

## PASTOR'S CORNER

As I was thinking about what to write on for this month's Pastor's Corner, this article magically appeared by email. It is a short and concise argument for why we Presbyterians support those who get vaccinated, and those who urge others to do so. Please take time to read and think about what our Stated Clerk has to say about this very timely subject.

“The theological commitments of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) compel us to support vaccination against COVID-19 for all people except those who are unable to receive the vaccines due either to age or medical condition. Because we believe in the God who urged the people of God to “seek the good of the city” (Jeremiah 29:7) where they were located, a city that was not even their native home, we urge all people to be vaccinated. Because we are followers of the Jesus Christ who requires us “to love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27), we urge all people to get vaccinated. Because we confess, as a matter of our religious belief, that “the members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics” (Confession of 1967), we urge all to seek the good of all, to love their neighbor and get vaccinated.

The need for vaccination has been clear for months. It is utterly compelling now. The variants of the coronavirus are harming thousands, infecting us at rates our medical system is straining to handle. Those who are infected by the variants of COVID-19 are overwhelmingly people who have not been fully vaccinated — more than 90% of those now becoming infected.

Getting vaccinated is also fulfilling the command to love our neighbors. Those who refuse to be vaccinated are prolonging the pandemic and spreading the coronavirus and its variants to people who cannot receive the vaccine, including children and people with compromised immune systems, and carrying it to people who have been fully vaccinated, causing “breakthrough infections.” As hospitals fill with those fighting COVID-19, there is less room and less time for those facing other serious health conditions.

Let us be clear. Scripture and our confession of faith lead us to call on all people to be vaccinated the vaccines due either to age or medical condition. Our faith, our religious convictions, leave us understanding of Christian faith; we stand with other Christians as we urge getting vaccinated.”

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II  
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

## PRESBYTIDINGS

October 2021

Pastor Ray Lantz

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

This Newsletter is a publication of First Presbyterian Church of Gibson City IL.

Website: [www.firstpresbygibson.org](http://www.firstpresbygibson.org)

Meladee Ferguson: Administrative Assistant

Mary Clow: Ministry Coordinator

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) MINISTER SURVEY

A survey was completed by PC (USA) because they regularly receive questions from members, congregational staff, mid councils and PC (USA) leaders. This report is just part of what has been learned. The report was completed by Angie Andriot, PhD and Susan Barnett, PhD with assistance from Research Services.

#### Overview:

The survey was a massive 110 question survey. It was one of the Board of Pensions' Call to Health challenges. 23% of the denomination's 19,243 ministers (4,507) responded to the survey. 24% of the respondents are retired and not working.

This report provides an overview of who took the survey, including what roles and positions they hold, where and how pastors serve, family life,

and demographics.

81% of employed ministers are pastors. (A minister is ordained to service in any number of positions.) (A pastor is ordained to a congregation and can include ministers.) 30% are honorably retired. 10% of ministers have more than one type of position.

92% of the respondents are white versus 88% of PC (USA) ministers.

61% of the respondents are males versus 68% of PC (USA) ministers.

88% speak English only.

5% are Immigrants.

1% are not U.S. citizens.

3% have a Disability requiring accommodation.

37% of the respondents are 65 or older versus 57% of PC (USA) ministers.

#### Overall PC (USA) Minister Facts

Over half are over the age of 65. There are very few PC (USA) Ministers in their 20's. Women outnumber men in



every age group except the 65 and older age group.

#### Political Issues for respondents

63% are Democrats.

11% are Republicans.

12% are Independents.

11% do not identify with a political party.

#### Ministers and their Families

82% of ministers are married.

9% are single/6% are divorced/2% are widowed/1%

are living in a relationship.

17% have children under 18 at home.

15% of spouses and partners are also PC (USA) ministers.

While 90% of the male ministers are married, only 68% of the female ministers are .





