

The Bridge

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Please join us...

8:30 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE

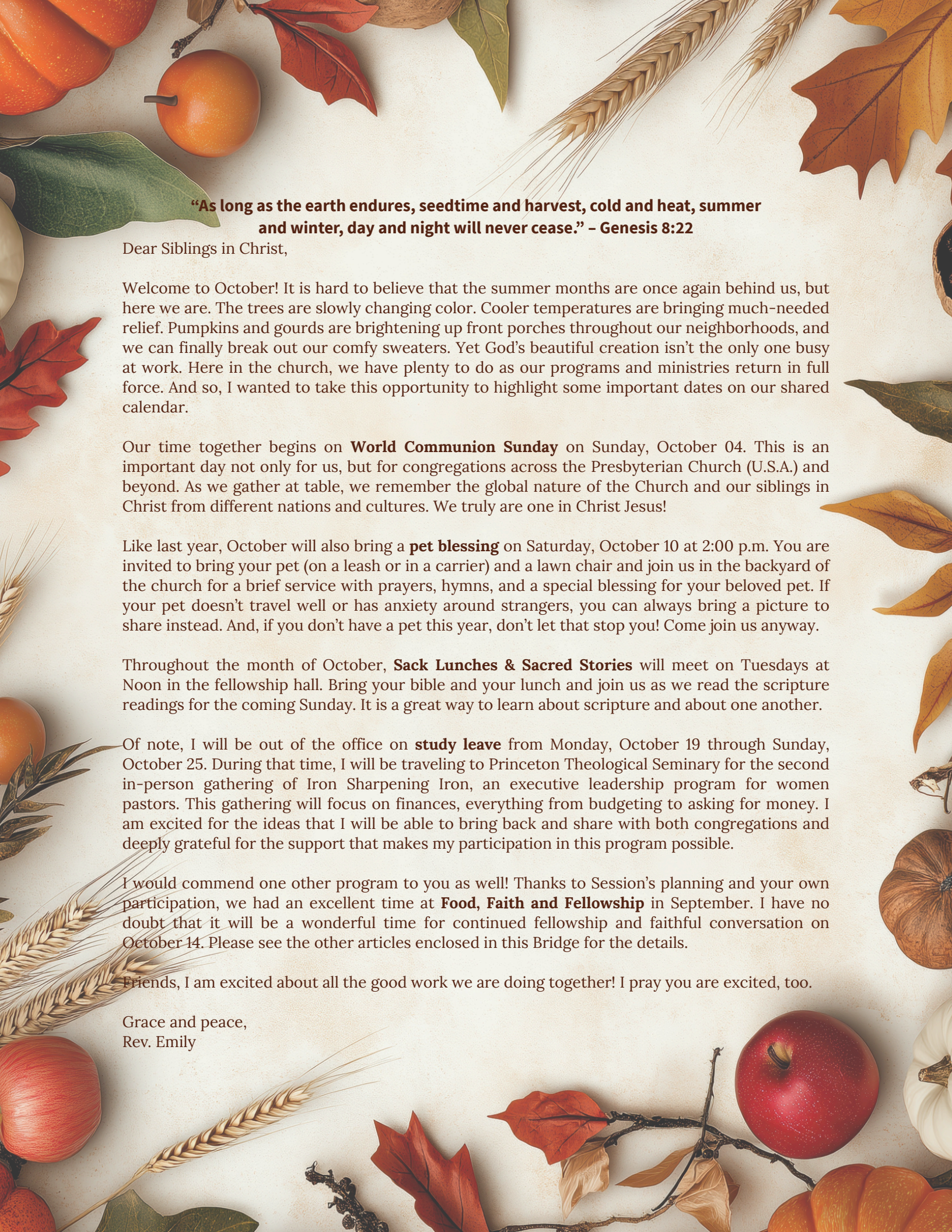
Service is streamed live on Facebook. A recording of the live stream will be made available on YouTube and is linked in our weekly newsletter.

9:30 AM

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour and Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service every second Sunday of the month! Join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation hosted by Member Care!





“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” – Genesis 8:22

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Welcome to October! It is hard to believe that the summer months are once again behind us, but here we are. The trees are slowly changing color. Cooler temperatures are bringing much-needed relief. Pumpkins and gourds are brightening up front porches throughout our neighborhoods, and we can finally break out our comfy sweaters. Yet God’s beautiful creation isn’t the only one busy at work. Here in the church, we have plenty to do as our programs and ministries return in full force. And so, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some important dates on our shared calendar.

