

THE BRIDGE

APRIL 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.



April 2023

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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

The Session met on March 14th. Reports from the ministry teams were received and approved.

The highlight of the evening was an engaging conversation with Anna and Justin Pamer and Madison (Maddie) and Tyler Procknow. These two couples will be presenting their sons for Baptism on Sunday, April 30th.

While not members of our congregation, both mothers do have ties to this church. Both are granddaughters of long time member Ila Zimmerman. Anna is the daughter of Lori Zimmerman Meyerhofer Fisher. Maddie is the daughter of Julie Zimmerman Beck.

Our Moderator, Rev. Katie Estes, explained the Sacrament of Baptism in the Presbyterian tradition and provided each couple with a booklet on the significance of Baptism. We look forward to being witness to the two young boys becoming part of the Body of Christ.

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pulpit Supply</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
Apr. 2 Palm Sunday	Jessica Harrison, CRE	Annie Leonard
Apr. 6 Maundy Thu.	Jessica Harrison, CRE	Marilyn Paulson
Apr. 9 Easter	Greg Braatz, CRE	Jason Harmon
Apr. 16	Gina Struensee, RE	Sue Forbes
Apr. 23	Gina Struensee, RE	Annie Leonard
Apr. 30	Rev. Richard Moore	Bette Hoytink

PLANNING AHEAD FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

We want to know your favorite Psalms. There will be a sheet of paper in the entry where you can note your choice, or you can email marilyn.paulson1@gmail.com to let our team know what it is. We also invite comment, if you wish, about why your selection is a favorite. This might help our summer pulpit supply glean a bit of insight about the choices that will be made each week.

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies wants you to mark your calendars for July 23-28, 2023 for its 69th Synod School!

Registration will begin April 1. Visit the Synod website for more information: lakesandprairies.org or pick up a catalogue at church.



WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

**Join us Thursday,
April 6 for a
Maundy Thursday
Fellowship Meal
and Worship
starting at 6:00 pm.**

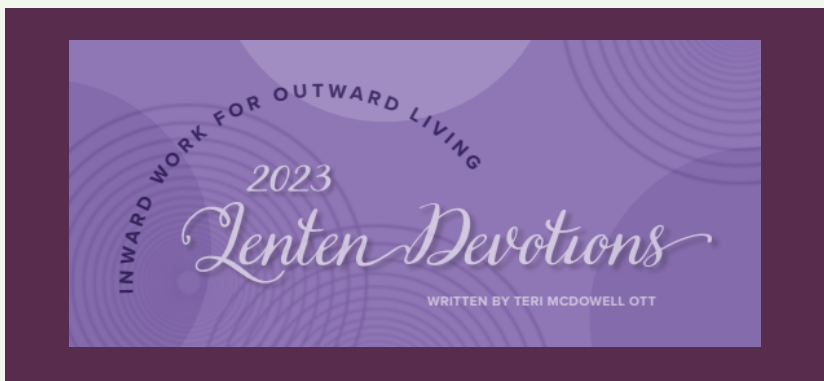


The meal will include foods that may have been served in first century Jerusalem, and a Taize style worship service with communion will follow. Both will take place in Fellowship Hall.

The menu includes Lentil Stew, assorted breads, almonds, figs, dates, olives, Haroset, cheesecake, bread pudding and beverage. Baskets will be available for donations toward the food.

Taize style worship offers a quiet, peaceful, meditative, prayerful approach in order to sense God in our midst. It includes words of scripture, prayer, and repetitive singing of simple refrains. It is slower paced with more silence that you might be used to, but it is in that silence that we can have a deeper connection with the sacred. Taize prayer is often described as being "between ourselves and God and there is no between."

The Taize Community is a little village in Burgundy, France. In 1940 a Protestant priest began an ecumenical monastic community there. Thousands of people journey there each year to experience the power of God's spirit through daily study, fellowship, and prayer in that unique setting. We hope you will find peace this Holy Week in our faith community's fellowship and worship.



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

During lent, FPC has provided links to access a Lent devotional provided by the Presbyterian Outlook. The theme is "Examen: Inward Work for Outward Living". It will have us explore our inward contemplations and our outward actions by noticing where God's grace is present each day.