# October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <i>Recycle</i> <i>9 Bible Study At HB</i>
3 10:30 a.m. Worship  <i>Communion</i>  <b>Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9  <i>9 a.m. Bible Study at Holly Brook</i>
10 10:30 a.m. Worship  <b>Hebrews 4:12-16</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16  <i>Recycle</i>  <i>9 a.m. Bible Study at Holy Brook</i>
17 10:30 a.m. Worship  <b>Hebrews 5:1-10</b>	18	19 <i>Life Line Screening in the fellowship hall</i>	20	21	22	23  <i>9 a.m. Bible Study at Holly Brook</i>
24 9:00a.m. Worship <b>150th Birthday Party Hebrews 7:23-28</b> 31 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>Mark 12:28-34</b>	25	26	27	28 <i>Actual Birthday! 5:30 Session</i>	29	30 <i>9 a.m. Bible Study at Holly Brook</i>

**Our church's 150th Birthday Celebration will be held in the fellowship hall on Sunday, October 24. Big plans, fun and food are on the menu!**

Pastor Ray will be preaching on the scripture listed in bold on each Sunday.

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH...

**Please note:** The previous week's sermon will broadcast at 7:45 a.m. every Sunday morning on WGCY.

*Cheers to the team that makes it happen every day here at the First Presbyterian Church. One family with Christ.*

**Please note:** Online Live Sunday Services will be available on our Facebook Page noted below:

First Presbyterian Church of Gibson City

[https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=142499619134911&ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=142499619134911&ref=br_rs)

**Meladee's working hours:** Meladee will be in the church office from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**New Email Addresses:** As part of the hardware and software upgrade for our church's technology, there are email addresses as noted below:

Pastor Ray:  
[Ray@firstpresbygibson.org](mailto:Ray@firstpresbygibson.org)  
Meladee

[Office@firstpresbygibson.org](mailto:Office@firstpresbygibson.org).



For men, Autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad.

Edwin Way Teale

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES	<i>K. P. Duty</i>	<i>Communion Set-Up</i>
	Oct: Janice Swanson Nov: Sharla Williams	Oct: Ted Swanson Nov: Vonna Heustis
	<i>Second Sunday Offering</i>	<i>Flower Vases to CM</i>
	Oct 10: Gibson Area Music Foundation Nov 14: American Legion/VFW Christmas Baskets	Oct: Ted Swanson Nov: Vonna Heustis
	<i>Ushers</i>	
	Oct: Trudy Lantz and Val Hunt Nov: Trudy Lantz and Jean Williams	
	<i>Communion Server</i>	
	Oct 3: Ron & Mary Clow Nov 21: Trudy Lantz and Charles schultz	





## KNOW YOUR MEMBERS



**TIM & JANICE SWANSON  
& THEIR DOG, MONTY!**

### TIMOTHY JORDAN SWANSON

I was born on April 28, 1961 to wonderful parents and two great people, Ted and Jo (Jordan) Swanson at the Gibson Hospital delivered by Dr. Paul Sunderland. I have two sisters, Trudy Lantz and Sara Musson. There were many days I wandered back and forth to the Gibson Grade School on Melvin Street from South Wood. Around 3rd grade, my family and I moved to 424 North Church Street where I lived the remainder of my childhood and early adulthood. Growing up, family was a part of my life and definitely continues that way now. I started working at age 13, working at the city pool and delivering the Pantagraph. Many memories! I have enjoyed several family reunions and vacations, dinners and games with aunts, uncles and cousins and especially The Lawrence Welk show with my Grandma Jordan. I have been attending the First Presbyterian Church since 1961, being

baptized as a baby and becoming a member around 12. I remember being so nervous standing before Dr. Chandler. Later on, I enjoyed several church Youth Go and Serve work trips as a student then as a helper/leader. The fellowship and getting ready for these trips by collecting pop cans, dinners and papers was very rewarding, humbling and great learning to interact with people. After graduating from Gibson High School in 1979, I took some classes at Parkland College while continuing my job at McDonald's working my way up to General Manager at the Rantoul store and I even hold a degree in Hamburgerology. I also worked for the state plowing snow and Husted Jewelers, went to Europe with the Stolz, moved to Urbana attending many Bible studies with Sue Stolz and met some special friends. After some moved away, we continued to get together a few times a year. It was during one of these outings that I met Janice and became friends. At the age of 35 I married Janice (Foster) on August 24, 1996 in Bedford IN. We enjoyed many pool parties, ushering for Illinois sport's events in Urbana before moving back to Gibson City in July of 1999. Soon after, Noah Jordan was born in November 1999 followed by Jesse Bradford in May 2001. Then a beautiful girl, Emma Louise was born in May 2003. Life sure got busy being married and raising kids, working at People's Gas in Fisher, IL and vacationing out West, Florida and Michigan with family. I am very grateful to my parents for installing a great work ethic, family values and a church family. We miss mom every day. My hope is to retire by April 2, 2022 and venture Route 66 and visit National parks with my beautiful wife.

