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SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 AM

Service is live streamed 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.



Ministry Teams

SESSION

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

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Rose Mc Curdy
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
Lorraine Papke
Marilyn Paulson

BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROUNDS (BIG)

Barb Biggar- Session Elder
Jack Wirch
Roger Hoytink
Dennis Biggar

MODERATOR

Rev. Rose McCurdy

PRESBYTERY COM LIASION

Rev Richard Moore, Honorably Retired

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Things to celebrate since our May Session Meeting

- Bernice DiVall's 101 birthday
- Summer
- A/C in Sanctuary during the hot days
- Gardens

Our meeting was dominated by Worship Committee requests and proposals. During our meeting we approved the following:

- We approved returning to one service at 9:00am, starting on June 20, 2021.
- Masks will no longer be required for members who have been full vaccinated.
- Unvaccinated members and children under 12 will be required to wear masks.
- Enforcement will be on the honor system. We will continue to sit in alternating marked pews to follow social distancing requirements.
- Approved the request from the Baptist Church to worship in sanctuary without masks. They will sit in opposite marked pews we use.
- Approved having fellowship inside in Fellowship Hall from 10:00am to 10:30am.

We discussed singing by the congregation and the choir, but decided to wait until this fall to bring it up again. This means we will allow singing by music leader only.

A Special Letter From Reverend Rosie

Dear Church Family,

It is a strange and funny thing balancing two ordained pastors in a household who are both seeking to fulfill the calling God has asked of them. But as with life, seasons change, and the Spirit continues to move. With a mixture of joy and sorrow I share with you that our season together has come to an end. We are leaving Central Wisconsin in order that Dan be able to serve a congregation outside of La Crosse.

As you know, our family has been seeking to find balance and wholeness, since last June. And late last year, it became clear to us that God might be calling our family into a different direction. Dan and I are deeply excited for his new role, and I am grateful for some time to handle my health issues, care for my parents, and help Katrina transition into a school schedule.

We have done many wonderful things together, and this congregation has moved mountains towards a new direction of life and ministry in the community in my time here. It's my prayer that you continue to find yourself, your voice, and your passions for ministry.

Since we are moving across state and trying to get Katrina enrolled in school, my last day in the church building will be Sunday July 25th, followed by fulfilling my vacation and continuing education time, officially ending Aug 20th, 2021.

I hope we will all have opportunities to say goodbye and celebrate the time we have spent together.

With Love and Blessings,

Rev. Rose McCurdy, MDiv

** Please Note a Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday July 18th to Dissolve the Pastoral Relationship***

Reverend Rosie's Reflections: Separation Ethics

In the PCUSA, as well as other denominations, policies have been put into place about Pastoral relationships with members of the congregation after a pastor leaves.

The policies are very clear about performing pastoral functions, like weddings and baptisms. Once a pastor has vacated a position, and the relationship is dissolved, that minister may NOT offer any pastoral acts, attend worship, or offer pastoral support without the session moderator's consent. This is to allow the church to transition to new leadership, and develop relationships with the pastors who come after.

The place where this gets harder is with social media, and friendships which have been developed within the church. I have begun the process of removing church members from my Facebook account, and will continue this process over the next month. This is not meant as an insult or to hurt anyone. This is in order to help maintain healthy boundaries and allow other leadership to begin to fulfill the roles of the Church.

If you have questions about separation ethics, or would like to see the policies from the Presbytery, I am happy to share them.

-Rev. Rose McCurdy



Sovereign State Days Ecumenical Worship Service

The following message is about this year's Sovereign State Days Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, July 25th:

Winneconne has a tradition of hosting an ecumenical worship service during Sovereign State Days. This service is special in that our local churches come together to worship as one group of believers.

This year, the service will be a Sunday evening service at 7pm at the gazebo at Lake Winneconne Park, with the hope of ending with a beautiful sunset.

Instead of an ecumenical choir, we are looking for individuals or small groups who would like to share their musical talents with a song. We are also looking for people who would like to represent their church by reading scripture or a prayer.

