May 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.fpcoconto.org

Deadline for our **June** issue is **May 26th**. Please email any
information you have to share
to the office at

office@fpcoconto.org

Highlight of the Month

Meet your Worship Commission

Elder: Michelle McDowell

Current members: Pete Gabrielson, Wil Andersen and Polly

Exferd

We meet monthly and oversee the many aspects of worshiping, pastor & pulpit supply, music, organist / pianist and all things that involve the sanctuary. We are a very active team of commitment - doing, reviewing, discussing and making recommendations to Session when the need arises.



Messages from the Communications & Hospitality Committee



Volunteer Schedule

The volunteer schedule for the summer is now available on SignUp Genius. Please log onto the website and sign up for dates and duties that fit your schedule and talents.

Open spots available after **June 1st** will be assigned. If you are unable to meet the commitment, please reach out and find a replacement and notify the office so the schedule can be updated.

Instructions:

- Log onto Signupgenius.com
- · Click the search icon on the top of the screen
- Search for events using fpcoccomm1@gmail.com
- Click the search button
- Click below First Presbyterian Church
- Find the date and duty you want and click SIGN UP
- Click SAVE & CONTINUE
- Enter your first and last name and email address

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA4AC2BABF8C07-48074672-pl ease#/

Mission committee:

The mission giving from January to April was \$380.30. This was used to purchase 1 pig (\$120), 2 goats (\$120 a piece), and a flock of chickens (\$20) through Heifer International to feed a family in need.

Designated mission giving from now through the end of June will go toward the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) of Oconto County, to help provide funding for giving rides to veterans to and from doctor and hospital appointments. All loose coins will go towards youth programs and activities.

Clerk of Session:

Your Session has approved a contractual agreement with Rev. Rebecca Proefrock for when the need arises to perform funerals for members only of First Presbyterian Church Oconto. She will also provide pastoral care for members and their immediate family at the Green Bay Hospitals. For those of you who may not have met her as of yet, Rev. Rebecca has been filling our pulpit at least twice a month as well as serving holy communion per our schedule. She is an ordained Presbyterian Minister and is very well liked by those attending worship on the Sunday's that she has been here in Oconto. We are very grateful for her commitment to help us through these in-between-times without a full-time pastor. If the need arises for pastoral care for either a funeral or hospital visitations, please call the church office at 920-835-3922 and leave a message with Stacy or call me, Polly at 920-604-0958 and we will forward the information to Rev. Rebecca.

Updates:

Eight new members have been received by your Session and will be welcomed and recognized during worship on Sunday - May 5th. They are: Dawn and Steven Steele, Emilie and Mike Duffy, Paula, Josh and Ellyson Place and Krista Stewart. Please consider being a part of this special day and help us all welcome our newest members to our family of faith.

Synod School Booklets and Scholarship Forms are available for those interested in attending. A bus is also scheduled for those wishing to not drive the distance to Storm Lake, Iowa. Synod School dates are July 21 - 26.

Session:

Your session would like to thank everyone that has participated, given responses and feedback to their phone calls to members. They have heard your voices and will be planning and implementing some of those suggestions in the near future.

Youth Updates

Mission Possible Kids: In April, the kids accepted their mission and met with the Oconto Fire Dept. to meet some of our local heroes, tour the facility, and view their equipment. The kids then met a few weeks later, prepared lunch and treats, and dropped off the food to OFD. Thank you to the OFD for sharing their time! On April 13th, the kids wrapped up their March mission by delivering the homemade dog treats they made to K-9 Creations, toured their facility, and spent some time with the animals.

An end of the year wrap up party will be held at **The Good Place** on **May 5th at 2pm**.

VBS: April was busy with 2 workdays for VBS set decorations. VBS registration is open and will be held at OUMC held Aug. 4th-8th, 5-7:30 pm.

Youth Group: The youth held a Community Easter Breakfast on April 7th before worship service. It was a wonderful morning spent in fellowship; cooking, serving and sharing a meal. They raised \$78.







Lauren McDowell

Oconto High School

Lauren was in 3 sports almost all the way through high school and was a member of the NHS, Yearbook, Hope Squad, and Student Council, Homecoming Queen and after-school tutoring at OMS.

Lauren recently completed her CNA and plans to attend NWTC for Nursing beginning this summer.





Myah Mlnarik

Oconto High School

Myah was involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Track and Field, and Yearbook her senior year.

Myah is planning on studying pre-law at UW Wisconsin Madison.



Trinity LaPlant

Trinity was involved in National Honor Society, Pep Band/Concert Band, Student Council her senior year.

She is planning to continue attending NWTC, focusing on obtaining the remainder of her certificates in Emergency Medical Services and Firefighting. (Firefighter II, Paramedic, Driver Operator, etc...).

Jackson Martin

Oconto High School

Jackson was involved in Cross country, basketball, baseball, HI-Q, & NHS.

He will be attending UW Wisconsin Madison to study actuary science.





Hannah McDowell Bellin College

Hannah is graduating from Bellin College with a Bachelor's degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. She is currently working at Bellin Generations where she will continue after graduation.

Upcoming Events

• May 5th @ 9:00 am

• May 5th @ 2:00 pm

May 19th @ 10:30 am

• May 19th @ 11:30 am

• May 19th @12:30 pm

May 22nd @ 5:30 pm

Deacon's meeting

Mission Possible Kids

@ The Good Place

Graduation Sunday

Potluck after service

Spring clean up

Family Night @ FPC

(Food & Games)



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#/

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

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			• 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	• 1 pm Community Crafters	3	• 1 pm Sign Painting @ Crivello's
 9am Deacon's meeting 10:30 Worship service 2 pm Mission Possible Kids @ The Good Place 	6	7 • 12:30-5 pm Bread by the Bay	• 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	• 9:30-6 pm SVDP Clothing / Bedding drop off @ Holy Trinity • 1 pm Community Crafters	• 9:30-6 pm SVDP Clothing / Bedding @ Holy Trinity	• 9:30-12 pm SVDP Clothing / Bedding @ Holy Trinity
 10:30 Worship service Mimosa Mother's Day Event @ The Ruins 	13	14	• 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	• Free Community Day @ Bond Center • 1 pm Community Crafters	• Free Community Day @ Bond Center	18
 10:30 Worship service Graduation Sunday Potluck Spring cleanup day 5 pm Session meeting 	20	21 • 12:30-5 pm Bread by the Bay	• 5:30 pm Family Food/Game night @ FPC • 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	• 1 pm Community Crafters	24	25
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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 last month:

Households: 157 Adults: 271 Children: 134

Your continued support is needed and appreciated – Thank

you!





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.

General Prayers: Bill Boesen, Margaret Dakins, Brooks Darrah,
Margaret Drewry, Betty Geiger, Laurie Giese, Carol Grose, Myrtle
Haag, Ted Haakonson, Cherylee Hamilton, Karlynn Hollander, 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.