

THE PRESBYTERIAN BRIDGE

Celebrating our uniqueness

Coming together in Christ



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MENOMINEE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SAVE THE DATE!

Members of Pioneer Presbyterian and First Presbyterian are invited to come together for a joint service on

August 11 at 10:00 a.m.

as we gather by the river for our annual
OUTDOOR SERVICE AND PICNIC

Special music will be provided by
Resurrection Afterglow

Picnic will follow the service

Members of First Presbyterian are asked to
bring a dessert to pass and Pioneer members
are asked to bring a salad
A free will offering will be taken

Come join us !



Church
Picnic

Graduation Sunday

We will be celebrating our graduating high school seniors at each church on **Sunday, June 2, 2019**. Please join us for a reception immediately after the worship service. We look forward to celebrating this special day with our graduates.



Pentecost Offering

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

- Young Adult Volunteers
- Ministries for Youth
- Children-at-Risk
- Pentecost Offering Financials

This special offering will be accepted on **Sunday, June 9th** and an envelope is included in this month's newsletter – thank you for your continued support and generous donations.

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

COMMENCEMENT

Graduations are blessed events. They are a time to celebrate the accomplishments of our youthful graduates with family and friends. As the parent of a 2019 graduate, I am very proud of my daughter's achievements. I thank God for the caring, faithful, and thoughtful adult she has grown up to be. I also thank God for the support you have given my daughter over the years.

In his book, *It Takes a Village to Raise a Child*, Tod Bolsinger discusses the importance of the community of faith in raising faithful children. Speaking from his own experience as a pastor and father, he discusses how the Holy Spirit works through a congregation to impart faith, hope, and love to the children of a congregation.

Looking back on Karah's time in these communities, I am reminded of the numerous occasions which many of you would drop off newspaper clippings of Karah; those who attended her performances at Theatre on the Bay and the Children's Theatre; and those of you who taught her about Jesus in Sunday school and supported her through confirmation.

You have encouraged her as she would sing or play the violin at church and prayed for her when she was at camp. You are the village that has helped raise her in the faith of our Lord and it will be this faith which she will take with her off to college and beyond.

God blesses us with many gifts in our lifetime, but the gift of a loving community of faith is one of the greatest. In the faith community, God gives us himself. We are after all the body of Christ. As we come together, we experience the presence of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

When our youth go on to build their own lives, they will take Christ with them as they join their own faith community. It is this interconnectedness within the body of Christ which is a great strength. No matter what my daughter endures in life, she will always know the love of Christ imparted to her through you. No one can take that away from her or any of the children we have been fortunate to nurture.

The future is changing rapidly, and we don't know what is in store for our youth or the Church. However, we do know our past. Our past is given to each child of God and helps to undergird our future together. It is the milestones of a life lived in Christ that serve as reminders of the faith that help us: baptism, confirmation, graduations, marriage, births, anniversaries, and eternal life. These are our relished and treasured lives together; and in the middle is Christ binding us together.

You have honored God's commandment to teach our children the faith of our Lord Jesus. You continue to nurture them into an understanding of faithful obedience. When one of them graduates, it is a time for us to appreciate the hard work of everyone involved. Thank you for honoring God through our children. Thank you for preparing their future by giving them a faithful past.

Sincerely in Christ,



Pastor Jon

June ~

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Norma Armstrong
6 Robert Brockman
8 Sarah Austad
9 Mary Jessel
Gene Davenport
Jim England
Sara McDonald
15 Jim Boren
21 Joan Fifarek
Skip Matthey
24 Karah Nelson
30 Morris Mundt

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Gene & Sandy Davenport
11 Ryan & Lori Hmielewski
21 Joy & Todd Lapacz

GREETERS

- 2 Donna Tabbert
9 The Landenbergers
16 Ken & Joan Fifarek
23 Barb Kopish
30 Brookelyn Peterson

GUEST MUSICIANS

- 2 Joan Campbell
9 Marilyn Schoen
16 Marilyn Theel
23 Marilyn Theel
30 Mary Meyer

COMMUNION SERVERS

Sue Ochs & Pat Pottratz

Pioneer Summer Office Hours

Starting June 6th through the summer, the church office hours will be as follows:

- Monday 8:00 – 1:00 PM
Tuesday 8:00 – 12:00 PM
Wednesday 8:00 – 1:00 PM
Thursday OFFICE CLOSED
Friday OFFICE CLOSED

Scholarships Available

The Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for scholarships from members interested in pursuing post high school education. The deadline for applying is June 15th. Applications can be picked up at the church office.

World War II “Roll of Honor”

We have found the roll of honor of Pioneer members who served in WWII. It is written in beautiful calligraphy. Those who died in service have a star by their name. This roll will be on display in the Galilean room for Memorial weekend and will continue to be displayed through the week July 4th. We will look for a permanent place to display this roll.

Thanks and Recognition

Thank you to the Outreach Committee and the congregation for the gift certificate and recognition. I would like to recognize the choir members, whose faithful contributions to the worship services are greatly appreciated:

Pat Pottratz	Marguerite Braley
Gene Davenport	Karen Buyarski
Claudia Campbell	Nancy Ulrich
Marilynn Galineau	Myrna Stanley

Thank you,
Rich Ulrich



NEWS

for

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MENOMINEE

Presbyterian Women

The monthly meeting for the Presbyterian Women will be on Thursday, June 6th at 10:00 am in the Library. Please feel free to join us. The July and August meetings will be lunches at local restaurants – please check with one of the ladies for further details.

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.

Musicians for June

June 2

Carol Symyneshen & The Bell Choir

June 9

Marilyn Schoen

June 16

Linda Baumann

June 23

Linda Baumann

June 30

Mary Meyer



June Birthdays

9	Philip Everhart
12	Philip Polito
18	Bill Evans
19	Ashley Schultz
22	Lois Cadieu
22	Delores Howard
22	John Shaver, Jr
24	Karah Nelson
26	Sue Plautz
29	Marlene Monson



Coffee Hour

Debbie Hofer will be scheduling coffee hour hosts and making sure we have enough supplies. If anyone has questions or would like to serve on a special occasion, please call Debbie at 906-863-3048.

June 2

Betsy Shaver & Nancy Zeratsky

June 9

The Deacons

June 16

Father's Day – no coffee hour

June 23

Presbyterian Women
Marlene Monson & Lynn Hammill

June 30

Open

Scholarships Available

This is the time of year where we start thinking about First Presbyterian Student Scholarships.

There are three requirements for the John Larsen College Scholarship. 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

Reminders

The first Sunday of each month is the Food Pantry Collection. 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.





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Mon. - Thurs.
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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Clerk of Session • Donna Rife
Building & Grounds • Steve Engeldinger
Christian Education • Kay Waypa
Fellowship • Steve Engeldinger
Finance • Sam Hofer
Mission • Patricia Johnson
Personnel • Sam Hofer
Worship • DeeAnne Polhmann
Evangelism/Membership • Sam Hofer

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator • Karen Menard

Anita Draska	Ann Schultz
Karen Fehrenbach	Janet Smith
Janet Johnson	Carol Symyneshen
MaryAnn Langill	Helen Thibodeau
Linda Majkrzak	
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Thurs | 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

SESSION

Clerk of Session • Karen Bickel
Administration • Liz Murphy
Building & Grounds • Wally Hitt
Christian Education • Joy Lapacz
Finance • Bill Lenca
Memorial & Mission • Karen Bickel
Outreach & Fellowship • Ellis Langjhar
Personnel • Karen Buyarski
Evangelism • Wally Hitt
Nominating • Joe Reines
Worship • Joe Reines

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