### JANICE DOROTHY SWANSON

Janice Dorothy (Foster) Swanson came about on March 18, 1964 in Petoskey, Michigan, the youngest of 5 children to Bradford and Joyce (Wyma) Foster. Life was grand in Northern Michigan enjoying family vacations, visits with relatives, Sunday School (Disciples

of Christ), Emmet County Fair, softball, swimming, sledding and friends. After my freshman year in high school, my parents and I moved to Bedford, IN where I finished high school in 1992. I attended Ball State University for two years intending to be a nurse. Anatomy did me in. However, this is where I became a follower of Christ while being active in the college ministry, Navigators. To be closer to home and friends, I transferred to Indiana University and graduated in May 1986 with a Bachelor's in Social Work. Family vacations, extended family visits, church camp, friends and softball were still a big part of my life throughout school, college, and early adulthood. I enjoyed working at a Sheltered Workshop for adults with disabilities in Bloomington, IN for the next 10 years. Although, I had a break in the middle of this and worked in Big Rapids/Grand Rapids MI for about one year with adults with disabilities in group homes. Family, church, friends and softball were still a big part of my life. God's planning, this is where I met my friend, Sue Stolz, who eventually introduced me to the man of my life. On August 24, 1996, God answered my prayer and I married Timothy Jordan Swanson in Bedford, IN. We lived in Urbana, IL where I went back to school and received my Master's in Social Work in 1998 and started working as a School Social Worker in Rural Champaign County Schools. We enjoyed our life in Urbana with church, family, friends and swimming in our pool. After three years we decided to move closer to family in Gibson City with one on the way. Noah Jordan blessed our family in November 1999 and soon after another blessing, Jesse Bradford in May 2001. A surprise, but all in God's plan, came two years later, Emma Louise. We continued to be blessed with family, church, friends and three amazing children of God. We can't forget about Hope, our eight year old cat and Monty, the three year old Irish Doodle. My plan is to enjoy working three more school years then on to retirement.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE PLANS

**150 YEARS**  
**1871-2021**

*An Open House will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall from noon to 4:00 p.m. Church will be held at 9:00 a.m. so we have time to prepare for the event.*

*The event will be catered by Drummer Creek Catering serving pulled pork and chicken sandwiches along with fruit and vegetable sides and Carmel Apples, Apple Cider, and Cupcakes. Staff from Drummer Creek Catering will be on site to assist. CDC Food Safety policies will be followed.*

*A Scarecrow Contest will be held at the Community Garden with 5 prizes of \$200 each and 5 prizes of \$100 each. See Scarecrow Contest Rules. The prizes will be awarded at our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.*

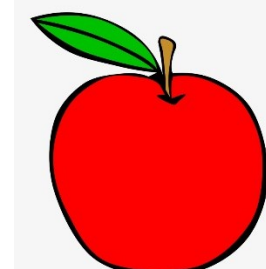
*Giveaway items have been ordered with our Church Name and Logo to be handed out during this event. They include Backpacks, Frisbees, Cloth Grocery Bags, Memo Pads, Bookmarks, Post It Notes and Bracelets. Door Prizes will also be awarded to those who attend the event.*

*A special 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Booklet is being prepared sharing current history and past history and a Special Sign has been ordered.*

*Special Invitations will be sent to all those who received Mission Dollars. Also, information will be sent to the other churches in town to share with their congregations and Ads will be placed in both newspapers and on the radio.*

**WE HOPE ALL MEMBERS WILL ATTEND TO GREET THE PUBLIC AND ASSIST WITH THE EVENT!!**

*If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Mary Clow.*





# OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

## FALL SCARECROW CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church in  
Partnership with the Railside Golf Course/Gibson Area Golf LLC

**Location:** Community Garden at the Railside Golf Course

**Eligibility:** The Scarecrow Contest is open to all ages, businesses, organizations and groups. One entry per individual, family, business, organization or group. Space is limited so first come first served.

