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**Growing in God's Love, Serving All God's People
through Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out**

Dear friends,

St. Augustine said that 'Our souls are restless until they find their rest in God.' I hope you have found the permanent rest and peace that God desires for you. But when our nation and world have been rocked by a pandemic, the war in Ukraine and now terrible inflation, that spiritual state of rest can easily get shaken. Our hearts and minds have endured years of relative isolation, anxiety and fear so if you are going through a challenging time, you are not alone. Many, if not most of us, are struggling to find the peace we once knew.

The author of Hebrews was writing to a community reeling from an unclear struggle. And he called them back to living faithfully and obediently which is both more difficult and more important during periods like this. This begins with remembering the only place where we can find our security and rest and comfort -- through trusting in God and the Eternal Word he sent in order to show us that we and the whole world are in God's hands.

So on days when your soul or your life seems to have become unmoored and you are feeling a bit lost at sea, remember the eternal anchor of all things -- the one who orders the stars and planets and the seasons and tides. If the stress and strain have led you to go astray, rush back to God and rely upon God's mercy. Do not further isolate yourself but seek the fellowship and counsel of friends and family. Get back on track spiritually through worship and prayer. Do all of these things and God will bring you back to the rest God wants for you. And know that your pastor and church are here for you if you could ever use a Word or a prayer.

Pastor David

Session and Committee News

Sabbath and Sabbatical Rest



Related to the above article is making sure you take time this summer for recreation and restoration with your families. I am grateful to the session for providing me with a mini-sabbatical of one month this year which I will spend with extended family since we have had insufficient time with them over the years. I will be diving deep into prayer, study and rest. The session considered our presbytery and national church's recommendations re: 3-month sabbaticals every 6-7 years for pastors. Let us know if you would like more information about that. I also applied again for a sabbatical grant for 2023 and ask for your prayers in that regard.

Stated clerk of the presbytery, Rev. Jeremy Campbell, will lead worship on July 3rd and our presbytery's Resource Presbyterian Rev. Steve Huston will do the same on July 10th. We will have emergency pastoral care available from June 27 - July 11 as well and you can call Lauren in the office for more information. Pastor Ken and Linda Macari will be covering both worship leadership and pastoral care from July 25th - August 15th.



Worship in July and August

(We are breaking our usual traditional/contemporary pattern in July due to leaders' availability.)

July 3rd - Traditional service with communion and celebration of God's liberty

July 10th - Mostly traditional service

July 17th - Contemporary service with baptisms!

July 24th - VBS Sunday with mostly contemporary music

July 31st - Mostly traditional service

August 7th - Traditional worship with communion

August 14th - Mostly traditional with another baptism

August 21st - Mostly contemporary

August 28th - Contemporary

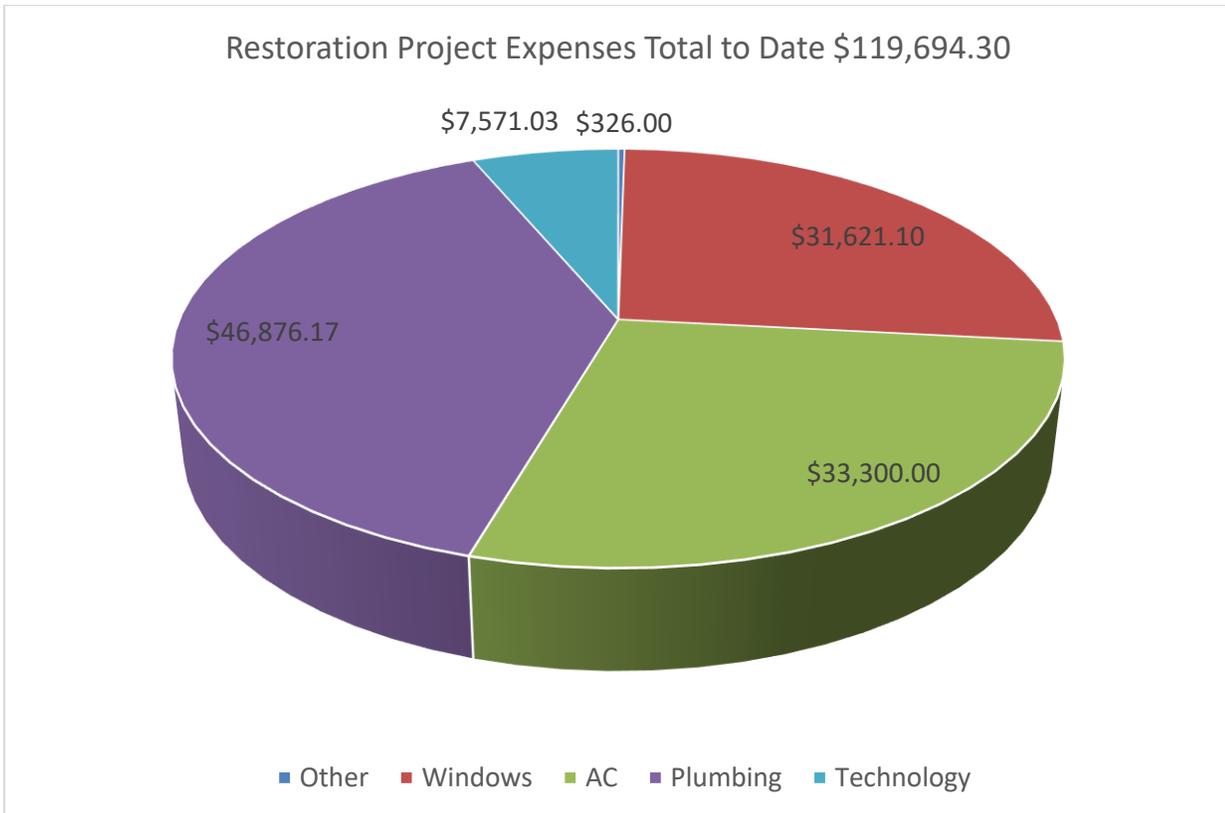
Water Games & Freeze Pops
Tuesday July 12st 2022 **JULY**
@ 11:30 am for Kingdom Kids
@ 12:30 pm for Middle & High School
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August **Outdoor Movie Night**
Tuesday August 30th 2022
(Rain date Wednesday August 31st)
@ 8:00 p.m. on the lawn at FPC
Open to All children & youth

