



# FIRST FACTS



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## DID YOU KNOW?

I am excited to announce that First Presbyterian Church will be home to summer Youth Coding Camps during June and July.

We were approached by Codefi last fall requesting possible use of our space for these camps. As we explored the idea further, they found our fellowship hall to be quite well-suited to their needs, and we found their purpose to be quite well-suited to our mission and outreach goals.

Codefi is a part of the Marquette Tech District Foundation, a designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the vision of strengthening our communities by connecting people, technology, and resources. The coding camps for area children, ages 8-18, give access to an important skillset at low or no cost to the participants. The first week (June 3-7) will involve the Honorable Young Men's Club and Tiger Lilies attending each afternoon at no cost. Subsequent camps (June 10-14, June 17-20, and July 15-19) will involve students who have been identified by their teachers as having the interest, but not always the financial resources to take advantage of such opportunities. Ten to twenty percent of attendees are provided scholarships.

The camps are run by local teachers who are paid a stipend for their time. Normally, there are two or three teachers for every twenty students, plus a representative from Codefi is always on site.

**Here's the best part: an invitation to see what they've learned!** From Stacy Dohogne Lane, Community Director for Codefi:

*"We are thrilled to be able to run our youth coding camps at your wonderful facility this summer and would love to see you at the conclusion of each camp as campers show off what they've learned to their parents at a little show-and-tell session that caps off each camp."*

Here are the dates you can come and see:

**June 7** - 3 p.m.  
**June 14** - 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
**June 21** - 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
**July 19** - 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Our building is the best resource we have to offer in ministry to our community. It is a blessing that we can share it for the education of children and for the glory of God!

Grace and peace,

Ellen

## SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Stated Meeting of the Session May 20, 2019

1. Received Rev. Gurnon's report of Activities from April 22- May 11, 2019. Included were 3 visits/calls to members and 12 church/community/Presbytery meetings and activities.
2. Approved changing the date of Communion from June 2 to June 9 since the June 2 service will be devoted to the Peace Park Dedication.
3. Rev. Gurnon announced the Session's next Visioning Retreat is to follow Worship on June 9. Discussion will continue about building use (some revenue producing), ministry projects and the Peace Park usage.
4. Rev. Gurnon reported that having the Peace Park Dedication in the Sanctuary during the worship service June 2 is a built-in rain plan though it is hoped we can be outside in the Park after the service. Preceding the service will be a brunch in the Fellowship Hall to honor members of the Hirsch, Shivelbine, Ritter and Gibson families being invited as special guests.
5. Treasurer Wiles reported a balance of \$ 16, 521 in the Money Market Reserve Fund for cash and \$ 44,670 in checking as of April 30. He also pointed out Reserve Fund Investments, as of April 30, totaled \$ 157, 726.64. He next directed our attention to the written monthly Statement of Revenue and Expenses that showed Income as \$ 75,263.78 but Expenses were \$ 84, 840.55.
6. The Session requested Rev. Gurnon, as Head of Staff, ask the church bookkeeper to resume the practice of sending quarterly financial records of giving to members to help them stay aware of their giving throughout the year.
7. Worship & Arts co-chairs Shaver and Hecht reported their Committee is discussing fundraising ideas to help support fees for Special Music performers and will report on them further for Session approval next month. Treasurer Wiles reminded the Session our emphasis needs to be on raising more money for the overall church budget because we are trying to reduce the number of special funds.
8. Property Chair Bengtson reported the city's work at the handicap entrance has been completed according to ADA standards, rerouting and enlarging the underground drain lines. They also reseeded grass and put down straw in the disturbed grassy areas. The retaining wall on the Broadway side of the church has been cleaned and landscaping blocks have been added to the top of the wall to deter skateboarders. Also, additional work has been done on the boiler, and consideration will be given to replacing the steam boiler and older AC units proactively with the help of incentives from Ameren.
9. The Downtown Merchants Association wants to donate something to the Peace Park although their offer of a community bulletin board was not approved by the Session. It will be suggested they instead fund attractive, heavy-duty trash receptacles for the Park.



