

THE PRESBYTERIAN BRIDGE

Celebrating our uniqueness

Coming together in Christ



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MENOMINEE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 2019

Leadership Training

The Northwoods Cluster of Winnebago Presbytery will be holding a leadership training event on **Saturday, March 2nd**. It will be an all-day event. Elders and deacons from both churches are invited. We have attended these in the past and they have been a time for meaningful fellowship and learning with fellow presbyterians. If interested, please contact Pastor Jon or your deacon moderator.

New Book Study

Our church, like many so others within our denomination and across the country, faces declining numbers and resources. In our new study, we will focus through *Can Our Church Live* by Alice Mann. This book examines the question on many of our minds. The pastor will be leading a six week study beginning in March. If you have wondered or worried about the fate of our church, this is the study for you. If interested please contact Pastor Jon so he can schedule the class with the participants.

Daylight Savings

Daylight savings will take place on **Sunday, March 10, 2019**. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour!

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

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday Service

March 6 | 6:00 pm
First United Methodist, Marinette

Wednesday Simple Suppers

March 13 - April 10 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm
locations to be announced

Maundy Thursday

April 18 | 6:00 pm
location to be announced

Community Good Friday Service

April 19 | 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm
St. James Lutheran Church, Marinette
(services will be 30 minute segments with music, prayer and homily)

Easter Sunrise Service

April 21 | 6:00 am
location to be announced

Easter Morning Services

Pioneer Presbyterian Church
9:00 am
First Presbyterian Church of Menominee
10:30 am

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

The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

A CALL TO COMMUNITY

We live in a paradoxical time. In no other time in history have we had as many ways to connect with others locally and globally. Advances in technology has made it possible to fly across the world in hours instead of days.

We are connected via the internet, Twitter, Facebook, and video conferencing. Cable television and global news outlets give us glimpses of what is happening across our planet. National economies are intertwined so that a trade war between nations can affect the whole world.

There has never been a time such as this when humans have been so connected. And yet, we are also in a time when we often feel disconnected and isolated from one another. We divide ourselves into factions and parties. We uplift the individual and personal identity while cheering at the shattering of norms, traditions and institutions. We expect God and others to accept our personal life choices instead of building our lives around the grace and understanding of God.

And yet in the midst of our inconsistency, God still calls us forth to be his body, his bride, the universal and collective Church of Jesus Christ. This calling existed in the Garden of Eden. It existed for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It existed for the children of Israel caught in bondage in Egypt.

It existed for the judges and prophets. It existed for the disciples and the early church. It existed for the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant churches. It existed for our spiritual mothers and fathers. And it exists for us today.

In these divided times, God's call to community is just as strong as it has ever been, but it can be dulled by the competing voices of our culture and world. In the myriad of choices we are presented, it is confusing to know which call to answer. However, the call of God remains to his faithful people.

The Church, the people of God, in all time and in all places is called into community with one another. We have broken into different denominations and groups in order to understand

certain aspects of God better. No denomination or individual church has a complete picture of God, but by looking at the different perspectives of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, we gain a fuller glimpse.

This is why I am so thankful for our Lenten Simple Suppers where we join together with other sister churches for a simple meal and lesson. By answering the call to carry our cross together with our fellow brethren, we gain a richer picture of Christ crucified for we share ourselves and our understanding with those that Christ died for. In sharing our different traditions, we see Christ with more definition and clarity as well as understand our own unique tradition and perspective as Presbyterians.

In March, I will also be starting a four session sermon series on The Call to Community. I will examine our Presbyterian Reformed understanding of community as connectional, confessional, covenantal, and missional. It is my hope that by participating in both our Lenten journey with our fellow churches as well as identifying our unique understanding as Presbyterians, we will be able to appreciate better our need for one another and the Church. I look forward to this journey with you as we once again set our sights towards Jerusalem and Calvary and walk in the light of the Lord.

In Christ,



Jon

Presbyterian Women

The next monthly meeting for the Presbyterian Women will be on **March 7th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Library. Please feel free to join us.

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.

Book Club

The next meeting of Book club will be March 28th at 6:30 p.m. We meet at the Harbors in the fourth-floor library. This month's selection is *Lincoln's Last Trial* by Dan Abrams. This is a true story of Abraham Lincoln's last murder trial, a strange case in which he had a deep personal involvement, and which was played out in the nation's newspapers as he began his presidential campaign.

