

April 2024

Join us
Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service



FPC Oconto monthly newsletter

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Elder at large

Wil Andersen

Elder at large

Polly Exferd

Clerk of Session

Nikki Giese

Session Recorder



Please give securely online
at www.fpcocoonto.org

Deadline for our May issue is
April 26th. Please email any
information you have to share
to the office at
office@fpcocoonto.org

Highlight of the Month

Meet our Administrative
Assistant

Stacy Suarez

Duties:

- Handle all incoming communication (phone calls, emails, mail) and route to appropriate person.
- Update the website, prayer list, membership list, church calendar, bulletin boards, church records. Please give updates to Stacy!
- Communicate with Session & other committees when needed & send meeting reminders, print off session packets & treasurer reports.
- Gather information for bulletins.
- Create PowerPoints when there is no organist.
- Distribute liturgy readings to the weekly readers.
- Assist Polly with denominational reports, church register & print annual reports.
- Enter donations, print VANCO receipts, maintain individual contribution records.
- Remit Federal & State payroll taxes, reconcile Federal & State payroll taxes with assistance from treasurer.
- Fill out check req. Forms for bills, make out the bills & payroll, mail bills & other important documents.
- Filing, photocopying, order checks & office supplies, clean the office.





REMINDER

Did you know that your per capita helps pay for our pulpit supply, our Session moderator, Dave Colby, the search for a new pastor and so much more? Our first installment of per capita was paid to the Presbytery in March. If you have not yet paid your per capita, you can do so by paying on-line thru VANCO and selecting PER CAPITA, a payment in your giving envelopes marked PER CAPITA, or in the envelopes in the pews and marked PER CAPITA. If the envelopes are not marked, the offering goes to our general funds.

Christian Education Committee:

Michelle McDowell, Dawn Steele & Emilie Duffy

The Christian Education Committee is looking for names of anyone who is graduating this year from high school, college, graduate school, etc. Please contact the office with the name of the person graduating, school, degree. **Graduate Sunday** is set for **May 19th**. A potluck will follow worship service. Everyone is welcome to join. Please bring a dish to pass.

The committee is still seeking new committee members to help lighten their load of responsibilities and grow this program. Please reach out to one of the committee members if you are interested.

Clerk of Session:

Polly Exferd

Your Session met on Sunday March 17th with David Colby - Transitional Presbyter from Winnebago Presbytery, moderating the meeting. We spent a good amount of time continuing to focus on... "charting a path forward" with many thoughts and ideas as we go forth in the Interim / Pastor Search process. This process will take some time, but we are going step by step with guidance from our moderator. We also spent time reviewing the many results that we heard back from the calls that were made by session, polling our members with questions, getting their thoughts and feelings on these "in between times" and what they would like to keep or change in the future of our church. Members, you are being heard and your input is a huge part of this process. If you have not heard from a session member as of yet, we are still making these calls. We may have left you messages to call back - and please do, or we may not have correct phone numbers for everyone either. So please reach out to your session members if you have not had a call as we would appreciate hearing from you because you all are part of the solution of our future. Your session members are Wil Andersen, Lynn Hollander, Jeff Krueger, Tammie McCarthy, Michelle and Jim McDowell.

Property & Grounds Committee:

Jim McDowell, Jerry Giese, Jeff Mlnarik & Mike Wickman

There will be a spring clean-up day on Sunday **May 19th** following graduation Sunday and potluck. Many hands make light work! There are many areas of the church and property that need some cleaning and attention. Please consider helping for an hour or two. Thank you!

MISSION POSSIBLE Kids

We're on a mission!

CALLING ALL AGENTS

Join us for
Mission
Possible Youth
Group 1st
Sunday at
Oconto UMC
and 3rd Sunday
at First
Presbyterian
Church
5:30 pm to 7:00pm

Youth Updates

- **VBS:** VBS is looking for donations for their upcoming workdays on April 14th and 28th at UMC at noon. There is a list below with the items that are needed before April 14th. There will be a bin in the Narthex to drop donated items off.
- **Mission Possible Kids:** Our Mission Possible Kids group met and accepted their March mission to support some of our local animals this month! The youth made some rope toys to donate to the Oconto Area Humane Society that will hopefully be enjoyed while the animals are waiting for adoption. They also made some animal treats to be delivered to another local animal organization.
- **Confirmation class:** Our confirmands have finished their studies. Confirmation is scheduled for April 7th.



VBS Donations

These items are needed before April 14th

- Large cardboard boxes (appliance boxes)
- Brown Paint
- Green paint
- 4 - white poster boards
- 4 - Neon Pink Poster Boards
- 4 - Neon orange Poster Boards
- 4 - neon yellow poster boards
- 5 - Neon green Poster Boards
- 10x10 Colorful paper
- 12x12 Colorful paper



Meet our Confirmands



Eli Bahrke, Kaitlyn Borkovec, Adelyn Martin, Samantha McDowell, Grace Patenaude, Brynlee Place, Cooper Stellmacher, and Alissa Wickman



Congrats to Cooper Stellmacher & the Oconto 8th Grade Boys Basketball team as the Oconto Tournament Champions & taking 6th place at State.