**Categories:** Traditional, Whimsical, Fairytale, Humorous, or Fantasy

**Entry Fee:** FREE – There is no cost to enter the contest. To participate, entrants must submit a registration form that is approved, sign a Memorandum of Understanding and have their scarecrow on display by the required time on the plot assigned to them.

**Five Prizes:** A \$200 award for each of the following categories - Most Creative, Funniest and Most Loveable awarded by judges from the First Presbyterian Church. A \$200 award for first place and second place of the People's Choice Award voted by members of the Community. There will be five \$100 runner-up awards. Awards will be paid by check.

**Construction:** Scarecrows must be handmade and use natural materials. NO commercial costumes, rubber or plastic masks will be allowed. Scarecrows must be self-supporting and durable and able to stand up to sun, wind, and rain. Use care in choosing your materials. All decorations must be firmly attached to your scarecrow and then to the post. We recommend a 2 x 4 piece of lumber for the central body. A broomstick or 2 x 4 is recommended for the arms. No perishable goods or glass please.

**Size:** The minimum is 4 feet tall and the maximum is 7 feet tall. We recommend securing your post in a 5 gallon bucket with several inches of cement in the bottom. Scarecrows must be secured in a manner that will not blow away and will not otherwise be a danger to or possibly cause injury to anyone. Owners are held solely responsible for the safety and security of their scarecrows.

The scarecrow contest exhibit is FAMILY FRIENDLY. Scarecrows should be whimsical, humorous, mischievous or lovable – Not frightening. Gruesome, bloody or especially scary entries will be disqualified and/or removed. The First Presbyterian Church representatives reserve the right to disqualify and/or remove entries they feel to be distasteful or not family friendly or do not comply with the rules.

Please name your scarecrow that explains their character and personality and include the name on a sign no larger than 11" x 17" along with your name and plot number.

### **Timeline:**

Registration forms will be accepted from October 1 to October 8, 2021.

Scarecrows must be constructed from October 9 to October 16, 2021.

Judging will take place from October 17 to October 23, 2021.

Winners will be announced at the First Presbyterian Church's 150 Birthday Celebration to be held at the Church on Sunday, October 24, 2021. You need not be present to win.

**Removal:** All Scarecrows must be removed by the end of the day November 1, 2021.

Interpretation of these rules and decisions by the First Presbyterian Church representatives are final and cannot be challenged.

By entering the scarecrow competition, you confirm that you accept these rules and regulations.

Any questions should be directed to the First Presbyterian Church.



## **ED DAY SKATE PARK GIBSON CITY**

**Thank you for the donation to the Ed Day Skate Park. Please let the congregation know how appreciated their generosity is and how much it has helped so many in Gibson City. It has been such a blessing!**  
**Billie Joe Denny**

### **Manse Update**

The current renters of the Manse asked for a 30 day extension because of flood damage to the place they are moving to. This extension was granted by Session and they are expected to vacate by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Rick Kerchenfaut, Mary Clow and Ron Clow did an inspection of the house on September 13<sup>th</sup> and Rick started gathering information and taking pictures to start the appraisal process. Blackhawk Presbytery approved our request to sell the Manse at their meeting held on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Krause Surveying has completed the final staking of the property and the final Survey report has been received.

### **Community Garden Update**

A letter to all the individuals who had a garden plot at the Community Garden was sent asking them to clean up their plots by September 30<sup>th</sup>. This should allow us enough time to get the land ready for the Scarecrow Contest. Assistance from church members may be needed one late afternoon the week of October 4th to finalize marking the plots and doing follow-up cleanup as needed for the contest. Please watch your bulletin and let Mary Clow know if you have time to assist.

### **Scarecrow Contest Voting**

If you are interested in being a judge representing our Church for the Scarecrow Contest, please let Mary Clow know. The church will pick some of the winners and the public will pick some of the winners.

### **McCormick Tutoring Program Donation**

The Funk Foundation made a donation of \$7,000 for the McCormick Tutoring Program for the 2021-2022 school year. The Funk Foundation has been an important contributor to this program for many years. A big thank you to the Board of the Funk Foundation!

