

THE ANDERSON TESTAMENT

MAY 2025

PASTOR JOY



- Senior Pastor -
Joy Edeker
- Music Coordinator -
Kirby Gilliam
- Organist/pianist—
Judith Kimmer
- Office Administrator
— **Julie Benagh**
- Financial Secretary-
Ken Wilkinson
- Director of Handbells
Barbara Bowman
- Family Ministry
Leaders - **April
Groves & Kirby
Gilliam**
- Maint. Engineer
Mike Schildmeier
- Asst. Maint. Eng. -
Jim Marvell

So, here is my question for the day; do April showers really bring May flowers or simply more May showers? I suppose we shall see. There actually is a reason why I am bringing this up. **It's spring!** I love spring and all the new growth around nature. I am reminded that Earth Day was in April and I am so very grateful for all the natural beauty God has given us. I actually recycle and try to be a good steward of God's creation!

I hope you do too.

Another reason I brought up my questions about flowers or showers is because sometimes we focus on the wrong things. I, too, can be more gloomy on rainy days. I must get my gratitude list out to help me remember to be grateful for every day. I want life to be all sunshine and flowers. Yet, we can't appreciate brighter days and nature unless we learn to accept the rain showers which bring about the transformation. **Life is full of ups and downs.**

Welcome
Spring

May is a month, though, that holds much promise from graduations to weddings and the beginning of vacation season for some.

I hope to build some excitement around church even without a big holiday!

The first couple of weeks I will be preaching on Jesus' appearances after the resurrection.

Todd will be preaching on May 18th, when I am out to town for a week of class that I must attend for my doctorate program.

Then, to top it all off on May 25th, I will share my testimony and a vision for this church!

I am so excited to be here in Anderson, Indiana where there is so much potential to do outreach and grow in Jesus!
God bless you all bunches!

Pastor Joy

****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: There will be a BONFIRE on May 23rd at our house— 903 Yorkshire Road—come at 7 PM.**

BYOB and we will provide stuff for s'mores!



SPECIAL SUNDAYS

First Presbyterian had a **Congregational meeting** to elect officers on **Sunday, April 27th.**



The elders serving another term are **Bill Beeler & Stephanie Crabtree.** **Betty Knapp** will join them on the Session.

Coming onto the Deacons Board
Will be **Peter Riley, Mary Gipson, Susie Huff**
and **Todd Edeker.**

Your At-large Nominating committee
persons are

Barbara Bowman, Kirby Gilliam & Betty Knapp.



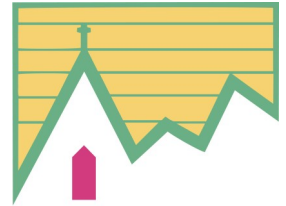
Ordination and Installation will happen on Sunday, May 11th, with the Joint Meeting of the Boards happening on Thursday, May 29th.

CRAFT DAY IS BUSY! MAY 3RD



*The crafty ladies of First Pres
have been meeting on the first Saturday
of the month to work on any projects they wish!
It's from 10-3 in the Craft/Quilt Room upstairs,
bring a lunch, enjoy and learn!*

P.S. You don't have to be a Presbyterian.....

FINANCE REPORT 2025**March Revenues \$11,869****March Expenses \$33,786****March Deficit (\$21,917)****Year to date Revenues \$119,345****Year to date Expenses \$273,310****Year to date Deficit (\$153,965)****Church
FINANCES**

We had 5 Sundays with two paydays in March. Our pledged & non-pledged offerings were better for March but we had 5 Sundays. We had one Per Capita donation in March, thank you, this really helps the church's finances.

This is the tenth month of our fiscal year. For the month, our actual income is about 14% below our budget and our expenses are 2% less than what we had budgeted. The yearly deficit is the challenge for us but getting better.

Our total assets in the tenth month are \$806,188 which is \$53,311 less than last month. The dip in our assets come from the widely swinging values in the market. This does not hurt us as long as we do not have to sell any of our assets.

A special thanks to all the Blessings from our past Church saints, without their gifts we would not be in this stable position.