Our time together begins on **World Communion Sunday** on Sunday, October 04. This is an important day not only for us, but for congregations across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and beyond. As we gather at table, we remember the global nature of the Church and our siblings in Christ from different nations and cultures. We truly are one in Christ Jesus!

Like last year, October will also bring a **pet blessing** on Saturday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m. You are invited to bring your pet (on a leash or in a carrier) and a lawn chair and join us in the backyard of the church for a brief service with prayers, hymns, and a special blessing for your beloved pet. If your pet doesn’t travel well or has anxiety around strangers, you can always bring a picture to share instead. And, if you don’t have a pet this year, don’t let that stop you! Come join us anyway.

Throughout the month of October, **Sack Lunches & Sacred Stories** will meet on Tuesdays at Noon in the fellowship hall. Bring your bible and your lunch and join us as we read the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. It is a great way to learn about scripture and about one another.

Of note, I will be out of the office on **study leave** from Monday, October 19 through Sunday, October 25. During that time, I will be traveling to Princeton Theological Seminary for the second in-person gathering of Iron Sharpening Iron, an executive leadership program for women pastors. This gathering will focus on finances, everything from budgeting to asking for money. I am excited for the ideas that I will be able to bring back and share with both congregations and deeply grateful for the support that makes my participation in this program possible.

I would commend one other program to you as well! Thanks to Session’s planning and your own participation, we had an excellent time at **Food, Faith and Fellowship** in September. I have no doubt that it will be a wonderful time for continued fellowship and faithful conversation on October 14. Please see the other articles enclosed in this Bridge for the details.

Friends, I am excited about all the good work we are doing together! I pray you are excited, too.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Emily

October

Reverend Emily's office hours are every Monday and Tuesday from 9:30am - 3:30 pm
 Reverend Emily will be on study leave October 19th-25th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 10 am - 3pm - Fall Fest
8:30 am - 4 Worship with Communion WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	5	6 12:00 pm - Sack Lunches and Sacred Stories	7 6:45 pm - Choir Practice	8	9	10 2:00 pm - Pet Blessing Service
8:30 am - 11 Worship - 9:30am - Fellowship hosted by Deacons & Member Care	12	13 12:00 pm - Sack Lunches and Sacred Stories	14 5:15-6:45pm - Food, Faith, and Fellowship 6:45pm - Choir Practice	15	16	17
8:30 am - 18 Worship	19 Rev. Emily on Study Leave	20 NO Sack Lunches and Sacred Stories NO Session Meeting	21 6:45 pm - Choir Practice	22	23	24 10 am - 2 pm Thrift and Gift
8:30 am - 25 Worship →	26 6:30-8:00 pm - Wise as a Serpent 2.0 @ Winneconne Christian Fellowship	27 NO Sack Lunches and Sacred Stories	28 6:45 pm - Choir Practice	29	30	31



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Session Highlights

Session met on September 15th, 2026

- Holy communion celebrated on September 6th with Reverend Emily presiding.
- Home communion provided to Maxine Dearstine by Deacon Annie Leonard and Reverend Emily on September 14th.
- Reviewed membership rolls and confirmed corrections.
- Carpeting has been installed and final payment was made.
- Robbie Mosly, Karen Angell and Dave Norton have agreed to serve on the nominating committee for deacons and elders for 2027 classes.
- First Food, Faith and Fellowship was deemed a success with a good turnout and positive feedback. Additional services are planned for October 14th and November 11th.
- Planned joint meeting with Weyauwega's Session on September 27th at 3:00 PM to discuss Reverend Emily's Terms of Call.
- A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th to approve Reverend Emily's Terms of Call for 2027.

Mission and Outreach Team

PC USA Special Offerings: The World Communion Offering (traditionally received on World Communion Sunday) will run from September 6th through October 4th, 2026. All of God's people gather around the Communion Table to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This special offering is designed to cultivate reconciliation and experience grace by supporting ministries both locally and globally.

More information will be shared in our weekly emails and in church on Sundays this month.



Fall Fest: First Presbyterian Church will host a booth at the Winneconne Fall Fest on Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The booth will feature an interactive game with promotional prizes as a way to reach out to our community. Stop by this wonderful community event and say hello to our team at the booth.



