

THE PRESBYTERIAN BRIDGE

Celebrating our uniqueness

Coming together in Christ



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MENOMINEE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

N O V E M B E R 2 0 1 8

All Saints Sunday

November 4 is All Saints Sunday. If you would like to have a deceased loved one listed in the bulletin at your home church, please call the appropriate church office. Individuals are invited to light a candle during worship in honor of their loved ones who have preceded us into the glorious company of the saints.

Pastor's Bible Study

We continue to study Paul's Prison Letters (Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon, Philippians, 1 Timothy, Titus, & 2 Timothy). We meet each Wednesday, 10am at Pioneer and 6:30pm at First Presbyterian. Newcomers are always welcome.

Holiday Express

Saturday, December 8th
9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
of Menominee



CHRISTMAS JOY

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received on **December 23rd**. The offering is used for Assistance Programs of the Board of Pensions and Racial Ethnic Education at PC (USA) related schools and colleges. Your mission committee thanks you for your support.



Many Thanks

Dear Pastor Jon and congregations,

It was a joy to be with you once again today. It is a blessing to worship with other members of God's family and feel His Spirit minister among the people. Thank you for the monies received which will be used toward future ministry. Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

*Until we meet again,
Voices of Peace
Bud & Carolyn and Ruth*

Daylight Savings

Daylight savings will end on
Sunday, November 4, 2018.



STEWARDSHIP LEADS TO THANKSGIVING

It is November, do you know what that means? For pastors, it means writing about thanksgiving and stewardship. Each year, pastors give their pitch of why you should give more to the church and then we tell you should be thankful about it. I am not sure how many of you I convince, but it is an important part of being a pastor because thanksgiving and stewardship really do go hand in hand.

As a Christian, I have given to the church most of my life. However, it has not always come naturally or easily; it is something that I have had to grow into over the years. As I have grown in my faith, I have grown in my giving. And as I have grown in my giving, I have grown to be more thankful and joyful in my giving.

Some people tithe which is the Biblical practice of giving one tenth of your income back to God's purposes. Simply put, it is taking your paycheck and moving the decimal over one spot to the left and writing a check out for that amount. Some people argue whether individuals should tithe their net or gross income. That is up to each person to decide. If it is hard to tithe your gross income, begin with your net and eventually work your way to your gross income.

That being said, few people in the church truly tithe equal to their income. Research has shown that all the sermons and pleas from the pulpit asking congregation members to become tithers rarely changes pledging practices. Therefore once again the ideal and the actual real world don't match up. We typically know what we should be doing but we fall short of actually doing it. This either leads to guilt or stubbornness. Neither one leads to a thankful and joyful Christian life. I don't want you feeling guilty or obstinate every time the offering plate goes by.

Therefore, I propose the following. When you receive your pledge card this year, take a look at your giving. If you are one of those faithful but rare tithers in the church then praise be to God. You are already at the finish line and you know the joy of being a faithful giver. However, if you are not where you should be in your giving then I challenge

you to give \$5 more each week. That is \$260 more a year. If fifty families gave \$5 more a week, that would be an extra \$13,000 for the ministry of the church. You can't even buy a value meal at McDonalds for \$5. Eat one less value meal each week and not only will you feel good about giving back to God, but think of all the calories you won't have to burn off at the gym. Perhaps some of you are able and willing to give \$10 extra each week. Whatever your giving ability, we are thankful.

By increasing our giving in this manner over the years, my family has been able to move into tithing. I have found it to be a freeing experience because I no longer feel the guilt of not giving back adequately to God. I know that we are covering our financial responsibility of maintaining the church for future generations.

These churches have enough money in order to be viable and successful churches. It is a long road to achieving the goals of both these churches and solid financials will help. Please give freely to our church because it will provide for improved ministry and more outreach to our community.

We will be dedicating our pledges on Sunday, December 2nd which is the first Sunday of Advent. As we enter into the Christmas season, consider how much of your gold, frankincense, and myrrh you are willing to place at the feet of your Lord and Savior this year.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Jon 

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

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will meet on **Thursday, November 1st** at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. We will be discussing the December Craft and Bake Sale that will be held on Saturday, December 8th in the lobby of the church.

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.

The loose coin offering will be collected every third Sunday in our offering plates. We will announce the designation at the end of November. Thank You.

Christmas Shoebox Project 2018

School supplies are still available in the stores. Would you consider buying a few extra for the annual Christmas Shoebox project? Colored pencils, crayons, pencils, pens, rulers, erasers, notebooks, watercolor paints, glue sticks and small notebooks are just some suggestions. They don't accept scissors or liquid glue for the shoebox project.

