

The Bridge

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Please join us...

8:30 AM

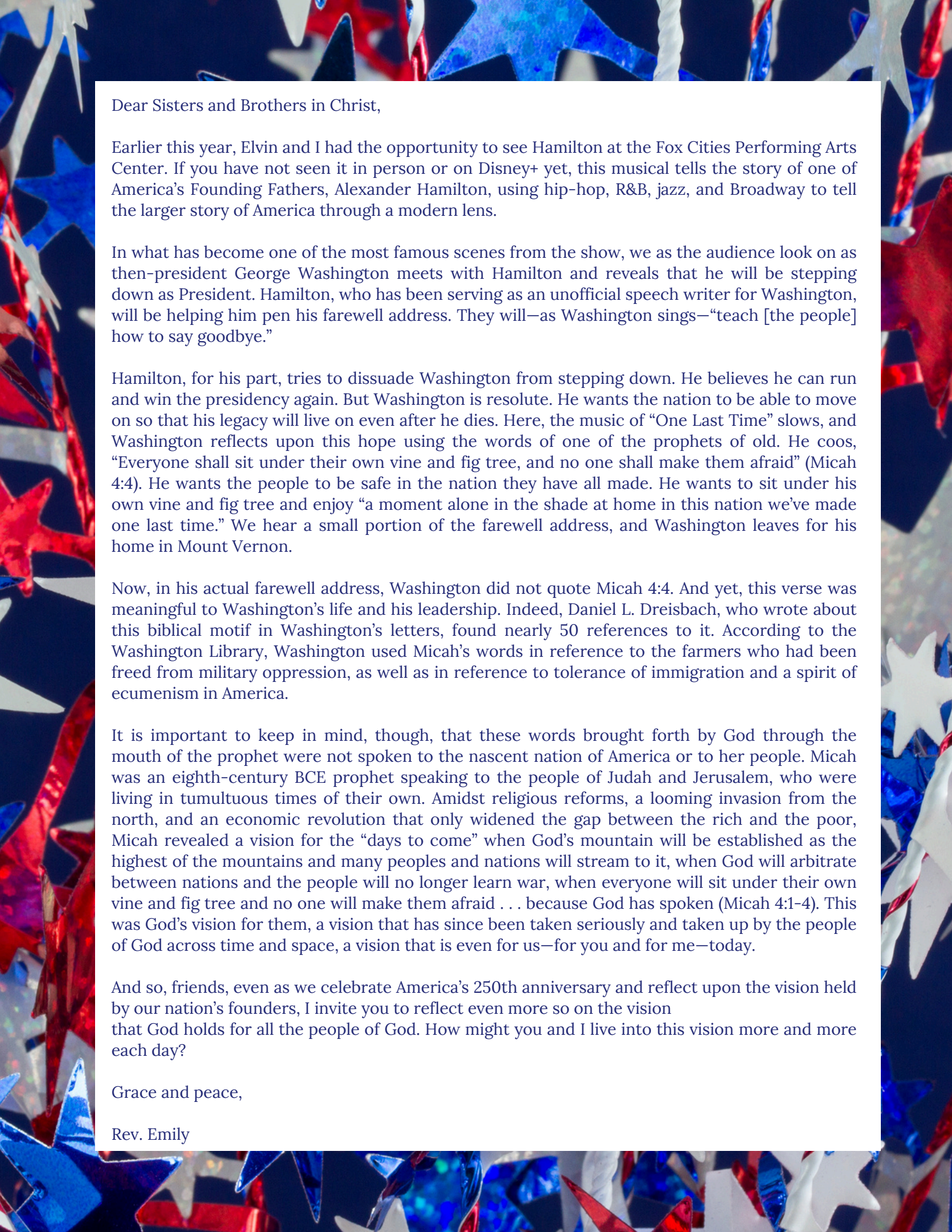
SUNDAY SERVICE

Service is streamed live on Facebook. A recording of the live stream will also be made available on YouTube and is linked in our weekly newsletter.

9:30 AM

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour and Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service every second Sunday of the month!. Join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation hosted by Member Care!



