

WINNEBAGO PRESBYTERY NEWS & NOTES

a new year - a work in progress

Your Bi-Weekly News & Updates

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News & Notes is published on the first and third Friday of the month. It will keep you up-to-date with happenings in the Presbytery and related topics and events around the world.

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Presbytery Meeting Recap

On May 5th, Presbyters gathered at Pilgrim Center for day of business, learning and fellowship. The Rev. Sam Hamilton-Poore opened the morning with a Bible study using the Matthew 25 text (36-41) that the Leadership Commission has been studying over the last 6 months or so.

During our Business meeting, the Presbytery voted with the request of First Presbyterian Church in Merrill to sell their building and look for a space more suited to their size and capacity. We also commissioned the Rev. Rose McCurdy, Ruling Elder Ann Grittenger and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Taylor Witman to the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis this summer.

The afternoon brought workshops and a few minutes to enjoy the gorgeous location. Rev. Kerri Parker who led one of the workshops wrote a thoughtful piece reflecting on how these meetings are much more than just business meetings. Kerri's writing is below.

On the road for a very ecumenical weekend

Reflections from Executive Director, Rev. Kerri Parker.

*Spring is judicatory meeting season. You'll find Wisconsin Council of Churches staff preparing displays and criss-crossing the state to visit Annual Conferences, Synod assemblies, and Presbyteries. With a number of these gatherings scheduled at the same time, we can't make it to all, but we do try to present the face of the Council in several places around the state – showing up as real human beings to back up the written words, websites and witness we undertake throughout the year. A recent weekend was a bit more intensely ecumenical than most, **as I made my way to a United Church of Christ camp – which maintains relationships with two Presbyteries – for the Winnebago Presbytery meeting.** While I was by the shores of Green Lake, Dr. Peter Bakken was representing us at the South Central Synod ELCA Assembly. Article continues [here](#).*

2018-2019 Planning Calendar

The Presbytery office will be taking orders for the 2018-2019 planning calendars. The price per calendar is \$8.50.

Please email Jill at jill@winnebagopresbytery.org with your calendar order. **The bulk order deadline is May 21.**



Synod School Bus Information

Want to ride a coach bus with your friends to Synod School?
The bus has restroom and a DVD player! Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks are allowed!
\$70.00 round trip.

The Bus schedule can be found [here](#) and the bus registration form [here](#).
Additional stops considered...please ask if interested.

Click below for the Synod School Booklet!

http://www.lakesandprairies.org/files/361_sscatalog18_f.pdf

For questions, contact [Gina Struensee](#) or [Karen Bickel](#).

See you soon in Storm Lake!

PC(USA) News



This year all Presbyterians (and others) can read the same daily newspaper that is available to those attending the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in St. Louis, June 16–23. Sign up for e-delivery [here](#).



Applications are now being accepted for the Presbyterian Foundation's Church Financial Leadership Grant program. Applicants must be a pastor, commissioned ruling elder, (CRE), or leader of a 1001 New Worshiping Community within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Click [here](#) for more information.

Wisconsin Council of Churches Events



Register for The 2018 Washington Island Forum
(June 25-June 29)

Susan Zencka of Frame Memorial, Stevens Point will be leading worship at the Washington Island Forum.

"Reading the Verbs: Finding the Script in Scripture" is presented by Anna Carter Florence who is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. The Washington Island Forum is especially tailored to lay leaders and pastors who want to deepen their spirituality and connect with the message of the scriptures in a more profound way. [More Information](#).

Synod of Lakes and Prairies Spring Meeting 2018 Recap

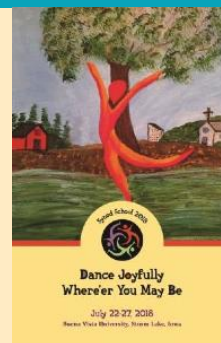
The spring meeting of the Synod Of the Lakes and Prairies was held April 29-May 1 in Minnesota. The unofficial meeting recap can be found [here](#).



