

THE BRIDGE

NOVEMBER 2021

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SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM

Service is streamed live on Facebook. A recording of the stream will be made available on YouTube following the service.

COFFEE HOUR 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour is being held in the Fellowship Hall once again.

November

SESSION

Dave Norton - Clerk of Session/ Treasurer
Kristina Mosley- Personnel
Barb Biggar- BIG, Mission and Outreach
Marilyn Paulson- Education
John Harmon- Worship

WORSHIP TEAM

John Harmon - Session Elder
Linda Harmon
Kristina Mosley

MEMBER CARE TEAM

Kristina Mosley- Session Elder
Anna Malek
Annie Leonard
Lonna Norton
Peggy Thums
Dawn Schafer
Deb Bartelt

EDUCATION TEAM

Marilyn Paulson - Session Elder
Gina Struensee
Lori Knapp

MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM

Barb Biggar - Session Elder
Bette Hoytink
Char Alecos
Marilyn Paulson

BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROUNDS (BIG)

Barb Biggar- Session Elder
Jack Wirsch
Roger Hoytink
Dennis Biggar

PRESBYTERY COM LIAISON

Rev Richard Moore, Honorably Retired

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Session couldn't meet during October due to the fact that we did not have a Moderator assigned to us by Presbytery.

The good news is that Katherine Estes, the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Green Bay, has volunteered to be our moderator for the next six months.

We have received seven volunteers to be on the Search and Screen Committee. They will be meeting with Leslie Gunther, our COM advisor, shortly to begin the process of obtaining a new pastor.

Supply Pastors for the upcoming Sundays:

Nov 14, 2021 – Mike Dismer

Nov 21, 2021 – Gina Struensee

Nov 28, 2021 – Mike Dismer



“ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7



Member Care Team

Your deacons are alive and well and dedicated to serving our teams as well as possible. Think of each of us as someone you can go to with questions, needs, and feel free to reach out to us anytime.

If you happened to hear Pastor Mike’s sermon recently, you may have appreciated just how appropriate and timely it was. His sermon was framed around a short story by Leo Tolstoy titled "The Three Questions". In the tale, a king determines that he will never fail at anything *if* he always knew the most important thing to do.

In an effort to solve his query, he offered a reward to anyone who could teach him “how to know the proper moment for every deed, how to know which were the most important people, and how not to err in deciding which pursuits were of the greatest importance.”

All the learned people in the kingdom tried to offer their thoughts but none satisfied the king’s earnest query. He set out dressed in peasant clothing to ask a hermit who was known to be very wise. When he found the man working in his garden, the king took over the task seeing the hermit was tired and weakened from his labors. While there, a wounded man arrived (intending harm to the king for a previous grievance), but the king quickly responded to the man’s injury, and cleaned and bandaged it. It became late, and all three men slept; the hermit and wounded man inside, and the king outside on a porch.

In the morning, the king still hadn’t heard the answer to his questions, so he asked the hermit again. The hermit explained that the king had in fact answered his own questions. He had come upon a man in need of help in his garden, then administered to a wounded man’s injury, and performed both acts when the need was there, to the person who needed it.

What we can take away from Pastor Mike’s sermon and Tolstoy’s tale is that the only important time is the here and now, the most important person is he with whom you are, and the most important pursuit is to do good to him. It’s simply beautiful and beautifully simple.



The Member Care Team is beginning to recruit for Session next year. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve in our Church.

Worship Team

The Worship Team is excited about the congregation signing on Sundays. They are delighted to work with the guest speakers and seek to provide a harmonious balance between our existing patterns and new worship experiences!

Search & Screen Team

The Search and Screen Team has been established and are looking to set up their first meeting in November.

The members are:

- Jessica Harrison
- John Harmon
- Betty Hoytink
- Dave Struensee
- Nicole Hall
- Anna Malek
- Kristina Mosley

The team will continue to update the congregation as their work progresses forward.

WIAC Needs

Kleenex	Cleaning items
Deodorant	Baby diapers
Jelly	Cans of baked beans
Juice boxes	Children's snacks
Powdered milk	Cake mixes
Canned frosting	Laundry detergent
Dish Soap	Feminine products

Money donations are always welcome. It is used to purchase items needed but not donated. Please consider giving during this especially hard time for many families.



NEWS FROM THE MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM



The donations to the Peace and Global Witness Offering totaled \$480. Twenty-five percent of this offering, or \$120, will be directed to Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Inc. to assist their efforts to support victims of domestic abuse.

Thank you to all who participated in this special mission offering. The Mission and Outreach Team will donate \$1000 to World Relief Fox Valley to assist in the resettlement of the Afghan individuals and families who are currently being housed at Fort McCoy in Tomah, Wisconsin. Approximately 13,000 Afghan people, about half of them children, were originally brought to Fort McCoy. In addition to World Relief Fox Valley, several agencies in Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay, and Wausau are working to help support and resettle these folks in Wisconsin and across the country.

The Bible teaches us to welcome the stranger. By using our mission dollars, we can play a small part in welcoming these folks and helping them to make a new start. It is hard for us to imagine how it must feel to flee to a foreign country with almost nothing but the clothes on your back. World Relief, which has offices in Appleton and Oshkosh, is a global Christian humanitarian organization that brings sustainable solutions to the world's greatest problems—disasters, extreme poverty, violence, oppression, and mass displacement. They partner with local churches and community leaders in the U.S. and abroad to bring hope, healing, and transformation to the most vulnerable.

THE SHARED MINISTRY FUND

How to Give Online

Winnchurch.org

Click on the "[Give Now](#)" Button

We are still accepting your weekly offering envelopes. You may mail your offering to church or donate online, or use the offering plate in worship. If you need help getting started online, you may contact the church office or any Session member and we can walk you through it. Our counters meet every two weeks to make deposits so it may take a bit for your checks to get cashed.

Total Income for September (w/o pass thru)	\$5,678.62
Total Expenses for September (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$6,435.96</u>
Loss for the month	\$757.34

Total Income YTD (w/o pass thru)	\$119,009.35
Total Expense YTD (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$100,187.13</u>
Gain for YTD	\$18,822.22

Thrift and Gift income for September	\$358.60
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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. You can also find the link for online giving.
www.WinnChurch.org

Online Giving - Click here to be taken directly to the online giving page.

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.
www.facebook.com/FPCwinneconne

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 immediately following the service on our YouTube Channel.
www.youtube.com/FPCWinneconne

Our Bible study is held every Tuesday from 9:00am - 10:30am, and can be accessed via ZOOM.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88620542593?pwd=TDJnMTNPWnp0NWRiVkhFVGUxOXhWdz09>

Connect with ZOOM



November 2021

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

Be in the know...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 -Communion- 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30a Coffee Hour	8	9 9:00a - 10:30a Coffee with the King Session Mtg 6:15p	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship Member Care Mtg	15	16 9:00a - 10:30a Coffee with the King	17	18	19	20
21 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30a Coffee Hour	22	23 9:00a - 10:30a Coffee with the King	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27 10a-2p Thrift and Gift
28 9:00a Livestream and in-person worship 10-10:30a Coffee Hour	29	30 9:00a - 10:30a Coffee with the King				

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