

THE BRIDGE

March 2023

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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.

March 2023

SESSION MEMBERS & MINISTRY TEAMS

SESSION

Lisa Baltes
-Faith Formation
and Co-Clerk

N Hall
-Personnel and
Mission/Outreach

Melissa Harmon
-Mission/Outreach
and Liaison to
Deacons/Member Care
Team

Bette Hoytink
-Co-Clerk

Roger Hoytink
-Building, Grounds and
Infrastructure

Marilyn Paulson
-Worship/Faith Formation

David Struensee
-Building, Grounds and
Infrastructure

TREASURER

Jessica Harrison

DEACONS/MEMBER CARE TEAM

Karen Angell
Deb Bartelt
Peggy Balfanz
Annie Leonard
Anna Malek
Lonna Norton

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met on February 14th and took the following action:

- Approved the 2022 Church Statistical Report that is submitted to the denomination. One area of note in the report is the age distribution of our 75 active members.
 - 17 & under - 3
 - 18-25 - 5
 - 26-40 - 2
 - 41-55 - 9
 - 56-70 - 17
 - Over 70 - 39

Approved a proposal to celebrate and honor the DiVall family bequest and live up to our Mission Statement of Sharing God' Love and Shining God's Light. The following gifts will be made to support our neighbors locally and around the world.

- \$5,500 to Winneconne Area Assistance Center
- \$30,000 to the Winneconne Area Foundation for the Winneconne Community School District Emotional Wellness/Mental Health Fund. (This fund was originally started by our church in 2017.)
- \$10,000 to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for the purchase of two community farm bundles, each of which will provide enough livestock, tools and training to support a larger farm that can serve an entire community. (Bill Divall was the agriculture teacher at Winneconne High School for 30 years.)
- \$3,000 to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for the purchase of two garden wells. (Bernice DiVall was a gardener in her earlier years.)
- \$1,500 to Vinnies Pantry, a food pantry in Neenah which serves northern Winnebago County. RE Marilyn Paulson assisted with the start-up of this agency, has volunteered in the pantry since its inception and serves on its Coordinating Committee.

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Pulpit Supply</u> | <u>Liturgist</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Mar. 5 | Jessica Harrison, CRE | Annie Leonard |
| Mar. 12 | Greg Braatz, CRE | Roger Hoytink |
| Mar. 19 | Greg Braatz, RE | Lisa Baltes |
| Feb. 26 | Greg Braatz, CRE | Bette Hoytink |

Jessica and Greg have teamed up as our worship leaders for Lent. They will be doing a sermon series based on the "I Am" sayings about Jesus as found in the Gospel of John. Greg introduced the series in worship on February 26. If you missed it, you are encouraged to view the video of that service.

WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

The Worship & Faith Team would like to share two informational items:

From the Synod of Lakes and Prairies: Mark your calendars for July 23-28, 2023 for our 69th Synod School! Catalogues will be available later this month so stay tuned! Registration will begin April 1. Visit the Synod website for more information: lakesandprairies.org

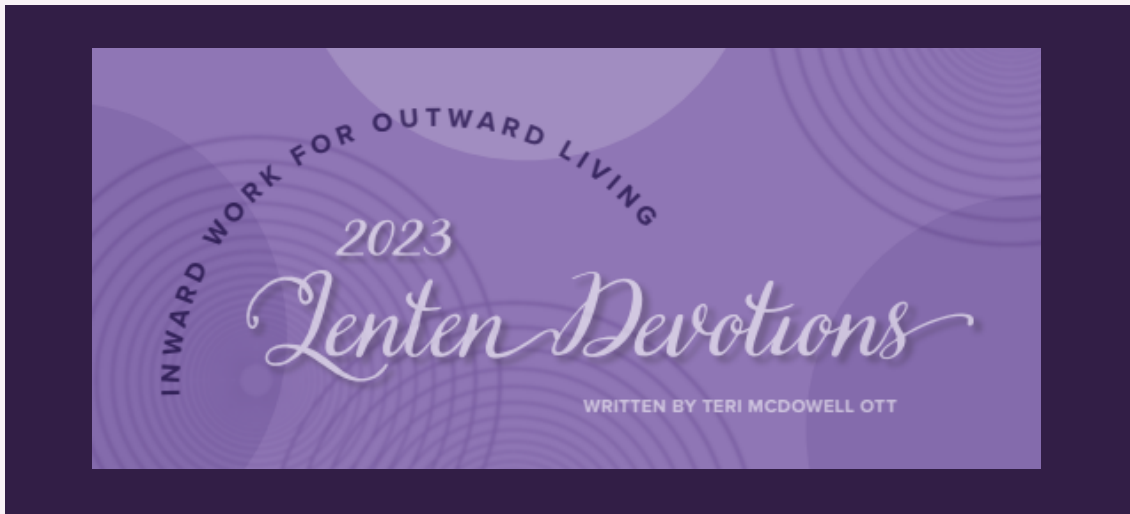
Friday, March 3rd is WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. "I Have Heard About Your Faith" is this year's theme. For information about the day and the theme visit: wpd-usa.org



PNC UPDATE

Please continue to lift prayers in 2023 for guidance as the PNC continues to meet with applicants and seek a good fit for our congregation. We continue to remain in communication with the Presbytery for guidance.

