

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 HIGHLIGHTS

SESSION MET ON AUGUST 8TH.
INFORMATION RECEIVED INCLUDED:

SESSION MEMBERS & MINISTRY TEAMS

SESSION

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

DEACONS/MEMBER CARE

KAREN ANGELL

DEB BARTELT

PEGGY BALFANZ

ANNIE LEONARD

ANNA MALEK

LONNA NORTON

- AS PART OF THE WATER MAIN AND SEWER PROJECT ON MEADOW LANE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CHURCH, WATER LATERALS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY ARE ALSO BEING REPLACED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE. THERE ARE WATER LATERALS TO BOTH THE CHURCH AND THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, WHICH WILL RESULT IN AN ESTIMATED CHURCH EXPENSE OF \$7,000.
- THE WORK ON THE WATER LINES TO THE CHURCH RESULTED IN A LEAK AT THE LARGE COFFEE MAKER STATION IN THE KITCHEN. THE WATER SUPPLY TO THAT FAUCET HAS BEEN TURNED OFF.
- MAINTENANCE RECENTLY COMPLETED INCLUDES CAULKING AND PAINTING OF SEVERAL WINDOWS, CLEANING OF THE GUTTERS AND GARDEN BEDS, AND EDGING THE SIDEWALK WITH THE HELP OF BEN HARMON, WHO ALSO KEEPS THE GRASS MOWED.
- REPAIRS TO THE CEILING OF THE STORAGE ROOM UNDER THE SANCTUARY STEPS ARE NEEDED BEFORE WINTER.
- 40% OF THE PENTECOST OFFERING (\$194) WAS GIVEN TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR.
- SESSION APPROVED AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$500 FROM THE LOCAL MISSION BUDGET BE PAID TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2024 BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT.
- IN ORDER TO CONTINUE WITH THE MONTHLY THRIFT AND GIFT COMMITMENT IN 2024, ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR THE 4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK, PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF SESSION.
- THE NEW SECRETARY/MEDIA PERSON, SHONDA, HAS RESUMED HER PRIMARY JOB WITH THE OSHKOSH SCHOOL SYSTEM AND IS COMPLETING THE CHURCH TASKS REMOTELY FROM HER HOME.
- JACKIE, OUR BOOKKEEPER, HAS REQUESTED TO STEP DOWN FOR PERSONAL REASONS. SHE WILL STAY ON TO TRAIN HER REPLACEMENT.
- WE NEED TO FORM A NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO INVITE MEMBERS TO SERVE EITHER AS A DEACON OR RULING ELDER. THE COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE ONE CURRENT ELDER, ONE CURRENT DEACON AND A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE. MELISSA HARMON HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BE THE RULING ELDER MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

September Worship Leadership

Date	Pulpit Supply	Liturgist
Sept 3	Jessica Harrison, CRE	TBD
Sept 10	Marilyn Paulson, RE	TBD
Sept 17	Jessica Harrison, CRE	Karen Angell
Sept 24	Greg Braatz, CRE	Bette Hoytink

WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED:

We need some two person teams to help set up and serve the elements on the first Sunday of each month. Please let Jessica Harrison or Marilyn Paulson know that you would be willing to be part of a communion team. Once we have volunteers, we can assign teams so people know when they will be serving.

