

# THE BRIDGE



*December  
2021*

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## SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM

Service is streamed live on Facebook. A recording of the stream will be made available on YouTube following the service.

## COFFEE HOUR 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour is being held in the Fellowship Hall once again.



# December

## SESSION

Dave Norton - Clerk of Session/ Treasurer  
Kristina Mosley- Personnel  
Barb Biggar- BIG, Mission and Outreach  
Marilyn Paulson- Education  
John Harmon- Worship  
Rev. Katie Estes- Moderator

## WORSHIP TEAM

John Harmon - Session Elder  
Linda Harmon  
Kristina Mosley

## MEMBER CARE TEAM

Kristina Mosley- Session Elder  
Anna Malek  
Annie Leonard  
Lonna Norton  
Peggy Thums  
Dawn Schafer  
Deb Bartelt

## EDUCATION TEAM

Marilyn Paulson - Session Elder  
Gina Struensee  
Lori Knapp

## MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM

Barb Biggar - Session Elder  
Bette Hoytink  
Char Alecos  
Marilyn Paulson

## BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROUNDS (BIG)

Barb Biggar- Session Elder  
Jack Wirch  
Roger Hoytink  
Dennis Biggar

## PRESBYTERY COM LIAISON

Rev Richard Moore, Honorably Retired

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



### Things to celebrate since our September Session Meeting

- Rev. Katie Estes for volunteering to be our moderator
- The people who have signed up to be our Supply Preachers
- John Harmon's music every week
- Kristina Mosley's singing every week

### Session Actions

- Approved the following to be members of the Pastoral Search Team: Jessica Harrison, Dave Strunensee, Anna Malak, Nicole Hall, Kristina Mosley, Bette Hoytink, and John Harmon
- Approved Jessica Harrison to be our new Treasurer for 2021
- Approved the use of Fellowship Hall by Baptist Church on November 21, 2021 and December 19, 2021, from 1:30 to 5:30 both days
- Approved the removal from Church Rolls of Lori Knapp and Nolan Knapp at their request
- Approved \$1000.00 donation to World Relief Fox Valley to be used for Afghan Refugees

### Supply Preachers for the upcoming Sundays:

Nov 7, 2021 – Jessica Harrison  
Nov 14, 2021 – Gina Struensee  
Nov 21, 2021 – Gina Struensee  
Nov 28, 2021 – Mike Dismar  
Dec 5, 2021 – Jessica Harrison  
Dec 12, 2021 – Marilyn Paulson  
Dec. 19, 2021 – Jessica Harrison  
Dec 24, 2021 – Jessica Harrison (Christmas Eve)  
Dec 26, 2021 – NO CHURCH SERVICES





## Member Care Team

The Member Care Team is doing our best to be connected with our church family. We don't want anyone to fall through the cracks, and hope that if there are needs or worries, people will reach out to us so we can respond as soon as possible.

We know that health concerns are on everyone's mind these days, and the "tender topic" of COVID-19 and its variants lurks around corners. Be still and know that God is working within us and among us to make our way through this if we follow His guidance and use sound judgment and consideration for each other.

The Deacons at First Presbyterian will be supporting the Search and Screen Committee as they navigate through the responsibilities involved in finding a new pastor for our church. In the near future, a survey will be sent to every member and we urge each and every one of you to respond to this survey, as it is absolutely essential that every voice, every heart, every mind is part of the decision to select the best possible fit for our needs.

Thank you in advance for giving this your serious consideration and your prayers. We are all in this together and together we will make it through.

Also: Shout out to all the members who contributed to the Hanging of the Greens! The sanctuary is beautiful. Thanks to Roger Hoytink and Dave Norton for putting the tree together.

## Important End of the Year Note from Session

Please have all 2021 financial contributions at the church no later than December 29th. The counting team will be making the final deposit of the year on December 30th. If you choose to mail your check, please allow adequate time for it to be delivered as postal services have recently slowed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



## Worship Team

The Worship Team is has decided to bring back the choir during service. Christmas Eve will be the first performance, and the Team will then decide if it's okay to continue with performances after that. The first practice will be at 6:45pm on Dec. 8, and every week following that. Please note: all choir members will need to be vaccinated. Choir members will also need to wear masks during the performance.

The Worship Team is also excited to plan our Christmas Eve Service on Friday December 24th at 7 pm. Due to the holidays, we will not be having a Sunday Service on Sunday December 26th. We hope everyone takes the opportunity to remember the gifts that we have been given.

