

THE BRIDGE

January 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.

JANUARY

SESSION MEMBERS & MINISTRY TEAMS

Bette Hoytink
Jessica Harrison
Lisa Baltes
Melissa Harmon
N. Hall
Roger Hoytink
Marilyn Paulson
Dave Struensee

*More information on Ministry Team Assignments to come.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session met on December 13th and took the following actions:

- Approved December 18th as the revised date for the ordination and installation of newly elected Ruling Elders and Deacons for 2023.
- Approved a request from Karen Angell to use the fellowship hall on January 7th.
- Accepted, with thanks, the offer from a church member to gift the church with a photo backdrop which may be used for family and individual pictures.
- Approved a request for child baptism from Anna Meyerhofer Pamer. The scheduling to be determined.
- Approved a 2023 budget, aka shared ministry fund, which includes a 5% pay increase for church staff.
- Approved the 2023 Saturday Revenue Sharing contract with Winneconne Thrift and Gift store.
- Designated that Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month as well as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter, and Christmas Eve.
- Elected RE Rosemary Shade as the 2023 Commissioner to Winnebago Presbytery.
- Elected RE Jessica Harrison as church treasurer for 2023.
- Recognized the service of outgoing Ruling Elders, John Harmon and Kristina Mosley. They will be missed.
- Tabled until January a discussion on how to use a portion of the recent financial gift from the DiVall estate to honor the donors. Members of the congregation are welcome to provide input to the Session members.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JANUARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pulpit Supply</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
Jan. 1	Jessica Harrison & Kristina Mosley	Jessica Harrison & Kristina Mosley
Jan. 8	Gina Struensee, RE	Renie Streich
Jan. 15	Gina Struensee, RE	TBD
Jan. 22	Jessica Harrison, CRE	TBD
Jan. 29	Greg Braatz, CRE	Marilyn Paulson

Liturgists are needed for the rest of January and February. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available in the church entryway each Sunday.

WORSHIP

Thank you to all who participated and attended our lovely Christmas Eve service. It was a beautiful and moving service. Thank you for a wonderful 2022 and we look forward to what 2023 will bring.

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.





A WORD OF THANKS FROM THE HARMONS

John and I would like to thank the congregation for the surprise service that celebrated our 40 years of music ministry. It was so wonderful having our entire family there and totally amazing that Kristina et al., managed to keep it a secret! We shall treasure that memory forever!

We would also like to lift up our choir members. They have been SO AMAZING—showing up (regardless of the weather) and singing their hearts out, both at practice and on Sunday mornings. I never knew that 8-10 singers could sound SO FANTASTIC!

We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group that gives their all and who continue to inspire and enrich us.

-John and "Traf" Harmon





This season is a season of gratitude!

As we come to the end of another year of an extraordinarily challenging transition time as a faith community, I (Marilyn Paulson) want to express gratitude on our behalf to those who have stepped up to help us navigate the nuances of keeping us together.

- Bette Hoytink, Clerk of Session
- The Session
- The Member Care Team
- The Harmon's music ministry
- Kristina Mosley, who wears many hats!
- Kristen Deadwyler, Jackie Herbst, Jessica Harrison, Karen Angell - our staff
- Our Pulpit Supply: Jessica Harrison, Rev. Mike Dismer, Gina Struensee, Rev. Marcia Thomas, Jacob Nault, Rev. Dave Colby, Rev. Richard Moore, Roseangelina Berbert, Ellen Smith, Greg Braatz and Marilyn Paulson.
- Our Liturgists: Bette Hoytink, Annie Leonard, Sue Forbes, Karen Angell, Nancy Harrison, Dave Norton, Roger Hoytink, John Harmon, Lisa Baltes, Gina Struensee, Lisa Baltes and Marilyn Paulson.

Our various groups who grace us with fellowship time after worship, and our faithful ushers: Hoytink's, Norton's, Karen Angell, and others who help greet and welcome us into our church each week.

As we enter the new year may we continue to be blessed by all those who serve, and grateful to even more who have accepted the call to help carry us into the new year. We are One in Christ and blessed with God's grace. Let us all give thanks and praise to God for the blessings we have received.