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Earlier this year, Elvin and I had the opportunity to see *Hamilton* at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. If you have not seen it in person or on Disney+ yet, this musical tells the story of one of America's Founding Fathers, Alexander Hamilton, using hip-hop, R&B, jazz, and Broadway to tell the larger story of America through a modern lens.

In what has become one of the most famous scenes from the show, we as the audience look on as then-president George Washington meets with Hamilton and reveals that he will be stepping down as President. Hamilton, who has been serving as an unofficial speech writer for Washington, will be helping him pen his farewell address. They will—as Washington sings—“teach [the people] how to say goodbye.”

Hamilton, for his part, tries to dissuade Washington from stepping down. He believes he can run and win the presidency again. But Washington is resolute. He wants the nation to be able to move on so that his legacy will live on even after he dies. Here, the music of “One Last Time” slows, and Washington reflects upon this hope using the words of one of the prophets of old. He coos, “Everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid” (Micah 4:4). He wants the people to be safe in the nation they have all made. He wants to sit under his own vine and fig tree and enjoy “a moment alone in the shade at home in this nation we've made one last time.” We hear a small portion of the farewell address, and Washington leaves for his home in Mount Vernon.

Now, in his actual farewell address, Washington did not quote Micah 4:4. And yet, this verse was meaningful to Washington's life and his leadership. Indeed, Daniel L. Dreisbach, who wrote about this biblical motif in Washington's letters, found nearly 50 references to it. According to the Washington Library, Washington used Micah's words in reference to the farmers who had been freed from military oppression, as well as in reference to tolerance of immigration and a spirit of ecumenism in America.

It is important to keep in mind, though, that these words brought forth by God through the mouth of the prophet were not spoken to the nascent nation of America or to her people. Micah was an eighth-century BCE prophet speaking to the people of Judah and Jerusalem, who were living in tumultuous times of their own. Amidst religious reforms, a looming invasion from the north, and an economic revolution that only widened the gap between the rich and the poor, Micah revealed a vision for the “days to come” when God's mountain will be established as the highest of the mountains and many peoples and nations will stream to it, when God will arbitrate between nations and the people will no longer learn war, when everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree and no one will make them afraid . . . because God has spoken (Micah 4:1-4). This was God's vision for them, a vision that has since been taken seriously and taken up by the people of God across time and space, a vision that is even for us—for you and for me—today.

And so, friends, even as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary and reflect upon the vision held by our nation's founders, I invite you to reflect even more so on the vision that God holds for all the people of God. How might you and I live into this vision more and more each day?

Grace and peace,

Rev. Emily

July

Reverend Emily's office hours are every Monday and Tuesday from 9:30am - 3:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
8:30 am - 5 Worship with communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30 am - 12 Worship - 9:30am - Fellowship hosted by Deacons & Member Care	13	14 1:15 pm - Deacons & Member Care Meeting	15	16	17	18
8:30 am - 19 Worship	20	21 6:15 pm - NO Session Meeting	22	23	24	25 10 am - 2 pm Thrift and Gift
8:30 am - 26 HYMN SING for Worship	27	28	29	30	31	1



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WORSHIP & MUSIC
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ROBERT MOSLEY
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CLERK OF SESSION
JACK WIRCH

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PEGGY BALFANZ
SANDRA BUSER
ANNIE LEONARD
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Session Highlights

The Session met on Tuesday, June 16th.

- Holy communion celebrated on June 07 with Rev. Emily presiding.
- Presbytery annual records review was completed on May 23 with no exceptions. Congratulations to Bette Hoytink for her fine work compiling these records.
- Session reviewed the results of the annual financial review conducted by Jack Wirch and Dave Norton. Finances were in order for 2025.
- Session will close the church's current savings account at Premier Bank and purchase a CD to improve investment returns.
- Session took steps to eliminate use of church debit cards and replace them with credit cards to reduce fraud exposure.
- Session discussed a draft of an investment policy for church finances and referred it to a finance committee consisting of Bob Dinse, Jack Wirch and any members of the congregation interested in participating.

Upcoming Worship Information

July 19 - Sovereign State Days Sunset Worship Service

Per the Sovereign State Days website, the Sunset Worship Service will take place at Lake Winneconne Park Gazebo at 7:00 p.m.

