



# LIVING HOPE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Living Hope Presbyterian Church seeks to inspire and empower through the Gospel.

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### From the Pastor...

September 2022 Newsletter

At the end of July, I picked up COVID from a family reunion I attended. It started out as a little bit of a scratchy throat and then moved into a low-grade fever. Thankfully, my symptoms only lasted about 3 days and I was back to normal a couple days later. That was at the same time that Dickson Hollow had a spike in infections. Quite a few folks got it and things needed to be shut down to slow the spread and because a number of employees ended up with COVID as well and weren't able to come in to work. Thankfully, no one died, although there are some folks who continue to be very weak from their infections.

I highlight this as a way to recognize that we are in a complicated transition time. COVID is becoming less of a danger for people, but there are still consequences for some folks if they pick it up. We, as a church, have a responsibility to keep people healthy and safe. This means being cautious in terms of health protocols.

We are resuming home communion for those who are home-bound and starting to bring elements to those in Dickson Hollow who are physically unable to come to the sanctuary on communion Sundays.

The session met this past Sunday and wants to resume fellowship time. A congregant approached me about starting up a choir again. I want to have us sit closer together during worship so we can hear one another and increase our sense of connection to one another. We want to find ourselves back to that full sense of connection, but we have to balance this with the need to keeping people safe.

So, for now, we are continuing to mask during worship services (remember, singing is like a prolonged cough), we are holding off on fellowship and a choir for now. Hopefully in September, we will have some more information that will allow us to start to change things and move more towards that sense of connection and closeness.

In Christ,

## Peace & Global Witness offering

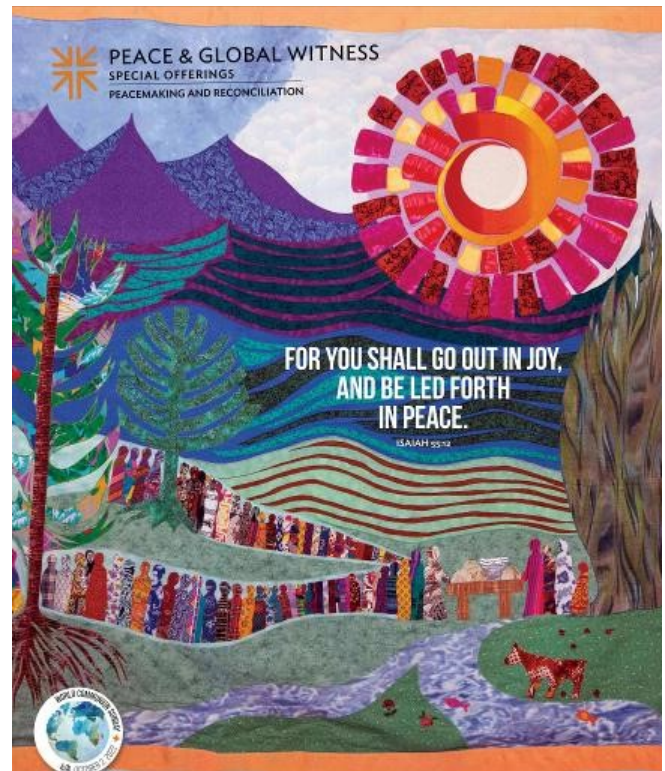


### collected on October 2 World Communion Sunday

The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. Together we are building God’s household for peace where everyone is welcome; where all can find compassion, peace and justice.

Our work of peace and reconciliation is supported by gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

These gifts also unite us with Presbyterian peacemakers across the country and the world who are active, not passive; who are doing, not waiting.



**25% of this Offering will stay with your congregation to for our own ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation.**

**25% of this Offering will go to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.**

**50% of this Offering supports programs and ministries working actively for peace and justice around our nation and the world.**

**We are the peacemakers. We are the Church, Together.**

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of July 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance
Total Income - YTD	\$ 69,712.15	\$ 56,700.00	\$ 13,012.15
Total Expense - YTD	\$ 97,956.38	\$ 85,925.00	\$ (12,031.38)
Net Income - YTD July 31, 2022	\$ (28,244.23)	\$ (29,225.00)	\$ 980.77
Unrestricted Funds as of July 31, 2022	\$331,102.23		
Gift and Memorial Monies not yet transferred	\$7,285	Actual Net Income	\$ (20,959.23)

# Session Notes - August 2022

A regular session meeting was held on Sunday, August 28 after worship on zoom and in person. Here are some of the highlights:

## **Home Communion**

Will and the deacons will begin to take home communion to those outside of Dickson Hollow who cannot attend starting with October 2 communion. Those members and long time attendees who live at Dickson and cannot come to worship will receive communion after worship on communion Sundays. If you know of another member that would benefit from home communion, please contact a deacon or talk with Will.

