



The Anderson Testament

First Presbyterian Church

June, 2025

Growing in Christ

PASTOR JOY EDEKER



Hello, Friends in Christ!

I hope the beginning of the summer season finds you well and enjoying some sunshine! I have many books I read for school and for fun...as most of you already know. I wanted to share a writing by Max Lucado about how to “Reach Out” because there will be many opportunities for us to reach out this summer and invite people in. This is what he wrote—

Our biblical act of worship is not what we do on Sunday mornings in coats and ties, but our act of worship is a lifelong, seven-days-a week process of placing ourselves upon the altar of sacrifice.

Worship is living the principles of Christ in everything we do. You're worshipping God by what you do all week long!

When you take food to the poor, that's an act of worship. When you give a word of kindness to someone who needs it, that's an act of worship.

When you write someone a letter to encourage them or sit down and open your Bible with someone to teach them, that's an act of worship.



We're in a fast-moving, fast—paced society. We need to build bridges between our hearts and those people we see who need a friend—and allow Jesus to cross that bridge of friendship and walk into their hearts.

We know the importance of a friend. All of us need friends, don't we?

People
Reaching
People



Whether or not you are friendly could determine whether someone hears about Jesus Christ. Your handshake, your warmth, your walk, your friendliness could make a difference in someone's life.

I hope this encourages you as much as it encourages me to keep on reaching out the hand of Jesus all week long.
God bless you always!!

Pastor Joy

COMMUNION



COMMUNION
Service

We invite you to join us for celebration at the Lord's table on **Sunday, June 1st**. Remember to bring canned or boxed food, which will be dispersed to the needy in our community through the **Operation Love** Food Pantry.

June 15 is **Christian Center** paper product donation day.
Coffee is also always needed.

Both of these mission projects are sponsored by your Deacons. They collect and deliver your donations faithfully every month!

Remember - we are coming together as Christ's Church. As individuals, we can do a little; together, we can greatly help!

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FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS

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



We'll be collecting backpack supplies for Operation Love during June.

A Symphony on the Prairie is being planned for this summer!

There will be a swim party later in the year and don't forget about the Pork & Praise event on the 22nd!



PORK AND PRAISE ON JUNE 22ND

The Worship & Music Committee have planned another fun concert for our church!

On Sunday, June 22nd, at 4:30 PM, we'll have a wonderful concert and a wonderful meal on the North lawn!

PULLED PORK, COLE SLAW WILL BE PROVIDED

Congregation is asked to bring cookies for dessert! PLAN TO COME



Memory Walk

**First Presbyterian Church
Anderson, Indiana**

In September of 2001, a special worship service was held to kick off our **Sesquicentennial Celebration**, including dedication of the *Memory Walk*, made up of commemorative bricks. This Memory Walk is still beautiful and many, many members have purchased bricks. Sonya Eddy still oversees the Memory Walk Bricks, and Commemorative Bricks are still available. Please use this form if you'd like to order a brick! Orders due by June 30th.

Bricks may be purchased for \$125.00 each or two bricks for \$200.00.

The price of brick includes two lines of engraving with 14 characters per line. Additional characters or the addition of one more line will add \$5.00 to the cost.

Please return this form with a check with 'Brick' written in the Memo blank to the church office.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Is this a Family or personal brick? Yes ___ No ___ If No, is this brick a: gift, memorial, or given in honor of a loved one. (circle one)

Please give the name of the person and an address so a note may be sent.

ENGRAVING INFORMATION (please print clearly)

Use a dot • to indicate a space between words.

The dot • or space counts as one character.

Please print clearly.

Extra _____

Please use one order blank per brick and staple all orders together.

For committee use: Paid: _____ Date: _____

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FINANCE 2025

April Revenues \$9,421
April Expenses \$26,666
April Deficit (\$17,245)

Year to date Revenues \$128,766
Year to date Expenses \$299,976
Year to date Deficit (\$171,210)



We had 4 Sundays with 2 paydays in April. We had no Per Capita donations in March. Please consider helping the church with the Per Capita expense and please consider helping others with this expense, this can really help the church's finances.

This is the eleventh month of our fiscal year. For the month our actual income is about 16% below our budget and our expenses are 2% less than what we had budgeted. **Our total assets in the eleventh month of our fiscal year are \$792,374, which is \$13,814 less than last month.** Our total invested assets are lower by \$122,553 compared to April a year ago. The dip in our assets come from the widely swinging values in the market. We did need to sell a small amount of our assets to maintain our monthly expenses this month.

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

Our Stewardship drive was in May. The Pledge cards are critical for us to plan the next year's budget so if you haven't sent a pledge card to the church, **please give this some thought and prayer.**

Thank you in advance.

