



# Presbyterian Post

## First Presbyterian Church

Being God's Church, WE ARE. Living God's Vision, WE WILL.

Being God's Church, I AM. Living God's Vision, I WILL.



Dear Friends and Siblings in Christ,

On Easter Sunday we join in declaring, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" Three times we shout it out, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" Why do we proclaim it three times? Maybe in honor of the triune God? Maybe because He was raised on the third day? Or maybe because it didn't really sink in the first two times! "Christ is risen! Is that so?" "Christ is risen! Really?" "Christ is risen! That's the truth!"

The TRUTH of the resurrection of Jesus the Christ is the essential message of the Christian Faith. It is the TRUTH to which everything else must be related. It is the TRUTH without which Christianity is nice, but not crucial. "He is risen INDEED! -in fact! -in actuality."

The Swiss theologian, Karl Barth, once told a conclave of preachers that the real reason that people come to church is to hear an answer to their deepest question, "Is it true?" People know, we know, that practical advice on relationships, work, social action is not reason enough to sit and listen to a preacher. Great music, uplifting prayer, spellbinding storytelling are not the ultimate things that people are seeking. What people want to know is just this: "Is it true?"

As strange, as unscientific, as impossible as the resurrection of Christ undoubtedly is, the TRUTH of the event puts everything else in perspective. "Christ is risen" means everything to us. It means that God is acting in the world in ways the world can't fathom. It means that life is a far greater power than death. It means that mercy triumphs over judgment every time. It means that there is no limit to what is possible with God. It means that a new creation has begun – and we are part of it. Life means something wonderful.

If it is not true, if it is a symbol, a metaphor or some kind of wishful thinking, then life means nothing. If it is not true it means that satisfying our appetites is our highest good. This, of course, is nonsense. In our heart of hearts, we know that is not true. So, we come to church, on Easter and every Sunday to hear the Answer to our Question. "Is it TRUE?" We come to hear "Christ is risen! He is risen INDEED!" Yes! It is TRUE, and that Word changes everything and sets us upon the greatest possible adventure of discovery.

"It is TRUE" is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end of our quest. Our journey into love, peace, and joy – our eternal journey into God is possible because it is TRUE that "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed."

I pray you will have a blessed Easter, and that you are reminded again that it is TRUE!

In Christ,

Pastor Steve



# OPERATIONS

## Cash Flow Report for Month Ending 2/28/2025

The gross operating income for two months 2025 was \$25,903. Contributions, *excluding* Designated Funds for this period were \$25,903. Operating expenses were \$38,580. Our Net Income was ***negative \$12,677***. Donations were down from 2024 because IRA distribution donations were not received, like in 2024. However, some were received in February, but less than last year.

For the same period in 2024 the income was \$31,764 (includes contributions from IRA accounts). Operating expenses in 2024 were \$34,644.

Here is a breakdown of our expenses for 2 months in 2025

Administration (Staff & Office)	\$ 19,564
PNC Exp	272
Facilities (Utilities & Maint.)	14,685
Education	52
Congr Life & Missions/Per Capita	2,937
Communication	946
<u>Worship</u>	<u>124</u>
TOTAL	\$38,580

Checking Account Balance on 2/28/25 was \$ 5,742. This was enough to cover invoices and payroll in the first weeks of February. Donations to the Building Fund were \$960. The balance in the Building Fund is \$30,164 (\$6,400 of this has been designated for repairs to the parking lot; \$519 for landscaping, \$3,919 for railing in the pulpit area and the remainder of \$19,301 for future needs.).

The winter continues to be colder than 2024, so the utility costs are \$1,543 more than in 2024. Our membership is 104 as of 12/31/2024. But our attendance in person and on line is about 75 to 80 each Sunday. The Facility, Staff and Other costs are projected at \$233,000 per year. That is over \$2,200 a year per member. This is how a “bean counter” views the statistics. Many of our members and non- members give very generously to the Operating Fund, Building Fund, the Deacons Fund. We do have some Reserves to fall back and that is a blessing. But those will only sustain us for so long.

The Pastor Nominating Committee will be working diligently to find the pastor God has chosen for us. Please pray for the team we have chosen and for Pastor Steve as he continues to lead us.

. I pray each of you are blessed in ways you never expected. God is good!

