

THE BRIDGE



May you have
The gladness of Easter,
which is *Hope*
The promise of Easter,
which is *Peace*
The spirit of Easter,
which is *Love*

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He is not here:
for He is
RISEN,
as He said
Matthew 28:6





MINISTRY TEAMS

SESSION

Dave Norton - Clerk of Session
Jessica Harrison
Kristina Mosley
Barb Biggar- Personnel rep
Dave Norton - Treasurer
John Harmon

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Rose Mc Curdy
John Harmon - Session Elder
Linda Harmon
Kristina - Session Elder

MEMBER CARE TEAM

Jessica Harrison - Session Elder
Anna Malek
Annie Leonard
Lonna Norton
Peggy Thums
Dawn Schafer
Deb Bartelt

EDUCATION TEAM

Jessica Harrison - Session Elder

MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM

Barb Biggar - Session Elder
Bette Hoytink
Char Alecos
Lorraine Papke
Marilyn Paulson

Building Infrastructure and Grounds (BIG)

Jack Wirsch- Session Elder
Wayne Rudisill
Roger Hoytink
Dennis Biggar

Moderator

Rev. Rose McCurdy

Presbytery COM Liason

Rev Richard Moore, Honorably Retired

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Things to celebrate since our February Session Meeting.

Ash Wednesday service.

Covid vaccinations.

Marilyn Paulson's recovery.

Rev. Rose McCurdy was on vacation this week so we were delighted to have Rev. Matthew Sauer from Manitowoc serve as our moderator.

Kristina Mosley reported that the Covid Task Force is sending out a survey to the congregation to get opinions and suggestions on returning to face to face services.

Dave Norton reported that Rev. Rose and he interviewed three applicants for the bookkeeper position. All three applicants were very qualified. We recommended to session the hiring of Jackie Herbst because of her familiarity with Quick Books software and the fact she can handle payroll functions which will eliminate our PayChex monthly cost.

We approved the hiring of Jackie Herbst as our Bookkeeper.

We approved Rev. Rose McCurdy's vacation from 3/8/2021 to 3/14/2021.

Rev. Rosie's Reflections

When I look over the last year, I realize that I have grown and stretched my skills more than I ever thought I would. I learned to do regular video editing, radio broadcasting, and more about the talents and subtle skills of online worship than I ever thought. I also learned about loss, isolation, transitions, and was reminded how hard change is. I tried to offer myself grace, as well as those who I know are growing more and more frustrated with the church. Unfortunately this season of change is not over. Lisa has been with us for 10 years, and that will be change on its own. The personnel committee and session are looking at transforming that position to be more technical and cover our online presence. We are learning yet another way to do worship and use technology as we seek over the next month to move towards live streaming, and multiple services to allow for spacing. We are trying to determine how music will work in this new set up, what that will mean for John and Linda, transitioning our new employees into their roles, and seeking to continue to use the momentum we have gained with online worship.

Please hear me when I say that I miss seeing you all every week, I miss being able to check in with folks as they leave the sanctuary. I miss hearing your prayer request shared with the congregation. I miss you responding out loud to me as I preach. I miss being able to pace while I preach, I miss the music offered by the choir and sitting in fellowship. I miss hearing the children play in the “playground” space, and watching the spirit move through our space as the worship progresses. Despite what some might be saying, the session, worship team, and I are working tirelessly to offer church in a safe and moving way.

But we, and I need your grace as well. We need you to bear with us through this change, as we seek to get the streaming set up, and learn new best practices for safety. I need you to offer grace, as we seek to fill the office needs without Lisa, and our roles transition. I need you to offer your time, and talents to help get bulletins printed and edited, the phones covered, and our new roles worked out. I need you to PRAY for our staff, and new employees. I need you to be the loving church you have always been and try to let go of the ways we have disappointed you though the pandemic.

I want to thank those who have done the money counting, ushered, cleaned, run the Sunday watch parties, offered their time to sing, and worked the Thrift and Gift. I want to thank those who have come in to cover the phones, and offered prayers over the last year. I want to thank deacons for stepping up and reaching out to members in new and creative ways. I want to thank the teams for trying new things and keeping the ministry of the church going. I want to thank the COVID team for watching the numbers weekly, and researching the Wisconsin Council of Churches/ Presbytery polices. But, I especially thank your session for there adaptability and wisdom.

When I was young, a teacher I greatly respected said “change is hard, but change is good” and I think that’s true to allow the church to grow in a new way. The church, God willing, will not be the same after this pandemic. We must keep and learn from the lessons we have been taught. Many of our Shut-ins have been able to worship with us, unlike before. We have people in Florida, and Arizona, worshipping with us. People in Texas joining our bible study, and more opportunities to continue to share the good news beyond our church walls.

If you are tired, I get it. If your lonely, I get it. If your frustrated, I get it! But this is not the time to be tearing each other apart, or the staff down in your conversations with other members. This is the time to pray for direction and think about what you might be able to DO to help the church. The session, and I are the leaders, but you dear ones, are the church. Now more than ever, we need you to step up in grace, and offer of yourselves as we move into creating a new normal for the congregation.

