



CHIMES



Dear Church Family,

When Rev. Youngblood was installed as the pastor of our church, she requested a three-year designated term as our pastor to make sure that we were a good match because there was a lot of conflict in our church at the time. A new pastor can easily become a lightning rod for conflict in a congregation, which would make establishing a good relationship difficult or impossible. That has not been the case with Rev. Youngblood, and our church is no longer in conflict. Rev. Youngblood's designated term is now approaching its end. We believe that Rev. Youngblood is a good match for our church and that the congregation and the session have accomplished a lot under her direction. Rev. Youngblood agrees that we are a good match and feels called to continue serving as our pastor.

For Rev. Youngblood to continue serving as our pastor, the congregation must approve a change to her terms of call. To accomplish this, we have called a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on a change to Rev. Youngblood's terms of call so that Rev. Youngblood's term as our pastor would no longer be designated but instead be open ended. In other words, she would become what we all think of as an installed pastor in the usual sense. The congregational meeting will begin immediately after worship on June 5 in the sanctuary.

In preparation for the congregational meeting, we will present the proposed terms of call, highlight the accomplishments of our congregation over the last three years, and answer questions at three town hall meetings, which will be held immediately

after worship on May 1 and May 15 and at 6:00 PM on May 17. We were going to include a description of our accomplishments in this newsletter article, but the list is quite long. Instead of writing a very long newsletter article, we hope you will come and hear about our accomplishments instead. Rev. Youngblood will be at the May 1 town hall meeting. We will conduct the May 15 and 17 meetings without Rev. Youngblood's presence.

Rev. Youngblood and Pastor Mark have bought a house at Choctaw Lake, which they plan to tear down so that they can build a new house. They are meeting with builders now and hoping to get the process started at the end of this summer. In the meantime, they plan to live in their London house this summer and would like to find a small rental house or apartment in London while their new house is being built. Please let them know if you hear of any houses coming available to rent. They are also hoping to switch Devin's school next school year. Rev. Youngblood and her family look forward to making London their new home and being involved in the community.

Yours in Christ,

The Session

(Carole Ames, Melissa Canney, Harriet Dana,
Pam Dennewitz, Stephanie Huddleston,
Dot Morlock, Mary Peart, Hope Smith, and
Gina Wells)



Generation to Generation Fund

The Generation to Generation Fund continues to grow. From October 2021 through March 15, 2022, donations totaling \$2,644 were received. These donations add to the capital base of the Fund, which remains invested in perpetuity. The Fund increased by an additional \$403.10 from donations that were received as memorials at Easter. The current capital base of the Fund is just under \$25,000.

At our annual congregational meeting in January, I announced that the Generation to Generation Fund would be able to disperse some of its investment income for the first time in 2022. The amount that is available according to the Fund's bylaws is \$600. We expect the annual disbursement to increase in future years, but the amount will depend on the capital base and the performance of the investments.

The Generation to Generation Fund Commission recently established procedures for requesting grants from the investment income. Applications for grants must be submitted by a session committee, and the project that is being proposed must fit into one or more of the following areas:

- Mission or evangelism beyond the church's regular benevolences
- New ministries or expansion of existing ministries
- Major repairs or expansion of facilities

The application form has been sent to the committee chairs. For this year only, applications must be received by July 31, and evaluations will be complete by September 30. Beginning in 2023, applications must be received by April 30, and evaluations will be complete by June 30.

Pastor Mark



April was a busy month for us at PCC! We had our Easter Eggstravaganza, which included an Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Kids and staff had an amazing time. Our PCC art show was the week of April 25-29. The Kids did a fantastic job on all of their creations. It is hard to believe that May is upon us already. We are working on preparing for our pre-K graduation, which will be on May 20. We are also starting on ideas and activities for our upcoming summer program.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL FOR WORSHIP

If you choose the in-person services, masks are now optional! As long as Madison County has less than 50 new cases a week, you may choose to wear a mask in worship or not.

Julie Oswald's Ordination Service

This Sunday, **May 1**, at 4:00 PM at Liberty Presbyterian Church. We are trying to organize a car pool. If interested, please check with Cherie at Sunday's service to see what is available for the ride share.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1, 15, and 17 ... Town Hall Meetings

May 8 ... Mother's Day

May 15 ... Presbytery Meeting at 3:30 PM

May 30 ... Memorial Day

May 30 ... Church office will be closed

June 5 ... Congregational Meeting

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Blood pressure check will be Sunday, May 8, immediately following the worship service.

