



November 2024

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Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service

FPC Oconto monthly newsletter

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Deadline for our December issue
is November 26th. Please email
any information you have to
share to the office at
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Highlight of the Month

Your Clerk of Session,

As it states in the Clerk of Session Handbook for Winnebago Presbytery....."Welcome to the office of Clerk of Session! You have joined a unique and important group of people in the Presbyterian Church (USA). The *Book of Order* mandates that each governing body of the PC (USA) has a moderator and a clerk. Clerks of presbyteries, synods and the General Assembly are called stated clerks. Those serving Sessions are called clerks of Session. A Session clerk is a ruling elder who may or may not be currently serving as an active elder elected by the congregation. As clerk, you will record a good deal of the history of your church as you write the session minutes and maintain all church records."

General Role and Requirements are.....

1. Maintain and preserve the minutes, rolls and registers of our congregation, including Session Meeting Minutes, Congregational Meeting Minutes, Deacons Minutes, Baptized Members Roll, Active Members Roll, Affiliate Members Roll, Inactive Members Roll, Installed Pastor Register, Elder Register, Deacon Register, Baptism Register, Marriage Register. Also be very familiar with the Book of Order, know Robert's Rules, send and receive communications on behalf of session, assist the pastor regarding matters related to session.
2. The Clerk of Session is also responsible for the following reports to Presbytery and the General Assembly: Annual Session Minutes Review of previous year's minutes and attend the Annual Clerks Record Review, Annual Necrology Report, Annual Statistical Report, Clerk's Annual Questionnaire, Newsletter articles, assisting the moderator in keeping track of reports and motions for the agenda, keeper of the church's Bylaws and manuals, assist the moderator with putting together an agenda for Session meetings, recording all the requirements needed for good minutes as provided in the Clerks Handbook and from the Stated Clerk from Winnebago Presbytery.
3. Please note, some of the above items are shared as directed by the clerk to Stacy - Office Staff and to Nikki Giese, who is the Session Recorder.
4. Latest duties added on December 17, 2023 Session Meeting with Pastor Craig Alwin and Rev. David Colby Winnebago Presbytery Commission on Ministry Representative guiding us through the process with the resignation of Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin, effective 12/31/23. As Clerk of Session, received all copies of all documents pertaining to this process and the dissolution of pastoral relationships are filed and maintained in Session records, clerk is the key contact person with David Colby - Winnebago Presbytery, and clerk of Session will seek all pulpit supply from a list provided from Presbytery. Clerk is also to report to the congregation on the Pastor Search process and Session meeting updates along with announcements on Sunday mornings.

Messages from the Communications & Hospitality Committee



There are several bulletin sponsorships still available for this year - 3 Sundays in November and 2 in December. If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday bulletin, call the office and Stacy will help get you signed up for that. Sponsorship is \$20.

Christian Education:

Mission Possible Kids (MPK), resumed their missions last month. The kids had a blast making some super yummy treats and playing games on October 6th. On October 20th, Mission Possible Kids group had so much fun doing some yard clean up in our community.

October 27th ended our youth events for the month with a Family Fun potluck filled with fun and pumpkin decorating.

Mark your calendars!! We are excited to offer a Fall Soup Kitchen to all our members and our community! Please join us on **November 17th**. Dine in or take out options available. This event is open to everyone. Proceeds will given to Bread by the Bay and the Oconto Humane Society.

Toys for Tots:

Toys for Tots has started again. If you would like to donate a gift to Toys for Tots please remember the teens. They are the hardest to get donations for. If you would like to volunteer your time to help with Toys for Tots, we need help in the following areas:

- Picking the boxes up from the Sheriff's Department November 23rd meeting at the Sheriff's Department at 10:00am
- Setting up the Hall December 9th-13th from 1:00pm-6:00pm (Dates and Hours could be extended)
- Shopping days December 16th-18th and possibly the 19th from 9:00am-12:00pm and then again from 3:30pm-6:00pm.
- Taking down the Hall Date and Time to be determined.

Notes from your Clerk of Session: Session met on Sunday evening October 20th with David Colby, Transitional General Presbyterian from Winnebago Presbytery. Together we covered church business as usual and continued discussions on our transition journey. This is a slow-going process, but steps are being made as we proceed forward getting closer to completing our Church Leadership Connection Form for the pastor search. We have been focusing on the criteria of what we are looking for in a part time pastor as we chart our path forward. Sometime in the months ahead, we will be ready to take the next big step of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), so please, prayerfully consider serving on the PNC when we get to that next step on this path. We have the calendar filled for each Sunday with great leaders and Pastors as our Pastor Supply. Each month, we take a serious look at our financial situation, which we continue to struggle with and is the main reason for searching for a part time pastor. Our expenses are greater than our income each month, membership attendance has been low but slowly picking up and unpaid per capita took a big chunk out of our budget, which that money could have been used for our daily operating expenses. If you have not paid your per capita of \$38 per member for 2024, we would greatly appreciate your commitment as member of this church family.

Mission Committee:

Reminder: all designated mission giving for the 4th quarter will go to support the "Adopt a Family" for our youth Christmas project.

