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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MENOMINEE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Easter Morning
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

Easter Sunrise Service
Schloegel's
6:00 am

Easter Morning Services
Pioneer Presbyterian Church
9:00 am

First Presbyterian Church of Menominee
10:30 am



Christ is risen.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The first special offering for this year will be "One Great Hour of Sharing" and it supports three programs.

1. Presbyterian Hunger program
2. Presbyterian Disaster assistance
3. Self-Development of People

The collection will be received on Easter Sunday, April 21st. Thank you for your generous donations.

Lenten Services

Wednesday Simple Suppers
March 27 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm
First United Methodist, Menominee

April 3 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Pioneer Presbyterian Church

April 10 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church of Menominee

Maundy Thursday
April 18 | 6:00 pm
Community Covenant Church, Menominee

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new
creation has come:*

The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

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DEADLINE for the May 2019 Issue of The Presbyterian Bridge is **APRIL 20th**. To ensure that your article will be included, **please submit your typed article and materials to your church office on time!**

A “CONNECTIONAL” CALL TO COMMUNITY

Sermon from March 10, 2019:

This week we begin a new sermon series through Lent named A Call to Community. The purpose of this sermon series is to examine God’s call to us, the people of God. God call the Church to be in relationship with one another and with God. When we talk about God’s people, we are of course referring to the Church universal. Our confirmation students are learning the Apostles Creed. In the Apostles Creed we say that we believe in one holy catholic Church. This is of course not a reference to the Roman Catholic church but to the whole universal church. The word catholic derives from a contraction of the Greek phrase kata holou. Kata means according to and holou is a form of the word olos which we derive our word whole. Catholic therefore means according to or relating to the whole.

Only God knows who is truly counted among the universal Church, but since 350 AD Christianity has typically been understood to include those Christians that affirm the basic tenets of the Nicene Creed which affirms the Trinity, that Jesus was eternally begotten, not-made, and that Jesus physically died and rose again, among other things. Therefore, the universal catholic church has been understood to include Presbyterians, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Baptists, Pentecostals, Methodists, Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Brethren, Mennonite and many other denominations. The religions excluded from this understanding would be those who do not affirm the Nicene Creed namely: Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, the Hindu faith, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, Universalist and Unitarians to name the most popular non-Christian faiths.

As far as salvation, we can definitively say that we do not believe that these faiths and teachings provide the pathway to salvation which comes only through Jesus Christ, but we also should not limit God’s salvation purposes as only God is the determiner of salvation and God is reconciling all things to himself. That is a very long way of saying that we as Christians can be confident in the salvation of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ but we cannot be equally confident of salvation for those who do not.

When we talk about what the Church is, we should also note what the Church is not. Although many might refer to a church building as going to church, this is a misuse of the word. In Scripture, the concept of the Church is never associated with a particular place or structure. In the Old Testament, the people of God were referenced as the descendants of Abraham through Jacob, the twelve tribes of Israel. There are important places mentioned in the Bible, but these places are important

because they represented places where individuals met God. When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt into the wilderness, God met Moses at Sinai; and as they were traveling, Moses would enter the Tent of Meeting where God would descend. The Tent of Meeting was the precursor of the Temple built by Solomon in Jerusalem. This was the place that the people of God went to have their sins absolved. It was a meeting place, but it was never to be confused with the people of God.

Once a year, the high priest would enter into the Holy of Holies in order to offer a sacrifice for the people of God, the Israelites. The high priest would have a rope tied around his ankle so that if he died while in the presence of God, he could be pulled back without anyone having to enter God’s presence.

With Christ, we no longer need to offer sacrifices to God for Christ was the lamb of God slain for our sins once and for all. When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, Christ enters into our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit and we become the temple of God. Therefore, wherever we are, God exists and meets with us. We are united in Christ and when we gather, no matter where, we are joined together in Christ. Jesus said, “Where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am also.” When we meet together as the people of God, we are connected to one another and connected to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is why we as the Church are connectional.

Unfortunately though, we often get mixed up between the Church as the people of God and the church as a building, but we must remember that Jesus did not die for a building. Jesus did not die for the Temple in Jerusalem. He did not die for the Sistine Chapel. He did not die for the National Cathedral in Washington D.C.; and he didn’t die for this church building. He died for the Church, the people of God, for you and for me. I have said this before, but it is worth repeating over and over again. God does not care one iota about these pews or this communion table. He does not care about our stained glass windows or whether or not we have an organ. God doesn’t care about things. He cares about people. He cares about you and he cares about me. He died for people.