Blessings,

Rev. Rosie



Share God's love with a pretzel!

DID YOU KNOW.....

... the first pretzel was created in A.D. 610 by a monk who called it a "pretiola" ?

... later monks gave pretzels to children as a reward for learning their prayers ?

... the three holes in a pretzel represent the Trinity: one God in three persons ?

... a pretzel maker accidentally fell asleep and overbaked a batch of pretzels - that's how they learned well-done pretzels crunch ?

... in the 1600's the pretzel was used as a marriage knot between royal families ? (bride and groom made a wish over it)

... pretzels began to symbolize long life and God's blessing; children wore pretzels on loops around their necks - a handy snack at the ready ?

... in 1510 pretzel bakers saved the town of Vienna from enemy Turks because they were at work early and heard noises so alerted authorities ?

... pretzels hung on a Christmas tree remind us of the gift of Jesus and that the greatest gift of all is love ?

... Julius Sturgis opened America's first pretzel bakery in Lititz, PA in 1861? (and they still bake pretzels there today!)

You can find out all about what pretzels have to do with showing God's love in the book mentioned in your "LENT IN A BAG".

It's called **PRETZELS BY THE DOZEN**; Truth and Inspiration with a Heart-Shaped Twist.

Written by Angela Elwell Hunt

Illustrated by Bill Dodge

(Pretzel recipe at the end of the book)

The book is now available at the Winneconne Library!

Stay tuned. . . your member care team just might be "pretzeling" a surprise in the future.

Bake a Batch of Perfect Pretzels!

You and an adult can bake pretzels together!

You will need:

A cookie sheet sprayed with nonstick spray

1 ½ teaspoon yeast

½ teaspoon brown sugar

a dash of regular salt

1 ½ cup warm water

4 cups flour

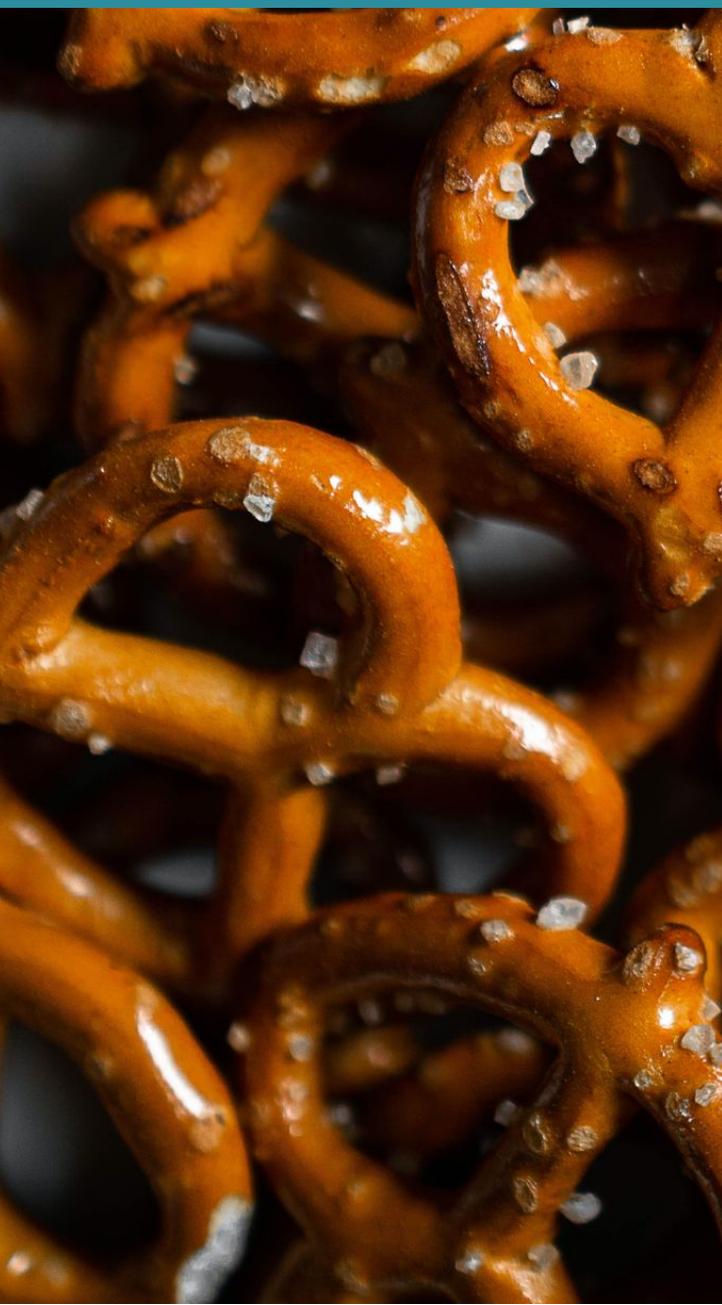
2 cups warm water

2 teaspoons baking soda

1 egg, 1 tablespoon water, and coarse salt (for salty pretzels) or

½ cup melted butter, and

white or brown sugar (for sweet pretzels)



1. In a small bowl mix together the 1 ½ teaspoon yeast, ½ teaspoon brown sugar, dash of salt, and 1 ½ cup warm water. Stir with a wooden spoon, and set aside for about five minutes.