There's Still time to Register and Apply for Camp Scholarships Through Winnebago Presbytery!



UCC camp registration is open, and there is a large variety of camps. Find camp descriptions and registration information [here](#). Winnebago Presbytery also offers camp scholarships (up to 25%). The scholarship form can be found on our [website](#).



Synod School registration is now open. More than 70 classes are scheduled for adults. There will also be a full program for children and youth. For more information or to register click [here](#).

[PC\(USA\) College Scholarship Opportunities](#)

PC(USA) has a variety of scholarship and grant opportunities for freshmen as well as upperclassmen. Get more information [here](#).

Boundary Training is Quickly Approaching

RSVP Today!

Two training dates are available.

*Wed., June 13
First Presbyterian, DePere
10:00 a.m-3:00 pm*

*Thurs., June 14
First Presbyterian, Wausau
10:00 a.m. -3:00 pm*

To register please call the presbytery office (920-886-3598) or email Leslie (leslie@winnebagopresbytery.org)

Boundary training is a training that is required for all Minister Members and Commissioned Ruling Elders.

Around the Presbytery...

Join Green Bay on their Summer Mission Trip to St. Louis!

Presbyterians are invited to participate in an intergenerational mission trip to St. Louis on June 24-29. We will leave Sunday afternoon and return Friday night. We will do age-appropriate volunteering for youth in grade six to senior citizens. We will be staying at the Mission House of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church and our work will be coordinated by AMEN St. Louis. The cost per person is \$200. We will provide transportation and our own meals. We will also have a free day in the city. All are welcome!

Church Pews Available



Covenant Community Presbyterian Church in Schofield is remodeling and has a number of church pews available to give away. These are available to any church, in or out of the Presbytery, so if your church isn't in the market pass this information along! Call Pastor Jim Gates at 1-715-359-6467.

Have news to share around the Presbytery? Email [Jill](#) to have it run in News and Notes.

Presbytery Church Staff Administrative Luncheon

First Presbyterian Church in Neenah will be hosting a luncheon for all administrative church staff on June 6th at 11:00 a.m.

Whether you are new to your position or have been part of the Presbyterian world for awhile, we invite all office, communications, marketing, and finance personnel to attend the first (and hopefully more) Winnebago Presbytery Church Administrators Meeting!

[Register Here](#)

From Our Mission Partners... -The Samaritan Counseling Center-

We recently received this letter from Rosangela Berbert, Executive Director of The Samaritan Counseling Center:

Dear Friends at Winnebago Presbytery,

"You were with me and helped me through the very worst time. Thanks for your help, compassion and understanding."

One of our clients wrote these words of gratitude. You deserve that gratitude just as much as that client's counselor does.

Thank you for your gift of \$1,250 on March 27, 2018. Your faithful help and compassion lead our clients from "the very worst time" to a place of promise and transformation. On their behalf, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Samaritan Counseling has four locations in the Fox Valley and specializes in "integrating your mind, body and spirit to help find deep meaning in your life". Find their latest newsletter [here](#).

Presbytery Calendar

June

Presbytery Administrative Lunch

June 6, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 pm
First Presbyterian, Neenah

Immigration Task Force Group

June 7, 10:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
First Presbyterian, Weyauwega

Commission on Ministry

June 7, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian, Weyauwega

Leadership Commission

June 12, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Winnebago Presbytery, Neenah

Boundary Training

June 13, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
First United, DePere

or

June 14, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
FPC, Wausau

General Assembly

June, 16-23
St. Louis, MO

July

Commission on Ministry

July 12, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian, Weyauwega

The full Presbytery calendar can be found [here](#).

Quick Links To Our Partners

To find out more information about our various partnerships at both the national and local level click on the links below.

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[*Board of Pensions*](#)

[*Presbyterian Women National*](#)

Synod of Lakes and Prairies

[*Synod of Lakes and Prairies Website*](#)

[*Presbyterian Women Synod of Lakes
and Prairies*](#)

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