*Mason First Presbyterian Church*

*The*
# CORNERSTONE

*You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone. Ephesians 2:19-20*

*June - July - August 2022*

## Day of Pentecost

"Pentecost" comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church's seven-week celebration of Christ's resurrection. As the Lord's Day is sometimes called the "eighth day" of creation, Pentecost is a day of new creation—all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God's Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ's mission throughout the world.

The notion of Easter as a season of fifty days is patterned after the ancient Jewish period of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest, after Passover, to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks (in Hebrew, *Shavuot*). In Jewish tradition, *Shavuot* also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai, a connection that may inform Paul's discussion of the law and the Spirit.

## Trinity Sunday

This theological festival celebrates the nature and mission of the triune God—an identity and purpose we share as those who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is a fitting summation of the first half of the Christian year, as we have remembered the saving promise of God through history (in Advent and Christmas), proclaimed the mystery of faith in the crucified and risen Lord (in Lent and Easter), and witnessed the transforming work of the Spirit in the world (at Pentecost). We may also say that every Sunday is Trinity Sunday, as on the first day of the week the Lord God began creation, Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the church.

The observance of Trinity Sunday began among Western Christians in the tenth century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXII in the fourteenth century.

- from *The Book of Common Worship* (2018)

# Parish Life

## Birthdays in June

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| Rex Hauser | 6/03 |
| Donna Archer | 6/05 |
| Katharine Wise | 6/07 |
| Emelia Hammond | 6/07 |
| Stan Stolz | 6/09 |
| Peg Shaub | 6/12 |
| Luana Foster | 6/14 |
| Layla Blonshine | 6/14 |
| Anna Lee Lavis | 6/14 |
| Joan Meinke | 6/18 |
| Jonas Cantrell | 6/21 |
| Kathy Cornwell | 6/21 |
| Jamie Robinson | 6/22 |
| Marjorie Welch | 6/24 |
| Charlie Herrick | 6/28 |
| Karen O'Malley | 6/29 |
| Mary Robinson | 6/30 |

## Birthdays in July

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| Carol Shiery | 7/08 |
| Edward Clarke | 7/09 |
| Gladys Welker | 7/12 |
| Loren Harkness | 7/12 |
| Gerald Ambrose | 7/14 |
| Jason Greene | 7/14 |
| Judy Woolston | 7/16 |
| Merrilee Brockman | 7/17 |
| Tammy Sowles | 7/19 |
| Abby Blonshine | 7/20 |
| Kevin Mackey | 7/21 |
| Jack Davis | 7/25 |
| Michelle Mackey | 7/26 |
| Janet Immekus | 7/26 |
| Carma Philip | 7/27 |
| Samantha Trout | 7/27 |

## Birthdays in August

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| Richard Abbott | 8/01 |
| Jacob Barber | 8/02 |
| Kathy Oesterle | 8/02 |
| Barry Chapman | 8/03 |
| Ralph Taggart | 8/13 |
| Jasmine Leffew | 8/13 |
| Julie Dart | 8/17 |
| Sharon Ambrose | 8/18 |
| Suzanne Riley | 8/22 |
| John Castle | 8/23 |
| Eva Schlenner | 8/23 |
| Anne Fett | 8/25 |
| Ginnie Foy | 8/25 |
| Lucy Simons | 8/27 |
| Donna Hujsak | 8/28 |
| William Hosler | 8/29 |
| Steve Van Dyke | 8/31 |

**The church rummage sale is June 2nd from 9 AM until 5 PM and June 3rd from 9AM to noon. Please bring any gently used items to the dining room.**

*We want to thank all the people who sent us food and cards. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated! I am making good progress and hope to get to church soon.*

*Marge And Edward Clarke*

Lunch and A Craft

Ladies! You're invited to another Lunch and A Craft event on Tuesday, June 7th from 10:30 til noon.

Bring one or two glass jars!

