

July 2024

Join us
Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service



FPC Oconto monthly newsletter

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

Highlight of the Month

Meet your AV team

Current member: Jerry Giese

This is Jerry Giese speaking as one of the AV techs. As you know AV has become more important since COVID. It used to be a lot of work but is now much easier. Presently, Emmy Reed and myself are the only AV techs. Emmy is leaving to pursue her career in law enforcement at the end of June, leaving only me so we are in need of more volunteers.

As I said, AV has become a lot easier. It consists of coming in about a half an hour early to turn on the sound system and then monitoring the sound system during service. On rare occasions when there is a powerpoint presentation, we also have to start the projector, run the powerpoint through our computer by just advancing the slides with a click of a mouse.

It is an easy job with little training needed. The training itself takes anywhere from a half hour to an hour. I would be the one to train you and also be there to help you through your first time or two until you feel comfortable. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining me and helping out our church and church family. If interested, please talk to me at church or contact me at 920-373-6410 via text or phone call and we can go from there. Thank you!

**Messages from the
Communications & Hospitality
Committee**



Christian Education:

VBS will be held Aug 4-8th at OUMC. They are in need of some food donations. Information is on the next page and sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

There are some fun activities and fundraisers in the works for the summer and fall. On Aug 25th, there will be Blessings of the Backpacks and a family fun picnic following worship service. More information will follow as details are finalized.

Updates to the youth room will be taking place to make it an inviting place for our youth and youth groups to enjoy during events.

Worship committee:

Session has approved the recommendations by the worship committee for changes to worship services during VBS. Following the VBS model from previous years, August 4th we will host a joint service with OUMC and August 11th will be a joint service hosted by OUMC. There will not be a separate service held at FPC on August 11th.

Communications & Hospitality Committee:

The new TV purchased by the Christian Ed Dept will soon be installed in the Fireside Lounge. We would like to display current events as well as photos of the life of the church. If you any photos of FPC historical nature, FPC events or members that you would like included in the slide show, please reach out to the office.

The Bulletin Boards in the Narthex are under construction. The larger board will include monthly calendars (current and next month), information for events, news of the church. The smaller board will include the volunteer schedule, volunteer sign up sheet, and any other sign up information.

Volunteer schedule:

The summer schedule is completed. A reminder to check the volunteer schedule on SignUp Genius or the paper copy in the Narthex on the **Volunteer Bulletin Board** for assigned duties if you did not sign up before June 1st. There are 3 ways to sign up: log on to the SignUp Genius **website**, sign up on the **paper copy** in the Narthex or **call the office** and Stacy will add it to the calendar.

Mission Committee:

Mission giving for Oconto County Disabled American Veterans (DAV) wrapped up on June 30th. A total of monies received will appear in the July 7th weekly update.

Money collected from July-September will go towards our Deacons for gas cards, meat gift cards for the pantry and the many other needs that they meet within our church and community.

Session:

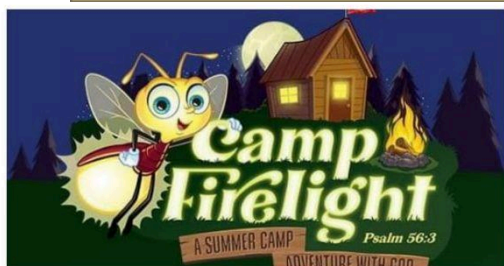
Your Session has approved a contractual agreement with Rev. Rebecca Proefrock for when the need arises to perform funerals for members only of First Presbyterian Church Oconto. She will also provide pastoral care for members and their immediate family at the Green Bay Hospitals. For those of you who 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.

