

THE PRESBYTERIAN BRIDGE

Celebrating our uniqueness

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MENOMINEE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Leadership Training

The Northwoods Cluster of Winnebago Presbytery will be holding a leadership training event on **Saturday, March 2nd**. It will be an all-day event. Elders and deacons from both churches are invited. We have attended these in the past and they have been a time for meaningful fellowship and learning with fellow presbyterians. If interested, please contact Pastor Jon or your deacon moderator.

New Book Study

Our church, like many so others within our denomination and across the country, faces declining numbers and resources. In our new study, we will focus through *Can Our Church Live* by Alice Mann. This book examines the question on many of our minds. The pastor will be leading a six week study beginning in March. If you have wondered or worried about the fate of our church, this is the study for you. If interested please contact Pastor Jon so he can schedule the class with the participants.

*My soul finds rest in God alone;
my salvation comes from him.*

He alone is my rock

and my salvation;

he is my fortress,

I will never be shaken.

Psalm 62:1-2



DEADLINE for the March 2019 Issue of The Presbyterian Bridge is **FEBRUARY 20th**. To ensure that your article will be included, **please submit your typed article and materials to your church office on time!**

GOD'S GREAT MASTERPIECE

As I search for themes for our monthly newsletter, I sometimes review old articles for inspiration. I wrote this article back in February of 2015 and it spoke to me. I hope it speaks to you again:

As Presbyterians, order plays an important part in our understanding of God and Christianity. We believe that God has ordered all life, but as humans we have messed things up pretty badly. It is only through our response to the grace of God through Jesus Christ that we can begin to reorder our lives back according to God's will.

This concept has meant a lot to me in my life and faith. I am not always an orderly person but I aspire to be and the more that I accept God's grace, the more at peace I am. I often find myself to be an impatient person. I want to see results and change quickly. However, I must remind myself that my timing is not God's timing. It is only when I accept this that I am better able to understand my place in God's plan.

In understanding God's ordering, we must accept that God is in control and we are not. We can only respond to that which God has ordained. Either we can heed and try to follow God's will or we can pout and thrash around trying to fight against it. The more that we fight God's will, the more frustrated and weaker we ultimately become. To us as Presbyterians, ordering ourselves to the will of God brings wisdom, strength, knowledge, and peace.

And underneath all order is the grace of God. God's grace and mercy is interwoven into the fabric of the universe. Each of us is a wonderful and unique thread sewn into the magnificent tapestry of creation. We are woven individually by God and are a production of his handiwork. Unfortunately, from our perspective, we do not often see in ourselves what God sees. God knows our good and bad and places us where we are meant to be. We too often see the world from our human

vantage point and do not understand our importance within the big picture.

However, that is where the good news of Jesus Christ helps us. In Christ, we are able to better see the full picture of God. We are able to see the fullness of God's plan and our rightful place within the world and universe. Once we witness this picture, we are better able to act according to our placement.

When we step back from our little world and take a look at creation, we see the picture God has set before us. We see the loving face of God staring back at us. Like the great Renaissance paintings of old, displayed before us is an image of Jesus on the cross suffering on our behalf and the glory of Jesus rising from the dead. Through this image of Christ, we begin to understand how God is reconciling all of creation towards this final theme.

As you go through your daily life, I hope that you can appreciate how important you are within the tapestry of creation. Without you, a piece of God's great masterpiece would be missing. You are precisely placed within the ordering of God. In accepting our rightful place, we accept the grace and love of God and we are a part of something much greater than ourselves.

Peace and blessing,

Pastor Jon



Presbyterian Women

The next monthly meeting for the Presbyterian Women will be on February 7th at 10:00 am in the Library. Please feel free to join us.

Mission News

We will continue to collect personal items for men, women, and teens. These items will be donated to a Mission of their choice. Please place your donations in the basket in the Gathering Room.

Blue Envelopes

The blue envelope included with your yearly giving envelopes is designated for your yearly Per Capita and the amount this year is \$38.00. Thank you.

Book Club

The next meeting of Book club will be February 28th at 6:30 p.m. We meet at the Harbors in the fourth-floor library. This month's selection is *Lincoln's Last Trial* by Dan Abrams. This is a true story of Abraham Lincoln's last murder trial, a strange case in which he had a deep personal involvement, and which was played out in the nation's newspapers as he began his presidential campaign.

If you would like to expand your reading habits, we would love to have you join us. If you need a ride please call Janet Johnson at 863-7496.