FUNDRAISER FOR JESSICA MARTIN

Jessica is a PCC teacher who was recently diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor. Los Mariachis is hosting a fundraiser for Jessica to help offset her expenses. On May 9, 10, & 11, 20% of all dinner purchases will go to Jessica, by presenting the enclosed flyer. Dine-In or Carry Out. Thank you.

SUFFICIENT GRACE—update

It is hard to believe that we are closing in on the end of the 2021-22 school year. Sufficient Grace and the Mission Committee would like to **THANK YOU** for your support for this important mission for the area children. We will suspend collecting food items through the summer and resume again in September.

COME CLAIM A TREASURE!

The Property Committee is clearing out storage spaces. Some of our "trash" may be exactly what you need. On Sunday, **May 15th**, these treasures will be available - 1st come/1st served - outside the doors to Fellowship Hall. Included in the treasure trove are older folding particle board tables and metal folding chairs. On Monday, May 16th, remaining items will be advertised on Facebook Market Place or taken to the Country Closet Store.

SUMMER BOOK DRIVE

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a summer book drive. We want to encourage children to keep reading this summer. Books will be distributed to children participating in area summer lunch programs as well as our own PCC children. We will also distribute books to the little libraries in our community and around the county.

We will collect books beginning May 22 through June 19. A tub will be placed in the portico for collecting.

We would like to collect books for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. We hope to get an assortment of new or gently used books including books with a Christian theme. The PCC and children participating in summer lunch programs will also get to choose a book to keep.

If you don't have time to shop, we will be glad to shop for you. Checks can be sent to the church, just indicate it's for the book drive.

Thanks so much for your support of this project.

REFUGEE FAMILY IN NEED

The Mission Committee is making plans to provide help for a refugee family in Ohio. We are working with US Together, from Columbus. Once the family gets housing, we would like to help by providing items needed to set up a home. IE. Kitchen items, linens, household items, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. Also, some larger items would be needed, such as mattress & box springs, bed frames, kitchen table & chairs, items for clothing storage such as shelving or bureaus or dressers, sofa / chairs.

There will be more information coming in the next week or so regarding the family, along with the dates for collection, and a detailed list of items. Anything that we can provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping. The Mission Committee

ANNUAL CRUISE-IN

Mark your calendars for a cruise-in at the church on July 16, from 1-5:00 pm.

More information will follow in the next few weeks.

Pentecost Offerings April 19-June 5, 2022.

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities. The remaining 60% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, ...to give you a future with Hope. -Jeremiah 29.1

FUN IN THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY!

There are lots of fun things that you can do. PICNICS ... For Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and don't forget about the Kentucky Derby. Try your hand at planting a vegetable garden, or pot your favorite flowers. The weather should be great to fly a kite, go hiking, or ride a bike with the family. Check out the Ohio Caverns, or for the detective in you, try the popular "Escape Room". Don't forget everyone's favorite, the Columbus Zoo, along with the opening of Zoombezi Bay on May 21-22. **HAVE FUN!**

Trust
Never put a question mark
where the Lord has put a period.

THE HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

The real history of Mother's Day might surprise you. Three women who championed efforts toward better health, welfare, peace, and love, contributed to the day we all celebrate on the 2nd Sunday in May each year: Ann Reeves Jarvis, Julia Ward Howe, and Ann's daughter, Anna M. Jarvis.

In the mid-1800s, Ann Reeves Jarvis (known as Mother Jarvis), organized groups to help teach young mothers how to safely care for their children. During the Civil War, she also organized women's brigades to help the soldiers, regardless of which side of the war they were on. She hoped to promote peace between Union and Confederate families, calling for a Mothers' Friendship Day.

Julia Ward Howe penned the Civil War anthem, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" in 1862. She helped to promote better hospital conditions for the sick and wounded soldiers during the Civil War. About 1870, Julia called for a "Mother's Day for Peace" to celebrate peace and the eradication of war.

After Ann Jarvis' death in 1905, her daughter, Anna wished to memorialize her life and started campaigning for a national day to honor all mothers. Her efforts were finally realized in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating the 2nd Sunday in May as a legal holiday to be called "Mother's Day".

Mother's Day endures and evolves. We commemorate the many ways mothers have fought to better the lives of their children. We also honor the way mothers have raised and nurtured their children with love and courage.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MOM

Genesis 1:14-19 ... Then God commanded, “Let lights appear in the sky to separate day from night and to show the time when days, years, and religious festivals begin; they will shine in the sky to give light to the earth” – and it was done. So God made the two larger lights, the sun to rule over the day and the moon to rule over the night; he also made the stars. He placed the lights in the sky to shine on the earth, to rule over the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God was pleased with what he saw. Evening passed and morning came – that was the fourth day.