**Second Tuesday at the Chateau** will meet on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. for lunch and fellowship in the Chateau dining room. If you would like to attend please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651-5274 or Ruth Needle at 334-4515. No later than Sunday evening, June 9, so that arrangements can be made for a table big enough to accommodate all of us. We will order off the menu with each person being responsible for their own lunch. All are welcome.



**The next meeting of the book club** will be on June 13<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Sharon Metcalfe. The book is "The Silver Star" by Jeannette Walls. The July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the home of Jean Cairns and the book is "The Transcription" by Kate Atkinson. The book for August 8 is "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens but no place has been selected yet. All are welcome and the reading of the book is optional.



**June Meal-a-Month**

- Pancake mix (add water only)
- Bottle of pancake syrup
- 2 cans of fruit

**ROAR! Vacation Bible School** is Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Christ Episcopal also participating. We welcome preschool (age 3 and 4) and those children that have finished Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Sixth graders and older can be Junior volunteers. This year's theme is **ROAR!!** Life is wild! God is good! The kids will learn that when life is unfair... when life is scary... when life is sad... God is good! This year Friday will be Family Night and we are inviting parents to come. The kids will sing songs and someone from Lazy L Safari will be there with a few small animals. We encourage families to come out and enjoy the show and refreshments. **Our church has been asked to donate drinks for the adult volunteers. They'd like bottled water and soda. Contact Melissa Harris at 573-579-4977 if you are interested in donating.**



**Memorials**

A Memorial has been received in memory of:  
**Marvin Woodfin**, from John & Jeanne Hirsch.  
**Harold Buxton**, from Margaret J. Judge, David & Gail Crader, Lewis & Carolyn Bock, Kim & June Moore, Gerald & Mary Linnenbringer, Richard & Debra Feiner, Bob & Ann Parkinson, Alice & Paul Kabo, Sarah Barks, Ruth Needle.



**Pentecost Offering**

As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian church (USA), the **Pentecost Offering** unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Whatever our congregation collects for this offering is divided as follows:

**40% remain with our congregation to support ministries with children and youth in our local community.**

25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) experience to train and equip volunteers to engage in mission at more than 20 sites in the U.S. and around the world.

25% Supports ministries with youth, ages 12-18, and those called to accompany them.

10% support the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" initiative to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of one million children by 2020.

**Pentecost is Sunday, June 9.** Please give with a check to First Presbyterian, note "Pentecost" in the memo.

## JUNE PRAYER CALENDAR

The Session hopes you will use this “Prayer Calendar” as we daily pray for each other and some of the mission concerns of our church.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mozambique
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kathy Hargrove (birthday)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jerry Pind (birthday)
4 <sup>th</sup>	James Crain
5 <sup>th</sup>	Synod of the Covenant
6 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Cincinnati
7 <sup>th</sup>	Madagascar
8 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Detroit
9 <sup>th</sup>	Eastminster Presbytery
10 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Ed & Sue Burford (anniversary) Sandy Wilhelm (birthday)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Lesotho
12 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Mackinac
13 <sup>th</sup>	Maumee Valley Presbytery
14 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Lake Michigan
15 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of the Miami Valley
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jim & Beverly Hirsch (anniversary)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Scioto Valley
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Beth Ross (birthday)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Lake Huron
20 <sup>th</sup>	Synod of Lakes and Prairies
21 <sup>st</sup>	Charles & Jane Hirsch (anniversary)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Horton & Carol Miler, (anniversary)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Presbytery of Central Nebraska
24 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Des Moines
25 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of East Iowa
26 <sup>th</sup>	Bill & Georganne Syler (anniversary)
27 <sup>th</sup>	John Knox Presbytery
28 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Milwaukee
29 <sup>th</sup>	Pete Hirschburg (birthday)
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sam & Lisa Bishop (anniversary)

From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study

God of all creation, teach us to protect and preserve; teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves; teach us humility before all you have created. Teach us to treat our food and the land from which it comes with reverence. In the name of Jesus, who is the true bread of life. Amen.

# June 2019

## Monthly Planner

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