If interested please let your pastor (or church office) know and they will get you the contact information. Thank you!

Church Hours

*Please Note : The Church Will Now Be
Closed On Mondays *

Rev. Rosie's Office Hours

Tuesday: 9am- 12pm
Wednesday: Remote/ Home Visits
Thursday: 9am- 12pm
Friday: Remote/ Home Visits
Sunday: 8am- 12pm

Multimedia/Communications Assistant

Tuesday: 9am - 2pm(Remote)
Wednesday: 9am - 2pm (Remote)
Friday: 9am - 12pm (Remote)
Sunday: 8:30am- 12pm (Office & Streaming)

WIAC Needs

- Kleenex
- Cleaning items
- Deodorant
- Baby diapers size 4-6
- Jelly (any kind but grape)
- Small cans of baked beans
- Juice boxes
- Children's snacks
- Powdered milk
- Cake mixes/canned frosting
- Dish soap/laundry detergent
- Feminine hygiene products

Money donations are always welcome. It is used to purchase items needed but not donated.

Education

Coffee with King is in the process of moving from virtual to a blended in-person and online format.

If you are interested in joining the study, please contact Rev. Rose at revrose@winnchurch.org.

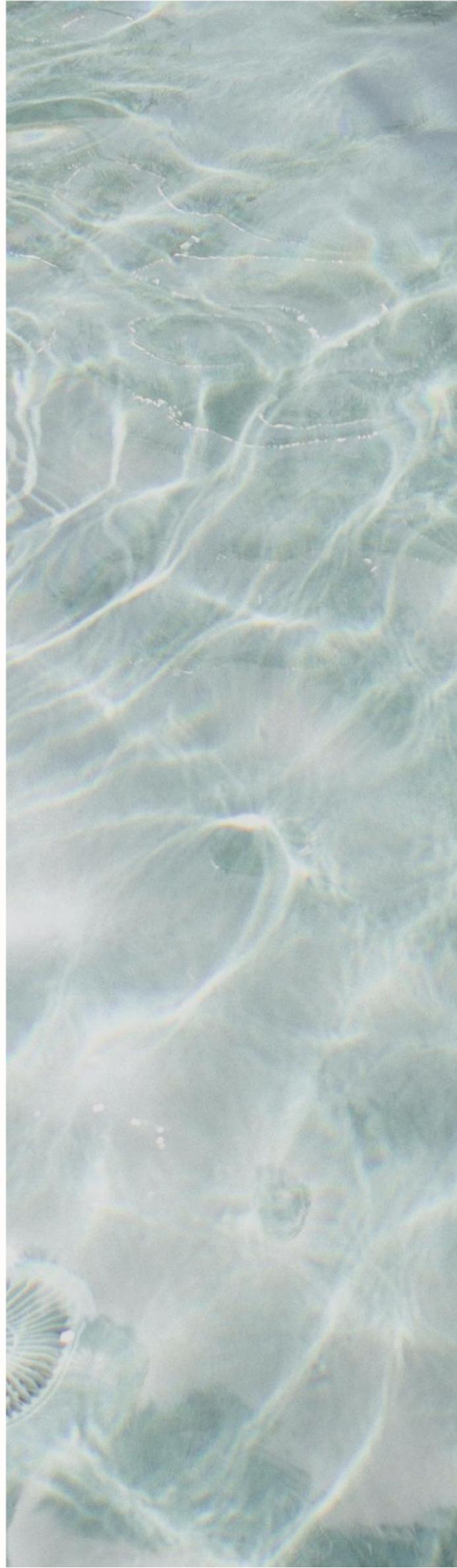
Member Care

The Member Care Team wishes to remind the congregation of the changes to our services, which can be found on page 2 under "Session Highlights".

The Member Care Team met in June and will continue meeting in person over the summer.

We are excited about the various opportunities for service this summer such as the Brat Stand, Sovereign State Days and the church gardens.

We would like to also remind the congregation to reach out to your Deacons if you have any needs - we are here to help!



