

THE BRIDGE FALL 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.



SESSION MEMBERS & MINISTRY TEAMS

SESSION

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**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**

DEACONS/MEMBER CARE

**KAREN ANGELL
DEB BARTELT
PEGGY BALFANZ
ANNIE LEONARD
ANNA MALEK
LONNA NORTON**

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

**SESSION MET ON SEPTEMBER 12TH
AND TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

- **ENDORSED RE JESSICA HARRISON AND RE KRISTINA MOSLEY FOR AUTHORIZATION BY WINNEBAGO PRESBYTERY TO PRESIDE AT THE TABLE FOR HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024.**
- **VOTED TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM USI FOR FIBER OPTIC INTERNET SERVICE. WE WILL BE CONVERTING BOTH THE INTERNET AND TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR THE CHURCH FROM SPECTRUM TO USI.**
- **VOTED TO PURCHASE A MESH NETWORK SYSTEM TO IMPROVE THE INTERNET / WI-FI SIGNAL WITHIN THE CHURCH. THIS CAME AS A RECOMMENDATION FROM OUR COMPUTER CONSULTANT, JOHN BARTOW. HE WILL GUIDE US IN THIS PURCHASE.**
- **APPROVED THE REQUEST FROM THE DEACONS/MEMBER CARE TEAM TO HOST A COMMUNITY CHILI SUPPER ON OCTOBER 12TH.**
- **APPROVED THE MOTION FROM THE MISSION/OUTREACH TEAM THAT THE LOCAL PORTION OF THE PEACE AND GLOBAL MISSION OFFERING BE DIRECTED TO THE ORGANIZATION DAMASCUS ROAD.**
- **RECEIVED THE INFORMATION THAT ANNETTE BRASCH HAS BEEN HIRED AS THE BOOKKEEPER FOR THE CHURCH. SHE WILL REPLACE JACKIE HERBST, WHO HAS REQUESTED TO STEP DOWN. JACKIE IS CURRENTLY TRAINING ANNETTE ON THE DETAILS OF THE POSITION.**
- **AGREED BY CONSENSUS THAT ALL SAINTS DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED ON NOVEMBER 5TH AND THAT THE WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24TH WILL INCLUDE BOTH A 9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND THE USUAL 7:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.**

October Worship Leadership

Date		Pulpit Supply	Liturgist
Oct	1	Jessica Harrison, CRE	Sue Forbes
Oct	8	Greg Braatz, CRE	Annie Leonard
*Oct	15	Rev Linda Morgan-Clement	Marilyn Paulson
Oct	22	Greg Braatz, CRE	TBD
Oct	29	Gina Struensee, RE	TBD

WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

***On October 15th:**

We welcome a new pulpit supply pastor who will be preaching for us occasionally. Rev. Dr. Linda Morgan-Clement, a Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament, is recently retired as the Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life and Chaplain at Lawrence University. She has served mid-level councils over her career (Synods and Presbyteries) and has served on committees in the Winnebago Presbytery.

LITURGISTS AND COMMUNION SERVERS ARE STILL NEEDED:

We continue to need communion servers to assist with set up and serving on Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3 and Christmas Eve. Please let Jessica Harrison know if you can help. Liturgists are also still needed to fill most Sundays from now until the end of the year. Please sign up in the entryway.

LOOKING AHEAD

The annual Remembrance Service to honor and remember those who have died this year will be held on Sunday, November 5th. More details will be available later this month.

As you plan for the Advent/Christmas Season, please note that we will be looking for five church members or families to do the lighting of the advent candles each Sunday in December, plus Christmas Eve. If you are interested in doing this, please let Marilyn Paulson or a member of Session know.

On Sunday, December 24, there will be two worship services. The morning service at 9:00 am celebrates the fourth Sunday in Advent, and a Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7pm.



