

THE PRESBYTERIAN BRIDGE

Celebrating our uniqueness

Coming together in Christ

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MENOMINEE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAY 2019

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

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Do you identify yourself as a leader? Most of us don't think of ourselves as leaders. When we think of leaders, we think of presidents, governors, or CEO's with great charisma and decisiveness. We think of generals who commanded respect or great preachers who drew thousands with their eloquent sermons.

However, when we look at the Bible, God seems to have a different image of what makes a leader. Charisma is not a prerequisite for leadership. In fact, many of the Church's greatest leaders felt insufficient when called. Some tried to argue against their calling because of their perceived inadequacies. Moses questioned his ability because he was "slow of speech and slow of tongue." Gideon questioned his credentials before God saying, "But sir, how can I deliver Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." The Apostle Paul was so unimpressive in person that some in the Corinthian church questioned his authority. Thomas doubted. Peter was impulsive. The Bible is filled with examples of unlikely leaders. It goes to show us that God can use us even if we don't feel or appear adequate.

When it comes to leadership, we place too much value on charisma. While it provides a great advantage, it is often misused. Cultic leaders often have charisma. Adolf Hitler seduced a whole nation into doing horrific and evil things through his charisma. Even those charismatic leaders with the best of intentions can be led astray when they trust their popularity over God. We find examples of this in Scripture such as King David who slept with Bathsheba and killed her husband Uriah; and we find examples in everyday life when we hear about scandals of fallen church leaders.

Another misperception about leadership is that one comes to leadership naturally, through God given talents. Many leadership experts will tell you that leadership is primarily a learned skill set. Even the greatest leaders had to learn the skills necessary in order to lead others. Often, those skills were formed through adversity as those leaders had to learn a whole new way of relating to others.

After losing the use of his legs, Franklin Roosevelt had to learn how to win the confidence of others while sitting in a wheel chair. King George VI had to overcome his stuttering in order to inspire his people in the midst of WWII.

While the greatest leadership skills, such as wisdom and maturity, are learned over time, the only prerequisite for Christian leadership is the willingness to answer God's call. Answering that call doesn't only happen at church. We are called to be Christian leaders in various activities of our life. As parents, we are called into Christian leadership over our children. As a spouse, in our neighborhoods, at work, in civic organization, with our friends, God is calling us to be leaders among those we love and interact with every day. These are the places that we can have the most vital impact for God. To be a Christian leader is to say "yes" to God's call and then be willing and humble enough to learn along the way.

Another key trait of Christian leadership is authenticity. We have all known those who try to bully their way into leadership or convince others that they have talents that they do not possess. Being a Christian leader is to be honest with one another about our gifts and deficiencies, and to share the struggles we face. If we don't know how to do something, ask someone who does. Find mentors who have walked that path before you. This is one of the greatest assets that the Church has to offer: a pool of faithful people who have experienced our same struggles and have learned what to do and what not to do.

So are you a Christian leader? Yes!! God is calling you to great things in this life and the next. You only have to be prepared to answer the call.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jon



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Confirmation Sunday
April 21, 2019



Left to right: Pastor Jon, Isabel Bentley, Camryn Ferm, Pearl Wellens, Jacob Fehrenbach, Donna Rife



Left to right: Nicolas Baldwin, Wynn Erdman, Pastor Jon, Henry Bailey, Trevor Theuerkauf

May ~

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Shane Erdman
- 13 Betty Messenger
- 17 Bill Renoll
- 20 Charlie Bailey
- 21 Betty Jane Messenger
Rose Foiles
- 22 Todd Lapacz
- 25 Laurie Davidson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Joe & Myrna Stanley
- 31 Terri & Dan McVane

GREETERS

- 5 Joan Campbell
- 12 Karen Buyarski
- 19 Pat Pottratz
- 26 Marilynn Galineau

LITURGISTS

- 5 Karen Hipwell
- 12 Pat Pottratz
- 19 Barb Kopish
- 26 Claudia Campbell

GUEST MUSICIANS

- 5 Barb Hay, Barb Akins & May Ellen Kozak
- 12 Marilyn Schoen
- 19 Joan Campbell & Pioneer Band
- 26 Susan Thornton

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

- 5 Ellis & Ruth Langjahr
- 12 Open
- 19 Nancy & Rich Ulrich
- 26 Open

Presbyterian Women May Potluck

All women of the church and friends are invited to our annual Potluck. It will be held in the church kitchen on **Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.** Please bring a dish to pass. RSVP to Pat Pottratz 715-735-3258 or Liz Murphy 906-864-2328.