Session and Committee News

Stewardship & Finance Committee Restoration Project Update

The restoration of the damage caused by the September 1st flooding of the spaces below the Sanctuary is essentially complete. Russ Miller, head of Trustees, has done a terrific job managing the various contractors needed to: repair the plumbing, install new air conditioning units, replace numerous windows and upgrade the Sanctuary A.V. system. An expense breakdown is shown below:



We are so grateful for the 21 donors who generously contributed \$29,200 to support this repair / renovation. Thank you!! However, even when adding the \$35,000 donated by the Ficken Fund, we are still running a deficit of nearly \$56,000. We urgently need further contributions to close this gap. Please prayerfully consider making a donation now to financially support the repair of our Sanctuary. Donations can be sent to the church office or be made online by selecting the "Give" tab located on the FPC website (fanwoodpc.org) and designating the "Restoration Campaign".

Should you have any questions regarding the renovation or this update, please feel free to contact Russ Miller (jagrussm@gmail.com) or Dave McDede (dmcdede@comcast.net). Thank you. The Stewardship & Finance Committee and Trustees

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As followers of Jesus, we are continually growing in our faith, knowledge, love, and service. God has plans and purposes for all until we are no longer on this earth. From one of our Women's Bible Study Teachers, Priscilla Shirer *"The breath filling your lungs right now is an indicator that God still considers you a necessary part of what He's advancing and accomplishing on the earth"* We are part of God's plans as we grow in our faith and practice. Opportunities for children, youth and adults continue. – with expanded family and fellowship activities. Take advantage of one of the adult Bible studies - the Women's group is continuing through the summer with the study of Elijah, and new studies will be added in the fall.



Summer is a time to explore new ways to grow. Certainly, our children and youth can expect great times at Vacation Bible School 's Monumental Adventure July 18 to 22 from 9 am 12 noon looking at the life of Joseph. Learning of God's love, exploring the great world God has created and enjoying music, crafts and games, as well as making new friends. For more information contact Lauren Comerford, Jessica Miller, Michelle Howell, or Linda Macari.



A Word From Westminster Preschool

Well our school year has come to an end and we left on such a positive note! We celebrated our Westminster Mom's and Dad's with our annual Mother's Day Picnic and a Donuts for Dads Breakfast! Our teachers also organized a Park day, a Luau and a "Fun Day" for the children. Our 3 Minus class even went on a safari in the halls of Westminster! I have to say we have the most amazing teachers and their commitment to the children and their families is unmatched.

Our 4 year olds ended the school year with a beautiful Graduation Ceremony in the Sanctuary on Thursday June 16th. We were so happy to have Pastor David with us to say a prayer for the children and to just celebrate the end of their time at Westminster!

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our school! We look forward to a regular schedule next year at Westminster. Our afternoon classes will be returning and we have many new families joining us in the Fall. Hope you all enjoy your summer.
Sincerely, Kim Russo

(Pastor David adds that he looks forward to getting back to leading WPS chapel once a month in the fall.)

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Date		Date		Date		Date	
1		9	Jennifer Campanile	17	Ann Swenson	25	Joan Gustafson
2	Andrea Hill	10		18		26	
3		11		19	Anne Teets	27	Keith Middleton
4	Olivia Whitmer	12		20	Robert Jackmin Maryann Miller	28	Howard Drewes
5		13		21	Carol Zimmerman	29	Matthew Dembiec
6	Robert Ditzel	14	Carolyn Santo Salvo	22		30	
7	Kelly Saum	15	Regina Whitmer	23		31	
8	Jason Kosmaczewski Norman Swenson	16		24			

▶▶▶▶▶ August Birthdays ◀◀◀◀◀

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1		9	Evelyn Santo Salvo	17		25	
2	Patti Baird Donna Zaleski	10	Shelley Gardner	18		26	Jon Wayman
3	Aiden Turso	11	Estelle Donovan	19		27	Marcena Pollitt
4	Griffin McClure Russell Miller	12		20		28	Stella Whitefield
5		13		21		29	Tamara Jackmin Charlotte Middleton
6	Megan Middleton Oliva Charnock	14	Krista Daniskas	22		30	
7	Edward Baird Julie Glover	15		23	Carol Medrick Kimberly Whitefield	31	Christine Korteling Griffin Whitmer
8		16		24			

Sorry if we missed your birthday or have it mistaken. Please let us know, if so.



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