

THE BRIDGE

February 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.

FEBRUARY

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 January 10th and took the following actions:

- Elected Lisa Baltes and Bette Hoytink as Co-Clerks for 2023
- Confirmed that the Session will continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- Determined the 2023 Ministry Team assignments as listed below.
 - BIG—Dave Struensee and Roger Hoytink
 - Member Care Liaison—Melissa Harmon
 - Mission/Outreach—Melissa Harmon and Nicole Hall
 - Personnel—Nicole Hall
 - Worship/Faith Formation—Marilyn Paulson and Lisa Baltes
- Approved the baptism of the son of Tyler and Madison Procknow. Maddie is the daughter of Julie Zimmerman Beck. This baptism, along with the previously approved baptism of the Pamer child, will be performed on April 30th by the Rev. Marcia Thomas. Both families will meet with the Session in March to be counseled on the sacrament of baptism in the Presbyterian Church, USA and the promises the parents will make during the worship service.
- Began a discussion on how to use a portion of the recent gift from the DiVall estate to honor the donors. More information will be gathered before a final decision is made.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pulpit Supply</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
Feb. 5	Jessica Harrison, CRE	Karen Angell
Feb. 12	Greg Braatz, CRE	Bette Hoytink
Feb. 19	Gina Struensee, RE	Lisa Baltes
Wednesday Feb. 22	Jessica Harrison, CRE	Marilyn Paulson
Feb. 26	Greg Braatz, CRE	Sue Forbes

Our faith community's journey through Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, with a Worship Service at 6:00pm, to be followed by a light supper and fellowship. (More details will be coming soon.)

WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

The new Worship/Faith Formation Team includes Marilyn Paulson and Lisa Baltes. They have started planning for the upcoming year. There are several things of note for February and the upcoming Lenten Season which begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

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.





LENT 2023

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL:

Later this month, we will provide a weekly link for this year's Lenten Devotional from Presbyterian Outlook. The theme of this devotional is "Examen: Inward Work for Outward Living". It will utilize 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 and notice where God's grace has been present, and then 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.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY:

Each Sunday during Lent (February 26 – April 2) Lisa Baltes and Marilyn Paulson will facilitate a study of the book "The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings", by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.

This book discusses how Jesus' challenging teachings (such as Sell What You Own, Hate Father and Mother, Slave of All, and more) would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the gospel of love and reconciliation.

Dr. Levine is an internationally known scholar, teacher, author, and professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. A review of this book states, "With her bold signature style, she combines her sharp intellect with humor and a bit of imagination to bring these challenging texts alive..." (Dr. Jamie Clark-Soles, professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology.)

The text for the first session on Sunday, February 26 is the story of Jesus and the Rich Man in Mark 10:17-27. Marilyn will have books available at church beginning February 5. A donation of \$10 would be appreciated to help cover the cost of the books and leader guides. For more information contact Marilyn Paulson (marilyn.paulson1@gmail.com, 920-215-3973)

MEMBER CARE

Your FPC Member Care Team (aka Deacons) has gained some new faces. We welcome Peggy Belfanz to our group as a Deacon, and say thank you to Melissa Harmon who will take over for Kristina Mosley in the capacity of Session Elder liaison. We also want to give a huge THANK YOU to Kristina for her dedicated and consistent work with us throughout the challenging last couple of years. She kept us on track and facilitated our staying on top of our contacts, activities, meetings, events, and concerns.

Another thank you is due to Anna and Karen for their exceptional organization of a workspace for the Deacons to meet, plan, create, and discuss everything we have before us. All are welcome to come and visit our "spot" downstairs where we have table, chairs, cabinets, shelves, and best of all, a bulletin board with our goals, tasks, names, etc. so we can keep our ways of serving organized and clear.

One goal is to be prepared to serve Home Communion to those who request and/or need to have a visit from one or two of us. As we update our lists of Member Care groups, we intend to create a schedule for serving this sacrament on a more regular basis to any and all who receive it. If you know of a person in need of our care, whether it be a visit or help of some kind, we hope you will contact any one of us and make us aware. Loneliness this time of year is not uncommon, and we want to be there for our church family in whatever ways are needed.

Another goal is to always be up on who is responsible for whom in terms of Deacons caring for church members. We will each have a complete list of all members and who takes the lead for whom. This does not mean that only one specific deacon can provide whatever is needed. It is more importantly to be sure nobody falls through a crack and gets overlooked. If we all know the complete list, we can all serve better!

Every week we say: "Our worship service is over; Our service in the world begins." We take that very seriously. For example, after Jessica's sermon on January 22, we learned that depression lives within and among many. We learned from Melissa that 9% of children in Winnebago County are "food insecure". Both of these facts provide us with a direction for our service, and we will always respond as best we know how.

Your monthly recipe follows. . . .



*Recipes have been reformatted and edited for clarity.

FEBRUARY 2023 – SOUPS

Soup Stock & Broth

- Purchase a good meaty soup bone. Put it on boil as early after the morning meal as possible.
- Salt and cover with cold water.
- Season with onion, cabbage and celery, cook thoroughly, then strain.

Resulting liquid will make a good meat soup stock, with which you can make barley, rice, or noodle soup.

Submitted by: Mrs. B. Suhl

Barley Soup

Soak 1 cup of pearl barley for two hours and add to hot soup stock an hour before serving. Rice may be used instead of barley.

Submitted by: Mrs. B. Suhl

Corn Soup

- Chop 1 can of corn or 6 ears of fresh corn
- Add corn and 1 sliced onion to 1 qt. chicken stock
- Simmer for 10 minutes then rub through sieve
- Melt 2 1/2 tbsp. of butter and stir into 2 1/2 tbsp. of flour until well blended together
- Add to soup and strain
- Finish by adding 1 c. of sweet cream

Have some kernels of nicely popped corn put on top of bowls of soup before serving.

Submitted by: Mrs. C.C. Allen



SHARED MINISTRY FUND

**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.

FEBRUARY 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 Mtg	13	14 Session Meeting 6:30pm	15	16	17	18
19 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday Service 6:00pm Light dinner after service	23	24	25 Thrift & Gift 10am-2pm
26 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	27	28				