

THE PRESBYTERIAN BRIDGE

Celebrating our uniqueness

Coming together in Christ

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MENOMINEE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Save the Date!!

We will be celebrating our Worship and Picnic at the River with both Pioneer Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Menominee on **Sunday, August 12th.**



**Church
Picnic**

One Great Hour of Sharing

The first special offering for this year will be "One Great Hour of Sharing" and it supports three programs.

1. Presbyterian Hunger program
2. Presbyterian Disaster assistance
3. Self-Development of People

The collection will be received during the month of April. Thank you for your generous donations.

Directory Update Needed

We are updating the entire directory for both churches. If you have any address changes, etc., please fill out the Directory Update from included in this newsletter and mail back to your church. Thank you.

Joint Men's Club Meeting

Our next joint men's club meeting will be **April 3** at 6:00 p.m. at Pioneer Presbyterian Church. Our guest speaker is Rich Crevier, Director of DAR Boys and Girls Club. He will present information about his trip to Hawaii and in particular his experience being there during the "mistaken incoming missile warning."

Sue Ochs will be providing the meal at 6:00 p.m. All members and friends of the church are welcome to attend the program which will begin at 6:45 p.m. For more information or questions contact Gene Davenport at 715-732-2762.



*He is not here; he has risen, just
as he said. Come and see the
place where he lay.*

Matthew 28:6

LEADERSHIP IN CHRIST'S CHURCH

Do you identify yourself as a leader? Most of us don't think of ourselves as leaders. When we think of leaders, we think of presidents, governors, or CEO's with great charisma and decisiveness. We think of generals who commanded respect or great preachers who drew thousands with their eloquent sermons.

However, when we look at the Bible, God seems to have a different image of what makes a leader. Charisma is not a prerequisite for leadership. In fact, many of the Church's greatest leaders felt insufficient when called. Some tried to argue against their calling because of their perceived inadequacies. Moses questioned his ability because he was "slow of speech and slow of tongue." Gideon questioned his credentials before God, "But sir, how can I deliver Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

The Apostle Paul was so unimpressive in person that some in the Corinthian church questioned his authority. Thomas doubted. Peter was impulsive. The Bible is filled with examples of unlikely leaders. It goes to show us that God can use us even if we don't feel or appear adequate.

When it comes to leadership, we place too much value on charisma. While it provides a great advantage, it is often misused. Cultic leaders often have charisma. Adolf Hitler seduced a whole nation into doing horrific and evil things through his charisma.

Even charismatic leaders with the best of intentions can be led astray when they trust their popularity over God. We find examples of this in Scripture such as King David who slept with Bathsheba and killed her husband Uriah; and we find examples in everyday life when we hear about the scandals of fallen church leaders.

Another misperception about leadership is that one comes to leadership naturally, through God given talents. However, many leadership experts will tell you that leadership is primarily a learned

skill set. Even the greatest leaders had to learn the skills necessary in order to lead others. Often, those skills were formed through adversity as those leaders had to learn a whole new way of relating to others. After losing the use of his legs, Franklin Roosevelt had to learn how to win the confidence of others while sitting in a wheel chair. King George VI had to overcome his stuttering in order to inspire Great Britain in the midst of WWII.

While the greatest leadership skills are learned over time such as wisdom and maturity, the only prerequisite for Christian leadership is the willingness to answer God's call into the unknown. We hear this call from Jesus to "come follow me." Now, we need strong faithful leaders more than ever. Our society and culture have changed drastically over the last twenty years. As we look around us, it is easy to feel uncertain about the future. It is into these uncertain times that answering God's call into the unknown is needed by those around us.

In our families, neighborhoods, work places, civic organizations, and with our friends, God is calling us to be leaders among those we love and interact with every day. In these places, God has placed us to assist those around us to know the love and truth of Jesus Christ. ***To be a Christian leader is to say "yes" to God's call, even if you're unsure, and then be willing and humble enough to learn along the way.***

If you have ever wondered what it takes to be a Christian leader in uncertain times, I invite you to join a group of like-minded travelers on a six-week guided book study. We will be studying *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Unchartered Territory* by Tod Bolsinger. The book and study are free. Just let me know if you are interested. We will begin on **Wednesday, April 11th** at 6:30pm in the Library of First Presbyterian. I look forward to seeing you there.