We appreciate your support.



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Please find the link below for this year's Lenten Devotional from Presbyterian Outlook. The theme of this devotional is "Examen: Inward Work for Outward Living". It utilizes the spiritual practice known as 'Examen' to explore both personal inner contemplations and outward actions. Examen is a process through which one becomes aware of their consciousness (state of mind, feelings, thoughts, reactions, interactions, etc.) during various events that occur throughout one's day. It encourages one to notice where God's grace has been present, and reflect on how one has responded to God's presence. May you find the season an occasion of spiritual refreshment as we journey together toward Easter.

Links to both the color version and black and white version are shared below for convenient printing and viewing purposes.

Full Lenten Devotional (Color): [Click Here](#)

Full Lenten Devotional (B&W): [Click Here](#)



LENT BOOK STUDY

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During Lent, Lisa Baltes and Marilyn Paulson are facilitating a discussion of the book "The Difficult Words of Jesus", by Dr. AJ Levine. Each week throughout Lent we will explore gospel passages that are difficult for Christians to understand. We'll look at the historical context, and explore how these passages relate to us today. Join us any time for coffee, treats, and discussion each Sunday morning after worship. There are still some books available in the entryway at church. They are \$10.

The reading/discussion schedule is as follows:

- March 5 Chapter 2: Hate Father and Mother.
- Luke 14:25-33
- How could Jesus, who taught love, demand hatred?

March 12 Chapter 3: Slave of All

- Mark 10:32-45
- For whom and what is "slavery" a metaphor?

March 19: Chapter 4: Nowhere Among the Gentiles

- Matthew 10:5-7; Matthew 15:21-28
- Who is worthy of our time and attention?

March 26: Chapter 5: Outer Darkness

- Matthew 5:27-30; Luke 13:22-30; Matthew 18:23-35
- What do the Gospels really say about "hell"?

April 2: Chapter 6: Your Father the Devil

- John 8:31-59
- Examine insulting language that John's Gospel depicts Jesus using against some of his fellow Jews, language of a type that has been used to justify anti-Jewish hatred and violence for over 2000 years.



*Recipes have been reformatted and edited for clarity.

MARCH 2023 - FLOUR FOODS

Cornbread

- 2 cups corn meal
- 1/2 cup wheat flour
- 1 cup sweet milk
- 1 cup sour milk
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

Bake one hour or steam two hours.

Submitted by: Mrs. Ed Oakes

Dumplings

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sweet milk
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- dash of salt

Boil 15 minutes with cover off and 5 minutes with cover on.

Submitted by: Mrs. Thos. Lee

MISSION & OUTREACH

It's that time of year again! It's time for "One Great Hour of Sharing." Maybe you are well versed in this special offering that has been happening for more than 70 years and are ready to make your donation! Or maybe you are like me and need a reminder of what this is all about.

Typically received during the season of Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) supports efforts in 3 areas.

(1) Relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Donations in 2021 supported 80 grants totaling nearly \$1 million impacting 23 countries, including the United States.

(2) Promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People. This committee works with low-income communities both in the United States and internationally to overcome oppression and injustice.

(3) Assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). The PDA has offered resources and support to those impacted by the war in Ukraine, Hurricane Ian and the recent Turkey-Syria earthquake.

OGHS provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

We will receive this special offering on Palm Sunday (April 2) and Easter Sunday (April 9) – but you can donate anytime via the special offering envelopes in the pews.



You can also learn more about the offering or donate online by visiting:
<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



SHARED MINISTRY FUND

FOR JANUARY 2023

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|---|---------------------------|
| TOTAL INCOME (without pass thru) | \$5445.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES (without pass thru) | <u>\$11,701.21</u> |
| LOSS FOR JANUARY | -\$6,256.21 |
| PER CAPITA RECEIVED | \$342.00 |
| THRIFT AND GIVE INCOME | \$250.00 |
| RECONCILED CHECKBOOK | \$52,851.20 |
| BALANCE AS OF 1/31/2023 | |

**Please reference the 2022 Annual Report for year end financials.
If you need a copy of the Annual Report, please email Kristen or
approach a member of Session.**



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. Click the button below to be taken to our website. Click the "Online Giving" button to be automatically directed to the Online Giving page.

[OUR 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.

MARCH 2023

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|---------------------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Communion Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am Member Care DST begins | 13 | 14 Session Meeting 6:30pm | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Thrift & Gift 10am-2pm |
| 26 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |