Cushing 6:30 New Member's mtg</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Cushing Hall Reserved Orwig Family  Saturday Worship 5:30 Saturday Evening Casual Worship</p>
<p>6 - Youth Group</p>	<p>6:30 Trustees in Cushing Hall</p>	<p>6:30 pm Adult Ministries</p>	<p>25 <i>Marcia at Malden</i> 8-Emmanuel Gp at Big Apple 3:30 Children's Ministry Last day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Cushing Hall Reserved Atkinson Family</p>
<p>22 9 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> 10:15 Adult SS Classes Youth SS Classes</p>	<p>23 3:30 Women's Bible Study in person 5 - Our Table Meal </p>	<p>24 <i>Pastor Ryan out all day</i> at clergy session</p>	<p>25 <i>Marcia at Malden</i> 8-Emmanuel Gp at Big Apple 3:30 Children's Ministry Last day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Cushing Hall Reserved Atkinson Family</p>
<p>6 - Youth Group- Last Day</p>	<p>6:30 Trustees in Cushing Hall</p>	<p>6:30 pm Adult Ministries</p>	<p>4:00 Chippers in Cushing</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Cushing Hall Reserved Atkinson Family</p>
<p>29 9 am Worship Memorial Sunday <i>in-person or live-stream</i> 10:15 Adult SS Classes Youth SS Classes</p>	<p>30  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>4:00 Chippers in Cushing</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Cushing Hall Reserved Atkinson Family</p>



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS GRADUATING?

The church would like to know of any graduates in the congregation. If you have a family member, or know of someone who will be graduating from Kindergarten, Junior High, High School, College, Technical School, Trade School or Military Academy, please let us know so that they can be recognized in the June Circuit Rider newsletter.

*(*Graduates from our church family will be recognized on Graduate Sunday and names of Graduates will appear in the June newsletter).*

Please complete the form below and return to the church office by dropping it in the offering plate, in the white mailbox, mailing it, or e-mailing it (fumcsecretary@gmail.com).

Name of Graduate(s):

Name of Parents:

Name of Grade School, Junior High, High School, College, Trade/Technical School or Military Academy:

Graduate's Future Plans:



The First United Methodist Church of Princeton, Illinois
Worship Services

Worship Service
Sunday School for Adults
Saturday Service (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

9:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Reverend Ryan Sutton
Fallon Bush
Josh Bush
Todd Ericson
Charles Gebeck
Shelly Grabill
Kelly McKune
Karen Newby
Tom Newby
Marcia Peddicord
Kelli Pelham
JoAnn Roberts
Chris Rucinski

Pastor
Treasurer
Audio/Visual Director
Custodian
Organist
Financial Secretary
Youth Director
Handbell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director
Lay Leader
Administrative Assistant
Communications Director
Custodian
Nursery

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