Please help the Stewardship Drive by Pledging when you receive your pledge card. Your pledged and non-pledged offerings are critical for us to maintain a functional budget. Please pray about it and do your best to support your church.

Thank you in advance.

Blessings to all, Dick Wohlberg, Finance Chair

FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS

Your Family Ministry Leaders,
Kirby Gilliam & April Groves, have
planned some activities for the
next few months!



In May, we'll be collecting supplies for Willow Place (The local women's shelter), to be delivered after church the first Sunday in June.

Here is a list from Willow Place -



STAMPS
BUS PASSES
BELTS
HAIR DYES/BRUSHES
FRAGRANCE FREE LAUNDRY SOAP
PAPER TOWELS
BATH TOWELS
MEAT/LUNCH MEAT /BREAD

There will be a Music Bingo coming up, and Pastor Joy & Todd will host a bonfire on May 23rd!

We may be scheduling another Symphony on the Prairie—that was so fun last summer!

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS

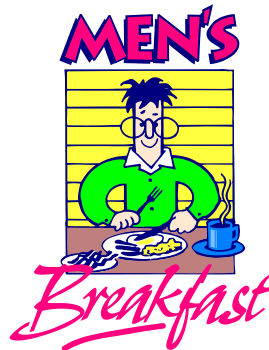
PRESBY PRIDE & PRESBY CHIX

The men of First Pres and the women of First Pres have their breakfast and lunch gatherings during May!

The Presby Chix meet on Thursday, May 8th, 11:30 AM at Anderson Country Club for food and fellowship! This will be the last meeting until fall.

The Presby Pride men meet on the third Saturday—May 17th—9 AM at Frisch's, also for food and fellowship! This will be their last meeting till fall also.

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!!!



WE'RE LIVE STREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

We are still live streaming our worship service. So you can come in person at 10 AM or watch at your leisure!

For YouTube

1. Go to www.youtube.com/channel/UC6pkalwniM_r5yyTQhYbulg
2. Click "Subscribe"
3. Click the "Bell" next to the subscribe button and select "All"

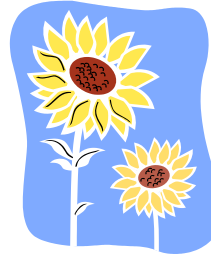
This will allow YouTube to send you a notification when First Pres goes live.





MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Michael Robinson
- 5/4 Jim Marvell
- 5/8 Dorothy Webb (Turning 103!) Beth Zirkle
- 5/13 Julie Benagh
- 5/17 Art Henning, Rachel Godfrey
- 5/18 Lee Fleck (turning 91!), David Huff
- 5/20 Finnegan Nealis
- 5/23 Boots Eflin (turning 93!)
Jackson Henning
- 5/24 Theo Vinson (Julie Benagh's grandson)



BIRTHDAYS 2025

MAY 26TH—MEMORIAL DAY



ANNIVERSARIES 2025

John and Nancy Mitchell, 61 years, May 23

Chris and Christine Nealis, 16 years, May 30

**Congratulations to these couples and
may you have many more blessed
years!**



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May

Dates to Remember:

**May 3rd— Presbytery Meeting @
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church**

May 3rd—Craft Day, 10-3 in Craft Room
Upstairs

May 4th—Communion

**May 8th—Presby Chix
Luncheon, 11:30 @ ACC
(Last for the season)**



May 11th—Happy Mother's Day!

Ordination & Installation on this day.

May 17th—Presby Pride @ Frisch's

**May 18th—Pastor Todd Edeker giving the
message**

**May 23rd—Bonfire at the home of Pastor
Joy & Todd—903 Yorkshire Road—7 PM**

May 26th—Memorial Day!

**May 29th—Joint meeting of the Boards,
7 PM**

NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

- Deadline is the **24th** of each month.
- Complete the Newsletter form and place it in the church office, directly in Julie Benagh's mailbox in the Conference Room OR -

e-mail to Julie at 1stpres@1stPresAnderson.org