February Birthdays

13	Terry Zimmerman
16	Ann Schultz
16	Karen Menard
20	DeeAnne Pohlmann
27	Evan Pohlmann

Coffee Hour

Debbie Hofer will be scheduling coffee hour hosts and making sure we have enough supplies. We will be posting who the hosts will be each month in the bulletin and the messenger. If there is a week with no hosts, there will be no coffee hour that morning. Debbie will be calling members soon to fill in where needed. If anyone has questions or would like to serve on a special occasion, please call Debbie at 906-863-3048.

February 3

Souper Bowl Sunday – No coffee hour

February 10

Deacons – Karen Menard & Anita Draska

February 17

Joan & Ron Helgerson

February 27

PW – Joyce Peanosky & Carol Symyneshen

March 3

Pat Johnson & Rebecca Wellens

March 10

The Deacons

March 17

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 24

PW – Jennifer Blair & Donna Rife

March 31

Open

Women's Gathering

The Women of the Church are invited to a social event on **February 27** at Brown's Corner in Peshtigo at 5:30 p.m. Reservations need to be in by February 19th by calling Gina at the church office (906-863-3889) or Joyce Peanosky at (906-863-8455) – Dutch treat – a night of good food and fellowship.

NEWS

for

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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.

Souper Bowl Sunday

On Sunday, **February 3rd** in the Fellowship room following the Service we will be having our Souper Bowl Sunday. We need your favorite soup/ chili and/or bars. A sign-up will be on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room. Everyone is invited to share in fellowship.

We're asking everyone to bring a can of soup to be donated to the food pantries in addition to our regular food donations. Questions, contact Sheri Zorn or Steve Engeldinger.

Corned Beef Memorial Dinner

Please mark the date, **Sunday March 17**, after worship will be the Mary Bradley Memorial Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Advance tickets must be bought beforehand. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12 and under age 4 are free. Please contact Sheri Zorn or Steve Engeldinger for more information. Profit will go to the Building Fund.

Heartfelt Thanks

To the Session and Church Family,

Thank you for the gift of appreciation for my long service doing the Coffee Hour. It was a most unexpected honor. I have enjoyed meeting and serving everyone each Sunday. Also, many thanks to all who volunteered to host a Sunday over the many past years.

Debbie Hofer has agreed to continue overseeing the Coffee Hour. Please continue to volunteer and give her the help you all have shown me.

In Fellowship, Betty Jean Kabatek

Deacon's Schedule

FPC Communion | February 3
Carol Symyneshen and Mary Ann Langill

FPC Communion | March 3
Karen Fehrenbach and Linda Majkrzak

Harbor's Communion | February 7
Carol Symyneshen

Harbor's Communion | March 7
Karen Menard

Homebound Communion | March 3
Janet Johnson

**Second Sunday Coffee Hour |
Feb. 10 & March 10**
Helen Thibodeau will make calls to
Deacons to get help.

Next Deacons meeting will be **Monday, March 4th**
at 5:15 p.m.

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

- 3 Wally Hitt
- 10 Karen Bickel
- 17 Rich Ulrich
- 24 Ann Eggener

GUEST MUSICIANS

- 3 Bells & Bows
- 10 Marilyn Schoen
- 17 Voices of Peace
- 24 Susan Thornton

GREETERS

- 3 Wally & Susan Hitt
- 10 Ann & Jean Eggener
- 17 Rich & Nancy Ulrich & Karen Hipwell
- 24 Ruth & Ellis Langjahr

COFFEE HOSTS

- 3 Bob & Sue Landenberger
- 10 Ellis & Ruth Langjahr
- 17 POTLUCK BRUNCH
- 24 Open

“Show the Love for Joanne Peterson” Potluck Brunch

The Outreach and Mission committees are planning a potluck brunch for **February 17, 2019 immediately 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.



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

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator • Karen Menard

Anita Draska	Ann Schultz
Karen Fehrenbach	Janet Smith
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Thurs | 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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Clerk of Session • Karen Bickel
Administration • Liz Murphy
Building & Grounds • Wally Hitt
Christian Education • Joy Lapacz
Finance • Bill Lenca
Memorial & Mission • Karen Bickel
Outreach & Fellowship • Ellis Langjhar
Personnel • Karen Buyarski
Evangelism • Wally Hitt
Nominating • Joe Reines
Worship • Joe Reines

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