

PASTOR'S CORNER

A first birthday party was held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 for the twin grandsons of Pastor Ray and Trudy Lantz. The boys are the sons of Ramie and Jennifer Lantz, son of Pastor Ray and Trudy. Please enjoy the pictures from this momentous event.



Ray, Teddy, Trudy and Wesley



Wesley James Lantz



Mom Jennifer and Teddy.
Dad Ramie and Wesley.



Theodore (Teddy) James Lantz

Teddy and Wesley Lantz. They are cuties!



Wesley and Theodore (Teddy) with both sets of grandparents.



Dad Ramie Lantz with Wesley and Teddy.

PRESBYTIDINGS

June 2022

Pastor Ray Lantz

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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WITH JUNE COMES SUMMER AND WITH SUMMER COMES VACATIONS

Six tips for safe travel this summer from the Board of Pensions of the First Presbyterian Church USA

As the country begins to reopen, travel is on the rise this summer. Yet many restrictions remain, and rules vary from location to location. If you'll be taking a trip, it's important to be informed and to travel responsibly. Here are some things to consider and tips to protect yourself and others during your trip.



Be informed. Before you leave home, check the websites of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) for health advisories and self-quarantine re-

quirements. You should also be aware of any state and local restrictions that may apply and keep checking for updates as you travel. Consider checking the U.S. Transportation Security Administration's website and your airline's website for additional guidance.

Consider the risks associated with different types of travel. Air travel requires spending time in security lines and terminals, which can increase your risk for exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. Traveling by car or recreational vehicle often involves stops that could put you and your traveling companions in close contact with other people and surfaces.

Check hotel websites to learn about precautions being taken. Consider bringing cleaning supplies with you to disinfect high-touch surfaces, such as light switches, faucets, door knobs,

and the television remote control. You should also confirm the hotel's cancellation policy before booking a room.

Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Pack enough hand sanitizer with you and keep it within easy reach.

Avoid close contact with others. Keep six feet away from others and wear a mask or face covering in public spaces.

Do not travel if you are sick or you have been around someone with Covid-19 in the last 14 days.



June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 RECYCLE <i>Ray's vacation begins</i>
5 10:30 a.m. Worship John 14:8-27 <i>John Muir-head preaching</i>	6 <i>Ray's vacation</i>	7 <i>Ray's vacation</i>	8 <i>Ray's vacation</i>	9 <i>Rays vacation</i>	10 <i>Ray's vacation</i>	11 <i>Ray's vacation ends</i>
12 10:30 a.m. Worship Communion John 16:12-15	13	14	15	16	17	18 9 a.m. Bible Study at Holy Brook RECYCLE
19 10:30 a.m. Worship Communion Father's Day Luke 8:26-39	20 21 22 			23 5:30 Session	24 Tentative date: 5 to 9 p.m.— Joint Retirement party for Sharla Williams & Tim Swanson at Rail Side	25 9 a.m. Bible Study at Holly Brook
26 10:30 a.m. Worship Luke 9:51-62	27	28	29	30		

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.
Please note: Online 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

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
 Meladee

Office@firstpresbygibson.org.

THE NEW FLOWER CHART IS up on the bulletin board outside of the secretary’s office.
Thank you for the suggestion, Janice.

Recycling has returned on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.
Next Session meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Roof Update: McCumsey Roofing recently recoated the flat roof over the fellowship hall. This is part of our Maintenance Program to extend the life of the roof. It should also stop the small leak we had.
























































CAR WINDOW CHURCH LOGO DECAL - We thought it would be fun to see where our car window church logo has traveled. So if you have driven your car out of state and it has the church logo decal on it, please let Mary or Meladee know what STATES it has traveled to. If you have driven your car in Illinois, please let us know what ILLINOIS CITIES our car window logo has traveled in Illinois. This is not a contest and we won’t published names. We just thought it would be fun to see how much exposure our logo has had. Thank you.