## **Masking Continuation**

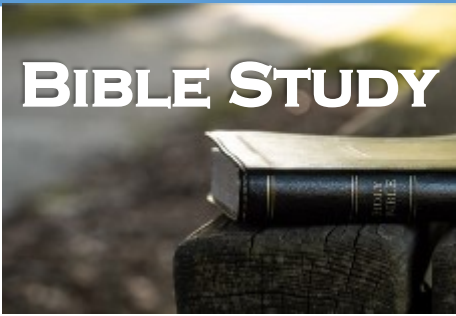
At this time, Living Hope will continue with our masking policy as we are singing during worship.

## **Fellowship Time**

Session will be looking at how best to start fellowship time after worship again - we will be keeping you informed as to how and when that will happen. If you would like to prepare and serve at fellowship time, please talk with Will after worship.

## **New Video and Sound System**

We are currently scheduled to have the new video and sound system upgrade to be installed the first week of September. When the new system is in place, there will be a direct link to livestream worship - not through Zoom. Session will continue zoom at the beginning of worship to check in with those who will be watching at home. Stay tuned for updates on when we will switch over.



## Monday Bible Study

Mondays at 9:45 AM

Join us for a discussion about the coming Sunday's lectionary readings either in-person in Fellowship Hall or watch on Channel 966 .

We are off on Labor Day, September 5, and will resume weekly Mondays on Sept 12.

Sept 12	Luke 16:1-13; Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	for Sept 18
Sept 19	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Luke 16:19-31	for Sept 25
Sept 26	Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137	for Oct 2



## Sunday School begins Sept 11

Sunday School will meet once a month on second Sundays. We will be very mission and service based this year. If you would like to help with Sunday School, please contact Marcia Sinner.

## Faith Conversations - Fall Schedule

1:30-2:30 pm

Thursdays - September 15 and 29

Thursdays - October 6 and 20

Thursdays - November 3 and 17



Meet in **Fellowship Hall** or join us on **channel 955** and via **Zoom** (Sunday worship link.) Come with curiosity and respect as we explore what other faiths and denominations believe and how they live that out.

# SEPTEMBER 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>28</b> <b>10 AM Worship - Zoom</b> <b>In-Person and 955</b> 11:30 AM Session	<b>29</b> 8:30-12:30 Office Hours  9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	<b>30</b> 8:30-12:30 Office Hours	<b>31</b>	<b>1 Sept</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>10 AM Worship - with communion</b> Zoom In-Person and 955    	<b>5</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30-12:30 Office Hours	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Deacon Meeting  	<b>12</b> 8:30-12:30 Office Hours  9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	<b>13</b> 8:30-12:30 Office Hours  6:30pm Finance Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1:30 PM Faith Conversations	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     Lisa is on vacation this week - please contact Will directly for any needs. She will not be checking email. There are no official office hours for this week.                 </div>						
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We are a connectional church...connected in faith to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine...and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

## September Prayer Calendar



**The Care and Concern of the  
Congregation is with:**



### **First Sunday Food Pantry**

**Sept 4**

**Oct 2**

**Nov 6**

Please mark any monetary donations "Food Pantry" and they will be split between the two pantries we support. The collection bin is in the church Gathering Place. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?

Please let the office know so we can update our files.

#### **August Attendance**

Average in person: 36

Average on Zoom: 7

Total Average Attendance: 43

(we cannot track how many people watch on Ch 955)

# Thank you for Garden Care

Thank you to all that have been watering our vegetable garden. If we missed your name and you are not listed - THANK YOU:



And thank you to Rev. Trimboli for picking up our harvest every week and taking it to Apostle Presbyterian.



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**Clerk of Session:** Kathryn Fresch

**Treasurer:** Steve Sinner

**Church Musician:** Teresa Ledford

**2022 Session Members:** Michael Brady, Dorothy Dieter, Barb Foy, Joe Fresch, Kathryn Fresch, Mike McBride, Curtis MacDonald, Marcia Sinner

**2022 Deacons:** (A-B) Tom Tennyson (C-F) Ann Tennyson (G-K) Diane DeBoer – Moderator  
(L-O) Cherie Andrus (P-R) LaVonne Gardner (S-Z) Ken DeBoer