Kristina Mosley & Robbie Mosley
Mission and Outreach Team

Food, Faith & Fellowship: Round Two!

The table is set, and we're ready to gather again!

Food, Faith & Fellowship returns this month for another wonderful evening of community, great conversation, and an opportunity to connect with one another around a faith-centered topic.

Whether you were able to join us last month or this will be your first time, come as you are and enjoy a relaxed evening of food, fellowship, and meaningful conversation.

When: Wednesday, October 14, from 5:15–6:45 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

What's for dinner: Nobody claimed the main course for this month (we see you, hiding your culinary talents!), so there will be a "Bonus Round" of sloppy joe sandwiches and buns. All you need to do is bring a side dish or dessert to share.

And mark your calendars—Food, Faith & Fellowship will continue next month on November 11.



From the Deacons

SALUTATIONS EVERYONE!

Fall is upon us, and what a glorious beginning we have been having!

Those caramel apples and pumpkin pies are just around the corner. Something that always happens to me when the leaves turn and the temperatures drop a little is getting that urge to make a big pot of soup - squash soup, vegetable barley, tomato basil, . . .

A former neighbor taught our family to make “end-of-garden-stew” and we’d freeze tubs of it, packing it away like squirrels to pull out some cold winter day to savor and slurp.

Maybe we’ll get to taste a few good soups during our Food, Faith, and Fellowship meals in the upcoming months. Mmmmmmm.

Did you know we will be needing to select 2 new deacons to serve in 2027? That’s right, 2 have reached the end of their terms come December, so we are seeking interested people to take on those roles. If you or someone you know and love are considering giving to our church in a new way, perhaps something you’ve thought about but hadn’t taken the step, this would be the perfect time to let Dave Norton, Rob Mosley, or Karen Angel know. They are the nominating committee here at FPC and can carry your request along the path. Or talk to any of us to learn more about what we do.

Being a deacon is one of the most fulfilling and happy ways to serve in our church family. Just this month we prepared “gift bags” for our two college students, Benjamin Harmon and Theo Mosley. They received gift cards for Kwik Trip Stores, snacks and candy treats for study breaks, and a reminder that their church family is here supporting them in any way we can.

A true blessing we bring to those who can’t get to church in person is taking Communion to them in their homes and facilities. We try to reach each person about 4 times a year at a convenient time for them and for us. Reverend Emily and a deacon usually serve and visit together. These outings fill your heart with joy and gratitude.

Another activity we enjoy is planning group fellowship, congregational meals and community meals, and as you know, RADICAL HOSPITALITY is our middle name. We have a big binder with the history of many events we’ve served and the recipes to go with them. In fact the Annual Chili Supper is coming up on November 5th from 4-7pm and this will be a community-wide event. We are known for the fabulous chilis we offer and each year we seem to build upon the previous year’s number of guests and types of chili at the counter. It’s gratifying to know we can help our own community this way as well as share with others who are food insecure at the same time. Last year many tubs and cartons were taken to Father Carr’s after our meal ended.



While Deacons plan and gather for and prepare many activities we are indebted to our whole church family for the way everyone joins in to help and add to the ingredients, help in the kitchen after the events, and support FPC in lots of ways. Thank you. And we hope some new faces will decide now is the right time for them to find out how rewarding and enjoyable it is to be a part of this team. Member Care is our mission!

Submitted by Annie Leonard

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AUGUST 2026

TOTAL INCOME (w/o pass thru)	\$	7,909.92
TOTAL EXPENSES (w/o pass thru)	\$	15,740.77
LOSS	\$	7,830.85
YTD LOSS	\$	15,556.69
Reconciled Bank Balance 8/31/2026	\$	14,670.01

*Of note-The loss for the month was primarily due to paying off the remaining balance of the carpeting bill (\$6,884.40)



Visit our website often to get access to past sermons, musical selections from the Harmons, and stay up to date with our church calendar. Click the button below to be taken to our website. Click the "Online Giving" button to be automatically directed to the Online Giving page.

FPC WEBSITE

ONLINE GIVING



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.

FPC FACEBOOK



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 for viewing following the service on our YouTube Channel.

FPC YOUTUBE



Various church-related meetings, special gatherings, and Bible Study will be held via Zoom. Links will be provided in our weekly email as scheduled.