As always, monetary donations are excepted if you would prefer us to do the shopping. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. The deadline for Shoeboxes is **November 12th** as the boxes need to be sent out. Thank you – Debbie Hofer and Linda Engeldinger.

Book Club

It's movie time for the Book Club. We will be watching "A Walk to Remember". This is based on a Nicholas Sparks book. Cocky, Popular high school student Landon Carter is the big man on campus at Beaufort High School until a hazing incident leaves a fellow student paralyzed.

Sentenced to community service and membership in his school's drama club, Landon is forced to seek help from Jamie Sullivan, the conservative, religious, plain-Jane daughter of the town's Baptist minister. When the two students begin to fall in love, Landon struggles with the drop in popularity that his new friendship brings, while Jamie is forced to deal with her strict father and a secret that she's keeping from her schoolmates.

We will be meeting at the Harbors Movie Room on **November 15th** at 6:30. Please note this is a week earlier than our normal meeting do to Thanksgiving.

November Birthdays

4	Jane Stripling
6	Janet Evans Smith
9	Janice Wilke
10	Sandra Fernstrum
15	William Burnett
22	June Paprukilo
24	Donna Rife
28	Charles Ferm



NEWS

for

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MENOMINEE

150th Celebration News

As we continue celebrating the 150th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Menominee, we will be honoring the women of the church on **November 25th** for their generous efforts over the past to the present.

Time to Hang Up the Kitchen Towel

After many years, our chief cook, bottle washer and coffee hour hostess extraordinaire, Betty Kabatek, has decided to retire at the end of this year. Her last official day will be December 30th. If anyone wishes to take over the coffee hour duties – please contact Betty Kabatek. Betty will be missed but deserves to step back after many, many years. Thank you, Betty.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS TO ORDER

Please place my order for the Christmas poinsettias.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

The Flower Gallery has made Red poinsettias available to us for \$12.00 (single), \$23.00 (double). Please return this form and payment to the First Presbyterian Church of Menominee office before December 12th. You may also call the office at 906-863-3889 or use the form from the website to place your order but payment must be received by December 12th.

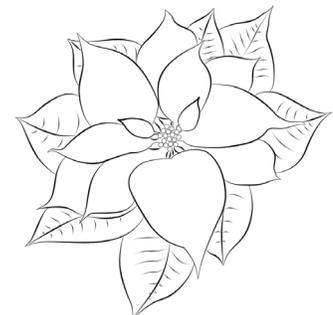
This is a great opportunity to remember and/or honor a loved one.

Please circle the size: Single (\$12.00) Double (\$23.00)

1. Honor Memory _____

2. Honor Memory _____

3. Honor Memory _____



November ~

BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Barbara Campbell
- 9 Carson Erdman
- 19 Mark Franzen
- 21 Sue Landenberger
- 24 Susan Mars

ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Rich & Nancy Ulrich

LITURGISTS

- 4 Wally Hitt
- 11 Henry Bailey
- 19 Charlie Bailey
- 25 Julie Skrzypinski

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

- 4 The Twining's & Messengers
- 11 Open
- 18 Open
- 25 Open

GUEST MUSICIANS

- 4 John Wills
- 11 Joan Campbell & Pioneer Band
- 18 Marilyn Schoen
- 25 Susan Thornton

GREETERS

- 4 Jean & Ann Eggener
- 11 Ken & Joan Fifarek
- 18 Karen Hipwell & Nancy Ulrich
- 25 Bob & Sue Landenberger

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet on **Tuesday, November 13** at 6:00 p.m. at the church. The program will be presented by the Bailey boys regarding their summer camp experience. Dessert and coffee will be served. Please rsvp to Liz Murphy at 906-864-2328 or Pat Pottratz at 715-735-3258.

Holiday Potluck Brunch

After the service on **Sunday, December 2** we will have a potluck brunch. In addition to the good food and good fellowship we will also be accepting cash donations for homeless high school students in our community. The Outreach Committee will match donations received up to \$200. Please bring whatever dish you would like to share and join us in fellowship and help young people in need.

Pioneer Christmas Party for Adults

We will be having our Christmas party on **Sunday, Dec 9th** at Little River Country Club. Packer game is currently at noon. Social hour at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. Dinner will be served family style and will be similar to last year but we don't have a final price yet.

The traditional white elephant gift exchange will follow the meal. White elephant gifts can be anything from a "not so nice" Christmas item to a "nice" item. "Nice" items that have been popular in the past have been candy, nuts, candles, and Christmas decorations.

A signup sheet will be available by the Church entrance as we get closer to the date. The cost will be \$18.50 per person. Please join us for this delicious meal and fun event.



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Worship • DeeAnne Polhmann
Evangelism/Membership • Sam Hofer

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