Pastor Jon



DEADLINE for the May 2018 Issue of The Presbyterian Bridge is **APRIL 20th**. To ensure that your article will be included, **please submit your typed article and materials to your church office on time!**

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!

NEWS

for

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MENOMINEE

Book Club

The next meeting for the Book Club will be **April 26** at 6:30 P.M. We meet at Harbors in the fourth-floor library. This month's selection is "The Bear and the Nightingale" by Katherine Arden. An extraordinary retelling of a very old tale!

A Russian setting adds unfamiliar spice to a story of a young woman who does not rebel against the limits of her role in her culture so much as transcends them. 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 and would love to have your suggestion for fun and interesting reading material.

As always, 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.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Club will meet on **Thursday April 5th**, in the library at 10:00 a.m. This is open to everyone and hope that you will join us. The Spring Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 5th. When you are doing your spring cleaning – think of us!!!! The more treasures the better the sale.

Reminders

Food collection for local pantries is the first Sunday of each month. The loose coin offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.

Anyone wishing to sign up for Flowers or Coffee Hour can do so on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room.

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 the shut-in listing frequently at 906-863-3889.

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!

We are also continuing to collect food for the local pantries. When you collect items for the local food pantries, please use this list as a guide:

- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned soup
- Canned meats: tuna, salmon, ham, chicken
- Pork and beans
- Beef stew
- Chili
- Manwich
- Boxed dinners
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pancake syrup
- Cake frosting

Also, please remember the need for personal care and cleaning items:

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| shampoo | shaving cream |
| soap | toilet paper |
| toothpaste | laundry soap |
| deodorant | dish soap |
| feminine products | paper towels |
| facial tissue | |

April Birthdays



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| 9 | Lori Zimmerman |
| 15 | Kelsie Meisner |
| 17 | Betty Jean Kabatek |
| 17 | Brianne Burnett |
| 21 | Wes Stripling |

Presbytery Point

Presbytery Point Camp, located on Lake Michigamme in central Upper Michigan, is a Christian camp with programs led by volunteers and members of The Presbytery of Mackinac, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Presbytery Point is dedicated to making disciples and meeting human need.

The Point offers a variety of programs for campers of all ages and interests during the summer. Presbytery Point Camp serves as a guest rental facility for non-profit, educational, and church organizations, as well as off-season retreats as the camp can accommodate.

Presbytery Point's budget was recently reduced by the Presbytery of Mackinac and is in need of donations from individuals who care about the future of the camp.

If anyone is interested in making a donation to help with the 2018 operating costs, please note on your check that you are donating to the camp. The money collected at our church will then be forwarded to the camp.

Projects to do at Home for the Point

Make Simple BEACH BAGS for the campers!

Each camper is given a bag, made from old T-shirts, to use as their beach bag to keep all their beach items together. Take an old T-shirt, cut off the sleeves and neckband and sew together the bottom. It's that simple!

Make a bench for the Point! – Simple, but sturdy benches for worship time at Vespers Point. Email the Camp Manager to get a copy of the bench plan: ppccc@presbyterypoint.org

Make Counselor Care Bags! Include: tissues, Chapstick, small flash-light, bug repellent, spray sunscreen, small notepad, pen, Sharpie, bandanna, etc.