VBS information

Date: August 4th-8th
 Time: 5:00-7:30 pm
 Location: United Methodist Church
 641 Washington Street, Oconto

We are looking for older youth and adult volunteers for VBS to assist with crafts and other activities. If you would be interested in helping one or more evenings, please contact Dawn Steele. There are also a few days this month for prep work and volunteer training at OUMC:

- July 14th 12:00 pm Prep day
- July 21st 1:00 pm Prep day & volunteer training
- July 28th 12:00 pm Prep day



VBS Food Donations

Please bring by Sunday, August 4th
 at Noon
 Planning for 75-80 people

Veggies	Carrots	
	Celery	
	Cucumbers	
	Cherry Tomatoes	

Variety pack chips	1	
10 pks	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	

Bread - 8 loaves
 Butter
 Ham
 Cheese
 Turkey
 Peanut butter - 2 jars
 Jelly - 1 jar
~~Pretzel sticks - 2 bags~~
~~Pretzel rods - 3 bags~~
 Red grapes - 2 bags
 Goldfish - 2 (31 oz boxes)
 Pull apart licorice - 2 bags
 Ranch dressing - 2 large bottles

Cheese - 3 (8 oz) blocks
 Pudding cups - 40
 Oreos - 2 bags
 Milk - 3 gallons
 Juice - 3 gallons
 Water - 125 (8 oz) bottle
 Apple sauce - 24
 Fruit cups - 24
 Go-gurts - 24
 Jello - 24
 Dixie cups - 75
~~Spoons - 150~~



Upcoming Events

- July 7th 9:00 am Deacons meeting
- July 7th 10:30 am Worship service with holy communion
- July 14th 12:00 pm VBS prep day @ OUMC
- July 21st 1:00 pm VBS prep day & volunteer training @ OUMC
- July 28th 12:00 pm VBS prep day @ OUMC
- July 30th 5:30 pm Session meeting



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.



First Presbyterian Church Oconto

133 Jackson Street, Oconto WI

July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 • 12:30-5 pm Bread by the Bay	3 • 4-11 pm Waterfest	4	5	6
7 • 9 am Deacon's Meeting • 10:30 am worship service	8	9	10 • 6:45pm Cub Scouts	11 • 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club • 4-8 pm Gillett Chamber of Commerce Garden Walk	12	13
14 • 10:30 am worship service • 12 pm VBS prep day	15	16 • 10 am Computer basics @ Farnsworth Lib • 12:30-5 pm Bread by the Bay	17 • 6:45pm Cub Scouts	18 • 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club	19	20
21 • 10:30 am worship service • 1 pm VBS prep day & volunteer training	22	23	24 • 6:45pm Cub Scouts	25 • 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club	26	27
28 • 10:30 am worship service • 12 pm VBS prep day	29	30 • 5:30 pm Session Meeting	31 • 6:45pm Cub Scouts			

VOLUNTEER Schedule

July 7th

July 14th

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly Exferd
Greeter/usher	Jason Martin
Acolyte	Kaitlin Borkovec
Snack provider	Martha Krueger
Hostess/closer	Martha Krueger
Weekly cleaning	Martha Krueger

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly Exferd
Greeter/usher	Kristy Patenaude
Acolyte	Grace Patenaude
Snack provider	Rosemary Rice
Hostess/closer	Bobbi Mlnarik
Weekly cleaning	Comms Team

July 21st

July 28th

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	
Greeter/usher	Dawn Steele
Acolyte	Kyla Duffy
Snack provider	Dawn Steele
Hostess/closer	Emilie Duffy
Weekly cleaning	Michelle McDowell

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly Exferd
Greeter/usher	Michelle McDowell
Acolyte	Sam McDowell
Snack provider	Toni Hendzel
Hostess/closer	Toni Hendzel
Weekly cleaning	Nikki Giese



Ham & Cheese Sliders

1 pkg King's Hawaiian slider buns (12 ct)
 12 slices black forest ham
 6 slices Harvarti cheese
 4 Tbs. salted butter melted
 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
 1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 1/4 tsp. Onion powder

1. Place the bottom of the slider buns into a greased 9x13 pan.
2. Layer the ham on the top of the buns, followed by the cheese slices.
3. Place the top of the buns over the top.
4. Mix melted butter, Dijon, Worcestershire and onion powder.
5. Brush on top of the rolls.
6. Loosely cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 15 min.

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: **163**

Adults: **303**

Children: **160**

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./Georgetown, TX (temp. Duty location)

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

General Prayers: Wil Anderson, Bill Boesen, Margaret Dakins, Brooks Darrah, Margaret Drewry, Eugene Duffy, Betty Geiger, Laurie Giese, Carol Grose, Ted Haakonson, Cherylee Hamilton, Rosetta Lehman, Nick Loeffler, 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 Pastor Mary Zupansic.

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.