

February 2025

Join us  
Sundays at 10:30 AM  
for Worship Service



FPC Oconto monthly newsletter

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

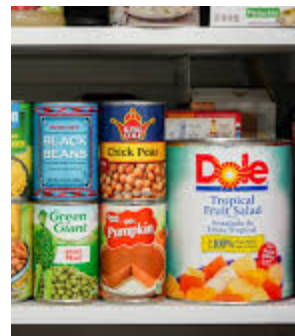


[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

Please help stock the pantry.

Starting on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Deacons  
will be collecting non-perishable food items and  
monetary donations to help support Bread By The  
Bay and the Deacon's Food Pantry.

Please bring your food items and place them in  
front of church until Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.





### **Christian Education:**

The Christian Ed team is super excited to offer a special opportunity to the community!! The Green Bay Blizzard, an indoor arena football league, are offering a Faith and Family Night complete with a halftime performance by Tenth Avenue North. Event will be on April 6th, at the Resch Center in Green Bay with a start time of 3:05 pm. In addition to the game and concert, they are also giving back in a big way! The cost per ticket is \$15 with \$5 from the sale of each ticket being donated back to our group. These funds will be given to help offset the rising costs of sponsoring Vacation Bible School for the youth in our local communities and will go a long way in helping that tradition continue. More info will be forthcoming.

### **Deacons:**

The deacons are sponsoring the Souper Bowl of Caring. It runs from January 19 through February 16. All non-perishable foods are welcome and can be put up in the front of the sanctuary along with any monetary donations. On February 16, all the donations will be blessed before being disbursed.

### **Communications & Hospitality Committee:**

We are in need of another person/family to assist with weekly cleaning of the church. This would only be once a month. Duties include sweeping the Narthex, vacuuming as needed, cleaning the bathrooms, spot cleaning the windows in the Narthex and doors into the sanctuary as needed. It only requires 30-45 minutes of your time, but helps out our church immensely. If you are interested, please contact Stacy in the office. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Mission Committee:**

The first quarter Mission money will be going to The Abundant Life Ministry in Menomonee.

### **Session:**

The Session has called for the annual congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, February 2, 2025 following worship. This meeting is for the purpose of acting on the report of the Nominating Committee to elect at-large members for the 2025 Nominating Committee and Deacon, to hear the reports from all committees and from the session, including the 2025 operating budget.

### **Volunteer schedule:**

The volunteer schedule for 2025 is now open on SignUp Genius. Stacy will begin assigning duties. Please look ahead to consider what dates you would be available to support your family of faith. You can sign up on the SignUp Genius website, the paper copy schedule in the Narthex or by calling the office. 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!



The Mission Possible Kids group met January 19th to make some yummy snacks that will go along with the special cards and gifts that were made at our last meeting. This month we are celebrating our teachers and wanted to let them know how important the work they do is and how much we appreciate them! Our snacks, cards and homemade gifts will be distributed to our local schools so our educators and support staff know how grateful we are for their dedication to the youth of our community.

We also organized the hats, mittens and scarves collected by our congregations to be dropped off as well for any youth in need. It is very cold right now and no child should be without something warm on their heads and hands! Thank you to OUMC and FPC for your donations!

God we pray: Help our educators to manage the challenges they face daily. Let them find joy in their teaching and see the positive impact they have on their students' lives. We pray for their well-being, both physically and emotionally, may they continue to do the work they have been called to do, Amen.

**Next meeting:**

**February 2nd at 2pm**

**Oconto United Methodist Church**



The Christian Ed team is super excited to offer a special opportunity to the community!! The Green Bay Blizzard, an indoor arena football league, are offering a Faith and Family Night complete with a halftime performance by Tenth Avenue North. They are a contemporary Christian music band from West Palm Beach, Florida. Event will be on April 6th, at the Resch Center in Green Bay with a start time of 3:05 pm. In addition to the game and concert, they are also giving back in a big way! The cost per ticket is \$15 with \$5 from the sale of each ticket being donated back to our group. These funds will be given to help offset the rising costs of sponsoring Vacation Bible School for the youth in our local communities and will go a long way in helping that tradition continue. If you would be interested in sponsoring a youth or two to attend this event, please reach out to Michelle McDowell. More info will be forthcoming as soon as we have the promotional link and QR code from the Green Bay Blizzard. Please watch the Facebook page and reach out to Michelle if you are interested in attending or have additional questions. What an excellent way to promote our youth, enjoy an indoor arena football game along with Christian music and raise funds for Vacation Bible School!!!