2. In a large bowl measure out 4 cups of flour.

3. After five minutes, when the yeast mixture is a little bubbly, pour it into the large bowl with the flour. Stir everything together with a wooden spoon, and finish the mixing with your clean hands! When the dough is smooth, cover with a clean kitchen towel and let the dough rest for about an hour.

4. After an hour, preheat the oven to 550 degrees. This is very hot, so make sure an adult is around to help!

5. In another small bowl pour 2 cups of warm water and add the 2 teaspoons of baking soda. This is the "soda water."

6. Pull off a piece of dough about the size of a golf ball. Squeeze it in your hands until there are no dry bits. When the entire piece is smooth, place it on a clean countertop and roll it into the shape of a snake. (If the dough sticks, sprinkle a little flour on the countertop.)

7. Once the dough is rolled out into a long, thin snake, pick up the two ends, twist them, and press them into the upper loop of the circle. Don't worry if your pretzel isn't perfect.

8. Dip your entire pretzel into the soda water and then set it on the cookie sheet that has been sprayed with nonstick spray. Continue until the cookie sheet is filled.

9. If you want to make salty pretzels, in another small bowl, beat together the egg and one tablespoon of water. Now brush your pretzels with the egg mixture, and then sprinkle with the coarse salt. (If you want to make sweet pretzels, ignore this step.)

10. Have an adult place the cookie sheet in the hot oven, and bake at 550 degrees for eight minutes, or until pretzels are beginning to turn golden brown. Have the adult remove the cookie sheet from the oven.

11. If you want to make sweet pretzels, while they are still on the cookie sheet and hot, brush the pretzels with melted butter and then sprinkle with white or brown sugar.



Mission & Outreach

We have received \$701.00 for our One Great Hour of Sharing Mission. We are so grateful for your support of this mission. This mission provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Carson Hall has volunteered to deliver all food donations from the church to WAAC. He delivered 91 items and \$16.00 to the Winneconne Area Assistance Center in February.

Your Mission & Outreach Team – Char Alecos, Bette Hoytink, Lorraine Papke, Marilyn Paulson & Barb Biggar

WAAC NEEDS



Cheese
Butter
Peanut Butter
Baked Beans
Spam
Spaghetti-O's
Pudding/Jello
Chunky Soups
Bottled Juice
Shampoo
Deoderant
Feminine Products
Paper Towels
Dish Soap



Thank You

Many thanks to our cookie bakers who helped out with our Valentines Day cookie "pick-up".

Lisa Baltes

Kristina Mosley

Char Alecos

Deb Bartelt

Rosemary Shade

Annie Leonard

Lonna Norton

Peggy Thums

Anna Malek

Welcome Jackie

We want to introduce you to our new financial wizard! Jackie Herbst has been brought on onboard to take over the financial duties of the church. She is married to Beau and has two adorable kids, Lily and David. In her free time, she enjoys quilting, biking, photography, and spending time with her family. We welcome you to FPC, Jackie!!



THE SHARED MINISTRY FUND



Finance Report:

Total Income for February (w/o pass thru)	\$ 13,489.10
Total Expenses for February (w/o pass thru)	\$ 8,720.13
Gain for the month	\$ 4,768.97

Total Income YTD (w/o pass through)	\$ 41,089.22
Total Expense YTD (w/o pass through)	\$ 20,668.07
Gain for YTD	\$ 20,410.15

Thrift & Gift income for February was \$539.08

Per Capita income for February was \$450.00

Note: YTD income includes the proceeds of \$16,953.48 from our PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan.

How to Give Online

Winnchurch.org

Click on the "Give Now" Button

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

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

If you don't want to worship in person, you can go to Facebook and participate in a "Watch Party." This means you can watch the service online with our members and friends all at the same time.



We continue to post pictures/videos/church information here so "Like us" to get updates or leave a review of our church to promote us. www.facebook.com/FPCwinneconne

You Tube

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. www.youtube.com/FPCWinneconne

Connect with ZOOM

Our Bible study, book study, and meetings can be accessed via ZOOM. Click the link to stay connected.

Join Zoom

Meeting<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76023091426>
6 Meeting ID: 760 2309 1426

April

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

Be in the know

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9:00 Easter Sunday Worship with communion View online or in Sanctuary	5 Office Closed	6 Office Closed	7 Weekly Email	8	9	10
11 9:00 Worship View online or in Sanctuary 11:00 Member Care	12 6:15 Session	13 8:30 Coffee with the King Bible Study	14 Weekly Email	15	16	17
18 9:00 Worship View online or in Sanctuary	19	20 8:30 Coffee with the King Bible Study	21 Weekly Email	22	23	24 10:00 - 2:00 Thrift & Gift
25 9:00 Worship View online or in Sanctuary	26	27 8:30 Coffee with the King Bible Study	28 Weekly Email	29	30	

Please Note: All meetings are assumed to be electronic until further notice

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