We on the other hand often care about things. We have attachment to things. I am no different. I remember my first car, a 66 VW Beetle. I loved that car. It had a special sentimental value as my first car, but Jesus did not die for that car. We form emotional attachments to items, but placing things before God or before people is just another form of idolatry. If your house was engulfed in flames, what would you rush into save? Your children? Your loved ones? Your pets? Would you run in to save

A “CONNECTIONAL” CALL TO COMMUNITY cont.

an heirloom? Your car? People matter; living animals matter; but things can be replaced. Even if they have sentimental value, they are not worth the risk.

And think back to the beginning of this church. This church was a church before it ever had a building. When the founding members met together and organized this congregation, they met together as part of the Church of God. It was only later that the church building came along. And if this building ever burnt down, the church would continue. If this church could no longer afford its building and still chose to meet somewhere else, the church would still exist. We must always remember that the church is the people of God and not the building.

Jesus said, “He is the vine and we are the branches.” Apart from him we can do nothing. Jesus is the source of our connection. He feeds and nourishes us. He strengthens us. He prunes us. We are connected to Christ and through Christ we are connected to God the Father.

Another image that Paul used to signify our connectedness to Christ and one another is that we are the body of Christ. Each of us serves as different members of the same body. We serve different functions but are equally important to the whole. Paul when he wrote of this image to the Corinthian believers and later to the believers in Rome, he did not envision several individual bodies of Christ: a Roman body, a Corinthian body, a Judean body, or any of the various different places believers lived. Paul talked about one body, Christ’s body where Christ serves as the head.

When we look at the other congregations in this area, we need to remember that although we have different opinions and practices, we compose one body. Too often,

we have let our differences separate us. None of us and none of our churches and denominations have a complete picture of God. I like to think of Christ like a multi-faced diamond. Each of us as a congregation are a different face of the diamond with different size, color, and shape. By looking at each face, we see a piece of the diamond which is wonderful and beautiful, but it is as we take a step back and turn it around that we see the beauty and magnificence of the whole.

Christianity in America has been shaped by our multi-cultural heritage. This has brought many great things to our understanding of Christianity, but it has also divided us and made us competitive towards one another. We look at other churches, not as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, but as competition for parishioners. We argue about silly preferences like baptizing by full immersion or by sprinkling water, serving communion by intinction or passing the plate, infant or adult baptism, raising our hands in church, or what type of music we play. I do not think that the preferences are silly, but arguing over them really is because in the end these do not reflect the core of our beliefs as Christians. I wonder what God thinks about our divisions? Does it make him proud or does it cause him to weep?

Friends, let us be united together as the people of God with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Lent is a time when we can join together with our brethren and celebrate Jesus Christ as our head. Let us remember that Christ died for all of us, not just our congregation and he definitely didn’t die for a building. For Jesus is the vine and we are the branches apart from him we can do nothing. Amen.

Good Friday Community Services

April 19, 2019 | Noon to 3:00 p.m.

St. James Lutheran Church | 1402 Main St., Marinette, Wisconsin

Jesus—As Others Knew Him

12:00-12:30 p.m. | Simon Peter, his Disciple
Rev. Jim Wendt, Our Savior’s Lutheran

12:30- 1:00 p.m. | Mary, his Mother
Rev. Doug Schoen, Lutheran (retired)

1:00- 1:30 p.m. | Mary Magdalene
Rev. Linnea Ek, Community Covenant

1:30- 2:00 p.m. | Judas Iscariot, his Betrayer
Rev. Jon Nelson, First & Pioneer Presbyterian

2:00- 2:30 p.m. | Pontius Pilate, his Executioner
Rev. Mark Johnson, Ev. Covenant (retired)

2:30- 3:00 p.m. | Nicodemus, his Questioner
Rev. Glenn Kanestrom, St. Paul’s Episcopal

Rev. Linda Forray will be the host pastor. Music by choirs and soloists will be offered in each half hour segment.

Worshippers may attend any or all of the segments. There will be a brief interlude between segments.

Free will offerings will be used to support local charities. Sponsored by the Twin County Ministerial Assoc.

NEWS
for
PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April ~

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jo Anne Nipple
- 4 Tamara Lapacz
- 7 Nancy Herrild
Camilla Bedrosian
- 8 Karen Hipwell
- 9 Josh Lapacz
- 12 Claudia Campbell
- 15 Ken Fifarek
- 21 Joy Lapacz
Lloyd Gomez
- 22 Dennis Nipple
- 25 Al Ochs
- 29 Myrna Stanley
Karen Curtis
- 30 Leonard Curtis

GREETERS

- 7 Wally Hitt
- 14 Karen Bickel
- 21 Julie Skrzypinski
- 28 Open

LITURGISTS

- 7 Sarah Austad
- 14 Wally Hitt
- 21 Charlie Bailey
- 28 Open

GUEST MUSICIANS

- 7 John Wills & the Bell Choir
- 14 Marilyn Schoen
- 21 Marilyn Schoen
- 28 Joan Campbell

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Many Thanks

The Galilean Room committee would like to thank Ellis Langhar for making the beautiful cross. Many thanks to Bob Landenberger for your help in hanging the cross. It's a beautiful addition to the room.