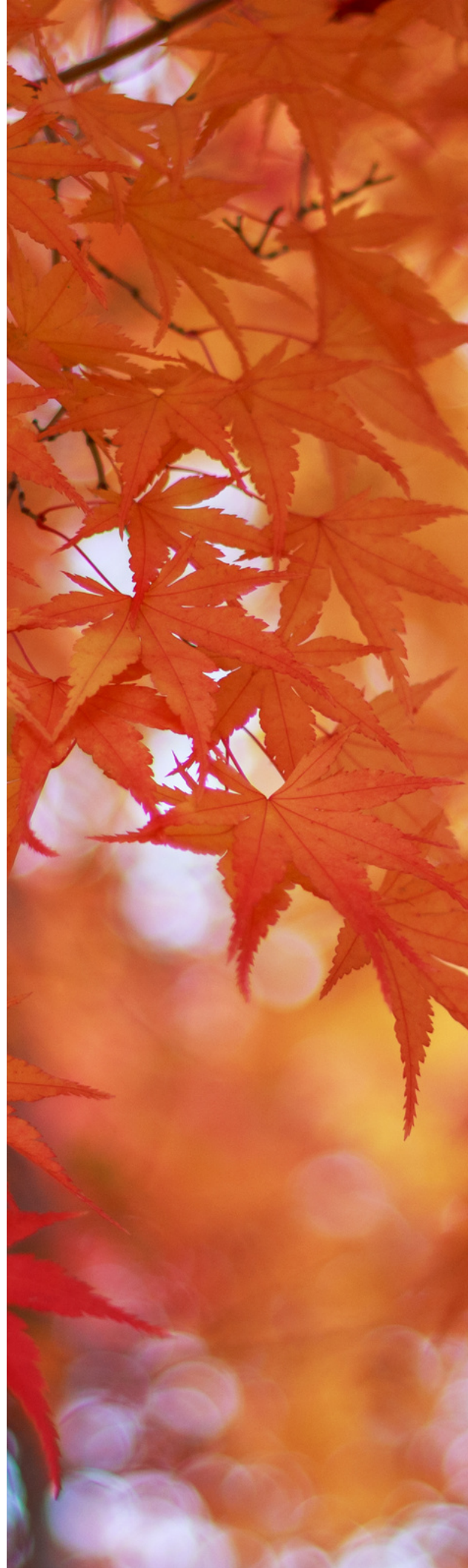
WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Thank you to all who have served as liturgists this summer – Karen Angell, Sue Forbes, Betty Hoytink, And to our faithful ushers – Hoytinks, Nortons, and Karen Angell. And to those who have assisted with communion – Kristina Mosley, Bette and Roger Hoytink. There are lots of opportunities coming up this fall to help with our worship. Sign-up sheets are in the entry so please sign up to help our pulpit supply preachers in leading worship. Also, many thanks to the Member Care Team that coordinated our church picnic on August 20. It really was a wonderful day!

OFFERING DURING WORSHIP

If you want to donate your offering online during the offering time there are cards with QR codes in the pews that take you directly to our online donation link for the church. If you want to donate online but also want to participate in the act of giving, you can put those cards in the plate to symbolize your gift.

**WE OFFER BLESSINGS AND LIFT PRAYERS FOR
STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS, SUPPORT STAFF,
AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY ALL BEGIN A NEW
SCHOOL YEAR!**





Notes from Member Care



ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, OUR CHURCH FAMILY HELD AN OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE. THE WEATHER COOPERATED AND OUR SHADED BACKYARD OFFERED US A COMFORTABLE PLACE TO JOIN TOGETHER. GINA STRUENSEE LED US IN WORSHIP WITH MARILYN PAULSON AS LITURGIST.

THANK YOU TO JANIS HAMMOND FOR TAKING OVER AT THE KEYBOARD WHILE JOHN AND LINDA HARMON WERE IN ALASKA.

GINA BROUGHT SPOTIFY TO PLAY A MEANINGFUL SONG BY THE GROUP “CASTING CROWNS” TITLED “PRAISE YOU IN THIS STORM”. IT WAS BEAUTIFULLY ALIGNED WITH THE PSALM OF THE DAY, NUMBER 29. YOU CAN FIND IT ON YOUTUBE IF YOU’D LIKE TO REPLAY IT AT HOME.

