

September 2024

Join us
Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service



FPC Oconto monthly newsletter

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Please give securely online
at www.fpcoonto.org

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

Highlight of the Month

Special Guests: Voices of Peace

Voices of Peace are a Southern Gospel Music Ministry from the Brillion area. They will be sharing their music ministry with us on Sunday, September 29th at our 10:30 am worship service.

There are many facets of mission outreach. To achieve their mission, they use various avenues of outreach throughout the year. Whether it's through a 2 day Gospel Fest held in Hilbert, WI, Alaska Mission, Homeless Shelter Mission, Nursing Home Mission, Church and Concert Ministry, CD's and Cookbook, it all adds up to this...**their mission**...To share their faith through mission, song, and testimony, so it will inform and encourage people to experience a personal relationship with a loving God, through His Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Their vision** is to serve and minister to one another, to the community and to the world. To edify the Body of Christ, evangelize the lost and exalt the Lord in worship. Please come, bring your friends and neighbors and join us in this exciting worship service full of gospel music. For more information about this group, who they are, what they do and why they do this, go to <http://www.voicesofpeacemusic.net>.



Messages from the Communications & Hospitality Committee



Christian Education:

VBS wrapped up on August 8th and was a huge success. Thank you for all of those who supported financially or thru food donations!

There will be a Family Game Night with dinner on Sunday, **September 15th at 4pm**. Join us for food, fellowship and fun. Please bring a dish to pass.

The youth will be sponsoring a food booth at Harvest Fest on Saturday, **September 28th**. Proceed will go towards future youth events and items needed for the youth room. Please come down and support our youth. If you would like to contribute financially or thru food donations, please speak with Michelle McDowell or a member of the Christian Education Team.

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.

Money collected during the previous quarter was designated for the Oconto/Marinette DAV. They were presented a check in the amount of \$400 on August 25th. Thank you for your support!

Session:

The next session meeting will be Sunday, September 8th at 5pm. Anyone is welcome to join in a listening capacity. The first 15 minutes of each meeting is also dedicated as an open listening session for you to share your thoughts and concerns to the Session.

Session continues to work hard during this time of transition reviewing our finances, drop in attendance, improving communication, listening to others with questions or concerns, reviewing information regarding the trend of availability of pastors, trying to build a new structure for our needs that stand before us. Please continue to be in prayer for our church family and your session during these in-between times as we continue forth, charting a path for our future

Volunteer schedule:

The volunteer schedule is completed for September and October. 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 September 1st. The schedule for the remainder of 2024 is open for sign up. 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 POSSIBLE® kids

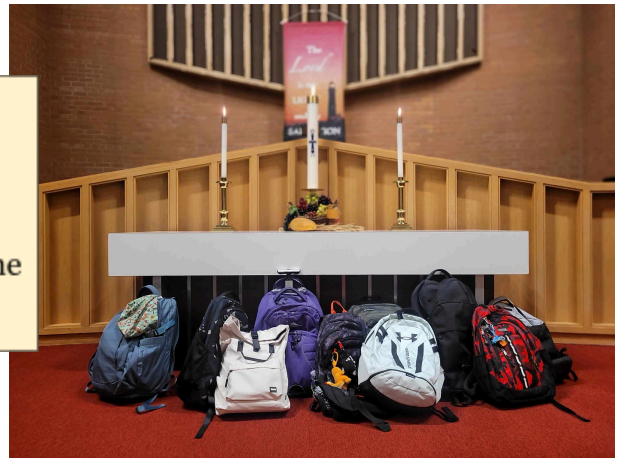
We're on a mission!



Mission Possible Kids plan to resume their missions this fall. More information to follow in the next month. Please contact Michelle McDowell or Dawn Steele if you have a child that is interested in participating. All ages are welcome!

Blessing of the Backpacks August 25th

The children and school teachers received a special blessing by Pastor Nick Johannes for the beginning of the new school year.



Youth Updates

September 15th at 4 pm, there will be a family game night with dinner at FPC. Join us for fun, fellowship and food. Please bring a dish to pass.

The youth will be having a fundraiser booth at Harvest Fest on September 28th. Please come down and purchase some food and baked good items to support them. If you would like to donate items to be sold, please contact Michelle McDowell or any member of the Christian Education Committee.



VBS:

VBS was a huge success. Thank you to all the adult and youth leaders and all of the campers for a wonderful week of fellowship, learning and fun!

Camp Callout: "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."
Psalm 56:3

Upcoming Events

- Sept 1 9:00 am Deacons meeting
- Sept 8 5:00 pm Session meeting
- Sept 15 4:00 pm Family game night & dinner
- Sept 21 9-4:00 pm Oconto Elks Fly-In
- Sept 28 10-3:00 pm Harvest Fest
- Sept 29 10:30 am Worship service with Voices of Peace



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
 September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ● 9 am Deacons meeting ● 10:30 am Worship	2	3 ● 12:30-5pm Bread by the Bay	4 ● 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	5 ● 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club	6	7 ● Lena DairyFest
8 ● 10:30 am Worship ● 5 pm Session meeting ● Chase Stone Barn craft show	9	10	11 ● 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	12 ● 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club	13	14 ● 10-4 pm Festi-Fall in Lakewood ● 1st Annual Suring Car show
15 ● 10:30 am Worship ● 4 pm Family Game Night & dinner	16	17 ● 12:30-5pm Bread by the Bay	18 ● 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	19 ● 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club	20	21 ● 9-4 pm Oconto Elks Fly-In
22 ● 10:30 am Worship	23	24	25 ● 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	26 ● 1pm The Yack & Yarn Club	27	28 ● 10-3 pm Harvest Fest
29 ● 10:30 am Worship	30					



Schedule

September 1

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly Exferd
Greeter/usher	Wil Anderson
Snack provider	Michelle Bahrke
Hostess/closer	Michelle Bahrke
Weekly cleaning	Comms Team

September 8

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

September 15

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Wil Anderson
Greeter/usher	Martin Family
Snack provider	Toni Hendzel
Hostess/closer	Toni Hendzel
Weekly cleaning	Martha Krueger

September 22

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly Exferd
Greeter/usher	Mlnarik Family
Snack provider	Rosemary Rice
Hostess/closer	Toni Hendzel
Weekly cleaning	Nikki Giese

September 29

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly Exferd
Greeter/usher	Wickman Family
Snack provider	Dawn Steele
Hostess/closer	Dawn Steele
Weekly cleaning	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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: **152**

Adults: **272**

Children: **116**

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: Jake Boehmer, Bill Boesen, Andi Boucher, Kip Boucher, Margaret Dakins, Brooks Darrah, Margaret Drewry, Eugene Duffy, Betty Geiger, Laurie Giese, Carol Grose, Carol Finn, Ted Haakonson, Rosetta Lehman, Nick Loeffler, Barb McNutt, Fran Miller, 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.