

July 2021 >>>

*Sunday Services:
8:30 in Oconto
& Live on Zoom*

10:30 in Marinette



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A Monthly Newsletter for FPC, Oconto

The Messenger

Reminder!

Pastor Craig is in Oconto on Mondays and Wednesdays. He is in Marinette on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can always call either church office or Pastor's cell phone as needed, 604-3922

****As always please contact the church office or a session member if you have any questions or concerns, 835-3922**

coming soon >>>

In The Next Issue

*Deadline for the August issue is
July 20, please email articles to
Amy: amy@eapetersonfamily.com*

Sunday School? Youth Group? We Need You & Your Ideas!

We need to start making plans for the fall and hopefully can coordinate a few fun events yet this summer. We need your input and help to determine what the future will look like.

**We will meet at the church on
Wed. July 7 at 6:00 P.M.**

If you have children or youth, or if you are interested in helping to plan/lead events for children or youth, please come!

If you are not available to attend but would like to be involved, please let us know by emailing office@fpcocoonto.org or call 920-835-3922 with any ideas or questions. Thank you!





All impacted by COVID-19

All Military personnel & families including: Mike Beck (Marines – Fort Worth , TX).

Local Congregations in Pastoral transition:, Athelstane, Wausaukee, Forest Larger Parish (Lakewood, Wabeno, Laona), First American Lutheran, Oconto

For the families and friends of those who have passed away: Pat DeWitt, Dennie Hibbert, Eileen Hoehne, David Matravers, Honey Schroder, John Stellmacher, Thomas Zantow, and Dr. Charles Awen

General Prayers: Deets Aland, Songhee Buck, Margaret Dakins, Vicki Haag, Ted Haakonson, Bennett Heyrman, Rick Jose, Rosetta Lehman, Stella McCarthy, Gary Miller, Barb McNutt, Cindy Reed, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, Ruth Sebero, Diane Staidl, Sue Stodola, Sue Strandt, Dean & Judy Swaer, and Diane Williams

Need to add someone to the prayer list? Is an update needed on the prayer list? Please contact Stacy in the church office with additions or corrections – Thank you!

Re-retirement Announcement!

Ruth E. Baker, our organist for the past few years, has purchased a house to be near her daughter in Michigan and hopes to be moving soon. Her last Sunday of playing the organ for worship will be July 4, but she has graciously recorded music for us to use through August.

She began playing piano and organ in church at a very young age. She served as organist for FPC in Davenport IA for four decades before retiring in 2010 and moving to this area to spend time with family here. She has played for many of the local congregations over the past decade. We are SO VERY grateful for all the extra time and effort beyond playing the organ with which she has blessed us! Please thank her and pray for a safe and uneventful move.

Paster's Ponderings....

Why do we gather? This is a question posed in the opening chapter of “The Art of Gathering” by Priya Parker, and one of the many questions we need to be asking ourselves as we cultivate the “new normal” as we gather together after the COVID pandemic. Why do we gather on Sunday mornings at 8:30/10:30AM for worship? The answers may seem straight-forward and simple at first, but I want us to think deeper. Why on Sunday? Why at 8:30/10:30AM or any other time? Why at church in the Sanctuary? Why do we structure our worship service as we do? Why do we include or exclude the call to worship, prayer of confession and words of assurance, affirmation of faith, etc.? What is the meaning and purpose of including or excluding scripture readings from various portions of the Bible (Old Testament, Psalms, Epistles, Gospel) and how does that impact our overall understanding of scripture? What is the difference between hearing a sermon preached from a raised pulpit or from the same level as everyone in the pews? As we become more aware of and name the deeper influences of our own various answers, we need to honestly and openly ask questions to those who aren’t gathering with us. Questions such as: Why don’t you gather with us or even like we do? How might we need to change our gatherings to be more meaningful to believers for the years ahead? How might we need to better explain why we aren’t willing to change some aspects of our gathering, and why that element of worship is important and deeply meaningful to our faith development?