MEMBER CARE

2022 continued to challenge FPC Deacons with reaching and caring for our members as some of our church family maintained distancing from group activities and staying away from gatherings. However, we kept up our meetings and accomplished several of our goals for the year.

We are grateful that we are able to deliver communion to our members who cannot attend church in person. If you wish to have the sacrament brought to you, please contact any of the Member Care Team or call Kristina Mosley at 920-216-7169 to schedule a time. If you need a visit from one of us, do not hesitate to let us know. Sometimes a little time to talk and pray together can boost spirits and feed the soul.

Highlights from our year include mailing Valentines to members reminding them they are loved, hosting an Easter brunch following the service on April 17, organizing a rummage sale May 13-14, updating our member lists, creating a "new" space for Member Care meetings, establishing a roster for sharing Deacon responsibilities, hosting a chili supper for FPC members and the community, and putting up our "MittenTree" once again to provide warm hands for Winneconne children. "Radical Hospitality" is our goal and we strive to live up to it every chance we get!

With the monies gained from the rummage sale and chili supper, your Member Care Team has purchased a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary (the old one had been gingerly assembled for the past several years and was impossible to continue using). We also donated \$500 to WAAC in December, and have earmarked money to replace at least 50 chairs for Fellowship Hall.

Our annual congregational meeting will follow service on January 29. Remembering "The Shema" from one of Gina's sermons in October. . . "Hear, Listen, Obey, Do, Follow". As Deacons, we try to carry out our responsibilities faithfully and lovingly. We pray you know each and every one of you are cared about and cared for by all of us with the help of God.

May God be with you through the new year and fill your life with comfort, love and cheer. May the days ahead hold many blessings for you and yours!

-Your Deacons

CHURCH LEADERSHIP CHANGES



On December 11th, the congregation elected the following persons as Ruling Elders and Deacons:

- Lisa Baltes Ruling Elder, Class of 2025
 - Melissa Harmon Ruling Elder, Class of 2025
 - N. Hall Ruling Elder, Class of 2024
 - Roger Hoytink Ruling Elder, Class of 2023
 - Deborah Bartelt Deacon, Class of 2025
 - Peggy Balfanz Deacon, Class of 2025

On Sunday, December 18th, these new leaders were ordained and installed to their respective roles during the worship service. They begin their service on 1/1/2023.

Our appreciation and deepest thanks go out to John Harmon and Kristina Mosley for their years of service on the Session.

On December 1st, the session hired Gina Struensee as the Congregational Ministries Coordinator. Her primary job was to arrange for pulpit supply and liturgists, define or coordinate the liturgy for each service and work with the music staff to select appropriate hymns and responses.

To our great disappointment, Gina resigned, effective 12/31/22 in order to complete her final CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) requirement for seminary. These CPE positions are rather limited. Gina was fortunate to be selected for a position at an Oshkosh hospital where she will work under the supervision of the chaplain. The program was to begin later in the Fall, but the chaplain is planning to retire and so Gina's training will begin in February. In her one month on the job, Gina was able to schedule pulpit supply through the end of May. THANK YOU, GINA! We wish her the very best in her training. She will continue to preach for us periodically over the next several months.

HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

WINNCHURCH.ORG

CLICK THE LINK ABOVE
THEN CLICK "GIVE NOW"

SHARED MINISTRY FUND

Total income for November (w/o pass thru)	\$6,476.20
Total expenses for November (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$4,324.54</u>
Gain for November	\$2,151.66
Total Income YTD (w/o pass thru)	\$274,288.20
Total Gift DiVall Estate YTD	\$191,725.99
Total Income YTD minus DiVall	\$82,562.21
Total Expenses YTD (w/o pass thru)	<u>\$71,439.93</u>
Gain for YTD minus DiVall	\$11,122.28



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.

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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.

JANUARY 2023

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Service 9:00am Member Care after service Congregational Meeting	9	10 Session Meeting 6:30pm	11	12	13	14
15 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	23	24	25	26	27	28 Thrift & Gift 10am-2pm
29 Service 9:00am Annual Congregation Meeting	30	31				