

THE PRESBYTERIAN BRIDGE

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Coming together in Christ



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MENOMINEE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Supper Series
"Lent Around the World"

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 14 | First Presbyterian Church, Menominee
6 pm service only

Feb. 21 | Peshtigo United Methodist Church
5:30 pm Meal & Lesson

Feb 28 | Community Covenant Church, Menominee
5:30 pm Meal & Lesson

Mar. 7 | First United Methodist Church, Menominee
5:30 pm Meal & Lesson

Mar. 14 | Pioneer Presbyterian Church
5:30 pm Meal & Lesson

Mar. 21 | First United Methodist Church, Marinette
5:30 pm Meal & Lesson

Maundy Thursday

March 29 | Peace United Church of Christ, Marinette
6:00 pm service only

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Pioneer Presbyterian Church
immediately after church

First Presbyterian Church of Menominee
immediately after church

Pastor's Bible Study

The Pastor's Bible Study continues on Wednesdays. We would love to see you there. 10:00 am (Pioneer Presbyterian) and 6:30 pm (First Presbyterian).

*Let All You Do
Be Done In Love*

1 Corinthians 16:14



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

When I think of February, two events naturally come to mind: Valentine's Day and Lent. This year these two events converge because Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent) falls on Valentine's Day. This convergence has made me wonder how we as Presbyterian Christians come to celebrate these events. Is it just another example of a holiday where society and Christianity collide or do they help us to reflect on a deeper meaning of our faith?

I must admit that I have been cynical of Valentine's Day for many years. Just ask my wife as she must endure the rolling of my eyes at the mention of Valentine's Day and listen to my complaints that it is just a holiday concocted by the greeting card and candy companies. In the same way, I often come to Lent with a sense of hesitancy because it wasn't an active part of my church experience when growing up. The Presbyterian Church I grew up in did not have Ash Wednesday services and we didn't meet each week for special Lenten suppers. Traditionally, it has been a season Episcopalians, and Lutherans.

We should note that just because we didn't celebrate a holiday or season growing up doesn't mean that it isn't worthwhile. Our personal faith upbringing is our own and we must know and recognize some holidays evoke strong feelings, such as Christmas, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Easter, while some holidays do not. Ash Wednesday is incredibly important to those who celebrate Lent, regardless of their culture or varying denomination of faith. For instance, in the more predominately Creole Catholic culture of New Orleans, Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday), which is celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday, is a huge part of the community, whether you are Catholic or not.

Valentine's Day is seen as a time to celebrate romantic love while Lent is a season of contemplation and sacrifice. These ideas are not

inconsistent in Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Paul encourages husbands to love and attend to our wives as Christ loves and attends to the church. The same love that Christ has shown the church, namely caring for it and sacrificing for it, we as husbands are called to do likewise. This image of love is further expanded upon in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians where he talks about love as being patient, kind, not seeing wrong, etc. It is Christ's love which Paul envisions here and he ends with 13:13: "And these three remain, faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love."

With these images before me, perhaps I am too hasty to look down upon the importance of Valentine's Day. So often our wives sacrifice for us and our family. They make our lives better and more loving in numerous ways. After we are married, it is easy to let go of the romance and to take our wives' actions for granted. Valentine's Day reminds us of the holy calling which we are called to within our marriages. For those who are not married, we are reminded that your sacrifices for your friends and family are just as important and holy, and perhaps even greater because you know the value of single focus and commitment to God, just as Christ and Paul understood. This picture of love is a blessed model for each of us to follow throughout Lent.

Friends, I look forward to celebrating Christ's great love and sacrifice with you this Lent. It is a special blessing that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day this year, so let us honor both of these holidays by acknowledging, respecting and loving each other.

Sincerely in Christ,



Pastor Jon

DEADLINE for the March 2018 Issue of The Presbyterian Bridge is **FEBRUARY 20th**. To ensure that your article will be included, **please submit your materials on time!**

February ~

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Karen Buyarski
- 3 Ann Eggener
- 6 Julie Skrzypinski
- 10 Scott Twining
- 19 Marilynn Galineau
Nancy Ulrich
- 20 Liz Murphy
- 21 Daisy Renoll
- 28 Henry Bailey

LITURGISTS

- 4 Henry and Charlie Bailey
- 11 Karen Hipwell
- 18 Nancy Ulrich
- 25 Ann Eggener

MUSICIANS

- 4 Barb Hay
- 11 Marilyn Schoen
- 21 John Wills
- 28 Susan Thornton

Presbyterian Women

PW will meet **Tuesday, February 13**, at 12:00 noon for luncheon at the Best Western. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to come for this fellowship time.

We will be discussing future meetings and fund raising for future mission projects. Please rsvp to either Pat Pottratz at 715-735-3258 or Liz Murphy at 906-864-2328.

Potluck Brunch *“Show the love for* *Joanne Peterson”*

February 11, 2018
(at 10:00 am, after the service)

This is a brunch so almost anything from breakfast casseroles to regular casseroles, hot dishes, salads and desserts would be appropriate. Warm ovens and a cold refrigerator will be available during the service.

We’re having this brunch to enjoy everyone’s good food and fellowship and also to “show the love for Joanne Peterson.”

A free will offering will be taken with all proceeds to go to Joanne. Any checks written or cash in an envelope with your name on it will be credited to your contribution statement.



Family Activity Night

Our next Family Activity Night will be held on Wednesday, February 7. We will have dinner, crafts, and decorate Valentine cards for shut-ins and friends of the church.