Why do we gather? I invite us all to come re-experience worship together in the sanctuary on Sunday morning as we all reflect and offer our insights to these and many more questions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Giving for May:	\$6,947.30
Other Income for May:	\$290.48
<u>Pioneer Presbyterian Pastoral Contribution for May:</u>	<u>\$3,615.83</u>
Total Income for May:	\$10,853.61
 Total Expenses for May:	 \$13,642.91
 Monthly average income to cover budgeted expenses:	 \$10,960

PLEASE READ

Rev Craig Alwin is inviting you to join a scheduled Zoom Worship Service.

Topic: FPC Oconto Sunday Worship

Time: 08:30 AM

Worship will start at (or about) 8:30AM. This invite is being shared with people outside our local congregation, so don't be alarmed if you don't recognize someone. If you see or hear anything inappropriate, please unmute and let us know so that person can be muted or blocked. (There have been reports of malicious activity like this called "zoom-bombing" which is why we use passwords and don't publish the meeting info on the web or social media.) Anyone who joins the meeting early can unmute themselves and share joys, concerns, or whatever's going on. All are welcome to hang out after worship for "coffee hour" fellowship.

Please, respect the privacy of others by not sharing info without their permission.

A) To join the worship service with your phone audio only:

(This will work with any landline, flip phone, or smart phone)

1. Dial the phone number **1-312-626-6799**
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **856 2368 3669**
3. You will be asked to enter another code *OR* press # again: **ONLY PRESS #**
4. Enter the password: **8353922**
5. You will automatically be muted to prevent feedback and distractions
(whenever a noise is detected, the visual screen switches to that participant)
 - a. You can mute or unmute yourself by pressing ***6** during the meeting
 - b. You can "raise your hand" to let us know you want to talk by pressing ***9**

B) To join the worship service with your computer or smartphone:

1. Download the Zoom App
2. Join the Zoom Meeting by one of the following options:
 - a. Use this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85623683669?pwd=bitsbUtMeUJlSWtZSXIHRzY0MVBGdz09>
 - b. Open your Zoom app and manually enter the following
 1. Enter the Meeting ID: **856 2368 3669**
 2. Enter the password: **8353922**

Books of the Bible Word Search

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ACTS
GENESIS
LUKE
NUMBERS

CORINTHIANS
JOHN
MARK
ROMANS

EXODUS
LEVITICUS
MATTHEW



*Enjoy this Puzzle!
Have a wonderful and
Safe 4th of July!*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT 8:30 A.M. EACH SUNDAY!

Your Session has just voted to update our in person meeting guidelines based on the CDC's most recent recommendations. We will continue to welcome mask usage at any time, but are not requiring masks if you are fully vaccinated. We ask that everyone continue to honor social distancing for family groups as much as is possible. We want to continue to living out the Biblical command to live with respect for all, and expect all inside our building to honor those who prefer mask usage or extra distance in their presence. Hand sanitizer and masks will continue to be available. Additionally, we will be opening the sanctuary windows and running the air exchanger to bring in fresh filtered air during worship, so please dress as if you were worshipping outside. For those who choose to gather online, will will continue the live Zoom connection as it has been (details on the next page.) **After June 20th we will no longer be live streaming the service on our Facebook page. If this presents a problem for you, please let us know.** Our goal is to gather together as the Body of Christ in worship.

Please remember, your Session may, at its discretion, revise or adjust these procedures as they see the need based on public health guidance and the situation of our local context. Remember Church is not where you are, but who we are together. Please join us to share in worship.

Need help with one of the worship options? Have a question? Need to contact a Deacon or member of Session? Call the church office at 920-835-3922.

Need some guidance? How about Taking Faith Home?

Have you received your weekly sheets? They are being sent via email. Have a new email address? Prefer them sent a different way? Please notify the church office at 920-835-3922 of any changes or corrections.

This is a great tool to use individually or as family. It has many options, for prayers, readings or even explaining church traditions.

