

THE PRESBYTERIAN BRIDGE

Celebrating our uniqueness

Coming together in Christ



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MENOMINEE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 2018

Save the Date!!

Members of Pioneer Presbyterian and First Presbyterian Church of Menominee are invited to attend the annual outdoor service and picnic on **Sunday, August 12 at 10:00 A.M.** at Pioneer. Music will be provided by

Resurrection Afterglow.
Picnic following the service.
Come join us by the river!



Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering will be received during worship on **May 20, 2018** – fifty days after Easter. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (young adult volunteers, ministries for youth, at-risk children and Pentecost offering financials).

Enclosed in this month's newsletter you will find a giving envelope for the Pentecost Offering. Thank you for your continued support for our mission.

Joint Men's Club Meeting

Our next joint men's club meeting will be **May 8 at 6:00 P.M.** at Pioneer Presbyterian Church. Our guest speaker is Rich Crevier, Director of DAR Boys and Girls Club, and his wife. They 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.

RUMMAGE



First Presbyterian Church of Menominee

Saturday, May 5, 2018

9 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

NEW SPRING, NEW LIFE

Has the weather gotten you down? I am reminded of the song lyric, “*Where have all the flowers gone, longtime passing!*” After experiencing this record breaking April snowfall, the joy of Easter Sunday can seem far away. The springtime blahs of a long winter can close in upon us quickly.

The Springtime blahs are not unique to the Midwest. I would experience them in Seattle as well. Although the temperature is more temperate in the Pacific Northwest, on average, Seattle gets thirty-seven less days of sunshine than Green Bay; and after a long winter, I could feel the months of overcast affecting my attitude and mood. Apparently, I wasn’t alone in my disparaging humor. A Seattle realtor friend of mine once told me that the number of houses for sale would rise precipitously after a long winter.

I find the attitude towards winter to be hardier in the Northern Midwest. Many figure that this too will pass, which is a good lesson for each of us. God doesn’t promise us a life filled with sunshine and roses. He does promise to be with us, however, through it all.

As Jesus said, “Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened, and I shall give you rest.” He then continues to say, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:28-29).

Although Jesus promises to lighten our load by sharing our burden, we still have burdens in this life that we must endure. By learning to take on Jesus and his burden for others, we can help ourselves to weather any long winter.

As we look around and care for others as Jesus did, with Jesus’ compassion, our hearts replace misery with thanksgiving. We become thankful for Christ’s love and sacrifice for us and others. We become thankful for what God has

given us. I know that I am more thankful for the sun when it finally appears. Christian thanksgiving helps us to see beyond our current situation and find hope for the future.

We also see the help of others as people pull together to help neighbors in times of need. I heard many stories of neighbors plowing out neighbors and checking in to see if people were okay. The worst of the weather can bring the best out of good people. By these actions, we are turned to thanksgiving as we recognize others honoring our Lord’s commandment to “love our neighbor as ourselves.” Just as the tulips and daffodils remind us of life rising out of the harshness of winter, they remind us as Christians of the new life found in Jesus Christ and that God came to earth in order to bring about our reclamation. In the acts of kindness of others, we are reminded of effects of God’s sacrifice upon the hearts of even the unbeliever.

As we enter into a late spring, let us keep pushing forward as good Midwesterners. A few snowflakes cannot get us down. Let us keep an eye out for brighter days ahead even in the midst of trial. Let us continue to help those in our neighborhoods through the love of Christ. When the flowers start blooming again, we will be even more thankful for God’s providence and grace.

Happy Spring!



Pastor Jon

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

May ~

BIRTHDAYS

2 Shane Erdman
 13 Betty Messenger
 17 Bill Renoll
 20 Charlie Bailey
 21 Betty Jane Messenger
 Rose Foiles
 22 Todd Lapacz
 24 Agnes Campbell
 25 Laurie Davidson

BIRTHDAYS

15 Joe & Myrna Stanley
 31 Terri & Dan McVane

MUSICIANS

6 Pioneer Band
 13 Marilyn Schoen
 20 Susan Thornton
 27 John Wills

LITURGISTS

6 Julie Skrzypinski
 13 Barb Kopish
 20 Brookelyn Peterson
 27 Wally Hitt

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

6 Open
 13 Open
 20 Graduation Sunday
 27 Wally & Susan Hitt

GREETERS

6 Wally & Susan Hitt
 13 Rich & Joan Campbell
 20 Bill & Vicki Lenca
 27 Karen & Leonard Curtis

Presbyterian Women

Our last meeting of the season will be **Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00 P.M.** We will have our annual Potluck in the church kitchen, beverages will be provided.