Book Sale & Bake Sale

Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) will be holding their annual book sale in the Galilean Room on April 26 from 4-7 and on April 27 from 8-12. This is an opportunity for Pioneer to have a bake sale as we have in the past.

In order to do that we need your help by donating some bakery. The people who come to the book sale know there are some very good bakers in our congregation and look forward to picking up some of these “goodies” when they come to look for books.

Please consider making a donation of bread, candy, cookies, pies, bars, or any other pastry, or jelly or jam. Drop them off on Friday April 26th in the kitchen. If you are not a baker this is a great opportunity to buy some very tasty baked goods, but come early as they go quickly.

Wheels for the World

Wheel chairs, crutches, walkers and canes are being collected for the poor around the world. Pioneer Presbyterian Church is serving as the tri-city collection site, and items may be dropped off from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm Monday thru Thursday.

Broken chairs, etc. can also be donated, but only manual chairs can be used. The Wheel Chair Restoration Centers are conducted by prison inmates.

If you need someone to pick up your donated item, call 715-735-6988. WRVM radio, 102.7 FM of Suring, is the regional collection site, phone 920-842-2900. Wheels for the World is a ministry of Joni and Friends at wftw@joniandfriends.org. Teams of disability specialists fit recipients to a wheel chair and provide training in its use and upkeep, the recipients also receive a Bible in their native language along with counseling.

Save the Date!

Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019

The Outreach/Fellowship committee will be providing a brunch after the service on Palm Sunday. The committee has done this the past two years and it has been very well attended. Ellis Langjahr will be planning our menu which will be similar to last year's.

MENU

sliced ham, kielbasa sausage, scrambled eggs,
garlic roasted potatoes, hash brown casserole,
French toast, assorted fruit and beverages

There will also be a cake for dessert to honor the 4 young people being confirmed on that Sunday. We encourage you to invite friends and family to enjoy this meal and fellowship. We will have a signup sheet so that we have some guideline for food preparation. All we need on the signup sheet is the family name and the number of people that will be there.

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Presbytery Point Camp News

WISH LIST -

Sponsorship opportunities:

- Sponsor(s) for a large capacity washing machine for Mackinac Lodge
- Sponsor(s) for a large capacity dryer for Mackinac Lodge
- Sponsor(s) for 7 freestanding cabin heaters

Kitchen:

- small, medium and large metal spatulas
- small, medium and large Rubbermaid spatulas
- small, medium and large spoon-shaped spatulas
- bibbed cook's aprons
- heavy-duty hot pads
- heavy-duty rubber gloves (all sizes)
- clear, 2 qt. Rubbermaid pitchers with covers
- clear, 1 gal. Rubbermaid pitchers with covers
- Sponsor(s) for anti-fatigue kitchen floor mats
- professional food thermometers

Waterfront:

- all sizes – swim fins, swim masks, snorkel kits
- Fox 40 Lifeguard whistles
- Canoe paddles, kayak paddles
- Lake Kayaks

Additional needs:

- High efficiency laundry soap

Summer Volunteers: call for information on paperwork and training

- Camp Nurses
- Craft leaders or helpers
- Maintenance helpers (mow lawn, trim around cabins, building repairs and maintenance)
- Baking leaders or helpers
- Sailing, canoeing, tenting, and fishing leaders

Mark your calendars and join us at Spring Work Camp May 4th-11th. For information, call 906-869-0925 or email at ppccc@presbyterypoint.org.

2019 CALENDAR -

March 28

Spring Break Day Camp (a day of fun at camp!)

May 4-11

Spring Work Camp (volunteers help for projects)

June 9-14

CIT Leadership Camp (overnight camp)

June 10-14

Day Camp (9am – 4pm Monday through Friday)

June 16-22

Senior High Camp (overnight camp)

June 23-29

Middle School Camp (overnight camp)

June 30-July 2

1st-2nd Grade Camp (overnight camp)

July 3-July 5

July 4th Family and Alumni Camp (overnight camp)

July 8-13

Camp New Day Guest Camp

July 14-18

3rd-5th Grade Camp (overnight camp)

July 22-Aug 17

Superior String Alliance Guest Camps

Aug 19-Aug 23

Teaching Family Homes Guest Camp

Sept. 28- Oct. 5

Fall Work Camp (volunteers help out with projects)

Join us at camp this summer! Volunteer during a camp session – lead or help with crafts, boating, tenting, music, baking, vespers, games, mission projects, and visiting with our campers. Be a Presbytery Point camper and bring a friend! For more information, registration and camp scholarship forms, go to www.presbyterypoint.org or call 906-869-0925.

