

August 2024

Join us
Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service



FPC Oconto monthly newsletter

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Polly Exferd

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Nikki Giese

Session Recorder

Highlight of the Month

Meet your Communications & Hospitality Committee

Elder: Michelle McDowell

Current members: Michelle McDowell, Dawn Steele, Emilie Duffy, Michelle Bahrke & Toni Hendzel

Duties performed: Create monthly newsletters, weekly updates and calendar for social media, create content and update the church Facebook page with information and devotionals, maintain and update the Communication Center in the Narthex (bulletin boards, calendars, TV slides), arrange rides for elderly members, organize volunteers for Sunday services, organize volunteers for special events, and maintain the SignUp Genius website for volunteer sign ups.

Needs: For us to be successful at sharing information and keeping the congregation informed, we need information from committees and members to be submitted to the office by the 26th of each month.



Please give securely online
at www.fpcoonto.org

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

**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. 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:

A reminder for adjustments to worship services for the next two Sundays. 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 Bulletin Boards in the Narthex are nearly finished. The new Communication Center is located on the larger table and bulletin board. There you can find copies of the newsletters, weekly updates, monthly calendar, special offering envelopes, large calendars for current and next month, and other information. The TV slides include information about the church (Elders, committees, etc.) The smaller board includes the volunteer schedule, volunteer sign up sheet, and any other sign up information.

Mission Committee:

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.

Volunteer schedule:

The summer schedule is open. A reminder to check the volunteer schedule on SignUp Genius or the paper copy in the Narthex 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.

Session:

We are in need of creating a nominating committee. This committee would be tasked with reaching out to members to fill open positions within the church (Deacons, Session members, etc.). There would be a few basic questions to the candidates, nominees would be selected and then presented to the congregation to be voted upon.

There are currently 3 Deacon positions and one Session position available. Jeff Krueger has stepped down as Finance Elder effective July 30th.

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.

REMINDER:

If you have signed up to bring food items, please have them to the church no later than August 4th at noon. Thank you again for all of the support!



VBS Picnic

August 11th at 11:30 am at OUMC following worship

To wrap up VBS, there will be a potluck picnic following worship service at OUMC. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dish to pass and join us in fellowship.

Youth Updates

VBS:

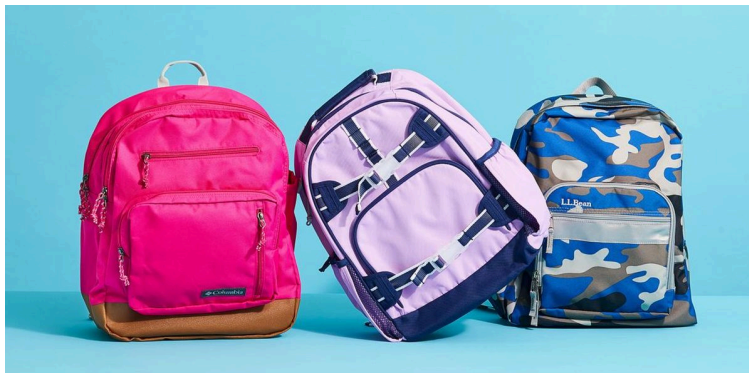
VBS will take place on August 4th-8th at 5-7:30 pm at OUMC. Worship service at FPC on August 4th will include information to kick off VBS week. We will be joined by OUMC for worship. The service on August 11th will be a joint service at OUMC at 10:30 am. It will be youth led and a great way to wrap up the week.

Events:

Blessing of the backpacks will take place on August 25th during worship service with a Back to School picnic to follow.

Youth Group:

Mission Possible Kids will start back up this fall with OUMC. More information to follow.



Blessing of the Backpacks and Back to school family picnic

August 25th at 10:30 am

For all of those going back to school (children, young adults), please bring your backpacks to worship service on August 25th and place them at the front of the sanctuary to receive a special blessing for the upcoming school year. A potluck picnic will follow worship service.