The Lent devotional is broken down into 6 weekly teachings. Color and B&W are made available for printing and reading preferences. Week 6, the final week, readings are provided below.

Week 6 (Color): [Click Here](#)

Week 6 (B&W): [Click Here](#)



The final two discussions of the book "The Difficult Words of Jesus", by Dr. AJ Levine will be held on April 2 and April 16. Join us any time for coffee, treats, and discussion after worship, even if you haven't read the book. Two copies of the book have been placed in the library. The reading/discussion schedule is as follows:

April 2 - 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 16 - 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.

MEMBER CARE

FPC Deacons have been learning about the history of deacons in the Presbyterian Church. As we become aware of the traditional roles deacons have played in the past, it helps inform our ways to serve our church in the here and now. Sharing food and meals and caring for those who can't always get to church in person are a few of the activities deacons have provided. Keeping our sanctuary looking good is something we believe to be important, and that is why we made sure to replace our worn drapes in the alter panels with fresh, new white curtains. Thank you to Lonna and Anna for all their time shopping, measuring, cutting, and sewing to accomplish this big job! Look closely and you will see what a difference this makes as we worship together.

As deacons we are called to serve in myriad ways. We choose welcome and radical hospitality within our church family. We offer and provide support for our members whenever and however we can. Last summer we held a huge rummage sale over a weekend and hope to do so again, as it brought in a substantial amount of money we hope to use to replace chairs in Fellowship Hall. If we can achieve good results again this summer, we will be closer to realizing our dream for this place.

Your Member Care Team at FPC is excited to be planning an Easter Brunch to follow our church service on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Church family and guests are all invited to Fellowship Hall to share in baked egg dishes, baked oatmeal, French toast, fresh fruit, muffins and kringles, coffee, milk, juices, and maybe a few extra surprises. We hope everyone who comes to church will join us for this chance to renew our Sunday fellowship time together. It is something we hold dear and hope to continue going forward. As you sit down to a lovely meal, consider how much more comfortable we may be the next time when we have newer seats with a little padding on them!

MISSION & OUTREACH

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Reminder: please consider donating to One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, or online at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>.

Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry, Empowering the Oppressed

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

\$3.1 million

granted by PDA in the United States and 15 countries

80

grants impacting 23 countries given by PHP

Over 3,000

people trained in food production around the world

191,182

Gift of the Heart Kits and Blankets distributed

276

certified PC(USA) Earth Care congregations helped care for creation

1,500

trees planted in Nigeria, in addition to others around the world

\$15,000

Funded Metropolitan Tenants Organization

\$9,000

Funded the Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication

786

Presbyterian congregations purchased eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods

\$15,000

Funded Struggle for Miami's Affordable and Sustainable Housing, Inc.

MISSION & OUTREACH

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS HYGIENE DRIVE

Well done, everyone! As a church we really came through with the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive! Our collection will help fill the shelves of local homeless shelters and other emergency agencies. We'd like to especially thank Dr. Ryan Gonzalez from Winneconne Family Dentistry and Dr. Wyn Steckbauer from Glacier Dental for their generous donations of oral health products.



HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

WINNCHURCH.ORG

CLICK THE LINK ABOVE
THEN CLICK "GIVE NOW"

SHARED MINISTRY FUND

FOR FEBRUARY 2023

TOTAL INCOME (without pass thru)	\$8,132.51
TOTAL EXPENSES (without pass thru)	<u>\$3,811.21</u>
GAIN FOR FEBRUARY	\$4,321.30
YTD INCOME (without pass thru)	\$13,552.51
YTD EXPENSES (without pass thru)	<u>\$15,558.40</u>
YTD LOSS	-\$2,005.89
YTD PER CAPITA RECEIVED	\$800.00
RECONCILED CHECKBOOK BALANCE AS OF 1/31/2023	\$60,330.94



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.

APRIL 2023

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Communion Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am Palm Sunday	3	4	5	6 Maundy Thursday Service & Meal 6:00pm	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter Service 9:00am Brunch 10:00am	10	11 Session Meeting 6:30pm	12	13	14	15
16 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	17	18	19	20	21	22 Thrift & Gift 10am-2pm
23 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						