# Session Synopsis

Session did not have a regular meeting in May. They did convene two special meetings to accommodate timely needs. The first special meeting was May 15th to examine and approve 5 new members. Received at the worship service after the meeting were Dan & Melissa Baker, Monte Shuck, Vicki Drown, and Nancy Sue McDonald.

The second special meeting on May 26th addressed staff tasks during Pastor Bill's 13-week leave. The main contact for the church will be the Office Manager Sheren, who will redirect inquiries to the available supporting pastor, staff, or session committee during the leave. The Pastor and the Personnel Committee have arranged Pulpit Supply throughout the leave with the Presbytery providing ample support from Pastors Charlie Herrick, Jim Hegedus, Fran Lane-Lawrence, Ben Rumbaugh, and Tiffany McCafferty. Additionally, Presbytery's Committee on Ministry has appointed the Rev. Ben Rumbaugh (former Associate Pastor at Holt) as Moderator of Session throughout the leave period. We are also contracting with Rev. Ben to perform additional administrative tasks, especially including the preparation of the Sunday bulletin. Session approved the allocation of funds from the Reserve Account to compensate for the additional pulpit supply and administrative tasks.

Session also acted on the immediate need to pay the heat pump repair bill of $6,000+ from the Capital Improvement Reserve ($10,000 balance) and to fund $1,500 from the Contingency Reserve for additional consulting fees on changes to the church account reporting accommodating the new reserve account and to purchase a new PC for the sound board to further enhance the livestreaming of services.

The next regular Session meeting is at 7 PM on Thursday, June 16th.

Bruce F Archer
Clerk of Session

# Personnel

Session recently approved a job description for a Technology Manager. We need help getting the word out. The job description is below and we would encourage you to share it with people you know who might have the kind of skills we are looking for. This is a part-time position; we are envisioning a "normal" week would involve about three hours of work, and a week in which we are experiencing technical difficulties could potentially result in five to eight hours of work. Ideally we are looking for someone with a moderately flexible schedule (like a college student) who might be able to come in to the building for an hour or two on some weekdays, but some work could also be done in the evenings and on weekends. Strong computer and network skills, extremely good attention to detail, very good communication skills, and a willingness to learn new systems are essential. Inquiries may be sent to myself or to Steve Sowles, Personnel Committee chair.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

## TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

**MASON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Purpose**: To provide routine maintenance and troubleshooting on the church's various technology platforms, and to monitor and maintain the church's online presence.

**Accountability**: The Technology Manager is accountable to the Session through the Pastor as Head of Staff.

**Responsibilities**:

- Perform routine, weekly maintenance on all church computers (e.g., Windows updates, virus protection updates).
- Monitor the performance of the church's wireless network.
- Respond in a timely fashion to all requests from members of the church staff for troubleshooting assistance and technical support. Resolve as many of those issues as possible without having to solicit additional support.
- Upload weekly worship resources (e.g., mp3 and PDF files) to the church website as directed by the Pastor.
- Monitor and maintain the church's Facebook, Restream, YouTube, Zoom, and other accounts as directed by the Pastor.
- Assist in troubleshooting other digital technology in the church as needed (e.g., HVAC system, phone tree, fire alarm system, elevator alarm system).
- Make suggestions regarding upgrades, new purchases, and others ways our platforms could be improved.
- Perform other related duties as directed by the Pastor.
- Consult with the Pastor for guidance if difficulties arise that require special attention.

**Relationships**: The Technology Manager works in close contact with the Pastor, and with other members of the church staff as needed. The Technology Manager will be in contact with the Administration Committee when complicated matters arise that require the committee's input.

**Evaluation**: Performance reviews will be conducted annually by the Personnel Committee and the Pastor as Head of Staff. The Personnel Committee shall annually review the hours and compensation for this position.