Mary Clow is happy to report the stemless wine glasses in celebration of the church's 150th birthday have arrived. All members will be receiving a pair of the glasses at the church's birthday celebration.

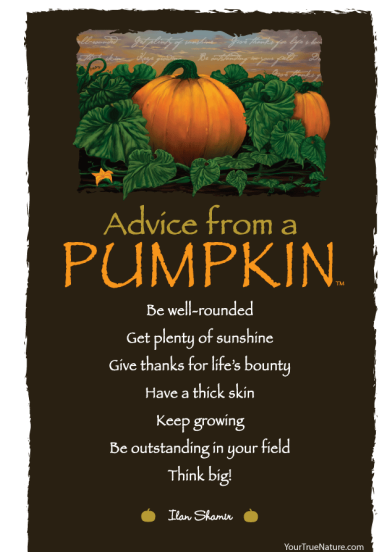


**"There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but only one view."** Harry Millner

A second flower holder has been made by Randy Monroe (Mary Clow's brother-in-law) that will be used to transport flowers to and from County Market.



The First Presbyterian Church of Fairbury sent an additional check for \$920 for Gibson City flood relief. This money was collected from their Mission Committee Fundraiser. Last month they donated \$ 771 from their Disaster Relief Investment Fund. A big thank you to the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbury.



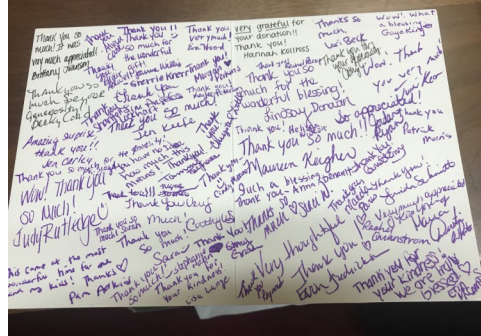


# THANK YOU S . . .

Thank you . . . You're the best! Thank you so much for the very generous cash for our teaching and support staff. What a way to begin the year!! It means so much to feel community support! Sincerely, Nicole McNary



Thank you! What an incredibly thoughtful gesture to not only witness, but be blessed to be a recipient of as well! The joy you brought to the entire staff was palpable and an amazing sight to behold! God bless you all for the kindness shown on our opening day! Everyday HE blesses us with what I refer to as God moments, but this one will forever remain indelible in my mind! Paying it forward in Christ Jesus' name!!! God Bless, Doris DeFries, GCMS Unit Office Staff Member



Thank you! Dear Pastor Ray Lantz and the members of the First Presbyterian Church: Thank you so very much for the kind note and gift of \$100. It was very unexpected and even more appreciated. Thank you for your support of GCMS students and staff! Together we will do amazing things! With gratitude! Linda Schmitt

This is one of three group thank yous we received from the employees of the GCMS School District thanking us for our \$100 donation to each employee. It was so appreciated.

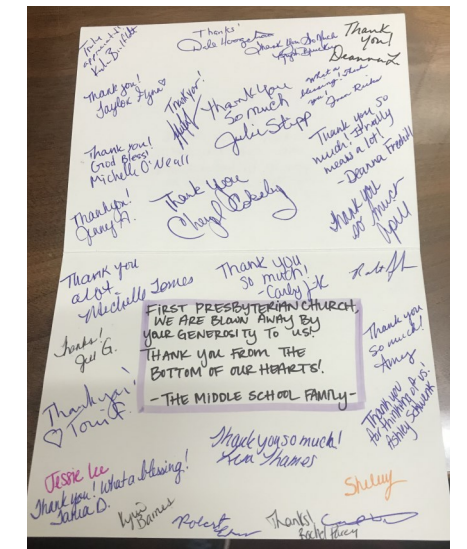


It was a pleasure to deliver this morning to Kari Ryan-Cline thank you letters with \$100 each for the 22 bus drivers that work for Illinois Central School Bus. They are responsible for bringing GCMS School District students to and from school and to school related events. Their dedication to the children of this district is truly amazing.