## Search & Screen Team

Search and Screen, or Pastor Nominating Committee, met twice in November. We created a survey that will be shared with the congregation this month. We ask you all to complete it by the Christmas Eve service. We will be meeting in January to review your feedback and move forward in the search process.

## WIAC Needs

Kleenex	Cleaning items
Deodorant	Baby diapers
Jelly	Cans of baked beans
Juice boxes	Children's snacks
Powdered milk	Cake mixes
Canned frosting	Laundry detergent
Dish Soap	Feminine products

Money donations are always welcome. It is used to purchase items needed but not donated. Please consider giving during this especially hard time for many families.





# *The Gift that Keeps on Giving*

As we center ourselves on the season of Advent, we recognize the only perfect gift ever given was the one we received in Jesus Christ. This most precious gift given from God. In the book of Matthew, Jesus is called Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” What a perfect gift – God’s response to a fallen world. The gift of Jesus Christ who opens doors for us. We cannot give so perfect a gift as this, but we can give and support our past, present and future leaders through the Christmas Joy Offering.

This season brings with it the opportunity to support the Christmas Joy Offering. We, as the church, can open doors by giving financial help to retired church workers and their families. The Assistance Board of Pensions recognizes these needs and opens the door of financial stability to those people. People who have served, encouraged, and have shared the gift of themselves with us. It is truly a blessing to be able to support them.

The Christmas Joy Offering also supports and connects us with the young people of color who attend Stillman College, Presbyterian Pan American School and Menaul School. Through this Offering we support these schools and the future leaders of the Church. The doors of opportunity are now opened through scholarships given to these young people.

God is with us as we respond to this wonderful gift of Jesus Christ through our support of The Christmas Joy Offering. The Offering that supports and opens doors for past, present and future leaders of our Church. The offering that opens our hearts to those will and have given of themselves to us.

Please give generously to the Christmas Joy Offering, in celebration of God’s perfect gift to us in Jesus Christ.

Your Mission & Outreach Team – Char Alecos, Bette Hoytink & Barb Biggar

# THE SHARED MINISTRY FUND

*How to Give Online*

[Winnchurch.org](https://Winnchurch.org)

Click on the "Give Now" Button

We are still accepting your weekly offering envelopes. You may mail your offering to church or donate online, or use the offering plate in worship. If you need help getting started online, you may contact the church office or any Session member and we can walk you through it. Our counters meet every two weeks to make deposits so it may take a bit for your checks to get cashed.

Total Income for October (w/o pass thru)	\$7,990.38
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Total Expenses for October (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$6,307.47</u>
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Gain for the month	\$1,682.91
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Total Income YTD (w/o pass thru)	\$126,999.73
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Total Expense YTD (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$106,630.30</u>
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Gain for YTD	\$20,369.43
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Thrift and Gift income for October	\$529.88
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## FPC Website

Visit our website often to get access to past sermons, musical selections from the Harmons, and stay up to date with our church calendar. You can also find the link for online giving.  
[www.WinnChurch.org](http://www.WinnChurch.org)

Online Giving - Click here to be taken directly to the online giving page.

If you don't want to worship in person, please join us in live worship every Sunday, streamed from our Facebook page at 9:00am.

FPC of Winneconne regularly posts pictures, videos, church information, and events on our page. Please "like" our Facebook page for updates.  
[www.facebook.com/FPCwinneconne](http://www.facebook.com/FPCwinneconne)

YouTube gives you access to all of the videos we have produced. Here you can find past worship services and musical selections from the Harmons.

Missed our live Sunday Service? Recordings are posted immediately following the service on our YouTube Channel.  
[www.youtube.com/FPCWinneconne](http://www.youtube.com/FPCWinneconne)

The "Coffee with the King" Bible Study Group is taking a break from now until after Christmas.

Updates will be provided when the group has a plan for moving into the new year.



## Connect with ZOOM

# December 2021

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

*Be in the know...*

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1	2	3	4
5 -Communion- 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30a Coffee Hour	6	7	8 Choir practice 6:45pm	9	10	11
12 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship  Member Care Mtg 10:30a	13	14 Session Mtg 6:15p	15 Choir practice 6:45pm	16	17	18
19 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30a Coffee Hour	20	21	22 Choir practice 6:45pm	23	24 Christmas Eve 7:00p Service Livestream and in-person	25 Christmas Day
26 No Sunday Service	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	





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