

## The Bridge

**WINTER 2024** 

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## 9:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE

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

## 10:00 AM COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour and Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service. Join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation.





SESSION MEMBERS **MINISTRY TEAMS** 

## **SESSION**

N HALL

PERSONNEL AND MISSION/OUTREACH

**MELISSA HARMON** MISSION/OUTREACH AND LIAISON TO DEACONS/MEMBER CARE TEAM

> BETTE HOYTINK **CLERK**

**KRISTINA MOSLEY WORSHIP/PERSONNEL** 

**MARILYN PAULSON WORSHIP/FAITH FORMATION** 

## **ROGER HOYTINK**

### **DAVID STRUENSEE**

BUILDING, GROUNDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**JESSICA HARRISON TREASURER** 

## **DEACONS/MEMBER CARE**

**KAREN ANGELL DEB BARTELT PEGGY BALFANZ LONNA NORTON SANDRA BUSER** 

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

The Session met on January 9th and received the following information.

- · Treasurer, Jessica Harrison presented a proposed budget for 2024. Following discussion, it was approved with one adjustment. The approved budget will be published in the 2023 Annual Report.
- Statistics for 2023 showed a loss of total membership from 75 to 68. The average weekly attendance was 30 in person and 20 virtually.
- Thank you letters were received from the Damascus Road Project, who received a portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering, and from WACC for the donation from the agape funds administered by the Deacons/Member Care.
- The receipts for the Christmas JOY Offering totaled \$673.
- · The ceiling in the basement storage area under the steps has been insulated and dry-walled.



# DatePulpit SupplyLiturgistFeb 4Jessica HarrisonAnnie LeonardFeb 11Rev. Andy SonnenbornMarilyn PaulsonFeb 14\*Jessica HarrisonMarilyn Paulson

**Bette Hoytink** 

**Dave Norton** 

## **LITURGISTS AND COMMUNION SERVERS ARE NEEDED**

**Greg Braatz** 

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Feb 18\*\*

Feb 24

Volunteers for our worship leadership continue to be needed. The sign up sheets are in the entry way at the church or contact Marilyn Paulson about your time to these important ways we serve.

<sup>\*</sup>Ash Wednesday Supper and Worship -5:30-7:00PM.

\*\*Annual Meeting of the Congregation following worship.

### LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON FEBRUARY 14TH

Join us for a light soup supper and an evening worship service. Serving will begin at 5:30. Worship will begin at 6:15. Help is needed to set up and clean up, and to provide soups and breads for the meal. A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the entryway. Please help us begin our Lenten journey together.

## **DAILY DEVOTIONAL FOR LENT**

Local Pilgrim: A Wandering, Wondering Daily Devotional. Edited by Rev. Teri Ott, editor of Presbyterian Outlook magazine.

This devotional has been compiled to help the "pilgrim" know their local communities better. It encourages one to explore places beyond one's everyday experiences. It is a "sacred exercise in attending to whatever God lays before us in our lives and our communities."

A link to the devotional can be found here <u>LENTEN DEVOTIONAL</u> and will be made available throughout Lent. A few hard copies will also be available at church.

## **A LENTEN STUDY: The Women who Followed Jesus**

The four Gospels of the New Testament mention many women who played a vital role in Jesus' ministry. Some are named and some are not. Some were healed, some traveled with him, some were very close, others simply followed, and some were at the cross and witnessed his death and resurrection.

Jesus' encounters with these women crossed social, cultural, and religious boundaries of the time, yet they were important in demonstrating the essence of his ministry and mission to reveal who God is.

We will find some of their stories and reflect on what they teach us about Jesus and about our own faith. The class will meet after worship on Feb. 25, March 3, 17, and 24. There is no book, but scripture readings will be suggested in advance via the weekly email updates.



Presbyterians are part of a remarkable tradition. The PC(USA)'s four church-wide Special Offerings help share Christ's love with millions of people around the world.

It's almost time for the 1st Special Offering for 2024 – One Great Hour of Sharing 2/14/24 – 3/31/24.

One Great Hour of Sharing provides Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

It's amazing what happens when we join together!

Give now or look for the Special Offering envelopes in church during Lent.

**CLICK HERE TO GIVE** 

"LORD, EVEN AS WE ENJOY THE SUPER BOWL FOOTBALL GAME, HELP US BE MINDFUL OF THOSE WHO ARE WITHOUT A BOWL OF SOUP TO EAT"

## TACKLE HUNGER

with the

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

PLEASE BRING IN FOOD ITEMS AND MONETARY
DONATIONS TO CHURCH THROUGH SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 11TH, SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!
\*BENEFITTING WAAC\*





## DECEMBER 2023

DEC TOTAL INCOME (w/o pass thru) \$ 20,340.87 DEC TOTAL EXPENSES (w/o pass thru) \$ 6,920.45 GAIN FOR DECEMBER \$ 13,420.42

YTD INCOME (w/o pass thru)
YTD EXPENSES (w/o pass thru)
YTD GAIN

\$ 92,239.78 \$ 80,411.67 \$ 11,828.11



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.