

THE BRIDGE



1. The Bridge
2. Session Highlights
3. Deacon Notes/WIAC
4. Education/Transition Team
5. Mission & Outreach
6. Shared Ministry Fund
7. Tech and Media
8. Calendar
9. Contact Information

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.



SEPTEMBER

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

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 Wirsch
Roger Hoytink
Dennis Biggar

PRESBYTERY COM LIAISON

Rev Richard Moore, Honorably Retired

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session didn't meet during August as our Moderator Richard Moore was on vacation. Even though we didn't meet our members were kept busy, especially since we lost our pastor.

The Transition Team, which consists of Marilyn Paulson, Kristina Mosley and Bette Hoytink, along with our Committee on Ministry Coordinator Leslie Gunter, have had several meetings. They are planning to report their recommendations to session during our September meeting.

Dave Norton and Jackie Herbst, our new Bookkeeper, have had several meetings to make sure our financial reports are correct and up to date. It's comforting to know that we have a graduate accountant doing our books for us.

John and Linda Harmon are always using their special musical gifts to make our Sunday services original and meaningful.

Kristen Deadwyler has continued without a hitch to update our social media, write our bulletins and keep up with email.

We will continue to have Supply Pastors for the foreseeable future. Our congregation is very fortunate to have a number of Lay Pastors, Ruling Elders, and retired Pastors willing to conduct our services.

Presbytery has already assigned Richard Moore to be our Session Moderator. He is very familiar with our congregation as he has been our substitute organist, supply pastor and Committee on Ministry Coordinator.

All in all, our Church has continued to operate, although admittedly not as well as with our own pastor. We all miss Rose and Dan and wish them success and happiness in La Crosse.



Notes from the Deacons

Your First Presbyterian Deacons had a jam-packed meeting after church on Sunday, Aug. 8, and we covered a multitude of ideas, joys, concerns, and suggestions for ways we can serve our church family in the most needed ways.

One of our goals is to bring helpful resources to everyone in areas of greatest need. Right now that includes information about the status of the pandemic. One place you can go to seek current and useful facts is www.wvaccine.org and learn how Winnebago County is doing.

In discussing our concerns about protocols for “pandemic behaviors” it was suggested that if we are wearing masks during church, and this is essential, why are we continuing to pass the peace with touching? Good question: perhaps some would be more comfortable waving or showing connecting in different ways. Please don’t be offended or hurt if folks don’t participate in the passing with touching. Some of us are doing our utmost to keep ourselves safe and healthy and this need not be cause for any feelings of rejection. So, don’t take it personally. Remember Rule #2: Don’t be a jerk? We’re not being a jerk if we don’t shake hands. You will hear conflicting opinions about how to best follow health protocols and some will take them further than others.

We are also working on a way to be able to provide communion for any of our members who wish to have communion at home for any reason. Let us know if you want to set up a time for this. Several of us can help get it done.

In future Bridge notes you will learn more about how to take advantage of county services, like car rides to appointments, phone services, etc. Please call or email your deacon if you have a problem or question we could help solve.

Make every day a blessing for someone else in some way, and remember, you can’t shine light on the path for another without some of that light adding to your own.

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 Team

The COVID safety and protocols are continuing to delay our full return to worship, and that has led to scaling back the annual “Blessing of the Backpacks” this month.

But, we do invite teachers and students to join us for worship Sunday, September 12 either in person or via our live stream or video to take part in a litany and blessing that will be shared to honor those of you who teach and support our students and all of our students returning to schools this month.

We pray you will all have a safe, healthy, and successful school year.

Transition Team

The team will be making its recommendation to Session this month for transitional leadership so we can begin the formal pastoral nominating process. Once approved we will let the congregation know what the plan is going forward.

The team, with help from Dave Norton, has been helping to coordinate our Sunday worship services and pulpit supply. Thank you to all who have been and are stepping up to assist as liturgists, ushers, fellowship hosts, and pulpit supply! You are very much appreciated!

From the team: Marilyn Paulson, Kristina Mosley, and Bette Hoytink



Mission & Outreach

The Peace & Global Mission Witness officially begins in September, but our prayers are continually asking for peace in our world. Our gifts through this mission can help work toward that peace. This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and throughout the world. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith and a witness to what it means to be the Church together. Our communities and world need support from those of us who can make a difference for them.

- 25 % of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.
- 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 the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

The Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Shelter will be the local recipient of 25% of our gifts. This shelter offers 37 bed emergency shelter to those in eminent danger due to domestic abuse. While in shelter, basic needs are provided so clients can de-escalate from crisis, care for themselves and focus on their next steps. Clients can meet with an Advocate for emotional support, safety planning, domestic abuse education, parenting support, referrals to community resources, support groups, and more.

- In 2020, 248 adults and children stayed in shelter for a total of 8,170 nights.
- 30% of shelter stays were 7 nights or less
- 70% of shelter stays were 30 nights or less
- 12% of shelter stays were over 60 nights
- Average length of stay was 27 nights
- 2,999 calls were answered on our 24-hour hotline (a 55% increase from 2019)

The Christine Ann Shelter also offers legal assistance for survivors facing civil or criminal cases. They also offer education on processes, assistance with paperwork, court accompaniment, and legal financial assistance for restraining orders, divorce, custody and more.

402 clients received 821 hours of Legal Advocacy in 2020 (a 10% increase from 2020).

These numbers and increases of need certainly support this as a perfect recipient for our local Peace & Global Witness Offering.

As we enter this season of peacemaking, let us prayerfully consider our giving toward this mission. Please pray as Paul did to the Thessalonian Church.

2 Thessalonians verse 16 – “Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.”

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



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 July (w/o pass thru)	\$13,823.97
Total Expenses for July (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$11,292.12</u>
Gain for the month	\$2,531.85

Total Income YTD (w/o pass thru)	\$102,257.24
Total Expense YTD (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$82,982.59</u>
Gain for YTD	\$19,274.65

Thrift and Gift income for July	\$581.60
"Wet" Brat Sale Profit	\$578.62



Per Capita income for July	\$37.00
YTD Per Capita income	\$2,010.00

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](#)

[Meetinghttps://us02web.zoom.us/j/76023091426](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76023091426)

[Meeting ID: 760 2309 1426](#)



Connect with ZOOM

September 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	9	10	11
12 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30a Coffee Hour 10:30a Member Care Mtg	13	14 Session Meeting 6:15pm	15	16	17	18
19 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30a Coffee Hour	20	21	22	23	24	25 10a-2p Thrift and Gift
26 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30a Coffee Hour	27	28	29	30		

First Presbyterian Church

32 S. 3rd Ave.

Winneconne, WI 54986

Contact us at 920-706-0047 www.winnchurch.org