NEWS ON PASTOR LANTZ

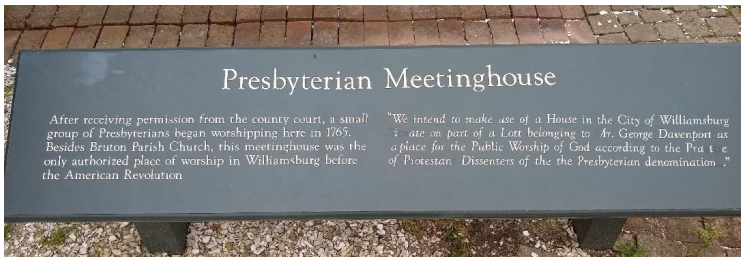
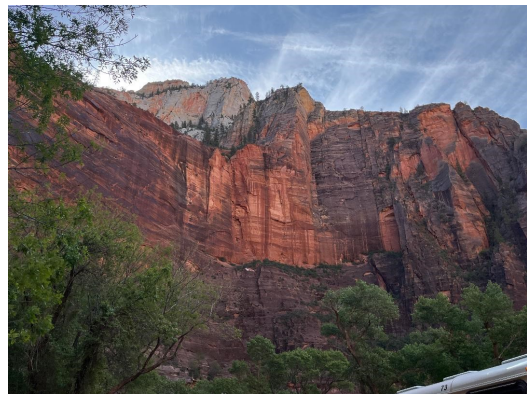
SESSION has approved vacation for Pastor Lantz from June 4th to June 11th. A pulpit supply minister will be preaching on Sunday, June 5.

SESSION has approved continuing education time for Pastor Lantz from July 24th to July 31st. There will be no Sunday service on July 31st. Pastor Lantz will be attending the Synod Lakes and Prairies Professional Development Seminars in Storm Lake, Iowa

Session will be hosting a joint retirement party for Sharla Williams and Tim Swanson. Please mark your calendars with the tentative date of **FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH FROM 5 TO 9 P.M.** More details will follow in the church bulletins.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES		<p>There are multiple theories as to what the month of June was named after. One theory is that it was named after the Roman goddess of marriage, Juno. Another theory is that its name originates from the Latin word <i>iuniores</i>, which translates into “younger ones”. Yet another possibility is that the month was named after Lucius Junius Brutus, the founder of the Roman Republic.</p> 
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		

Ron and Mary Clow spent two weeks in Utah visiting four national parks: Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands and Zion. The beauty and peace of the mountains is difficult to capture in pictures.



Phil (our treasurer) and wife Jean Noellsch went to Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia recently for a week of vacation with some friends. While there they took in many sites, one of which was the Presbyterian Meeting house.



Mary Clow presents frequent visitors to our church Larry and Karen Ladd with a \$25 gift card to County Market. Larry correctly completed the monthly crossword puzzle and his name was drawn from the basket this month. Congratulations! Larry and Karen are from the Jacksonville Presbyterian Church but have moved into our area to be closer to their sons and families. Larry lives at Heritage Nursing Home and Karen lives in Mahomet. We love having them worship with us each Sunday.



Tim Swanson and Ron Clow installed the air conditioning unit in the secretary's office which made our "hot" secretary very, very happy!!!!



Pastor Lantz presented the City Council on Monday, May 9th, the \$10,000 donation approved by the Session to be used for the pond at Jordan Park in honor of Larry Richoz. The church received the \$10,000 donation from Larry's estate and decided to pay it forward. In addition, a \$10,000 donation was also presented by executors Kevin and Leeann Seymour to the City Council directly from Larry's estate for use at the pond. Pictured left to right is Gary Lutterbie, Mayor Dan Dickey, Susie Tongate, Pastor Lantz and the Seymours.

Community Garden 2022



Ray Lantz and Ron Clow look on as the compost was delivered last Thursday for the Community Garden to be worked into the soil to improve it.



Community Garden has been tilled. Thank you, Rick Kerchenfaut. Nicely done!!!



Rick Kerchenfaut and Tim Swanson spread compost on garden plots



Rick Kerchenfaut tilling up the Community Garden.



Darrin Ray, Pastor Ray Lantz and Ted Swanson.



Pastor Ray Lantz, Ted Swanson and Tim Swanson.

Community Garden 2022 Continued

The GCMS 5th and 8th hour Horticulture classes helped spread the mulch between the plots.