July 26 - Hymn sing led by Kristina Mosley

Rev. Emily will create a sign-up sheet where members and friends are invited to write down their favorite hymns. It will be available in the narthex on July 05 and July 12. We will try to incorporate as many hymns as possible into the service; however, Rev. Emily, Kristina, and Melissa Hermes, our pianist for the day, may need to exercise their discretion on hymns that are difficult or largely unknown.

August 02 - Worship and fellowship with Weyauwega

To be held here at Winneconne at 9:30 a.m. Please note the time change. Brunch to follow in the fellowship hall. Winneconne's Session will provide chicken and waffles. We ask that congregational members bring a side, salad, or dessert of their choosing.



Salutations Church Family!
It's July already!

The Deacons want to invite everyone in our congregation to participate in FELLOWSHIP TIME. Any who would like to see gatherings taking place after church services can sign up to “play host” and provide a few snack-type things for the table. The church has coffee, juices, and water available all the time. It doesn't take much to add some munchies, baked goods, or whatever your imagination can create and voila! It's fellowship! We will continue to provide a table of choices on the second Sunday of every month. The other 3, sometimes 4, are open for others.

We would like to make everyone at FPC aware of a somewhat new place that's open for use by any and all who find themselves in need of a tool now and then. Whether you're performing basic home maintenance and repair jobs or embarking on a bigger project you haven't tried before, THE OSHKOSH TOOL LIBRARY might have just what you need! Check it out online at oshkoshtoollibrary.neocities.org to see what they have and how to get it. It's a library with tools instead of books! Tools for home repairs, gardening, woodworking, and more!

The tool library is located near the Marcus Movie Theater, all the way behind Takiza Restaurant. Look for the logo above the doors. Use tools there and get help from experts, check out tools to take home and return in a week or two, grab a snack or drink, it's a very friendly place! Hours are Wednesdays 6-9pm and Saturdays and Sundays 10am-2pm.

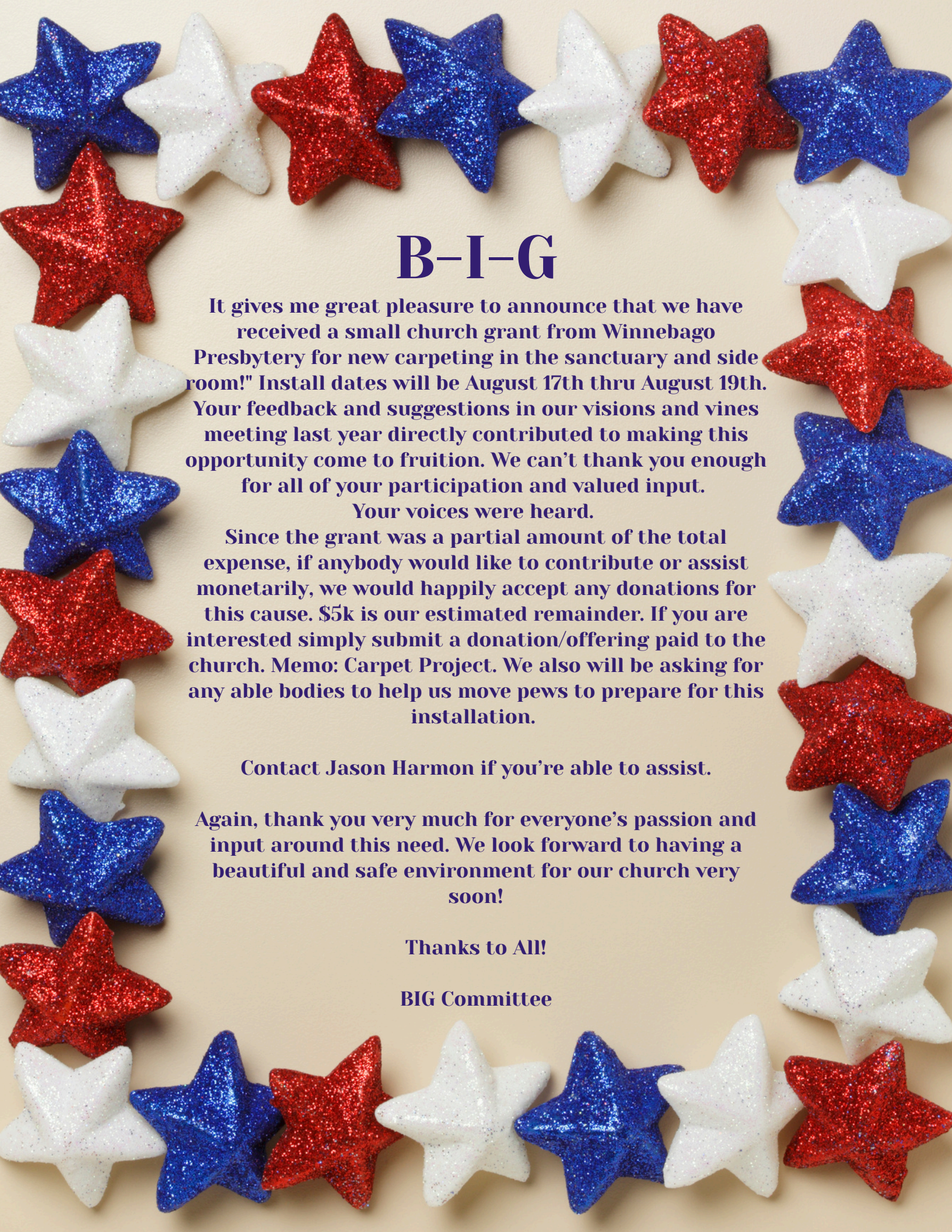
Another wonderful place you may want to look into is THE REPAIR CAFE. There are active repair cafes in Appleton, Neenah, and Oshkosh. If you haven't heard of these, you may want to find out more about when and where you can go to take something from home that isn't working and have someone see if they can fix it and/or show you how to make it work again. These events happen on Saturdays usually, and may be held at a YMCA or Public Library from about 10am-2pm.