MOON FACTS, LORE, AND LEGENDS

The Sun and Moon are a gift from God, and have been an integral part of man’s life since the beginning. As time has gone by, facts about the Moon have become intertwined with lore and legends. Since this month will have a lunar eclipse, I thought it would be fun to explore some of folklore.

Every full Moon has a name that relates to the time of year that it appears. The name of May’s full Moon is The Flower Moon, which has been attributed to the Algonquin peoples, most likely because of all the flowers that start to bloom in May. This year, there is a total lunar eclipse that coincides with May’s full moon!

A lunar eclipse occurs when Earth stands directly between the Moon and the Sun, which results in Earth casting its shadow on the Moon. During a total lunar eclipse, the Moon is fully obscured by Earth’s shadow, giving the Moon a reddish hue. This phenomenon is where the term “blood moon” comes from.

This total lunar eclipse will be visible for stargazers in most of North America. It will begin on the night of Sunday, May 15, and end on Monday, May 16. Here is the time frame ...

- **Penumbra Eclipse Begins:** The Moon enters the outer edge of Earth’s shadow (called the “penumbra”) at 9:31 P.M. EDT on May 15.
- **Partial Eclipse Begins:** The Moon enters the darkest part of Earth’s shadow (the “umbra”) at 10:27 P.M. EDT.
- **Total Eclipse Begins:** Totality begins at 11:28 P.M. EDT.

MAXIMUM ECLIPSE: The eclipse reaches its peak (called the “maximum”) at 12:11 A.M. EDT on May 16. This is the best time to view the total lunar eclipse!

On a fun note, there is a lot of moon folklore around. We often speak of seeing “the man in the Moon.” Indeed, an image of a face seems to be imposed on the Moon’s shining face.

Since ancient times and across many cultures, people have imagined different images on our Moon’s illuminated surface.

- In Polynesia it is “the Woman in the Moon,” and she has her child with her.
- The Selish Indians of the American Northwest see a toad.
- The Japanese and some East Asian cultures see a rabbit.
- Scandinavians see a boy and girl holding a water bucket. From this image comes the Jack and Jill nursery rhyme!

What do you see when you look up at the Moon?

There are some who believe that the moon has healing power. Some suspect that the flow of blood responds to the gravitational tug of the Moon. Some believers consider dental care and elective surgery unwise around the times of the full Moon because of the risk of increased bleeding. (Civil War doctors noted greater blood flow during a flood tide, which is affected by the full moon and the new moon..)

Can the moon change your luck? According to Moon lore, in many cases the full Moon brings good luck. But not always! What do you think?

- It is lucky to expose your newborn to the waxing Moon. It will give the baby strength.
- And it’s also lucky to move into a new house during the new Moon; prosperity will increase as the Moon waxes.
- Every wonder why people keep rabbit feet? It is lucky ... especially if the rabbit was killed in a cemetery by a cross-eyed person at the dark of the Moon.
- It is lucky to hold a moonstone in your mouth at the full Moon; it will reveal the future. Be careful not to swallow :)
- It is lucky to have a full Moon on the “Moon day” (Monday).
- It is unlucky to have a full Moon on Sunday.
- It is unlucky to see the first sliver of a new Moon through a window; you’ll break a dish.
- And it’s certainly unlucky to sleep in the moonlight, or worse, be born in the moonlight!

There is even lore about dreaming about the Moon.

- To dream of a clear Moon is an omen of success.
- To dream of a red or “bloody” Moon warns of catastrophe or war.
- A new Moon in your dreams promises increased wealth or a happy marriage.
- If a young woman dreams of the Moon growing dimmer, she should mind her sharp tongue, lest happiness elude her.
- Dreams of an eclipsed Moon are said to predict a contagious disease close at hand.. Have any dreams about the Moon lately?

Does the Moon really affect our behavior or emotions? There’s never been solid proof, but there’s some new evidence that suggests the Moon can affect sleep on the days leading up to the full Moon! Test it out with May’s full moon.

Aristotle, Paracelsus, and Pliny the Elder thought people were driven crazy by the full Moon. The Latin name for the Moon—“Luna”—is the root of modern words like “lunacy”. Even today, many doctors, nurses, EMTs, police officers, and teachers agree that full Moons will bring bizarre behavior ... called “the lunar influence”. Do you think there is a lunar connection to abnormal behavior? Hmmm..

Hope you have had fun reading about the Moon. Just don’t start howling at the Moon, or your neighbors might start to worry about you :)

May Fun Facts

5/8/2022
Mother's Day

May 1 is May Day. In Europe, it wasn't a good May if you didn't celebrate it with a maypole. As far back as 1350 AD, celebrants would erect a long pole and attach flowers, garlands, and strips of fabric to it, followed by the maypole dance

May 5 is Cinco de Mayo Day ... celebrating the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

- A warm January, a cold May.
- A dry May, and a leaking June, makes the farmer whistle a merry tune.
- A snowstorm in May is worth a wagonload of hay.