COMMUNITY GARDEN THANK YOU! A big Thank You to Rick Kerchenfaut, Tim Swanson, Ted Swanson and Pastor Lantz for their hard work in preparing the Community Garden for opening day on Saturday, May 14th. In addition, students from the 5th hour and the 8th hour GCMS Horticulture classes also assisted with the marking of plots, spreading of mulch and installation of plot markers under the guidance of teacher Jeff Reale. Session sent \$10 Dairy Queen gift cards to the students to thank them for their hard work.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE: We are happy to report that 21 garden plots have been reserved and gardeners have started planting. There are 3 plots left and anyone interested should contact Mary Clow.





Meladee Ferguson's granddaughter, Samantha Renee VanSwol, 16, a sophomore at Mahomet-Seymour High School, recently attended prom with several friends. Sammi is the young lady in the royal blue dress. Grandma's proud.

Anneliese Kerchenfaut and friends are ready for a fun night at prom.



Session approved donating \$ 1,000 to the BeKindAlways Mental Health Fundraiser started by GCMS Junior Korah Palumbo. Anneliese Kerchenfaut is pictured wearing one of the t-shirts to celebrate mental health day on May 11th.



On behalf of the Gibson Girls HCE, we would like to thank the First Presbyterian Church for allowing us to host the 84th Annual Meeting/Banquet of the Ford County Home and Community Education Organization in the fellowship hall. There were several HCE groups from Ford County in attendance. Our speakers, Janetia and Stan Bauer of Der Bauernhof Alpaca Farm in Ellsworth gave an outstanding presentation about alpacas and how they use their fibers to make handmade clothes and jewelry. Dinner was served by Pioletti's Catering, new officers were elected, memorials were made in honor of three members who passed away and the business of an annual meeting was conducted. Thank you again! Mary Clow, Gibson Girls HCE Member



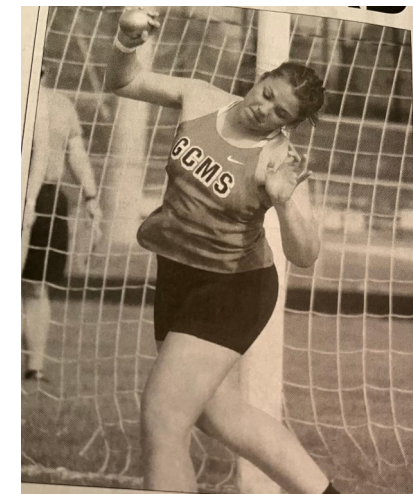
MISSION COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS – MAY, 2022

Starting Balance April.....	\$53,700.00
BeKindAlways Mental Health Fundraiser – Korah Palumbo....	\$ 1,000.00
Dairy Queen Gift Cards – 40 at \$10 each for GCMS students who helped at the Community Garden.....	\$ 400.00
GCMS High School Graduation Ad & Support for a Special Edition In the Chronicle	\$ 250.00
Colin Bane Scholarship Fund -Bank of Gibson.....	\$ 1,000.00
Expenses for hosting a retirement party for Tim Swanson and Sharla Williams.....	\$ 1,650.00
Community Garden Gift Cards – 5 @ \$20 each.....	\$ 100.00
Community Garden additional Compost.....	\$ 900.00
Grant writer expenses to seek out funds to restore The Loy Building.....	\$ 3,000.00
Funds to assist with insurance for the Loy building once it is purchased.....	\$ 2,000.00
Catsnap Adoption Service.....	\$ 500.00
Year To Date Total.....	\$64,500.00

Mission Donations: The Gibson City Restoration Committee is in the process of purchasing the Loy Building after several months of fundraising and after reviewing an updated building report prepared by SHS Consulting Engineers from Decatur. Session approved \$3,000 for grant writer expenses to seek out funds to help restore the building. Mary Clow will be assisting the Committee in writing a Request for Proposal to find a grant writer. Session also approved a \$2,000 donation to assist with the general liability and building insurance needed once the Loy building is purchased. In addition, Session has approved the donation of \$500 to the Catsnap Pet Adoption Service out of Champaign. They assisted the restoration Committee in trapping 12 cats that will be cared for and adopted out to loving families.