***Luke 6:38.*** “Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap”



Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Jacob, Church Treasurer/Ruling/Elder

## Prayer Concerns

**Members:** Pat Potter; Jerry Kolter; Lucy & Mert Jacob; Nina Dellinger; Donna Thompson; Mike Rice

**Members who are Nursing Home Residents:**

**White Oak Health Campus:**  
Jim Hallar; Ruth Erdmann & Naomi Ward

## Service Men & Women

Walker Eifert (ARMY) (great nephew of Mert and Lucy Jacob); Brian Strantz (NAVY) (son of Tom & Julie Houck); Brad Switzer (USMC); Ensign Daniel Weathers (NAVY) (grandson of James Hallar); PVT Peyton Chaffin (son of Heather Chaffin); **All unspoken prayers**



## Friends and Relatives

Elain Berry (Cinda Wilhite's sister); Jenny & Natalie Hanes (Judy Dowden's daughter & granddaughter & Gina Guy's sister & niece, ); Holly Conner (Jenelle's friend); Mark Skidmore (Dennis Boyd's friend); Mike O'Farrell; Mindy & Jon Gutwein (Sara Phelps's friend); Kathy & Roger Maxwell (Dave & Tom Anderson's sister & brother-in-law); Ray Dulin; Fallon Wildrick (Jim Wildrick's granddaughter); Kimberly Dulin (Linda Fullerton's friend); Janet Anderson (Art Anderson's wife); Katelyn Creigh (Gary & Kim Creigh's daughter); Flor Sare; Fred Bailey (Richard's brother); Jim Wanders (Naomi Ward's son); Kristin Amone

(Dennis & Roslyn Boyd's daughter); Kathleen (Jennifer Haskin's friend); Joey (Jennifer Haskin's friend's grandson); C.J. White (Judy Dowden's grandson & Gina Guy's nephew); Wayne Speicher (Mike & Liz Rice's friend); Maverick Davey (Chris & Linda Fullerton's great grandson); Susan Spiker (Liz Rice's friend); Gary Rice (Mike's brother); Chrissy (Fry) Downey; Frank Walker; Brothers & Sisters in Christ at New Hope Lutheran Church.

*Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the Family & Friends of Lynn Kolter. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.*

## Sister Churches

Dyer Presbyterian Church, Dyer, IN - Rev. Paul R. Anderson  
First Presbyterian Church, Elkhart, IN - Rev. Dr. Sally Wicks  
Flora Presbyterian Church, Flora, IN  
Geetingsville Presbyterian Church, Frankfort, IN

## Church Directory

Rev. Stephen Quinlan	Bridge Pastor
Jaci Smolek	Administrative Assistant
Lucy Jacob	Treasurer
Bill Cook	Custodian
Laura Lee	Choir Director
Marilyn Denton	Organist
Jeffrey Cameo	Media Specialist
Flordeliza Sare	Nursery
Jenelle Foddrill	Youth Group Leader



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[facebook.com/monticellofirstpresbyterianchurch](https://facebook.com/monticellofirstpresbyterianchurch)

### THE SESSION:

Rev. Stephen Quinlan	Moderator
Joy Bailey	Clerk of Session

### CLASS OF 2025

Lucy Jacob; De Anna Paschen; Judy Bertram

### CLASS OF 2026

Jody Headdy, Jay Janke; Dave Bramlage; Dave Anderson

### CLASS OF 2027

Joy Bailey, Jenelle Foddrill, Tom Anderson, Liz Rice

### THE DEACONS:

Andi Janke	Moderator
TBD	Vice-Moderator
TBD	Secretary
Andi Janke	Treasurer

### CLASS OF 2025

Andi Janke, Mark Hay  
Donna Thompson

### CLASS OF 2026

Theresa Baker, Greg Bossaer  
Amber Brothers

### CLASS OF 2027

Reesa Flora, Susie Good  
Richard Bailey

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

Donna Thompson	President
Susie Good	Vice President
Ardis Bramlage	Historian/Secretary
Theresa Baker	Treasurer

### Program Leaders:

Spring: N/A  
Fall: N/A  
Christmas: N/A

### Nominating Committee:

N/A



## SESSION NEWS



### **February 25, 2025 Mini Minutes**

The February 25, 2025, Regular Session Meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Stephen Quinlan at 6:30 p.m. in the new conference room. Nine elders were present and Clerk, Joy Bailey declared a quorum. Devotions for the evening were given by Dave Bramlage. The docket was approved and the January 28, 2025, Regular Session Minutes were approved as corrected. The Communion Count was 68.

Shelle Hay, representing the PNC, presented the Ministry Discernment Profile which they have completed. It listed the Position Requirements, our Mission Statement, and narratives about our congregation. The PNC are still working on the Effective Salary and that will be determined following a meeting with the Church Treasurer and a financial advisor. The Administrative Team reports that the checking account balance on 1/31/25 was \$9,733. Donations to the Building Fund were \$305. The balance in the Building Fund is \$30,164.

The Facilities Needs Team reports that the uneven concrete on the east side has been ground off. The new padded chairs have arrived and are stored in the janitor's closet. The Memorial Team would like to thank Jay Janke, Dave Anderson, Jeffrey Cameo, and Richard Bailey for helping to unpack them. The Worship Team reports that Ash Wednesday Services will be at 7 p.m. on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have the Last Supper Presentation on Maundy Thursday which falls on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Quinlan has spent a total of 55 hours in the office in February. He spent 22 hours in preparation for Sunday Worship on Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23. He served the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper once. He has made 15 pastoral contacts and held staff meetings, fellowship, and work at home.