**YOUTH  
MINISTRY**  
*updates*

### Upcoming Events

- Feb 2nd 9:00 am Deacons meeting
- Feb 2nd 10:30 am Worship service w/Holy Communion
- Feb 2nd 11:30 am Annual Congregational meeting - Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons
- Feb 2nd 2:00 pm Mission Possible Kids @ OUMC
- Feb 16th 2:00 pm Mission Possible Kids @ 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  
 February 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 am Deacon's meeting</li> <li>• 9:30 am Bible study</li> <li>• 10:30 am worship w/Holy communion</li> <li>• 11:30 am Annual Congregational meeting</li> <li>• 2 pm MPK at OUMC</li> </ul>	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:30-5pm Bread by the Bay</li> </ul>	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 pm Yack &amp; Yarn Club</li> </ul>	7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:30-8 pm Candlelight Ski @ BlackBerry Ramble Trail</li> </ul>
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16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 am Bible study</li> <li>• 10:30 am worship</li> <li>• 2 pm MPK at FPC</li> </ul>	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:30-5pm Bread by the Bay</li> </ul>	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 pm Yack &amp; Yarn Club</li> </ul>	21	22
23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 am Bible study</li> <li>• 10:30 am worship</li> <li>• 4:30 pm Session meeting</li> </ul>	24	25		27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 pm Yack &amp; Yarn Club</li> </ul>	28	





# SCHEDULE

**February 2nd** **February 9th**

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	Kruegers
Snack provider	Toni H
Hostess/closer	Toni H
Weekly cleaning	OPEN

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Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	Dawn S
Snack provider	Martha K
Hostess/closer	Martha K
Weekly cleaning	Martha K

**February 16th** **February 23rd**

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	Emilie D
Snack provider	Rosemary R
Hostess/closer	Jennifer W
Weekly cleaning	Nikki G

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	OPEN
Snack provider	Dawn S
Hostess/closer	Dawn S
Weekly cleaning	OPEN

### Chicken Salad

- 3 c. cooked chicken breast or rotisserie chicken pulled & diced
- 2 celery stalks diced
- 3 Tbsp. red onion minced
- 1/2 apple chopped
- 1/3 c. dried cranberries
- 1/4 c. plain greek yogurt
- 1/2 c. light mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. Fresh parsley minced
- 1/2 tsp. Onion powder
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1/2 tsp. Pepper
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans (toasted or candied)



### 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.

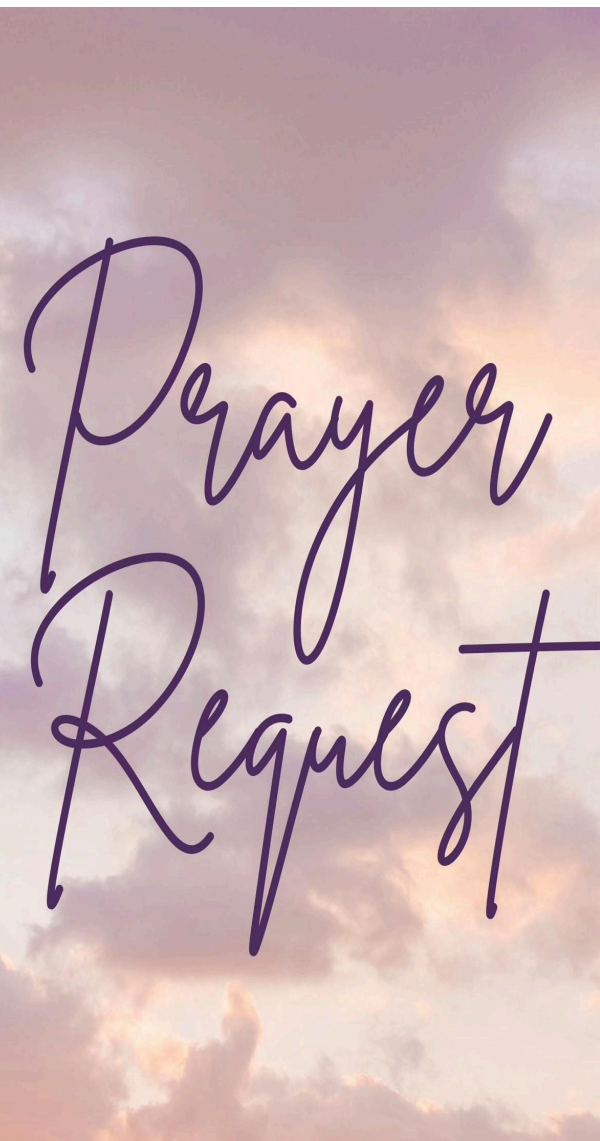
The Pantry served the following last month:

Households: **111**

Adults: **214**

Children: **97**

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 have passed away: **to the family of Gary Stout.**

General Prayers: Bill B, Andi B, Margaret D, Brooks D, Bob D, Margaret D, Eugene D, Mary E, Carol F, Betty G, Jason G & caregivers, Carol G, Steve G, Ted H, Brynlee H, Rosetta L, Nick L, Brooks M, Barb M, Fran M, Margie M, Joan N, Ron P, Amanda R, Ted R, Judy S, Pug S, Ruth S, Jo S, Cindy S, Shirley S, April 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.