BUT WAIT. . . THERE’S MORE. IN ADDITION TO SHARING WORSHIP, WE HAD A GREAT POTLUCK PICNIC, TOO! THANKS TO RICH BELFANZ, OUR GRILLER EXTRAORDINAIRE! WE HAD BURGERS AND HOT DOGS AND IT WAS WARM AT THE GRILL, SO NO SMALL TASK. OUR TABLE WAS LAID WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF CONDIMENTS, SALADS, SIDE DISHES, AND DESSERTS, THE USUAL FARE WHEN WE CELEBRATE FELLOWSHIP AT FPC, WHERE “RADICAL HOSPITALITY” IS THE WAY OF THINGS.

WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE SO MANY WILLING, CAPABLE HANDS TO SHARE THEIR TALENTS AND TASTES. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED. IF YOU MISSED THIS WONDERFUL SUMMER EVENT, WE HOPE YOU WILL COME TO THE NEXT ONE. WE ARE A SMALL BUT MIGHTY CHURCH FAMILY AND WE WELCOME ALL WHO WISH TO BE WITH US!

**[CLICK FOR A YOUTUBE
VIDEO OF PRAISE YOU
IN THIS STORM!](#)**

NEWS FROM

MISSION AND OUTREACH

AS YOU MAY RECALL, OUR CHURCH WAS ABLE TO GIVE \$194 TO WINNECONNE'S BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR THROUGH THE LOCAL PORTION OF OUR PENTECOST OFFERING. IN ADDITION TO THAT DONATION, THE MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM HAS DECIDED TO USE \$500 FROM OUR LOCAL MISSION FUND FOR STARTUP CAPITAL FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT. WITH THIS EARLY FUNDING, SCHOOL COUNSELORS CAN SHOP BACK TO SCHOOL CLEARANCE SALES THIS YEAR TO GET A HEAD START FOR NEXT YEAR.

**OUR LITTLE CHURCH IS
MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE
IN OUR COMMUNITY!
THANK YOU!**



FAITH FORMATION

SUMMER SUNDAY PSALMS

Many thanks to all who suggested favorite psalms, and to our Pulpit Supply preachers for giving us insightful and hopeful messages about “The Prayerbook of God’s People.”

In introducing the Book of Psalms we learned that it is the only book in the Bible that was actually written directly to God over a period of nearly 1,000 years. Through the Psalms we discovered the power of prayer, acknowledgement of pain, the power of praise, and the assurances and reassurances of God’s promises.

The Book of Psalms is a collection of five books. The major categories are Thanksgiving, Lament, Praise, Trust, and Psalms of David. We heard some of each throughout the summer series. We learned about who God is, what God does for us, and how we should respond.

God is our helper, keeper, guide and protector in all times and all places on our life’s journey. God is knowable and visible. God keeps God’s promises. God’s love is consistent and lasts forever. Our response to God is genuine and heartfelt thanksgiving praise. As children of God, in the eyes of God who formed us, we are unique and special. When we experience uncertainty, fear, anger, or despair God is with us. We respond with praise and joy and gratitude. And we reach out in love for others and all of creation, just as God has loved us. The best way for us to know God is to know each other and see God in everyone we meet.

If you wish to revisit any of the Psalms from our series for your own personal meditation, they are Psalms 1, 8, 23, 25, 29, 42, 50, 100, 104, 116, 121, 139, 150.

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WINNCHURCH.ORG

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THEN CLICK "GIVE NOW"



SHARED MINISTRY FUND

JUNE AND JULY 2023

JUNE INCOME (without pass thru)	\$5,447.99
JUNE EXPENSES (without pass thru)	\$6,299.04
LOSS FOR JUNE	\$ 851.05

JULY INCOME (without pass thru)	\$7,018.00
JULY EXPENSES (without pass thru)	\$4,032.17
GAIN FOR JULY	\$2,985.83

YTD INCOME (without pass thru)	\$46,371.21
YTD EXPENSES (without pass thru)	\$53,880.96
YTD LOSS	\$ 7,509.75

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.

[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.