Upcoming Events

- August 4th 9:00 am Deacon's meeting
- August 4th 5-7:30 pm VBS at OUMC
- August 5th 5-7:30 pm VBS at OUMC
- August 6th 5-7:30 pm VBS at OUMC
- August 7th 5-7:30 pm VBS at OUMC
- August 8th 5-7:30 pm VBS at OUMC
- August 11th 10:30 am Worship service at OUMC with picnic
- August 25th 10:30 am Blessing of the backpacks
- August 25th 11:30 am Back to school Family picnic



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.



**First Presbyterian Church
Oconto**
133 Jackson Street, Oconto WI
August 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ● 9 am Craft Event	2 ● 9 am Craft Event	3 ● 9 am Craft Event
4 ● 9 am Deacon's Meeting ● 10:30 am worship service ● 5-7:30 pm VBS at OUMC	5 ● 5-7:30 pm VBS at OUMC	6 ● 12:30-5 pm Bread by the Bay ● 5-7:30 pm VBS at OUMC	7 ● 5-7:30 pm VBS at OUMC	8 ● 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club ● 5-7:30 pm VBS at OUMC	9	10
11 ● 10:30 am worship service at OUMC	12	13	14	15 ● 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club	16	17
18 ● 10:30 am worship service	19	20 ● 12:30-5 pm Bread by the Bay	21	22 ● 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club ● Oconto County Youth Fair at Zippel Park	23 ● Oconto County Youth Fair at Zippel Park	24 ● Oconto County Youth Fair at Zippel Park
25 ● 10:30 am worship service ● Blessing of the Backpacks ● Back to school picnic ● Oconto County Youth Fair at Zippel Park	26	27	28	29 ● 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club	30	31



Schedule

AUGUST 4TH

AUGUST 11TH

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly Exferd
Greeter/usher	Emilie Duffy
Snack provider	Emilie Duffy
Hostess/closer	Jenny Wickman
Weekly cleaning	Martha Krueger

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	
Greeter/usher	
Snack provider	
Hostess/closer	
Weekly cleaning	Wil Anderson

AUGUST 18TH

AUGUST 25TH

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly Exferd
Greeter/usher	Lynn Hollander
Snack provider	Dawn Steele
Hostess/closer	Dawn Steele
Weekly cleaning	Michelle McDowell

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Kit Kat Bars

- Club crackers
- 1 c. salted butter
- 1 c. packed brown sugar
- 1/3 c. sugar
- 2 c. graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 c. milk
- 2/3 c. creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 c. butterscotch chips
- 1/2 c. chocolate chips

1. Line ungreased 9x13 pan with a layer of club crackers.
2. In large saucepan, over low to medium heat, melt butter and both sugars gently - while stirring.
3. Stir in graham crumbs and milk. Stir well until all is melted and combined (do not allow mixture to boil).
4. Remove from heat and carefully spread half of the mixture evenly over crackers. Spread it out as evenly as possible.
5. Layer with another layer of crackers followed by the mixture.
6. Place a final layer of crackers on top.
7. In a small saucepan, combine peanut butter and chips. Melt over low to medium heat, stirring occasionally until completely melted and blended.
8. Spread evenly over the top layer of crackers.
9. Place in fridge for an hour or two for the chocolate layer to set.

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: **151**

Adults: **272**

Children: **123**

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: Bill Boesen, Margaret Dakins, Brooks Darrah, Margaret Drewry, Eugene Duffy, Carol Finn, Betty Geiger, Jason Granius & caregivers, Carol Grose, Ted Haakonson, Rosetta Lehman, Nick Loeffler, April Loppenow, Barb McNutt, Margie Murphy, Joan Nowak, Ron Palmer, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Rachel Rysewyk, Judy Sanford, Pug Saucier, Ruth Saber, Jo Schulz, Cindy Shallow, Shirley Sikma, 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.