MEMORIAL DAY IS OBSERVED ON THE LAST MONDAY OF MAY, HONORING U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE DIED WHILE SERVING. IT ORIGINATED FOLLOWING THE CIVIL WAR, AND BECAME AN OFFICIAL FEDERAL HOLIDAY IN 1971.

MAY 21 IS ARMED FORCES DAY, WHICH HONORS THOSE WHO SERVE IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE U.S. MILITARY.

May's full Moon (the Flower Moon) reaches its peak on May 15-16, 2022! Plus, this full Moon will coincide with a total lunar eclipse for most of North America.

The Eta Aquariids, Arietids, and the Virginid Complex meteor showers all occur in May.

For those born in Merry Month of May...

** Your birth flowers are*

- Lily of the Valley (for sweetness)

- Hawthorn Flower (for hope)

**Zodiac sign is Taurus ... May 1-20*

**If born between May 21-31 your sign is Gemini.*

**Your Birthstone is the emerald which symbolizes success and love.*

There is a Cornish superstition that buying a new broom in May is unlucky. Oh, and apparently, you shouldn't wash any blankets either!



PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Jones at shelley.j.jones8@gmail.com or call 614-425-7570.

IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned.

Let the pastor know when her presence is needed.

If you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the worship service, please email the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR ABOU OF THE REFORMED NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE SAHEL (RNCS)

We appreciate your prayers for us.

We are asking prayers for our growing denomination and most especially for the local congregation at Kartong. On Easter, we baptized 25 people at one local church.

Our church in eastern Nigeria was able to get a property in Nigeria. We praise God for this opportunity as it will help us in reaching the people in a larger area.

We have not been able to complete the roofing for the school building in Guinea Bissau. We are gathering funds from members, but there is still a great chance that the rains may come before we can raise the total funds (3000usd) needed. We presently have gathered 2000usd based on our internal contribution. Please pray that we will be able to gather the remaining funds needed to allow us to complete this school project.



<i>Richard & Janet Newberry</i>	<i>5/4</i>
<i>Tony & Diana Frey</i>	<i>5/12</i>
<i>Dr. Robert & Anne McConnell</i>	<i>5/18</i>
<i>Roger & Corabeth Morris</i>	<i>5/25</i>
<i>Ron & Marilyn Schellhaas</i>	<i>5/28</i>

Life is short,
 Break the RULES,
 FORGIVE quickly,
 KISS slowly, LOVE truly,
 LAUGH uncontrollably,
 And NEVER REGRET
 Anything that made
 You SMILE.



Those born in May are kindhearted and quick to understand. They are strong-willed and determined, refusing to give up. They are willing to wait for things to fall in place, and are able to give comfort to those who have lost hope. May babies are charming realists. They can be serious, and at the same time be positive and optimistic. Thus making them great motivators.

Phil Goodyear	5/4
Dolly McDonley	5/6
Frank Powell	5/7
Nancy Powell	5/14
Stephanie Mack	5/15
Diana Frey	5/16
Tona Avery	5/26
Michael Madden	5/26
James Engle	5/26

T.J. Dwyer	5/27
Garrett Kronk	5/28
Désirée Youngblood	5/28
Melissa Ridenour	5/29
Jennifer Siddiqi	5/30
Denyse Ramkissoon	5/30
Pam Dennewitz	5/30
Kay Fischer	5/30
Jane Batdorf	5/30

MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May 1 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship / Communion ● 11am Town Hall Meeting 2 more	2	3	4 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 5pm Stewardship Commission	5 ● 4:15pm Mission Committee ● 6pm Worship Committee Meeting ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 Blood Pressure Check, following w Mother's Day ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship	9 ● 11am PCC Leadership Meeting	10	11 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 6pm PCC Committee Meeting ● 7pm Session Meeting	12 ● 11am Session Review ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 ● 9am Clean Out the Fellowship Hk
15 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship ● 11am Town Hall Meeting ● 3:30pm Presbytery Meeting	16	17 ● 6pm Town Hall Meeting	18 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 5pm Christian Education Zoom M	19 ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	20	21
22 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship	23	24	25 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting	26 ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	27 Cherie & Steve on Vacation	28
29 Cherie & Steve on Vacation Cody on Vacation ● 10am Worship	30 Closed for the Holiday	31	Jun 1 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting	2 ● 4:15pm Mission Committee	3	4

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