Pastor Lantz and Congregation, Thank you so much for the letter of encouragement and gifts to me and the staff at GCMS! Your thoughtfulness is appreciated very much!! Don Worthington, Tech Coordinator

Pastor Lantz and Congregation, Thank you so very much for the generous gift you gave to Mike and I, as well as the other teachers. It meant a lot to us. Take care! The Allens

Thank you so much for the \$500 you gave to me for my daycare. Money was gratefully used for activities and a pool pass. Thanks! Cheryl Schultz



Here is another group thank you card from the GCMS Middle School.

Thank you for the \$1,500 and \$500 checks. They were used for my tuition. Nicole Schultz

### Neighboring Presbyterian Church Assists with Flood Damage

The First Presbyterian Church of Piper City sent us a check for \$ 5,000 to assist the flood victims in Gibson City. The money will be sent the Gibson Area House Rehab Foundation. Thank you members of the First Presbyterian Church of Piper City.



Our youngest Elder and GCMS cheerleader, Anneliese Kerchenfaut, helps bring the Falcon football team onto the field for a game against the Fisher Bunnies. The Falcons won 26 to 13.

### FARM SHOW IN RANTOUL

Several members of our church helped with traffic flow and parking at the Half Century of Progress Farm Show in Rantoul under the direction of Ted Swanson August 26-29. It may have been hot but it was a fun and a bonding experience for all. God Bless our country's Farmers!



TED SWANSON



EMMA SWANSON AND HER DAD, TIM SWANSON



PASTOR RAY LANTZ



RON CLOW AND PHIL NOELLSCH



EMMA SWANSON AND HER UNCLE RAY



MARY CLOW



RON CLOW



PHIL NOELLSCH





A check for \$20,000 was presented to Gibson Area Housing Rehab Foundation from our local Lion's Club.

PASTOR LANTZ is happy to report that our church was awarded by Blackhawk Presbytery (Synod of Lincoln Trail) a \$5,000 grant to assist with the repairs to the church for damage caused by the August 12th flood. In addition, in partnership with our church and community partners, Blackhawk Presbytery will provide a \$7,500 grant for damage caused in Gibson City. Session voted to authorize the funds from this grant be made available through GAHRF (Gibson Area Housing Rehab Foundation).

Members of the First Christian Church in Gibson City would like to personally invite everyone to a FREE concert on our church lawn.

**Music and Family Fun on the Lawn**

When: Sunday, October 3  
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Where: First Christian Church  
112 W 12th Street, G.C. IL  
Music provided by: Bree Gordon Band from Chicago IL.

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and come spend part of your day listening to music, enjoying refreshments and fellowship for the whole family. Donation boxes will be available for those who wish to give to the Gibson City Relief Fund/Gibson Area Housing Rehab Foundation. In case of rain, we will be inside.

**Harvest Fest Committee Apology:**

Mary,

I do want to apologize on behalf of the Harvest Fest Committee for the miscommunication this year with you obtaining every benefit there was for sponsoring the Harvest Fest. Our community comes first and we appreciate each and every sponsor that has helped us along our journey on making the event bigger every year! Our biggest goal is to not only bring new faces to our community to see how proud we are of our community but in hopes to be able to give back to our community as well with money that we raise.

We had a meeting last night and we are going to make things right. We do not want any sponsors to feel that they are not appreciated! We are working on making our committee more structured with a Board of Members in hopes for our group to run smoother with better communication.

We are going to refund 100% of your sponsorship! We are truly sorry for what happened and do not want to burn our bridge with any sponsors in hopes for the event to grow and better our community. We appreciate everything that you did, it sounds like you guys had an amazing day at your vendor stand and loved that you were able to hand out items.

Thank you again for being a part of our event and we truly hope we can continue to work together every year!

Billie Jo Denny

(We worked out a compromise and requested a partial reimbursement of \$ 500 and will place this money back into the Missions Account.

Our name as a sponsor was omitted from all the stage banners, posters and staff shirts.)



Ron & Mary Clow enjoyed working the church tent at the Harvest Fest handing out various giveaway items with the church's name on them. Several of the kids commented that we had the best table there because everything was free!



Sharla Williams represented our church working the Harvest Fest handing out several giveaway items from our church.



Ron and Mary Clow installed the 150th Birthday sign outside the Fellowship Hall so it was up in time for Harvest Fest.

