

March 2025

Join us
Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service



FPC Oconto monthly newsletter

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Mike Duffy

Elder at large

Krista Stewart

Elder at large

Polly Exferd

Clerk of Session

Nikki Giese

Session Recorder

Highlight of the Month

Welcome to your newly installed leadership:

On Sunday, February 2, 2025, members were ordained and installed as Elders and Deacons.

Deacons: Wil A, Cindy R, and Emilie D.

Finance Elder: Tammie M

Elders at Large: Mike D, Krista S, and Toni H.

On Sunday, February 23rd, Samantha M was installed as a Deacon. Sam is the daughter of Michelle and Jim M.



Please give securely online
at www.fpcocoonto.org

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





Christian Education:

Please join us in worship on Sunday, **June 1st**, as we celebrate our graduates. We will have cupcakes after service so plan to stay for fellowship. If you wish to honor a special graduate please send Stacy an email with a photo, future plans, parent names and your graduates advice to underclassmen as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events:

- March 2nd 2pm MPK @ OUMC
- March 16th 4pm MPK @ Oconto Humane Society

- April 6th 3pm Green Bay Blizzard Faith & Family Night

- April 13th Family Bowling Event at The Good Place. Please RSVP by March 30th to Michelle M. Sign up will be in the Narthex.

- May 4th 2pm MPK wrap up
- June 1st Graduate Sunday

Worship committee:

Session approved, based on the committee's recommendation, to not hold Ash Wednesday or Good Friday services due to lack of participation in the past. The added cost of having pulpit supply drive a distance for low attendance is not fiscally responsible.

Communications & Hospitality Committee:

- We will be hosting a Community Easter Breakfast prior to worship services on **April 20th at 9:00 am**. There will be more information to follow in the Weekly Updates on food/supply donations needed .
- There will be a Community Craft Event held on **May 10th** at First Presbyterian Church. More information will follow.

Mission Committee:

Designated Mission money collected during this 1st quarter will be going to Abundant Life Mission. All loose coin collected will go towards youth programs.

Session:

Financial Report for January

Income needed each month to meet budget - \$5,200
January income - \$4,197.15 (Per capita - \$476 - need \$4,200)
January expenses - \$8,714.16
January Net Loss - (\$3,731.21)

Session has approved another 9 week Bible Study series. More information to follow, including: dates, times, series topics.

Volunteer schedule:

The volunteer schedule for 2025 is open on SignUp Genius. Stacy will be assigning duties. Please, look ahead and consider what dates you would be available to serve and support your family of faith. You can sign up on the SignUp Genius website, the paper 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 of this change with the person's name so the schedule can be updated to reflect the change. Thank you!



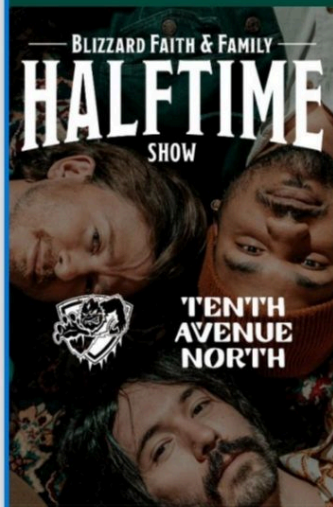
What a joy it was for the Mission Possible Kids group to visit Care Partners on February 16th! We had a great turnout for bingo and so much fun was had by all. After the games, we delivered some of the handmade crafts the youth made at our last gathering. God even blessed us with some sunshine for the suncatchers as we hung them up. A very special Thank you to Care Partners for allowing us to visit today!

Psalm 118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Next meeting: March 2nd 2:00 pm
Oconto United
Methodist Church



APRIL 6th // 3:05pm // RESCH CENTER - Faith & Family Day
First Presbyterian Church Oconto & Oconto United Methodist Church



Green Bay Blizzard Indoor Football
Hard-Hitting, Affordable, Family-Fun
Special Half-time performance:
TENTH AVENUE NORTH

Tickets are \$15, and for each ticket purchased on this link a \$5 donation will be made to support Vacation Bible School taking place July 27-31st

Generosity Amplifier: The **TOP 10** groups in ticket sales will also split **\$10,000** from Thrivent Financial.

To order scan QR or use our link:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/ocfaitblizz25>



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, a contemporary Christian music band from West Palm Beach, Florida. The event will be on **April 6th** at the Resch Center in Green Bay with a start time of **3:05pm**. 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. 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!!!

Upcoming Events

- March 2nd 8:30 am Deacons meeting
- March 2nd 9:30 am Bible Study
- March 2nd 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
- March 2nd 2:00 pm MPK at OUMC
- March 16th 2:00 pm MPK at Humane Society
- March 17th 1:00 pm Worship meeting
- March 23rd 4:30 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/10CoB4EA4AC2BABF8C07-48074672-please#/?](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB4EA4AC2BABF8C07-48074672-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

March 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 am Deacon's meeting • 9:30 am Bible study • 10:30 am worship w/Holy communion • 2 pm MPK at OUMC 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oconto Woman's Club 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30-5pm Bread by the Bay 	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club 	7	8
9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 am worship 	10	11	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club 	14	15
16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 am worship • 4 pm MPK at OC Humane Society 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00 pm Worship meeting 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30-5pm Bread by the Bay 	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club 	21	22
23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 am worship • 4:30 pm Session meeting 	24	25	26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club 	28	29
30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 am worship 	31					



SCHEDULE

March 2nd

March 9th

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Wil A
Greeter/usher	Emilie D
Snack provider	Rosemary R
Hostess/closer	Toni H
Weekly cleaning	Comms Team

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

March 16th

March 23rd

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	Bobbi M
Snack provider	Wil A
Hostess/closer	OPEN
Weekly cleaning	OPEN

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	Michelle M
Snack provider	Emilie D
Hostess/closer	Emilie D
Weekly cleaning	Nikki G

March 30th

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

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:

Adults:

Children:

NO UPDATES PROVIDED

Your continued support is needed and appreciated – Thank you!



UPDATE



THANK YOU!

First Presbyterian Church

\$135.00 and 164 lbs.

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 9, 2025

Alison Reese
Executive Director
Tackle Hunger: Home of the
Souper Bowl of Caring

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: the families of Lavern Thompson and Angela Schneider.

General Prayers: Julie, Bill B, Clyde B, Margaret 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, Margie M, Joan N, Ron P, Kyle P, Ted R, Judy S, Pug S, Ruth S, Jo S, Cindy S, Shirley S, April S, Sue S, Ed W, and Melinda W.

...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.

Prayer Request