Be sure to make your envelope with "Adopt a Family" if that is your wish, otherwise your mission giving will go to general mission.

Also, all loose coin collected during the offering supports Sunday School/Youth Activities.

Volunteer schedule:

The volunteer schedule is completed for the remainder of 2024. 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 October 20th. If you are unable to fulfill this duty, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement. Please notify the office with that person's name so the sign up can be updated to reflect the change.



MISSION POSSIBLE
Kids
We're on a mission!

Our Mission Possible Kids group had so much fun doing some yard clean up in our community on October 20th! Many hands make light work and helping hands make happy hearts. It brings joy to serve others because with God all things are possible!

Next meeting: Sunday, 11/3 at 2pm

Oconto United Methodist Church

*We will be touring Bread by the Bay and prepping for our Soup Kitchen Event. All youth any age are welcome, please join us!



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MISSION POSSIBLE KIDS' SOUP KITCHEN

NOVEMBER 17TH

4:30-5:30PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

133 JACKSON STREET

OCONTO, WI 54153



A GOOD WILL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED AND GIVEN TO THE BREAD BY THE BAY AND THE DEACON'S PANTRY

Upcoming Events

- Nov 3rd 9:00 am Deacons meeting
- Nov 3rd 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
- Nov 3rd 11:15 am Congregational meeting
- Nov 3rd 2:00 pm MPK @ FAMC
- Nov 17th 4:00 pm Session meeting
- Nov 17th 4:30-5:30 pm MPK Soup Kitchen @ FPC



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

November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 ● 9-1pm Beyer Home & Carriage Museum Antique & Collectible sale
3 ● 9am Deacons meeting ● 10:30am Worship w/Holy communion ● 11:15 am congregational meeting ● 2pm MPK @ FAMC	4	5 ● 12:30-5pm Bread by the Bay	6 ● 6:45pm Cub Scouts	7 ● 1pm Yack & Yarn Club	8	9 ● 5pm Holy Trinity Parish Auction
10 ● 10:30am Worship	11 ● 3-6pm Veterans Spaghetti Dinner-Suring	12	13 ● 6:45pm Cub Scouts	14 ● 1pm Yack & Yarn Club	15	16
17 ● 10:30am Worship ● 4pm Session meeting ● 4:30-5:30pm MPK Soup Kitchen @ FPC	18	19 ● 12:30-5pm Bread by the Bay	20 ● 6:45pm Cub Scouts	21 ● 1pm Yack & Yarn Club	22	23
24 ● 10:30am Worship	25	26	27 ● 6:45pm Cub Scouts	28 ● Thanksgiving	29	30



Schedule

Nov 3rd

Nov 10th

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	Place Family
Snack provider	Toni H
Hostess/closer	Toni H
Weekly cleaning	Comms team

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	OPEN
Greeter/usher	Steele Family
Snack provider	Michelle M
Hostess/closer	Michelle M
Weekly cleaning	Martha K

Nov 17th

Nov 24th

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	OPEN
Greeter/usher	Mlnarik Family
Snack provider	Michelle M
Hostess/closer	Emilie D
Weekly cleaning	Nikki G

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	McDowell Family
Snack provider	Rosemary R
Hostess/closer	Jennifer W
Weekly cleaning	Wil A



Garlic Bread Meatball Bombs

- 12 dinner rolls
 - 12 meatballs cooked
 - 2 c. mozzarella cheese shredded
 - 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
 - ½ c. salted butter
 - 3 garlic cloves minced
 - 2 Tb. parmesan cheese
 - 1 tsp. Dried parsley
 - ½ tsp. Dried oregano
 - Marinara or spaghetti sauce
1. Cook meatballs according to recipe or pre-packaged directions
 2. In a small saucepan, melt butter and add garlic. Cook over medium heat until butter and garlic just start turning brown. Remove from heat and set aside.
 3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 4. Spray 9x13 baking pan with cooking spray. Line with dinner rolls.
 5. Hollow out the top of each roll, making a hole large enough to fit a meatball. Make sure to not cut completely through the bottom of the roll.
 6. Whisk parmesan, oregano, and italian seasoning into butter mixture. Using a pastry brush, liberally smother the inside of each roll.
 7. Spoon a Tb. of marinara or spaghetti sauce into each roll. Place meatball into each roll and top with more sauce.
 8. Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top of each roll.
 9. Bake for 10-12 minutes.

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: **161**

Adults: **306**

Children: **151**

Your continued support is needed and appreciated – Thank you!



Knowing God to be our Great Physician we bring our requests before Him. Lord, hear our prayers for...

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

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

The families and friends of those who have passed away: The family of Jake Boehmer and April Loppenow.

General Prayers: Bill B, Andi B, Kip B, Margaret D, Brooks D, Margaret D, Eugene D, Carol F, Betty G, Jason G & caregivers, Carol G, Ted H, Rosetta L, Nick L, Brooks M, Barb M, Fran M, Margie M, Joan N, Ron P, Amanda R, Ted R, Rachel R, Judy S, Pug S, Ruth S, Jo S, Cindy S, Shirley S, April S, Gary S, Rob S, and Sue S....**as we keep them faithfully in our prayers. Amen**

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.