# Planning Ahead

**Summer Worship Calendar**

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| June 5, 2022 | Pentecost | Communion - Graduation Sunday - Music Appreciation Sunday |
| June 12, 2022 | Trinity Sunday | Rev. Charlie Herrick - guest organist: Karen Knoespel |
| June 19, 2022 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Ben Rumbaugh - guest organist: Karen Knoespel |
| June 26, 2022 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Ben Rumbaugh - 2 Cents a Meal - pianist: Hrant Bagrazyan |
| July 3, 2022 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Charlie Herrick - pianist: Hrant Bagrazyan (Hrant's last Sunday) |
| July 10, 2022 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Charlie Herrick - guest organist: Karen Knoespel |
| July 17, 2022 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Tiffany McCafferty |
| July 24, 2022 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Fran Lane Lawrence - guest organist: Karen Knoespel |
| July 31, 2022 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Jim Hegedus - 2 Cents a Meal |
| August 7, 2022 | 9th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Jim Hegedus - Communion - guest organist: Karen Knoespel |
| August 14, 2022 | 10th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Charlie Herrick |
| August 21, 2022 | 11th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Fran Lane Lawrence |
| August 28, 2022 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Jim Hegedus - 2 Cents a Meal |
| September 4, 2022 | 13th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Charlie Herrick |
| September 11, 2022 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Charlie Herrick - guest organist: Karen Knoespel - Bill will be at Family Camp at Camp Greenwood |
| September 18 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost | - Bill returns to the pulpit - Communion |
| September 25 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost | - 2 Cents a meal |

# Finance

## Financial Report through April 2022

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| General Fund Balance January 1, 2022 | 0 |
| Income through April | $121,302.15 |
| Expenses through April | 107,233.98 |
| Ending Balance (4/30/22) | $ 14,068.17 |

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| General Fund Balance 4/30/22 | $ 14,068.17 |
| Revolving Accounts Balance | 32,813.00 |
| Reserve Accounts | 128,87.00 |
| Investments as of March 31, 2022 | 476,065.00 |
| Net Financial Position (4/30/22) | $ 651,133.17 |

Anticipated pledged income through April
$90,740
Actual pledged income through April
97,172

# Spiritual Growth

## SUMMER 2022

### Summer Dates

June 5th - Graduation Sunday
June 9th – Spiritual Growth committee meeting at 6:00pm
June 14th,15, 16th – Vacation Bible school
July 22nd - 24th – Mini-Triennium at Camp Greenwood

### Summertime Kid's Church

Even though Sunday school has come to an end for this school year….Kid's Church will still be available during the worship service throughout the summer.

### Camp Greenwood

Make sure you sign-up your youth (and a friend) for Camp this year. There are so many new camps for Summer 2022 – and still the old favorites. Our church is VERY fortunate to have an anonymous donor, again, for the 4th year in a row, cover the cost of Camp Greenwood for our youth of all ages. Our youth can also register a friend to bring to camp at no cost. What a blessing for all of us! We hear story after story regarding how life-changing Camp Greenwood has been for youth of all ages. The registration codes should have been sent to your families. Please contact Lori Filka if you have not received this information.

### Adult Spiritual Growth Book Discussion

Are you tired of toxic political dialogue and hate-filled rants on social media? Me too. The authors of the book "I think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening)" (Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers), who are on the opposite ends of the political spectrum, offer principles, insights and practical tools to have calm, grace-filled conversations with one another by putting relationship before policy and understanding before argument.
The discussion will take place on the church's Bible Study Facebook Group so even those on vacation can participate.
We'll read one chapter a week (approx. 15 to 20 pages) starting the week of June 13 and discuss the questions at the end of each chapter.
Please contact Michelle Mackey if you are interested in joining!

### Wednesday Prayer Service at Noon

Please join us throughout the summer for our Wednesday Prayer Service. This 20-minute mid-week time together consists of topical guided prayer practice with an opportunity to share blessings and concerns.
See you in the downstairs chapel on Wednesdays at noon!

