



August 2025

Join us
Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service

FPC Oconto monthly newsletter

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Krista Stewart

Elder at large

Polly Exferd

Clerk of Session

Nikki Giese

Session Recorder

Highlight of the Month

Our organist Donna Boehmer

Donna is one of our amazing organists here at FPC. She has been playing the organ for 68 years and the piano for 76 years! Donna took piano lessons at the age of 19 and loves all types of music. Ragtime is her favorite. When she was 4 years old, she heard "Blue Skirt Waltz" on the radio and went over to the piano and played it. In her spare time, she loves to cross-stitch, sewing, and making pies; apple, strawberry and raspberry.



Please give securely online at
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Deadline for our September issue
is **August 26th**. Please email any
information you have to share to
the office at
office@fpcoconto.org



Mission Committee:

NO UPDATES PROVIDED

Christian Education:

VBS wrapped up on July 31st. The week started off with a joint service with OUMC at FPC. Each night the kids would join in worship, learning, fun and faith. The guiding verse for the week was Joshua 1:9, "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." We will wrap up the week with a joint service at OUMC on August 3rd at 10:30 am, with a picnic potluck to follow. Everyone is welcome to join.

Clerk of Session:

Your Transition Team - Tammie McCarthy, Lynn Hollander, Wil Andersen, Rosemary Rice, Craig Bahrke and Polly Exferd, ask for continued prayers as we move forward in the next step of the process in search of a Temporary Part-Time Pastor. The job posting is out and now, we will soon start reviewing thru interested applicants for the position. Session has approved to give the Transition Team authorization to interview pastoral candidates. This next step of this process may take some time but with patience and prayer, our hopes of getting closer to fulfilling our call, are on a new path of the journey, which we are excited about. As our time of transition continues, we are very thankful and blessed for Pastor Rebecca Proefrock, Gina Struensee and David Rasmussen who have been filling our pulpit and will continue doing so, serving and leading us in God's Word.

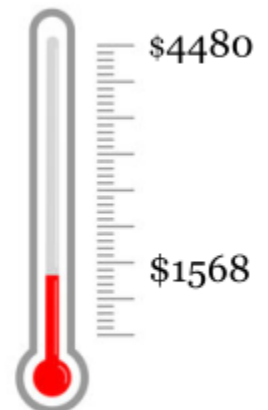
Worship committee:

Reminder:

- There will be no worship/communion service at FPC on August 3rd. We will be joining our friends at Oconto United Methodist Church for worship and VBS program at 10:30 followed by a potluck.
- Voices of Peace will share their Gospel Music Ministry with us at our October 19th Worship Service.

Per Capita:

Each year Presbyterians across the Presbyterian Church (USA) make a commitment to support one another thru per capita giving. At its heart, this enables ministries that seek to discern God's call and help support the health of the church. These ministries reach congregations, mid councils and assembly in a variety of ways. One of those ways is at work for you / us right now. David Colby, Transitional Presbyter for Winnebago Presbytery, travels here to Oconto from his Minnesota home, to moderate our session meetings during this time of transition. Thru your per capita giving, his travel time and time spent with us is one of the many ways that your per capita money is at work for you. If you have not yet paid your per capita giving amount of \$38, you can still do so, even if you cannot pay it on time. We are responsible to pay the total amount due, which comes out of our general funds of our budget. It would be greatly appreciated if you could pay your share to help keep our budget on task. Just be sure to mark your envelope or VANCO accordingly.





The 2025 VBS was full of fun, faith, and the Lord's blessings. The bible verse guiding the children through the week was Joshua 1:9, "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." They learned the story about how Abraham and Sarah followed God and went on a journey. Genesis 12:1-9. They heard the story of how God lead the Israelites out of Egypt on a very long journey! Exodus 13:17-22. As well as, the story about Mary and Elizabeth and why they were joyful! Luke 1:39-56

Thank you to all of the helpers, adult and youth, especially our Christian Education Team!

Upcoming Events

- Aug 3rd 9:00 am Deacon's meeting
- Aug 3rd 10:30 am Worship @ OUMC with picnic to follow
- Aug 3rd 4:30 pm Session meeting
- Aug 11th 1:00 pm Worship meeting
- Aug 24th 2:00 pm Musical Festival in honor of Pug Saucier
- Aug 31st 11:00 am Ruby Hatters



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
 August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 • 9 am Deacon's meeting • 10:30 am worship @ OUMC • 4:30 pm Session meeting	4	5 • 12:30-4pm Bread by the Bay	6	7 • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club	8	9
10 • 10:30 am worship	11 • 1 pm Worship meeting	12	13	14 • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club	15	16
17 • 10:30 am worship	18	19 • 12:30-4pm Bread by the Bay	20	21 • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club	22	23
24 • 10:30 am worship • 2 pm Musical Festival for Pug Saucier	25	26	27	28 • 1 pm Yack & Yarn Club	29	30
31 • 10:30 am worship • 11 am Ruby Hatters						



SCHEDULE

August 10th

August 17th

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

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Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	Emilie D
Snack provider	Rosemary R
Hostess/closer	Dawn S

August 24th

August 31st

Duties	Volunteer
Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	Michelle M
Snack provider	Toni H
Hostess/closer	Martha K

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Opening church	Polly E
Greeter/usher	Krista S
Snack provider	Michelle B
Hostess/closer	Wil A

Date	Pulpit Supply
August 10th	Gina Struensee
August 17th	Gina Struensee
August 24th	Rev. Rebecca Proefrock
August 31st	Gina Struensee

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 in June:

Households: **159**

Adults: **295**

Children: **131**

Your continued support is needed and appreciated – Thank you!



On Sunday afternoon, August 24th, at 2pm, FPC will host a Musical Festival, as we remember and pay tribute to Dolores "Pug" Saucier, through music, for her many years of serving FPC and her community. Mark your calendars for this special event.

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 family of Barb McNutt, the family of Rosemary Jicha, and the family of Judy W.**

General Prayers: Aaron, Jenny, Julie & Mary A, Kathy B, 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, Roger H, Janette J, Rosetta L, Nick L, Stella M, Margie M, Harlin N, Joan N, Ron P, Kyle P, Mike R, Ted R, Judy S, Ruth S, Jo S, Cindy S, Shirley S, April S, Sue S, Ed W, Melinda W, Beau 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.