Notes from Member Care

THE BLUE BIBLE QUILT

OVER 15 YEARS AGO, I HELPED TO CLEAN OUT THE "OLD BASEMENT KITCHEN" WITH DICK AND MILLIE SO THE ROOM COULD BE REPURPOSED FOR USE AS THE DEACON MEETING ROOM. WE ALSO UTILIZED THE ROOM AS A GATHERING LOCATION FOR SEWING SUPPLIES. MEMBERS GAVE THEIR MATERIAL, YARN, SEWING NOTIONS, MACHINES, IRONS, IRONING BOARDS SO THAT THE DEACONS COULD SEW NEW CLOTHING AND MEND FOR MEMBERS. WE SEWED NEW CLOTHING FOR THE PUERTO RICO ORPHANAGE.

THE ROOM WAS UTILIZED AS A COLLECTION PLACE FOR THE HAT AND MITTEN TREE. THE DEACON ROOM WAS OUR GATHERING PLACE FOR MEETINGS. DEACONS SPENT HOURS THERE DURING THE WEEK AND ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. MEMBERS WOULD STOP BY FOR CONVERSATION AS WE WORKED ON PROJECTS. THE ROOM WAS ALSO UTILIZED AS A BIBLE STUDY ROOM.

I WAS ALWAYS DELIGHTED TO STOP IN THE ROOM ON A SUNDAY TO SEE WHAT KINDS OF GOODIES THE MEMBERS LEFT FOR THE DEACONS TO INTEGRATE INTO OUR STASH OF SUPPLIES.

ONE DAY WHILE SORTING THRU THE GIFTED SUPPLIES, I FOUND SOMEONE HAD LEFT 23 BEAUTIFULLY EMBROIDERED BLUE QUILT BLOCKS. THE THEME OF THE BLOCKS WERE BIBLICAL. I SET THEM ASIDE AS I SAID TO MYSELF "SOMEONE SHOULD MAKE A QUILT OF THESE". YEARS LATER, I BECAME THAT SOMEONE. THE QUILT THEN SAT IN THE DEACON ROOM FOR YEARS.

THE BASEMENT DEACON ROOM BECAME A SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM FOR THE BAPTIST CHURCH CHILDREN. WHAT A WONDERFUL USE OF SPACE. BUT THIS LIMITED OUR ACCESS TO THE ROOM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.

THEN THE PANDEMIC HIT. NO ONE UTILIZED THE ROOM.

LAST YEAR A SUGGESTION WAS MADE AND APPROVED BY SESSION TO MOVE THE MEMBER CARE TEAM ROOM TO THE BASEMENT UNDER FELLOWSHIP HALL SO WE COULD ONCE MORE HAVE A DEDICATED GATHERING SPACE. DURING RELOCATION I FOUND THE BLUE BIBLE QUILT. DURING LAST YEARS RUMMAGE SALE WE TOSSED AROUND THE IDEA OF HANGING THE QUILT UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AND HAVE MEMBERS LEARN THE WORD OF GOD FROM THE BLOCKS.

IT TOOK MANY YEARS BUT NOW THE BLUE BIBLE QUILT IS HANGING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THERE IS A POSTER BY THE QUILT. YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP US IDENTIFY THE THEME AND BIBLICAL REFERENCE FOR EACH OF THE BLOCKS OF THE BLUE BIBLE QUILT.

OUR THANKS TO WHOMEVER GAVE THE CHURCH THESE BEAUTIFUL AND MEANINGFUL QUILT BLOCKS.



RESPECTFULLY,
ANNA MALEK DEACON AND MEMBER CARE TEAM

HOW TO GIVE ONLINE
WINNCHURCH.ORG

CLICK THE LINK ABOVE
THEN CLICK "GIVE NOW"



AUGUST 2023

TOTAL INCOME (without pass thru)	\$9,998.63
TOTAL EXPENSES(without pass thru)	\$ 6,147.21
GAIN FOR AUGUST	\$ 3,851.42

YTD INCOME (without pass thru)	\$56,369.84
YTD EXPENSES(without pass thru)	\$60,024.74
YTD LOSS	\$ 3,654.90

If you have not already paid your Per Capita, please do so as soon as possible. The 2023 Per Capita is \$38 per member.



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.

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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.

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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.

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Various church-related meetings, special gatherings, and Bible Study will be held via Zoom. Links will be provided in our weekly email as scheduled.