Easter Flowers Form

Below you will find a form for Easter Flowers. As usual the Easter Flowers are available from The Flower Gallery so if you would like to honor or remember a loved one – this is the perfect way. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office at 908-863-3889

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Please place my order for Easter Flowers.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Easter Lilies will be available for purchase in each church; call for prices. Please return this form to the church office by April 5th or email order to office@fpcmenominee.org. You may also call the FPC office at (906) 863-3889 with your order. Payment is due by April 5th. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church. This is a great opportunity to honor or remember a loved one and help decorate the sanctuary at the same time. Single bloom Easter lilies average \$14.00 and double bloom Easter lilies \$26.00 – other flowers available – Daffodils, hyacinth and tulips 6” pot \$16.00.

(Please circle one) (Name)

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| 1) | Memory | Honor_____ |
| 2) | Memory | Honor_____ |
| 3) | Memory | Honor_____ |

NEWS

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Presbyterian Women

The next monthly meeting for the Presbyterian Women will be on April 4th at 10:00 am in the Library. Please feel free to join us. The Spring Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th. When you are doing your spring cleaning – think of us!!!! The more treasures the better the sale.

Mission News

We will continue to collect personal items for men, women, and teens. These items will be donated to a Mission of their choice. Please place your donations in the basket in the Gathering Room. The loose coin offering will be collected every third Sunday in our offering plates. We will announce the designation at the end of November. Thank You.

Reminders

The first Sunday of each month is the Food Pantry Collection. One of the Deacons gather up the donations and distribute to the local food pantries.

The loose coin offering is collected the third Sunday of each month. All dollar bills and coin are donated to a special mission of our choice.

Anyone wishing to sign up for Flowers or Coffee Hour can do so on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room. The sign-up sheets are for a three-month period but if there is a special date that isn't there and you would like to reserve it, please contact the church office and it will be reserved on the calendar.

If you know of someone who would like to be added to our current homebound church list, please contact the church office as we update it frequently at 906-863-3889. A Deacon will be contacting the individual to setup home visits and discuss their needs.

Coffee Hour

Debbie Hofer will be scheduling coffee hour hosts and making sure we have enough supplies. We will be posting who the hosts will be each month in the bulletin and the messenger. If there is an open week with no hosts, there will not be coffee hour that week. Debbie will be calling members soon to fill in where needed. If anyone has questions or would like to serve on a special occasion, please call Debbie at 906-863-3048.

April 7

Gina Mistark & Linda Baumann

April 14

Confirmation Sunday – Cake provided

April 21

Easter Sunday – no coffee hour

April 28

Presbyterian Women – Willa Stang & Donna Rife

Musicians for April

April 7	Linda Baumann
April 14	Carol Symyneshen
April 21	Carol Symyneshen
April 28	Linda Baumann

April Birthdays

9	Lori Zimmerman
17	Betty Kabatek
17	Brianne Burnett
21	Wes Stripling

Scholarships Available

This is the time of year where we start thinking about First Presbyterian Student Scholarships. The first scholarship, the Tom and Gertrude Chambers Scholarship, is for High School graduates. Three requirements for this scholarship are being confirmed at FPC, graduating from high school and being in good standing. Scholarship forms are in the church office, with a due date of May 14, 2019.

The second scholarship is the John Larsen College Scholarship. There are three requirements. You must have junior status in a college program, be in good standing and have been confirmed in our church (FPC of Menominee). This application is due by July 15, 2019.

The full definition of being in good standing is in the church office, and all scholarships need the approval of the Session.

One of the ways you can keep your good standing status is to be a liturgist. Call the church office with dates that you are available; this is an easy and painless way to keeping yourself current. We are currently in need of liturgists for the month of May. Please call the church office or me, if you could help.

Kay Waypa, CE Elder

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Directory Update Information 2019

Family Names: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email address: _____

Birthdays: _____

If your child does not live in your household, please provide address, phone and email.
Thank you!

Husband's Name & Birthday: _____

Wife's Name & Birthday: _____

Child's Name & Birthday: _____

Child's Name & Birthday: _____

Child's Name & Birthday: _____



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