There being no further business, the Session voted to adjourn the meeting with prayer at 7:40 p.m. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.



## WORSHIP

Pastor Steve is available to serve home communion to shut-ins after church on Communion Sunday. If you would like to have communion, please contact Jody Headdy at 574-297-4075 to be scheduled.



## MEMORIALS

### **The Gordon/Jackson Scholarship**

Application forms are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Remember to “sign-in” when you pick up your application.

The Deadline for these forms is **April 4, 2025**

**THE APRIL 4th DEADLINE IS FOR THE APPLICATION, RECOMMENDATIONS, TRANSCRIPTS, ETC... NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 4th.**



## EDUCATION/YOUTH NEWS

### **Vacation Bible School 2025: TRUE NORTH:** **Trusting Jesus in a Wild World**

Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

We are again partnering with Monticello United Methodist Church to host a community vacation bible school. Volunteers are needed and all are invited to participate. There is a place for everyone who is interested in making the lives of children better. Please see Betsy Bossaer or let the office know if you have questions or want to volunteer. The more the merrier!!





# OUR CHURCH AT WORK

	<u>April 6th</u>	<u>April 13th</u>	<u>April 20th</u>	<u>April 27th</u>
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<u>DEACON</u>	Reesa Flora	Reesa Flora	Reesa Flora	Reesa Flora
<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>	Sara Phelps Jo Ann Miller Betsy Bossaer	Jane Harvey Jane Anderson Theresa Baker	Joy Bailey Shelle Hay Andi Janke	Bonnie Kelly Pattie Congram Jody Headdy
<u>FLOWER CALENDAR</u>	Mike & Margaret Sherry	None	None	None
<u>LITURGIST</u>	Mike Sherry	Sherry Evans	Dennis Boyd	Shelle Hay
<u>POWERPOINT &amp; STREAMING</u>	Greg Bossaer Leslie / Jenelle	Dan Flora Leslie / Amber	Dan Flora Amber / Jenelle	Dan or Jenelle Amber / Betsy
<u>USHERS</u>	Andi Janke	Linda Land	Jody Headdy	Jane DeMay

Lenten Services are Sunday, March 9th  
thru Sunday, April 6th.



Sunday, March 9th thru Sunday, March 20th  
at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel.

Maundy Thursday Service is  
April 17th at 8:00 p.m.

Dan Flora ~ PowerPoint  
Amber / Betsy ~ Streaming



# MISSION/CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS

<b><u>April 6th</u></b> Mike & Liz Rice	<b><u>April 15th</u></b> Larry & Donna Thompson	<b><u>April 3rd</u></b> Kim Powers	<b><u>April 14th</u></b> Dave Bramlage	<b><u>April 23rd</u></b> Spencer Andrews
<b><u>April 7th</u></b> Mike & Margaret Sherry	<b><u>April 20th</u></b> James & Tracy Creamer	<b><u>April 5th</u></b> Jonni Goodman	Mark Hay	Dennis Boyd
<b><u>April 8th</u></b> Mark & De Anna Paschen	<b><u>April 22nd</u></b> Tom & Judy Dowden	Jenelle Foddrill	<b><u>April 15th</u></b> Richard Bailey	<b><u>April 26th</u></b> Gatlin Phelps
<b><u>April 11th</u></b> John & Cinda Wilhite	<b><u>April 26th</u></b> Jay & Andi Janke	<b><u>April 8th</u></b> Mert Jacob	<b><u>April 16th</u></b> Lincoln Parks	<b><u>April 27th</u></b> Julie Houck
		Joan Slover	<b><u>April 17th</u></b> McKinley	<b><u>April 28th</u></b> Tina Young
		Gina Guy	Creamer	



## **REMINDER**

Food Pantry Pick-up

April 29th—May 3rd

For questions, contact Mark Hay.

## **SOUP FOR SOULS**

The Methodist Church hosts Soup 4 Souls on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our church is responsible for the 4th Tuesday of each month. We need to provide at least two people to work and donate two plates of brownies. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Judy Bertram if you are willing to serve.



## **Chair Exercise Class**

The Chair Exercise Class for mature adults and those with mobility limitations is scheduled for 10:00 am to 11:00 am.; classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday. Please come and join the fun!!



## **HEART Fellowship**

Heart Fellowship will have their monthly meeting from 11:15 to 1:00 on Tuesday, April 8th. The program scheduled is "Planning for Unexpected Life Events". For reservations please call the church office prior to noon on Monday, April 1st or see the sign up sheet in the Narthex that previous Sunday. Reservations are necessary for food preparation.

THANK YOU !!!!