At a recent Neenah Repair Cafe at the library, people brought in broken items and the “fixers” did their best to repair them FOR FREE. Computers, phones, small appliances, electronics, sewing machines and mending, jewelry, watches, clocks, and more. . . . It's a great way to build community relationships, feel good about helping others or getting help, and spend time with some great people.

Check local papers and listings to find out more about these great services.

Get in on the fabulous free help and spread the word!

Submitted by Deacon Annie Leonard



B-I-G

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have received a small church grant from Winnebago Presbytery for new carpeting in the sanctuary and side room!" Install dates will be August 17th thru August 19th. Your feedback and suggestions in our visions and vines meeting last year directly contributed to making this opportunity come to fruition. We can't thank you enough for all of your participation and valued input.

Your voices were heard.

Since the grant was a partial amount of the total expense, if anybody would like to contribute or assist monetarily, we would happily accept any donations for this cause. \$5k is our estimated remainder. If you are interested simply submit a donation/offering paid to the church. Memo: Carpet Project. We also will be asking for any able bodies to help us move pews to prepare for this installation.

Contact Jason Harmon if you're able to assist.

Again, thank you very much for everyone's passion and input around this need. We look forward to having a beautiful and safe environment for our church very soon!

Thanks to All!

BIG Committee

Almond Cheddar Appetizers

By Millie Kreager

Ingredients:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 4 oz shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 cup slivered almonds
- 1 package bacon strips (cooked and crumbled)
- 1 loaf French bread

Directions:

1. Preheat your oven to 400°F and grease a baking sheet.
2. In a bowl, combine the mayonnaise and Worcestershire sauce. Stir in the cheese, onions, almonds, and bacon.
3. Cut the French bread loaf in half lengthwise. Spread the mixture evenly on each side.
4. Cut each side into half-inch slices and place them on the prepared baking sheet.
5. Bake at 400°F for 8 to 10 minutes, or until bubbly.

Yield: Approximately 3 to 4 dozen slices.

Note: Unbaked bread slices may be frozen for later use. Place them in a single layer on a baking sheet and freeze for one hour, then transfer to an airtight container for up to two months.



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MAY 2026

TOTAL INCOME (w/o pass thru)	\$	6,673.85
TOTAL EXPENSES (w/o pass thru)	\$	8,834.33
LOSS	\$	2,160.48
YTD LOSS	\$	7,502.19
Reconciled Bank Balance 5/31/2026	\$	15,872.27



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.