If you would like to expand your reading habits, we would love to have you join us. If you need a ride, please call Janet Johnson at 863-7496.

Mortgage Paydown

Thank you to those of you who have assisted in helping to pay down the church's mortgage. So far, \$43,896 has been raised. Many thanks to our anonymous donor who gave a \$20,000 challenge.

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 a week with no hosts, there will be no coffee hour that morning. 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.

March 3

Pat Johnson & Rebecca Wellens

March 10

The Deacons

March 17

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 24

PW – Jennifer Blair & Donna Rife

March 31

Open

March Birthdays

4	Ken Draska
4	Nicole Stripling
5	Julee Miller
6	Erik Pohlmann
10	Sophie Pohlmann
10	Kristin Stepniak
16	Sandy Berggren
18	David Higley
19	Linda Engeldinger
19	Anita Draska
19	Ashley Stepniak
22	John Bradley
26	Steve Engeldinger
30	Ed Nelson

NEWS

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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.

Musicians for March

March 3	Linda Baumann
March 10	Marilyn Schoen
March 17	Carol Symyneshen
March 24	Carol Symyneshen
March 31	Mary Meyer

Corned Beef Memorial Dinner

Save the date! After worship on **Sunday March 17th, 2019** we will be holding the Mary Bradley Memorial Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Advance tickets must be bought beforehand. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12 and under age 4 are free.

Please contact Sheri Zorn or Steve Engeldinger for more information. Profit will go to the Building Fund.

Deacon's Schedule

FPC Communion | March 3
Karen Fehrenbach and Linda Majkrzak

Harbor's Communion | March 7
Karen Menard

Homebound Communion | March 3
Janet Johnson

**Second Sunday Coffee Hour |
March 10**
Helen Thibodeau will make calls to Deacons to get help.

Next Deacons meeting will be **Monday, March 4th** at 5:15 p.m.

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.

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Easter Flowers and Directory Update Form

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a form for Easter Flowers and an update for the 2019 directory – please take a minute to check them out. The next directory will be printed in early Spring, so we want to make sure there is enough time to receive the form and return.

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)

1) Memory Honor _____

2) Memory Honor _____

3) Memory Honor _____

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: _____

NEWS
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March ~

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Barb Kopish
- 6 Loretta Humphrey
Rev. Joe Stanley
- 7 Rich Campbell
- 8 Avis Nelson
Jean Eggener
- 12 Vicki Lenca
- 18 Joan Campbell
- 26 Herman Pottratz
- 31 Sue Erdman

LITURGISTS

- 3 Sarah Austad
- 10 Claudia Campbell
- 17 Karen Hipwell
- 24 Henry Bailey
- 31 Charlie Bailey

GUEST MUSICIANS

- 3 Barb Hay
- 10 Marilyn Schoen
- 17 John Wills
- 24 The Lovetts
- 31 Mary Meyer

GREETERS

- 3 Sue Ochs
- 10 Marguerite Braley
- 17 Bob & Sue Landenberger
- 24 Tom & Julie Skrzypinski
- 31 Wally Hitt

Thank You

Dear Pastor Jon and congregation,

Thank you for inviting us to share our music with you once again. It truly was a joy and a blessing to worship together with you this morning.

Your generous donation is greatly appreciated and 100% will be used in future ministry opportunities. May God continue to use you to spread the "Good News" in your community and surrounding areas.

*Until we meet again,
Voices of Peace Ministries*

Thank You

Presbyterian Women,

"I would like to thank you for your continued support of my work with refugees from Burma. Your gift greatly enables me to work with the marginalized Karen people of Saint Paul as well as spread the Gospel among those living in Tham Hinn Camp and in the seminaries I guest teach at in Burma. I am thankful for both your financial and your prayer support."

*Love and blessings,
Joanna*

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.

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. More details on the menu will be in the April newsletter.

Many Thanks

To all who made a donation to the Joanne Peterson fundraising brunch. Through your generosity our congregation raised \$534.10 to help Joanne in her missionary work.



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Finance • Sam Hofer
Mission • Patricia Johnson
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Evangelism/Membership • Sam Hofer

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