

THE BRIDGE

JULY 2022

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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.

HELLO JULY

SESSION

Bette Hoytink - Clerk of Session
Jessica Harrison - Treasurer
Kristina Mosley - Personnel
Dave Struensee - BIG
Marilyn Paulson- Faith Formation
John Harmon- Worship
Rev. Katie Estes- Moderator

WORSHIP TEAM

John Harmon - Session Elder
Linda Harmon
Kristina Mosley

MEMBER CARE TEAM

Kristina Mosley- Session Elder
Anna Malek
Annie Leonard
Lonna Norton
Deb Bartelt
Karen Angell

FAITH FORMATION/WORSHIP COORDINATION

Marilyn Paulson - Session Elder

MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM

Bette Hoytink
Char Alecos

BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROUNDS (BIG)

Dave Struensee - Session Elder
Jack Wirch
Roger Hoytink
Dennis Biggar

PRESBYTERY COM LIAISON

Rev Richard Moore, Honorably Retired

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session met on June 21 st and took the following actions:

- Received, with regret, the request from Dave and Dawn Schafer to be removed from the membership rolls.
- Received the resignation of Dave Schafer as a Ruling Elder, Class of 2024.
- Received the resignation of Dawn Schafer as a Deacon, Class of 2022.
- Granted a request from Gina Struensee to transfer her membership to Grace Presbyterian Church in Beaver Dam.
- Approved Marilyn Paulson as an alternate commissioner to the September meeting of Winnebago Presbytery.
- Received, with enormous gratitude, the gift of \$41,400 from the estate of Bernice DiVall. It is anticipated that the church will be receiving two additional financial gifts when the estate is settled. Session approved that all monies received from the DiVall estate will be transferred to the current Vanguard investment account until such time as they are needed. There are no restrictions on how the gifts should be used by the church.
- Agreed by consensus that First Presbyterian Church will participate in the ecumenical worship service held during the Sovereign State celebration the weekend of July 22-24.



PULPIT SUPPLY - JULY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pulpit Supply</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
July 3	Jessica Harrison, CRE	Nancy Harrison
July 10	Rev. Marcia Thomas	Annie Leonard
July 17	Gina Struensee, RE	Marilyn Paulson
July 24	Marilyn Paulson, RE	Annie Leonard
July 31	Greg Braatz, CRE	Marilyn Paulson

With the summer season upon us, and vacations and a change of pace, we are trying to complete our pulpit supply and liturgist volunteer schedule through the summer. There are sign up sheets in the church entry for July and August, or you can email Marilyn Paulson to marilyn.paulson1@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your service!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

Our friends at Lord of the Lakes Lutheran Church have invited children from First Presbyterian to participate in Vacation Bible School, which will be held August 8-12 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Lord of the Lakes. They welcome children from 4K through 5th grade.

There will be a \$20 charge for the first child from a family and \$15 for each additional child from the same family. Registration forms will be published in the Winneconne News in the near future, or they may be picked up at Lord of the Lakes church.



PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The Pastoral Nominating Committee has purchased advertisements both online and in print in an effort to expand our search for a pastor.

Please continue to pray that the Lord will lead us to the best fit for us.



HUMAN RESOURCES



We are still looking for a part-time office administrator. If you know of anyone who is interested please contact Bette or Kristina.

Kristen's office hours have updated. Please see the weekly email for the updated office hours, or contact Kristen for more information at media@winchurch.org.

We have a lead on a possible substitute pianist for Linda. The Harmons will be off the first 2 Sundays in August. We will keep you posted.

WORSHIP TEAM



Thank you to Dave and Lonna for updating the draperies in the sanctuary.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of Marilyn, our worship coordinator. Her organizational skills and planning ensure our worship service continues in succession.

Please remember to sign up to be a lay reader on Sundays. This is a perpetual need!



RESOURCES TO HELP TALK ABOUT TRAUMATIC EVENTS



Youth Minister Erin Wolf from the Diocese of Fond du Lac has shared a list of resources for families and individuals when talking about traumatic events. It contains both faith-based and secular resources, some of which were provided by the Appleton Area School District.

Please follow this link to see the list of resources: [Talking About Traumatic Events](#)

Thank you to Lisa Baltes for sharing!



MEMBER CARE



Your Member Care Team is happy to announce that we are now able to serve communion to members in their homes by request, beginning Sunday, July 3.

Church members interested in this service should call or email Kristina Mosley to arrange the time. Most often it will be following a church service on a Sunday. You can reach Kristina at 920-216-7169 or by email at kmosley119@gmail.com.

Deacons who are able to provide communion will bring the elements and will generally come to your home in a team of two or three. We are all excited to be able to offer this service, once again.