Mark your calendars for March 14 as we will be serving at the Lenten Supper at Pioneer Presbyterian. We will discuss further and start planning in February. Any questions, please contact JoAnne Nipple

NEWS
for
PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Peanuts 2017: Another Successful Year

On Sunday January 7, Joan Campbell reported the results of the 2017 Presbyterian Peanut sales. Sales started slow but picked up in the later weeks. Our checkbook balance was at \$13,000. Part of that total (\$4,000) was a carryover from the previous year that we did not spend on the Galilean room redecorating.

This year the Peanut Guild gave \$500 to Joanne Peterson. In addition, we gave \$250 each to Salvation Army, Abundant Life Homeless Shelter, St Vincent de Paul, Rainbow House, Menominee Animal Shelter, and Families of Children with

Cancer for a total of \$1,500. We provided funding for the Galilean Room as well -- \$4,000 for window blinds, \$1,700 for painting. The remainder will be available for chairs, tables, ceiling fans and some wall decorations. The dark colored wall in the Galilean Room will eventually have a pictorial display of the Church's history.

Thanks to everyone who worked and to those who bought.

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New bulletin board with
Sunday School class



Book Club

The next meeting for the Book Club will be **February 22 at 6:30 PM**. We meet at Harbors in the fourth-floor library. This month's selection is "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry" by Fredrik Backman.

This story is told with the same comic accuracy and beating heart as Fredrik Backman's internationally bestselling debut novel, *A Man Called Ove*. It is a story about life and death and an ode to one of the most important human rights: the right to be different.

If you have read a good book and would like to share it, please contact any book club member with the title and author. We enjoy reading new books as well as classics!

We welcome new members and would love to have you join us to share your favorite books with us. If you need a ride please call Janet Johnson at 906-863-7496.

Souper Sunday

Sunday, February 4, 2018
(immediately following worship)

We are asking members to bring either, soup, chili or a dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Gathering Room. Please ask a friend to join in this time of fellowship. Contact either Steve Engeldinger or Sheri Zorn for more information.



February Birthdays



16	Ann Schultz
20	DeeAnne Pohlmann
27	Evan Pohlmann

Reminders

The first Sunday of each month is the Food Pantry Collection. One of the Deacons gather up the donations and distribute to the local food pantries.

The loose coin offering is collected the third Sunday of each month. All dollar bills and coin are donated to a special mission of our choice.

Anyone wishing to sign up for Flowers or Coffee Hour can do so on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room. The sign-up sheets are for a three-month period but if there is a special date that isn't there and you would like to reserve it, please contact the church office and it will be reserved on the calendar.

If you know of someone who would like to be added to our current homebound church list, please contact the church office as we update it frequently at 906-863-3889. A Deacon will be contacting the individual to setup home visits and discuss their needs.

Mission News

We will continue to collect personal items for men, women, and teens. These items will be donated to The Abundant Life Mission (the homeless shelter). Please place your donations in the basket in the Gathering Room. Thank You!

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Club will meet on **Thursday, February 4**, in the library at 10:00 a.m. This is open to everyone and hope that you will join us.

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Deacon's Doings

- The Deacons meet on Jan. 8, 2018.
- Communion setup on Feb. 3rd coordinated by Anita Draska & Karen Menard
- The Harbor's service is held the first & third Thursday at 3:45 p.m. by Pastor Jon. Deacons helping are:
Feb. 1 – Mary Anne Langill
- Coffee Hour was held Jan. 14th
- Food Donations went to Abundant Life for Jan. and was delivered by Ann Schultz
- We had a funeral for Glenn Schrank and did a white rose.
- Prayer table is being handled by Mary Nelson. She addresses cards for birthdays and special needs. The congregation signs and then cards are addressed and mailed by Gina. A special thanks to Janice Wilke for buying the cards.
- Next meeting Mon., Feb. 5th.

Easter Flowers and Directory Update Form

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a form for Easter Flowers and an update for the 2018 directory (next page), please take a minute to check them out. The next directory will be printed in early spring so we want to make sure there is enough time to receive the form and return. As usual the Easter Flowers will be available from The Flower Gallery so if you would like to honor or remember a loved one, this is the perfect way. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office at 908-863-3889.

Please place my order for Easter Lilies.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Easter Lilies will be available for purchase in each church; call for prices. Please return this form to the church office by March 23rd or email order to office@fpcmenominee.org. You may also call the FPC office at 906-863-3889 with your order. Payment is due by March 23rd. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church. This is a great opportunity to honor or remember a loved one and help decorate the sanctuary at the same time. Single bloom Easter lilies average \$14.00 and double bloom Easter lilies \$26.00. There are other flowers available – Daffodils, hyacinth and tulips 6” pot \$16.00.

(Please circle one) (Name)

1) Memory Honor _____

2) Memory Honor _____

3) Memory Honor _____

Directory Update Information 2018

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

If your child does not live in your household, please provide address, phone and email.

Birthdays:

Husband Name & Birthday: _____

Wife Name & Birthday: _____

Child Name & Birthday: _____

Child Name & Birthday: _____

Child Name & Birthday: _____

Thank you for your assistance!



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Building & Grounds • Steve Engeldinger
Christian Education • Kay Waypa
Fellowship • Steve Engeldinger
Finance • Leigh Howell
Mission • Patricia Johnson & Jane Stripling
Personnel • Sam Hofer
Worship • Patricia Johnson, DeeAnne Polhmann
Evangelism/Membership • Sam Hofer

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