Congrats to Kaitlyn Borkovec and the Lena High School Girls Basketball Team for taking 2nd place at State.



Congrats to Grace Patenaude as a member of OHS State Lifsmarts Champions & Wildcard Champions.

Upcoming Events

- April 6th @ 5:00 pm Community Craft Event @ FPC
- April 7th @ 10:30 am Confirmation & Baptism Sunday
- April 7th @ 5:30 pm Mission Possible Kids @ OFD
- April 14th @ 9:00 am Deacon's meeting
- April 14th @ 12:00 pm VBS workday @ OUMC
- April 16th @ 1:00 pm Worship Committee meeting
- April 21st @ 11:30 am Potluck in Fellowship Hall
- April 21st @ 5:00 pm Session meeting
- April 21st @ 2:30 pm Mission Possible Kids @ OFD
- April 28th @ 12:00 pm VBS workday @ OUMC



- You are welcome to join us in our Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal. Please bring a dish to share. Meal themes are listed on the calendar below and on our Facebook Weekly updates.

A calendar has been created using SignUp Genius. This calendar will include the most up to date volunteer schedules for Sunday worship and events. Please utilize the following link to access the calendar to review events and sign up for volunteer positions.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB4EA4AC2BABF8Co7-48074672-please#/#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB4EA4AC2BABF8Co7-48074672-please#/)

If you are unable to access the calendar, you may still call the office and Stacy will add the information for you.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	¹ • 1-2pm Houseplant exchange @ Farnsworth Library	² • 12:30-5pm Bread by the Bay	³ • 5:30 Fellowship meal (Pizza/Italian) • 6:00 Confirmation • 6:45 Cub Scouts	⁴ • 1:00 Community Crafters	⁵	⁶ • 5 pm Community Craft Event @ FPC
⁷ • 10:30 Worship • Confirmation/Baptism • 12:00 John Susa Benefit @ Boo's II • 5:30 Mission Possible Kids @ OFD	⁸	⁹	¹⁰ • 5:30 Fellowship meal (Baked potato) • 6:45 Cub Scouts	¹¹ • 1:00 Community Crafters	¹²	¹³ • 4:30 pm Annual Auction @ FALC
¹⁴ • 9:00 Deacons meeting • 10:30 Worship • 12:00 VBS workday @ OUMC	¹⁵	¹⁶ • 1pm Worship meeting • 12:30-5pm Bread by the Bay	¹⁷ • 5:30 Fellowship meal (Soup/sandwich) • 6:45 Cub Scouts	¹⁸ • 1:00 Community Crafters	¹⁹	²⁰
²¹ • 10:30 Worship • 11:30 Potluck • 5:00 Session meeting • 2:30 Mission Possible Kids @ FPC	²²	²³	²⁴ • 5:30 Fellowship meal (Breakfast) • 6:45 Cub Scouts	²⁵ • 1:00 Community Crafters • Spring Fling Tour of Shops OC/MAR	²⁶ • Spring Fling Tour of Shops OC/MAR	²⁷ • Spring Fling Tour of Shops OC/MAR
²⁸ • 10:30 Worship • 12:00 VBS workday@UMC	²⁹	³⁰				

Bread by the Bay

Bread by the Bay is an ongoing ministry supported by many area churches. Below is an update from them. Please continue to donate items to the shopping cart at church to help keep the patron shelves stocked.

The Pantry served the following in March:

Households: **169**

Adults: **306**

Children: **155**

Your continued support is needed and appreciated – Thank you!



Updates



From the bottom of my heart, I Thank You, each and every one of you, who took the time to put together a special party to celebrate my 100th Birthday with me following the church service on March 17th. Your presence, well-wishes, flowers, gifts and cards truly filled my special day and birthday week with joy and are a testament to the wonderful family and friends I am so fortunate to have. I am forever grateful. Blessings to everyone. Love, Pug

PRAYER list...

All Military personnel & their families including: Sterling Heyrman stationed in San Diego on the USS Montgomery. James Alwin stationed in Columbus, Mississippi at Columbus A.F.B.

Local Congregations in Pastoral transition: Presbyterian Churches in Abbotsford, Marinette, Oconto, Weyauwega, and Winneconne.

The families and friends of those who have passed away: We extend our sympathies the families of Aaron D. Miklaszewicz and Janice Blumreich.

General Prayers: Bill Boesen, Margaret Dakins, Betty Geiger, Carol Grose, Myrtle Haag, Ted Haakonson, Cherylee Hamilton, Rosetta Lehman, Nick Loeffler, April Loppnow, Barb McNutt, Margie Murphy, Joan Nowak, Ron Palmer, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, Pug Saucier, Ruth Saber, Jo Schulz, Cindy Shallow, Shirley Sikma, Mike Stache, April Steen, Gary Stout, Rob Stout, Sue Strandt, and Stephanie Wittock.

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!