2018 Presbytery Point Wish List

- Playground balls, ping-pong balls and paddles, archery equipment
- Fishing equipment (poles, bobbers, hooks without barbs)
- Arts-n-crafts supplies (colored construction paper, glue and glue sticks, masking tape, melty beads, white t-shirts of all sizes, tie dye colors, macramé jute, beads, wax and wick for candle making, crayons, paints, lanyard gimp)
- Permanent markers, dry erase markers
- Spiral notebooks (all sizes)
- Copy Paper
- Colored and white poster board
- 5-quart ice cream pails
- New or gently used 2-4-person tents
- Shoeboxes
- Rubber bands, paper clips, file folders, general office supplies
- Walkie-Talkies
- Batteries of all types (AA, AAA, C, D,6v,9v)
- Laundry Detergent
- 5-quart ice cream pails (with covers)
- Gently used sleeping bags and blankets
- New or gently used athletic shoes (youth and young adult sizes)
- Clean linens: towels, washcloths, twin and double size sheets, pillow cases
- Sturdy Coat trees, plastic coat hangers
- Flashlights
- New or gently used Canoes (17 foot) and paddles
- Lake kayaks and paddles
- Water front equipment (kickboards, water volleyball set, beach balls, noodles)
- Golf Cart
- Serviceable 4-wheeler (350cc or more)

Financial Gifts to the Campership Fund, General Camp Fund or Maintenance Fund are always needed and appreciated!!

NEWS
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April ~

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 JoAnne Nipple
- 4 Tamara Lapacz
- 7 Nancy Herrild
Camilla Bedrosian
- 8 Karen Hipwell
- 9 Josh Lapacz
- 12 Claudia Campbell
- 15 Ken Fifarek
- 21 Joy Lapacz
Lloyd Gomez
- 22 Dennis Nipple
- 25 Al Ochs
- 26 Floyd Leslie
- 29 Myrna Stanley
Karen Curtis
- 30 Leonard Curtis

LITURGISTS

- 1 Gene Davenport
- 8 Wally Hitt
- 15 Julie Skrzypinski
- 22 Charlie & Henry Bailey
- 29 Brookelyn Peterson

MUSICIANS

- 1 The Lovetts
- 8 Marilyn Schoen
- 15 Barb Akins – Bells & Bows
- 22 Voices of Peace
- 29 Mary Meyer

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

- 1 EASTER
- 8 Rich & Nancy Ulrich & Karen Hipwell
- 15 Open
- 22 Open
- 29 Open

Coffee Hour Hosts

We are in need of coffee hour hosts. Please call the church office to inquire about availability or check the calendar in the Galilean Room. Thank you for considering!



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, **April 10th** at 1:00 p.m. in the Riverside room at 1:00 p.m. We will be working on the church scrapbook. All women of the church are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Book Sale & Bake Sale

Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) will be holding their annual book sale in the Galilean Room on **April 6 from 4-7 and on April 7 from 8-12**. We need your help donating baked goods! The people who come to the book sale know there are some very good bakers in our congregation and look forward to picking up some of these “goodies” when they come to look for books.

Please consider making a donation of bread, candy, cookies, pies, bars, or any other pastry, or jelly or jam. Drop them off on **Friday April 6th in the kitchen**. If you are not a baker this is a great opportunity to buy some very tasty baked goods but come early as they go quickly.

Recycling Christian Literature

What to do with DVD's, CD's or even worn out Bibles? Think about recycling them for countries that speak English, but can not afford or are not allowed to purchase Christian literature. Please place in recycling box in entry way for Love Packages, Inc.

Many Thanks

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our friends at Pioneer Presbyterian and First Presbyterian Church, Menominee who have sent messages of kindness, condolence and sympathy. Your support and thoughts have made this difficult time a little easier. Thank you for your prayers and reaching out to us as we struggle to cope with our loss.

Dennis and Jo Anne Nipple

Many thanks to all of our families, youth and kids for providing dinner and dessert at our recent Lenten Supper. Everyone did an awesome job, helping set up and serve as well as clean-up.

Children, Youth and Families

Reserve **Friday, June 15th** for our annual trip to Noah's Ark for a day of fun in the sun! Cost is the same as last year - \$25 per person. Includes bus ride, admission to park, hot dog lunch and \$5 for dinner on the way back. A sign up sheet will be in the Sunday School room. Friends welcome!



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