



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES WEEK OF May 15, 2022

Our sympathy and prayers are with Al and Janet Chew, Amy Falls, Lisa Weichmann and Krista Chew and families in the death of Janet's mother, and Amy, Lisa and Krista's grandmother, Ruth George.

We are happy to announce the birth of Aiden Parker McClure, born May 9, 2022, son of Justin and Mandy McClure.

New Members Class – If you're interested in learning more about becoming a member of First Pres, there will be a new member class on Sunday, May 22 at 11:30am. Please reach out to Elizabeth Hess if you're interested, or if you'd like to join but can't make this class.

The 2022 Nominating Committee is beginning its work now! - Our job is to discern and nominate a slate of officers to be the church leaders for the next three years. We are tasked to identify candidates, talk to them about serving and then present their names for election this fall. We are asking you all to submit nominations! Prayerfully consider who you think would make a good Elder, Trustee, or Deacon. Self-nominations are welcome.

To nominate:

- 1) Visit the SignUp tab at www.firstpreswc.com and choose Officer Nominations. (Descriptions of the offices can be found there)
- 2) Call the church office with your nomination
- 3) Personally contact any member of the Nomination Committee or Pastor Caroline
- 4) Fill out a nominating card from the pew racks and place in the marked nominating committee mailbox in the hall.

We would love to hear from you by June 10 so that we may proceed during the summer and be ready to report to the congregation by October! The committee consists of co-chairs Barb Snyder and Rev. Ann Dickey; Lori McDermott, Scott Gamble, Tom Pantazes, Kelly Pruden, Monica Treichel, Art Zadrozny and two TBD. Keep the Nominating Committee in your prayers this summer!

VBS Registration is Now Open - We hope families are starting to look forward to Vacation Bible School this summer! If your children are planning to attend, please register them through the Sign-up Tab of the church's website. This will give us an idea of how many supplies to prepare. We also need some adult assistance to bring the fun to life each week. If you are willing to help just one Sunday, that would be most welcome. More information can be found on the volunteer form on the Sign-up Tab. Please contact Sara Pantazes with questions.

Gift Card Campaign – Presbyterian Women of First Pres has supported the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC) annually for many years. Due to a lack of storage space at their locations, they would most graciously appreciate gift cards to local supermarkets, as well as Walmart and Target. Please consider helping these families by supporting this on-going need. You may do so as follows:

- Place Cards in the Sunday Offering Plate
- Take them to Office Administrator Dan Williams during regular office hours
- Drop them in the locked mailbox at the office entrance
- Send them by mail (be aware of possible delivery delays)

Please clearly label your envelope with your name (or mark as Anon) and the amount of the card.

Congratulations to our Graduates - We will be honoring our 2022 graduates from high school, college as well as grad school. If you have or know of a graduate, please send me their name as well as the school they are graduating from and we will list their names and school in our May 22 bulletin. Please email Karen Goldstein (kgoldstein@firstpreswc.com) with graduate names. Thank you and God bless all our graduates.

Meals 2 Go – Meals 2 Go are now available in the freezer in the storage room behind the kitchen. Please see any staff member if you need assistance getting a meal.

May Food Cupboard Donation – This month, we are collecting peanut butter for the West Chester Food Cupboard. Thank you for your generosity toward our neighbors in need.

Chamber Winds Concert - The Pennsylvania Chamber Winds is presenting a concert here at First Pres at 4 pm on May 22. They are one of the leading wind ensembles in the West Chester area and were the featured guest ensemble of the 2021 Candlelight Christmas Concert. This ensemble of ten musicians consists of former and current WCU students and was founded in 2020 to promote chamber music composed for wind instruments. Please support these young and talented musicians with your presence at the concert.

Greeters: Bill Benson and Barbara Lade

Coffee Deacon: Suzanne Bragg

	April Actual	April Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Full Year Budget
Income	\$74,166	\$100,940	\$406,037	\$374,145	\$1,094,775
Expenses	\$70,220	\$81,719	\$281,787	\$305,058	\$1,094,775
Difference	\$3,946	\$19,221	\$124,250	\$69,087	\$0