Please RSVP to Pat Pottratz at 715-735-3258 or Liz Murphy at 906-864-2328. All women of the church are invited for this special fellowship time together.

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!

Please note the last day of Sunday School will be May 20th. No Sunday School on May 27th.

Graduation Sunday

May 20, 2018 | 9:00 A.M.

Join us as we pray for and bless our high school seniors!



Pioneer Scholarships Available

The Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for scholarships from members interested in pursuing post high school education. The deadline for applying is June 15th. Applications can be picked up at the church office.

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 is in need of donations from those 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

for

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MENOMINEE

Scholarships Available

This is the time of year where we start thinking about First Presbyterian Student Scholarships.

The first scholarship is the High School graduate Tom and Gertrude Chambers. Three requirements for this scholarship are being confirmed at FPC, graduating from high school and being in good standing. Scholarship forms are in the church office, with a due date of May 24, 2018.

The second scholarship is the John Larsen College Scholarship. There are three requirements. You must have at least a junior status in a college program, be in good standing and have been confirmed in our church (FPC of Menominee). This application is due by July 9, 2018. The full definition of being in good standing is in the church office, and all scholarships need the approval of the Session.

One of the ways you can keep your good standing status is to be a liturgist. Call the church office with dates that you are available; this is an easy and painless way to keeping yourself current. I have two months (May and September) where I'm looking for liturgists. Please call the church office or me, if you could help. These scholarships are time sensitive and is the applicant's responsibility to adhere by these deadlines.

Graduation Sunday

If you are a high school senior, we would like to honor you at a First Presbyterian Church worship service on a date to be determined later. Please contact the church office at 906-863-3889 or office@fpcmenominee.org so we can add you to the list.

*This is the day the Lord
has made;
We will rejoice
and be glad in it.*

Psalms 118:24



Book Club

The next meeting for the Book Club will be **May 24th at 6:30 P.M.** We meet at Harbors in the fourth- floor library.

This month's selection is "Mount Vernon Love Story" by Mary Higgins Clark. The bestselling author reveals the flesh-and-blood man who became the father of our country in a story that is charming, insightful, and immensely entertaining.

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.

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 May 3rd, in the library at 10:00 A.M.** This is open to everyone and we hope that you will join us. **The Spring Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 5th.**

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.

May Birthdays

2	Larry Fernstrum
4	David Fernstrum
6	Jack Parker
8	Helen Thibodeau
11	Nancy Zeratsky
12	Pat Lohff
16	Wes Hoffman
22	Peggy Fernstrum
23	Don Mick
23	Camryn Ferm
24	Norman Williams
25	Stephen Wilke
27	Spencer Howell
28	Janet Krause
28	Todd Waypa
29	Mary Ann Langill
29	Joanne Ranck Heffernan
31	Mary Nelson
31	Almeta Williams



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!



Celebrating our uniqueness • Coming together in Christ

Pastor Jon Nelson • 715-587-8731

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MENOMINEE

923 5th Street
Menominee, MI 49858
906-863-3889
office@fpcmenominee.org
www.fpcmenominee.org

Administrative Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

SESSION

Clerk of Session • Donna Rife
Building & Grounds • Steve Engeldinger
Christian Education •
Fellowship • Steve Engeldinger
Finance •
Mission • Patricia Johnson & Jane Stripling
Personnel • Sam Hofer
Worship • DeeAnne Polhmann
Evangelism/Membership • Sam Hofer

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator • Karen Menard

Anita Draska	Mary Nelson
Karen Fehrenbach	Sue Plautz
MaryAnn Langill	Ann Schultz
Linda Majkrzak	Carol Symyneshen
Karen Menard	Helen Thibodeau
Carol Mick	

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1947 Riverside Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143
715-735-3025
office@pioneermarinette.org
www.pioneermarinette.org

Administrative Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 noon

SESSION

Clerk of Session • Karen Bickel
Administration • Liz Murphy
Building & Grounds • Joe Reines
Christian Education • Ann Eggener
Finance • Bill Lenca
Memorial & Mission • Karen Bickel
Outreach & Fellowship • Ellis Langjhar
Personnel • Karen Buyarski
Worship & Music • Rich Ulrich
Nominating • Joe Reines

BOARD OF DEACONS

Co-Moderators • Marilyn Galineau | Pat Pottratz
Secretary • Linda Baumler

Sarah Austad	Karen Hipwell
Linda Baumler	Barb Kopish
Marguerite Braley	Sue Ochs
Karen Curtis	Myrna Stanley
Mark Franzen	