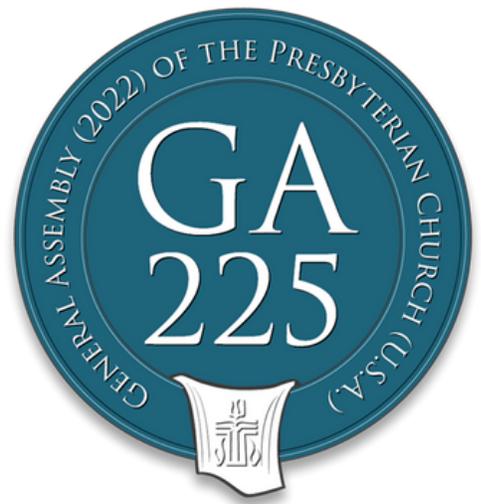
Several church members are eager to have some type of book or Bible study moving forward, but there has not been one for some time, and we haven't decided on a specific plan for this. However, Gina Struensee, our seminary student and preacher for several Sundays, has an offer for us here at FPC. She has an internship with Grace Presbyterian Church in Beaver Dam and they are extending the offer to join their upcoming monthly book study. We can participate in person or on Zoom.

The book title is "[Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight](#)", by Carol M. Bechtel. There are nine lessons in this book study, using passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts. The book looks at Sabbath as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality. You can find out more about the book by clicking the title of the book above. The specific time and day of the week for when this group will meet has not been set yet, but any interested people can call, text, or email Gina if you wish to take part in the group. Her phone is 920-915-8636 and email is 2kids58@gmail.com.

If several members wish to ride to Beaver Dam in person for the book group, it's only 50 miles. We can carpool or meet at church on a laptop as a small group. When God closes a door, He opens a window! Maybe this is a window for us until there is another door down the road! Praise and thanks!

-Your Member Care Team

PCUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 225



This year's general assembly is meeting in Louisville, KY using a hybrid format with in-person committee meetings and mostly on-line plenaries and worship. It began June 18 and runs through July 9. Here are some matters that this assembly will tackle:

- Recommendations regarding climate change and funding for the national church.
- Ecumenical statements related to antisemitism and Islamophobia.
- Issues involving Israel and Palestine and other international issues in Africa, Congo, Philippines, Cameroon, Syria, Ukraine and Russia.
- Issues of race, racism, gender equity and women of color.
- Gun violence, bullying, and the polarization of our country.
- Discussions about creating a new confession relevant to the 21st century.
- Equity advocacy for LGBTQIA+ individuals.
- Family leave policies.
- Small congregations and congregations of color related to lack of pastoral leadership, polity regarding RE ordination and other concerns specific to small, rural churches.
- Changes to the standing rules regarding how the assembly conducts business.

The Assembly elected co-moderators on its opening day to guide us Presbyterians through the next two years of denominational work. They are Ruth Santana-Grace, executive presbyter for Philadelphia Presbytery, and Shavon Starling-Louis, pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.

The theme for this year's assembly is "From Lament to Hope" guided by Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen."

We lift prayers for the important work that the gathering will be doing on our behalf for our denomination. Information can be found at <https://ga-pcusa.org>. At this site one can also sign up for daily email summaries. Plus, daily "NewsLive" updates are offered at 9 am daily on the Spirit of GA Facebook page.

POSITION OPENING



First Presbyterian Church of Winneconne Office Administrator

To provide administrative and clerical support services to the pastor and other designated church volunteers.

- Serves as point person for phone, written, electronic communications and weekly online media, routing inquiries to the appropriate individuals.
- Creates and shares organizational information via weekly emails, monthly newsletter, church calendar and other social media outlets.
- Maintains secure congregational database and disperses to ministry teams as needed.
- Orders and manages church office supplies and office equipment.
- Performs support work for church committees as directed.

Qualifications:

- Experience in an office with ability to work with minimal directions preferred.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office and willing to train in secure database Servant Keeper.
- Background check and pre-employment drug screening.

Compensation:

Up to 20 hours a week. Pay Range commensurate with experience \$17-19 per/hour

To Apply:

Applicants must submit a letter of intent, resume and contact information of three references.

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SHARED MINISTRY FUND

Interested in what the money of Per Capita goes to? Reach out to a member of Session or Jessica Harrison.

When you shop on Amazon, consider using smile.amazon.com and list First Presbyterian as your charitable organization. We receive a small amount back from qualifying purchases.

First quarter statements were sent out, if you have any questions, please reach out to Jessica. If Jessica doesn't know the answer, she'll find out!

Total Income for May (w/o pass thru)	\$5,654.24
Total Expenses for May (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$4,316.33</u>
Gain for the month	\$1,337.91
Total Income YTD (w/o pass thru)	\$37,155.19
Total Expenses YTD (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$31,057.40</u>
Gain for YTD	\$6,097.79
Thrift & Gift Income for May	\$748.95
Per Capita income for May	\$0.00
YTD Per Capita Income	\$1,188.00



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. 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.

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THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

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

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