Blessings to all, **Dick Wohlberg, Finance Chair**





OPERATION LOVE BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION



OPERATION LOVE
MINISTRIES

COLLECTING NOW THRU JULY 7th

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION



1 inch Binder

Backpacks (plain colors)

Colored Pencils

Composition Books (College/Wide Ruled)

Expo Dry Erase Markers

Folders (blue/orange/yellow)

Loose Leaf Paper (College/Wide)

Pens (black, blue, red)

Pencils

Regular Markers- Crayola

Sharpies

Spiral Notebooks (College/Wide)



For questions :

Contact Stephanie at (765) 644-2121

srobinson@operationloveministries.org

AMAZON LIST



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2025



*Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, July 27th, 2025. Annual Reports from all groups/moderators should be on the Office Administrator's desk no later than Sunday, July 13th in preparation for distribution on Sunday, July 20th.*

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation of getting these reports in on time.

QUILT/SEW/CRAFT DAY!

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH, 10-3

**COME TO THE MONTHLY QUILT/SEW/CRAFT DAY
HERE AT FIRST PRES.**

**COME TO FELLOWSHIP HALL, BRING A LUNCH, AND
ENJOY FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CRAFTERS! THEY
MEET ON THE FIRST
SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH.**

**Craft
Work
Day**



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

***We welcome Mary Gipson & Todd Edeker
to First Presbyterian!***

Pastor Todd is married to our senior pastor, Pastor Joy Edeker!



They have shared over three years of marriage. He is retired from the US Air Force and also the US Dept. of Agriculture. He is a licensed pastor with the United Church of Christ! He was recently elected to be a Deacon here at First Pres.

Mary Gipson is retired from Community Hospital and has two daughters and two grandsons!

She was also recently elected to become a Deacon.



**Seek out these new members
and make them feel welcome!**



INAUGURAL

Strawberry FESTIVAL

Anderson
Rotary
Club



FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH

11 am - 2 pm

Citizens Park Plaza, Downtown Anderson

(Corner of 9th and Main Streets across from County building)

\$10 per ticket

Strawberry Shortcake - Music - Family Fun

Advance tickets: Purchase through an Anderson Rotary Member

Day of Event: Cash or Venmo at event

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Corporate Sponsor - \$5,000

- Includes 20 tickets, large logo on event banner and featured in all marketing materials

Partner Sponsor - \$1,000

- Includes 10 tickets, medium logo on event banner and inclusion in all marketing materials

Community Sponsor - \$500

- Includes 5 tickets, small logo on event banner and inclusion in all marketing materials

**Have questions
or interested in
becoming a sponsor?**

Email rotarystrawberryfest@gmail.com





JUNE ANNIVERSARIES 2025

Dick and Katie Wohlberg, June 1, 51 years

Jason and Betty Knapp, June 4, 53 years

Kirby Gilliam & Steven Erlandson, June 10th, 8 years

Walter & Robin Renderos, June 11, 9 years

Paul and Marcia Schrenker, June 14, 26 years

Ron and April Groves, June 17, 19 years

David and Joellen Mishler, June 17, 69 years

Lorien & Paul Knapp Sayayu, June 20th, 13 years

Bill and Barb Bowman, June 21, 57 years

Tom and Joan Godfrey, June 26, 54 years

Morris and Pat Sites, June 28, 61 years

**JUNE
ANNIVERSARIES**



Congratulations and many more happy years to you all!



PRESBY PRIDE & PRESBY CHIX

Your Women's Luncheon Group (Presby Chix) & your Men's Breakfast Group (Presby Pride) are both taking a hiatus for the summer!

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!





Birthdays 2025



- 6/5 Nancy Johnson
6/7 Eliza Jane Erlandson
(Kirby's daughter turns 5!)
6/10 Carolyn Canada
6/11 Jane Davisson
6/12 Drew Carrel, Michael Day
6/14 Kay Day
6/16 Dave Carson, Berkley Lewis
6/24 Walter Renderos
6/25 Edwin Etchison
6/29 Marilyn Dorris, Sue Rayl



STAFF

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

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Dates to Remember:

June 1—Communion

June 6—Strawberry Festival @ Citizen's
Plaza, 11-2

June 7—Craft/Quilt Day, 10-3

June 22th—Pork & Praise—4:30 PM on
the Back Lawn

June 19—Session Meets

June—Backpack Drive during June for
Operation Love

August 23rd—Gaslight Festival



*Scheduled to assist **Pastor Joy Edeker**
serving communion on
June 1st is **Steph Crabtree***

Coffee Fellowship & Ushering will
be staffed by your Deacons.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10 AM WORSHIP

