

May 2025

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Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service



FPC Oconto monthly newsletter

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

Greetings to you from your Clerk of Session.....

Continued Easter blessings to each and everyone. We give thanks for the living hope we have in Jesus who died but is risen, and rules over all. We give praise for his presence with us. Because he lives we look for eternal life knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from the great love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. As we continue to journey forth during this time of transition, I am happy to report that your session and transition team have had some light shed upon them with a wealth of information from the Committee on Ministry for Winnebago Presbytery. We are making strides going forth in the process of searching for pastoral leadership with many options to consider. Yes, this will continue to be a long process, but I want to reassure you that we have and continue to pursue all the aspects and responsibilities of a pastoral leader, the financial realities we are faced with, as well as understanding and identifying the goals of our congregation. So please bear with us as we continue on this journey, proceeding forward in the pastor search process. With that said, I am most grateful for the leaders who have and will continue to serve in the capacity as our pulpit supply and bible study leaders. Pastor Rebecca Proefrock, Gina Struensee and David Rasmussen all come with a wealth of knowledge, leadership skills, and a love for our church and its congregation and have been wonderful to work with as well. All 3 have assured me that they will continue to serve and lead us during this transition. They all feel welcomed and loved and have become a crucial part of our Oconto church family. I hope that when attending worship, please show your gratitude and thanks with them for their leadership, guidance, and love that they have so graciously given and continue to share with us.

Blessings of Easter joy!
Polly Exferd - Clerk of Session



Christian Education:

- A 2nd session of Bible Study was approved by Session and started on March 30th. It will be a 9 week course, following the book of "Romans", starting at 9:30 am in the Fireside Lounge.
- The last day of MPK will be May 4th.
- VBS dates are July 27th-July 31st, 5-7:30 pm at OUMC. There events will start with a meal. Registration is now open.
- The Green Bay Blizzard Faith & Family Event on April 13th raised \$175 to be used towards VBS expenses.
- Graduate Sunday will be June 1st. If you have a graduate, please contact the office with name, photo, school/degree, future plans (school/workforce).

Communications & Hospitality Committee:

- Session approved a \$500 expense budget for the committee. This will be used towards Coffee Hour, community events that we host, potlucks organized by the committee, and special events.
- A Community Easter Breakfast Potluck was held on April 20th, prior to worship service.
- A Family Bowling Event was held on April 13th at The Good Place.
- There will be soup & sandwiches for coffee hour on May 4th.

Volunteer schedule:

- There will be a small addition to the Hostess duties. We want to utilize our TV's in the Narthex and the Fireside Lounge Sunday mornings. Turning on the TV's and starting the slideshows will now be rolled into the hostess duties. There will be instructions and an updated Hostess Duties list posted in the kitchen soon.

Mission Committee:

- On Tuesday, April 22 the mission committee went to The Abundant Life Mission Shelter to present our check and to tour the facilities. It was a very humbling and informative. They accept people and families from all over N.E. Wisconsin and even from Appleton and South. We presented the check for \$405.50 and they were very appreciative. Thank you to all who supported our Mission project by donating financially and with 97 household goods and personal items!



MISSION POSSIBLE® Kids

We're on a mission!



Bowling brought families together, on April 13th for some fun, family time and fellowship! What a joy to see so many in attendance, every lane was full. Special thanks to The Good Place for hosting our huge group and for the wonderful service! God is so good and it is a blessing to be together!

April 6th's MPK meeting looked a little different! Our April mission was attending Faith and Family Night hosted by the Green Bay Blizzards! \$5 of every game ticket purchased will be donated back to our Vacation Bible School program. Thank you to all our families who attended! There was also a terrific Christian halftime concert given by Tenth Avenue North. What a gift it was to share some family time and fellowship with our friends all while supporting our VBS program! Many churches were represented there today and during the halftime concert it was truly awesome to see how many hands (big and small!) were lifted high in praise. The laughter flowed freely, the joy of today's event and time together sent everyone home with smiles. It is a blessing to be together to share these moments!



- VBS will take place on July 27th-July 31st, from 5:-7:30 pm at Oconto United Methodist Church. Registration is now open. Please sign up online or contact the office for more information.

- Work days: May 18th 2:00 pm
- Decorating days: July 15th 6-8:00 pm
- July 17th 6-8:00 pm
- July 20th 1:00 pm
- July 22nd 6-8:00 pm
- July 24th 6-8:00 on

Upcoming Events

- May 4th 9:00 am Deacon's meeting
- May 4th 9:30 am Bible Study
- May 4th 10:30 am Worship w/holy communion
- May 4th 11:30 am Soup & Sandwich hour
- May 4th 2:00 pm MPK @ OUMC (last day)
- May 4th 4:30 pm Session meeting
- May 11th 9:30 am Bible Study
- May 18th 9:30 am Bible Study
- May 18th 2:00 pm VBS workday @ OUMC
- May 25th 9:30 am Bible Study



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
 May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club	2	3
4 • 9 am Deacon's meeting • 9:30 am Bible study • 10:30 am worship w/ holy communion • 11:30 am Soup & Sandwich coffee hour • 2:00 pm MPK @ OUMC • 4:30 pm Session meeting	5	6 • 12:30-4pm Bread by the Bay	7	8 • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club	9	10
11 Happy Mother's Day • 9:30 am Bible study • 10:30 am worship	12	13	14	15 • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club	16	17
18 • 9:30 am Bible study • 10:30 am worship • 2:00 pm VBS workday @ OUMC	19	20 • 12:30-4pm Bread by the Bay	21	22 • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club	23	24
25 • 9:30 am Bible study • 10:30 am worship	26	27	28	29 • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club	30	31



SCHEDULE

May 4th

May 11th

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

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

May 18th

May 25th

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

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Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	Emile D
Snack provider	Lynn H
Hostess/closer	Tammy M
Weekly cleaning	OPEN

Sweet chili meatballs

- 1 lb ground beef or turkey
- 1 large egg
- ¼-½ c. seasoned breadcrumbs or Panko crumbs
- ¼ c. grated parmesan cheese
- 1 Tb. olive oil
- 1 Tb. dried parsley

- 1 Tb. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tb. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tb. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. Garlic powder
- 1 tsp. Chili powder
- Salt & pepper

Chili sauce

- ½ c. chili sauce
- ¼ c. apricot preserves

1. Preheat airfryer to 400 degrees F.
2. Add all meatball ingredients into a mixing bowl and mix well.
3. Scoop rounded tablespoon of mix and form into meatballs.
4. Spray the air fryer with non-stick cooking spray and place the meatballs in a single layer about 1" apart.
5. Cook for 7-10 min, shaking the basket halfway through.
6. In a small mixing bowl, combine chili sauce ingredients and mix well.
7. Transfer cooked meatballs into large mixing bowl, pour the chili sauce over the top, toss meatballs to coat them evenly.
8. Serve with rice and steamed broccoli.



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: **139**

Adults: **253**

Children: **100**

Your continued support is needed and appreciated – Thank you!



Prayer
Request

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 Drew Sowle and Clyde Bridger.

General Prayers: Julie, Mary A, Bill B, Margaret D, Brooks D, Bob D, Margaret D, Eugene D, Mary E, Carol F, Betty G, Carol G, Steve G, Ted H, Brynlee H, Rosetta L, Nick L, Barb M, Fran M, Margie M, Joan N, Ron P, Kyle P, Ted R, Judy S, Ruth S, Jo S, Cindy S, Shirley S, April S, Sue S, Ed W, 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.