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July 2021

First Presbyterian Church
260 W. McLaughlin Ave
Madisonville KY 42431
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Service Times:
10:15 Worship Service

In the Sanctuary

Check Calendar on back page for
Bible Study Times

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

Thanks to everyone who returned a Congregational Survey! The survey results will be a big aid to the Pastor Nominating Committee as they march forward. On Sunday, July 11, the results of the Congregational Survey will be shared with the congregation. More details about that will be announced.

I'm looking forward to getting away for a few days on a family trip. We're headed to the Lake Erie Islands from July 5-9, trying to find some cooler weather! I will be here on the Sunday before and after my trip, but will be out of the office the week of July 5.

Independence Day Sunday is on July 4 this year! Whatever your holiday weekend plans are, find one hour to join us at 10:15. Did you know

that Thomas Jefferson wrote most of the Declaration of Independence on his "laptop"? He used a small writing desk that fit on his lap!



After a bit of a hiatus, the Worship Time for Children has returned! This is one of the most enjoyed (and unpredictable) parts of our worship service.



Everyone really enjoyed having Jackson Bower and Hudson Stahl play a cello/violin duet for us on June 13. They are very talented and both are members of First Presbyterian Church of Glasgow, Kentucky. One of the strengths of our denomination is our willingness to be "connectional".

That's all for this month! Let me know if I can ever be of help to you!

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A couple of notes about peanut butter and ice cream:

Our congregation has been donating an average 100 pounds of peanut butter per month to the Christian Food Bank of Hopkins County. Thank you. Please continue to bring your jars of peanut butter to the narthex and I'll deliver them to the food bank. Our Ice Cream Ministry is ready to go full stream. We have the freezer, the cart, and ice cream. The plan is to give out ice cream to the children of Homewood, Chickasaw, Independence, and Seminary/Madison inviting them and their parents to our church programs. I need help with two things: volunteers to

put out door tags and deliver ice cream; and programs to invite people to. Call your session members and tell them you want Sunday School, Wednesday night activities, VBS, Bible Study and whatever else you wish to participate. It's difficult to invite people to church activities that aren't happening. The last Sunday of each month has been designated as Ice Cream Sunday. On these Sundays (after service) we will have Cake and Ice Cream to celebrate that Month's birthdays and anniversaries. It will also be a good time to invite your grandchil-

dren to church. We have coloring packets in the narthex if they need some extra stimulation during service and if they start to associate church with fun and ice cream, "Praise the Lord." Be looking forward to the Congregational Cookout and plan to attend with your entire family. We'll have food, fun, and fellowship. Revival is from the Latin re – again, and vivo – to live, come to FPC and "ReVivo."

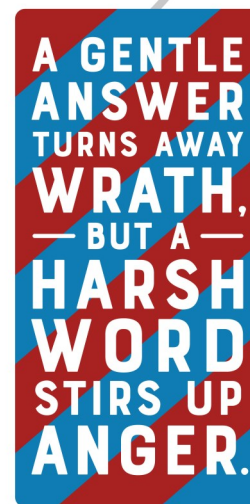
Love and Hugs, Pete.

A Gentle Answer

As it does this year, July 4 fell on Sunday in 1937. While Pastor Eldred Johnston led worship that morning in Paulding, Ohio, local kids set off firecrackers nearby (restrictions were rare back then). Realizing he needed to act, the pastor slipped outside during a hymn and found the revelers.

But instead of scolding or shouting, Johnston stayed calm. "I used to enjoy shooting fireworks too," he said, adding that he knew it was a fun way to celebrate. "But many in this town are gathered in worship, and the noise is very distracting. All I'm asking is that you wait until church services are over — about noon — and then shoot firecrackers all you want." The pastor smiled at each youth and returned to church.

Recounting that experience in *Liberty* magazine, Johnston said he half-expected to hear defiant explosions. Instead, the kids waited respectfully until worship was over. When conflicts loom, may we heed that example — and this advice from Proverbs: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (15:1, NIV).



PROVERBS 15:1, NIV

Update from The Pastor Search Committee...

The Pastor Search Committee has been meeting for 4 weeks. We are making progress with the MIF (Ministry Information Form), which provides a narrative picture of the mission and ministry of the congregation and its sense of call.

The Pastor Search Committee is confident that God has a pastor for us. Please continue to keep the committee and our church in prayer.



FINANCES AT A GLANCE—MAY

		YTD	
Income	\$11,861.00	YTD Income	\$141,036.01
Expense	<u>-\$36,879.93</u>	YTD Expense	<u>-\$141,595.75</u>
Net	- \$25,018.93	YTD Net	- \$559.74

<u>Undesignated</u>		YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$9,825.00	Income	\$98,134.76
Expense	<u>-\$18,021.56</u>	Expense	<u>-\$102,904.45</u>
Net	-\$8,196.56	Net	-\$5,769.69

<u>Designated</u>		YTD Designated	
Income	\$2,036.00	Income	\$42,901.25
Expense	<u>-\$18,858.37</u>	Expense	<u>-\$37,691.30</u>
	\$16,822.37		-\$5,209.95

Operating Funds

Beginning Balance	\$117,004.09
Ending Balance	\$127,085.50
Investment Account	\$210,347.54

JULY



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| 2nd | Jane Mosley | 25th | Lisa Ladd |
| 5th | Sean McCance | | Judy McLean |
| 7th | Kenzie Conover | 26th | Gayle Tabor |
| 13th | Karen Howard | 30th | James & Janet McClain (A) |
| 14th | Susan Fischels | | Deloris Steinfeld |
| 15th | Joel & Cindy Lansden (A) | | |
| 16th | Peggy Phelan | | |
| | Delight Alexander | | |
| 19th | Greg & Cheryl Lane (A) | | |
| 20th | Abbie Sills | | |
| 23rd | Noah Taylor | | |
| | Ariadne Welch | | |

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 	5	6 1:30 Bible Study	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 1:30 Bible Study 6PM Session Mtg	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 1:30 Bible Study	21	22	23	24
25 Ice Cream Sunday	26	27 1:30 Bible Study	28	29	30	31