Mini-Triennium July 24th-26th at Camp Greenwood!

Our Presbytery Youth Strategy Team is happy to announce a Mini-Triennium for youth entering 9th grade through 2022 graduates at Camp Greenwood. We hope you can attend along with youth from around our great state!
There will be live music, dynamic speakers, water fun, small groups, even "pins" to exchange with other students.
There is no cost to Mason First Presbyterian Church youth. Please register by July 1st at CampGreenwood.org.

"We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."
Proverbs 16:9

Please join us for our Mason Area VBS
on June 14th, 15th, and 16th!
Register online:
https://vbspro.events/p/events/996b33

Now is the time to register your youth!!! We are also in need of adult leaders and assistants (6th grade and older). You can read a description of volunteer opportunities and sign up online at the above website!

Matthew McGonigal

Matthew will graduate from Mason High School on June 5th. He is the son of Laurie and Kyle McGonigal, the big brother of Erin McGonigal and grandson of Mary and Vern Schrock.

Matthew has been active in sports during his high school career. He played varsity baseball and tennis all four years, and was a captain of varsity tennis team.

As a student athlete he was also part of the National Honor Society where he has volunteered packing "week-end survival kits" and has assisted our Deacons with the annual Christmas project. He has enjoyed volunteering to referee and coach junior basketball and baseball.

Matthew will be attending Michigan State University in the fall of 2022 to study kinesiology.

# Deacons

There are several upcoming projects to think about during the summer months:

*The Harvest Table will offer homegrown produce each Sunday.

*Flower Sunday will be July 24 when flowers from your garden will grace our sanctuary.

*The annual Back to School Backpack project will be our focus in late summer. Backpacks, school supplies, and clothing items for the next school year will be needed. Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins.

*The Give A Kid A Coat Drive is also on the schedule this fall, but items can be dropped off at the church all year round. There is a donation box in the Memorial Room closet. This annual community project collects and distributes warm winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots to children and those in need.

Beautiful flowers are a wonderful way to remember loved ones. If you would like to provide the sanctuary flowers on December 4, please contact the church office and let us know.

Donna Hujsak - Board of Deacons

*The Lord bless you and keep you;*
*the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and*
*be gracious to you;*
*the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,*
*and give you peace.*
*Numbers 6.24-26*

Find the latest, up-to-date church calendar at masonpresbyterian.org

**WORSHIP AT**
**MASON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

In-Person and Livestreaming at 10:00am each Sunday
Audio, video, and printed worship is online at masonpresbyterian.org

**Bulletin Submissions are due by 9:00am every Monday. Submissions for *The Cornerstone* are due by noon on the 15th day of every month.**
***Please be prompt. Late submissions may not be honored. We are now attempting to publish the newsletter the week following Session.***

The CORNERSTONE

Mason First Presbyterian Church
MINISTERS - All Members
PASTOR - Rev. Bill Pinches
PASTOR EMERITUS - Rev. Charlie Herrick
SPIRITUAL GROWTH DIRECTOR - Lori Filka
OFFICE MANAGER - Sheren Wright
SANCTUARY CHOIR DIRECTOR & BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Deb Melse
CHORAL ACCOMPANIST & PIANIST- Hrant Bagrazyan
ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR - Michelle Mackey

ELDERS:
**2022** - Jenny Bond, Ed Clarke, Debbie Shellenbarger, Gladys Welker
**2023** - Bruce Archer, Tim Hammond, Mary Ozee, Steve Sowles.
**2023 -** Jerry Ambrose, Lucinda Davenport, Loren Harkness, Tonya Seely.
Clerk: Bruce Archer

DEACONS:
**2022** - Marge Clarke, Sandy Diehl, Linda Myall, Mari Nicol.
**2023 -** Lisa Castle, Kelli Green, Jay Harkness, Vern Schrock, Steve VanDyke.
**2024 -** Kelli Green, Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject, Steve VanDyke,