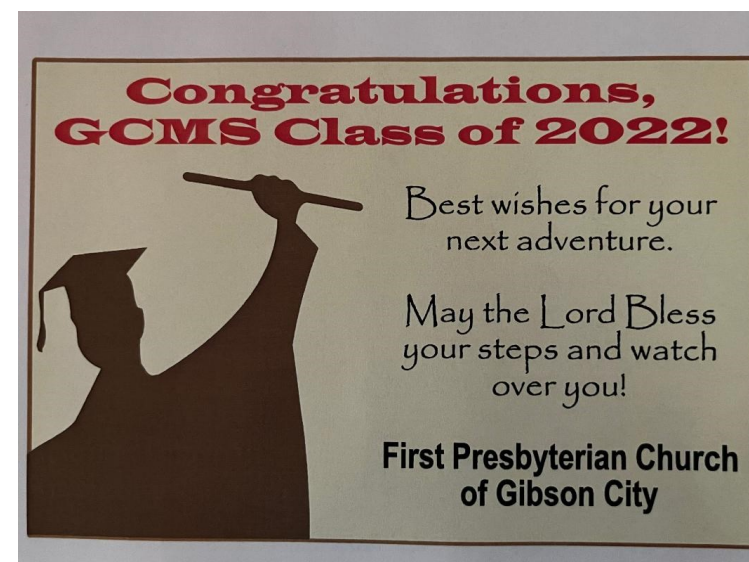
Tim and Janice Swanson assisted Food Pantry President Rick Ertel in distributing the \$25 gas cards that were purchased for the Food Pantry clients with funds from the First Presbyterian Church. Janice reports the clients were thrilled to receive the cards.



Addison Kerchenfaut throws the shot put during the IH-SA Class 1A Sectional in Bloomington.



Update on the Manse: For Sale signs have been placed in the Manse front yard. An ad was placed on the online Gibson City Marketplace site which produced one person that Pastor Lantz showed the house to. In addition Mary Clow recently listed the house on Zillow and placed an ad in the Ford County Chronicle.



Session approved this ad in the Graduation special edition of the Chronicle.



Janice Swanson recently took a trip to Italy and has shared some of her pictures with us. Hope you enjoy.



Town of Greve in Chianti Valley

Food dishes made at Tuscan farm house



Winery in Tuscany Chianti Valley

Cathedral in Orvieto



Roman Catholic Church in Porto Venere



Rome Forum



Rome Pantheon



Janice Swanson and Karen Ladd were the only two who submitted and correctly answered the puzzle this month. As secretary , I cut out the two names, folded them exactly the same, placed a paper clip on them both and had Pastor Lantz draw one from the basket (my hand). He chose Janice Swanson! She won in March and now again in May.

The puzzle answers can be found in the King James Version of the Bible unless otherwise stated. It's a great way to get into your Bible more and learn more about God. For the month of June I would like to see at least 10 entries. Please! Anyone who gets this newsletter can turn one in to the church office by June 23rd! You, too, could win a \$25 gift card to County Market. So, join the fun and maybe you will win the prize. If it gets you in your Bible more you already are a winner!

Ron and Mary Clow placed a wreath on the Farlin grave for Memorial Day.



Emma Swanson will be going into the Colorado Rocky Mountain Youth Corps starting June 4th and returning August 20th. Let's pray for her safety and success. You can send her a card at 991 Captain Jack Drive, Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487

Creator God,

We are weary.

We are heartbroken over the loss of more lives, children dying before they have had a chance to live, hopes and dreams cut off, and smashed to pieces by gunfire and bullets.

We are tired of excuses.

We are tired of cultivating a culture of violence, which essentially kicks people and blames them for limping.

We are tired of the unwillingness to act.

We are tired of those in power who work to prevent any real change, and those who say that gun violence can't be reduced.

Our hope and strength needs renewal to continue the fight for justice, the fight for safe places for our children, for your people.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit.

Turn our sadness into compassion.

Turn our tiredness into advocacy.

Use us, work through us and, if necessary, work in spite of us to mend the brokenness, and bring your realm of peace to earth.

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett,
President & Executive Director
Presbyterian Mission Agency