Charlie and Cheryl Schultz enjoyed their trip to Niagara Falls with sister Sandy Brucker and daughter Lisa and Charlie's brother Hal and wife Diana.



Grandpa Charlie Schultz enjoys time with son Jordan and grandson Sutton on a recent trip to Kentucky.



When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside. Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA . . . attention and affection; some need AAA . . . Attention, affection and acceptance; some need C . . . compassion; some need D . . . direction. And if they still don't seem to shine . . . simply sit with them quietly and share your light.



**MISSION COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS 9-23-21**

Starting Balance approved 7-29-21.....	\$ 93,750.00
Previously approved GCMS School District employee gifts.....	\$ 16,800.00
Previously approved Illinois Central School Bus employee gifts .....	\$ 2,200.00
August 19 <sup>th</sup> Emergency Meeting Member Flood Damage Assistance...	\$ 10,000.00
August 19 <sup>th</sup> Emergency Meeting GAHRF donation.....	\$ 19,995.00
Credit for GAHRF donation from Vanguard Account.....	-\$ 19,995.00
Harvest Fest Refund.....	-\$ 500.00
Doden yard cleanup credit.....	-\$ 500.00
Bookkeeping Adjustment American Legion.....	\$ 350.00
Scarecrow Contest Advertising & Miscellaneous costs.....	\$ 1,000.00
GCMS Band/Kyle Renchen.....	\$ 500.00
Gibson City Restoration Committee/Loy Building.....	\$ 5,000.00
Justin and Lindsey Carpenter.....	\$ 500.00
GC Dairy Queen.....	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Approved to Date 2021.....</b>	<b>\$129,600.00</b>

**Mission Committee Member Flood Damage Suggestions 9-23-21**

Starting Balance.....	\$10,000
Barb Williams.....	\$1,000
Noah Swanson.....	\$1,000
Charlie Schultz.....	\$1,000
Sharla Williams.....	\$1,000
Remaining Balance.....	\$6,000

**FORD COUNTY CHRONICLE**  
**Letter to the Editor:** The committee for the Gibson City Sesquicentennial extends a hearty ‘thank you’ to the First Presbyterian Church of Gibson City for their generous donation. Their gift funded the large sign by Subway and some of the games used for festivities though out the year. Thank you for helping to support our community celebration of 150 years! **GIBSON CITY SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

financial support from the First Presbyterian Church in Gibson City. Through the church’s missions program, which has provided financial assistance to numerous organizations in town, the city recently received two financial gifts—including a \$ 5,000 gift to offset expenses for the swimming pool for the 2021 season; and an \$ 11,000 check toward the downtown electrical project that will provide larger amounts of electricity needed for outdoor concerts and festivals. “Our sincere thanks to this generous organization for their support of the city and many organizations in our community,” said Gibson City Alderman Susie Tongate.

**AREA NEWS BRIEFS:** City receives financial gift from church: The City of Gibson has received

**LIBRARY NEWS:**

The Moyer District Library is extending its thanks to the First Presbyterian Church in Gibson City for sponsoring electronics classes in September at the library. With the church’s donation, the library also purchased a new white board for its program room.

**WE WISH TO EXPRESS** our deepest sympathy to the family of Aizza Kerchenfaut, wife of Rick Kerchenfaut, upon the passing of her father on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

**GCMS and PBL athletes giving back at the Corn Belt Shriner Club Kid’s Day event on Sunday, September 19th at the North Park. Our church donated money to help with this event. Pictures shared by Stacy Johnson.**



A Review Form has been sent out to each person who rented a plot in our Community Garden. We have received one back so far with the following comments:

1. What did you like about our Community Garden? The simple fact of having the space for a garden for those of us that do not have an area at our hoes. I met some “neighbors” in the garden and from the homes in the area. So the social aspects were also

uplifting.

2. Do you think you will be interested in a plot next year? Yes-I loved my “plot” #17.
3. Would you like to add anything to this review? Thank you! This outreach ministry of your church partnering with Railside is a definite asset to our community.

On behalf of the City of Gibson we want to express our appreciation for the generous gift of \$11,000 toward the downtown electrical panel.

Thank you  
 Peg Stalter  
 Administrative Assistant