COMMUNITY BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR 2021



First Presbyterian Church will once again participate in the 23rd annual Community Back to School Fair. The goal is to assist over 1,000 lower income families in the Oshkosh and Winneconne area in getting their children supplied with basic clothing and school supplies, in preparation for the 2021/2022 school year. Personnel from social service agencies and school staff identify those families and students with the most significant needs. Last year, a total of eighteen churches from Winneconne and Oshkosh supported this event.

You are invited to “Share God’s Love and Shine God’s Light” by supporting the Back to School Fair. There will be a “Christmas in July” tree in the church entryway with backpack tags identifying clothing items that may be purchased. There will be a box next to the tree where you may place the purchased clothing items. If you are not comfortable shopping, you may donate a check for the amount of your choosing or one or more department store gift cards in the amount of \$25.00 each (ex. Kohls, Target or WalMart). All checks must be made payable to “Community Back to School Fair.” Gift cards and checks may also be placed in the box by the tree or you may mail a gift card and/or check to:

Boys & Girls Club
Attn: Back to School Fair
501 E. Parkway Ave
Oshkosh, WI 54901

ALL DONATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST.
PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER A DONATION TO THIS EFFORT.

THE SHARED MINISTRY FUND

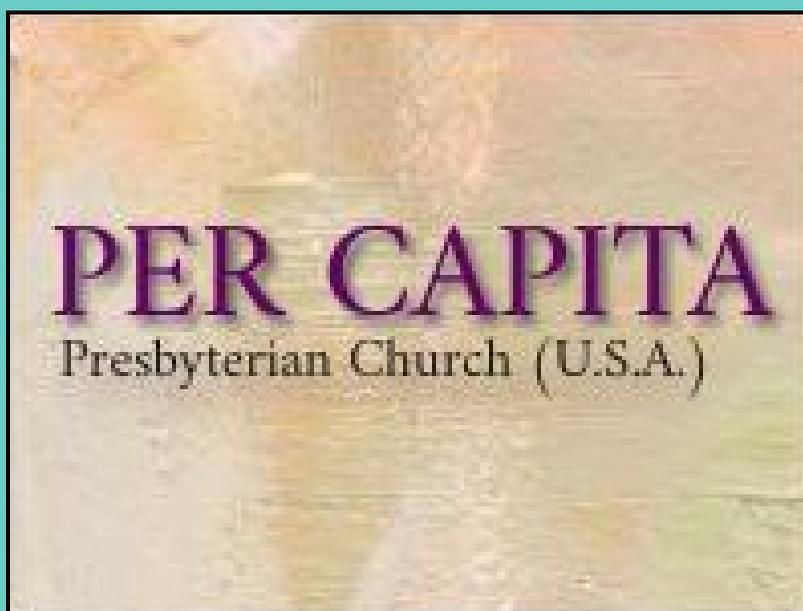
How to Give Online

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 May (w/o pass thru)	\$7,587.99
Total Expenses for May (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$11,945.77</u>
Loss for the month	\$(4,357.78)
Total Income YTD (w/o pass thru)	\$69,180.48
Total Expense YTD (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$58,816.23</u>
Gain for YTD	\$10,364.25
Thrift and Gift income for May	\$462.21



Per Capita income for May	\$117.00
YTD Per Capita income	\$1,751.00

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 "live" service online. This means you can watch the service online with our members and friends from home. these video's can be accessed later in the week as well.

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

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

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

Join Zoom

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76023091426>

Meeting ID: 760 2309 1426

Connect with ZOOM



July 2021

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

Be in the know

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 -Communion - 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30a Coffee Hour	5	6 8:30a Coffee with the King	7	8	9	10
11 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30a Coffee Hour 10:30 Member Care Mtg	12	13 8:30a Coffee with the King 6:15p Session Mtg	14	15	16	17
18 9:00 Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30 Congregational Meeting	19	20 8:30a Coffee with the King	21	22	23	24 10a-2p Thrift and Gift
25 9:00 Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30 Coffee Hour 7pm- Ecumenical Service	26	27	28	29	30	31

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