Presbyterian 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.

Pioneer Summer Office Hours

Starting June 6th 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

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.

Bible Study about Angels

Angels are the topic of a six week study being held at the Stephenson Public Library in Marinette on Wednesday evenings. The study will begin on April 24 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.. The meetings will explore the existence of angels and if they exist, what powers and attributes do they have? Do we have a guardian angel? Do you have an experience to share?. Call 715-735-6988 to sign up. There is a \$5.00 fee for a study book.

Mother's Day Pictures

A slide show of our mothers will be presented during worship on Mother's Day. Please submit a favorite picture(s) of your mother along with the names of the individuals in the picture to the basket in the hallway by Sunday, May 5th. You can also email a digital photo to office@pioneermarinette.org. Following the service, submitted pictures will be made available for pick up in the hallway.

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Book Club

The next meeting for the Book Club will be **May 22 at 6:30 P.M.** We meet at Harbors in the fourth floor library. This month's selection is "The Dress in the Window" by Sofia Grant.

World War II has ended and American women are shedding their old clothes for the gorgeous new styles. Voluminous layers of taffeta and tulle, wasp waists, and beautiful color. All so welcome after years of sensible styles and strict rationing. We enjoy reading new books as well as classics and would love to have your suggestions for fun and interesting reading material.

As always, we welcome new members and would love to have you join us to share your favorite books with us. If you need a ride please call Janet Johnson at 906-863-7496.

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

Presbyterian Women

The monthly meeting for the Presbyterian Women will be on **Thursday, May 2nd at 10:00 am** in the Library. Please feel free to join us. The Spring Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and if you available to help in any way – it would be appreciated. Thank you.

Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale

The Presbyterian Women's Spring Rummage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We are expecting more and can use help putting them out any time in the next two weeks. Someone will usually be in the Fellowship Room during the morning and Gina will be in the office. If anyone has items to donate and needs help getting them to the church, please call Linda Engeldinger at 715-732-0057 or Carol Symyneshen at 715-330-5574.

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 April

May 5	Linda Baumann
May 12	Marilyn Schoen
May 19	Carol Symyneshen
May 26	Linda Baumann

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.

May 5

Carol Symyneshen & Donna Rife

May 12

Mother's Day - no coffee hour

May 19

DeeAnne Pohlman

May 26

Presbyterian Women
Marlene Monson & Lynn Hammill

May Birthdays

2	Lary Fernstrum
6	Jack Parker
11	Nancy Zeratsky
12	Pat Lohff
16	Wes Hoffman
22	Peggy Fernstrum
23	Don Mick
23	Camryn Ferm
24	Norman Williams
27	Spencer Howell
28	Janet Kraus
28	Todd Waypa
29	Mary Ann Langill
31	Mary Nelson
31	Almeta Williams

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Deacon's Doings

December 2018 to April 2019 -

In December the gifts purchased by the deacons were distributed to the shut-ins.

Communion

December 2 - Linda Majkrzak, Karen Fehrenbach

January 6 - Anita Draska, Karen Menard

February 3 - Mary Ann Langill, Carol Symyneshen

March 3 - Linda Majkrzak, Karen Fehrenbach

Harbors Communion

December 6 - Karen Menard

January 3 - Mary Ann Langill

February 7 - Carol Symyneshen

Homebound Communion

January 6 - Karen Menard, Anita Draska

March 3 - Janet Johnson

The **Second Sunday Coffee Hour in Dec., Jan., and Feb.** was coordinated by Helen Thibodeau and Mary Ann Langill.

In January the deacons donated \$1,000 to the mortgage relief fund to take advantage of the matching funds.

A white flower was sent by Helen Thibodeau for the funeral of Bob Cadieu.

We voted and approved changing our meeting from the first Tuesday every other month to the first Monday.

Mary Ann Langill and Carol Symyneshen will be alternating at the prayer table on Sundays.

The meeting on March 4 was moderated by Karen Fehrenbach.

Deacons Doings March and April

In April, gas cards were sent to Pam Maye's family.

Communion

Apr. 7 - Janet Johnson, Ann Schultz

May 5 - Linda Majkrzak, Karen Fehrenbach

Harbors Communion

March 7 - Karen Menard

April 4 - Carol Symyneshen

May 2 - Karen Menard

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 6 at 5:15.

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.

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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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Christian Education • Kay Waypa
Fellowship • Steve Engeldinger
Finance • Sam Hofer
Mission • Patricia Johnson
Personnel • Sam Hofer
Worship • DeeAnne Polhmann
Evangelism/Membership • Sam Hofer

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Finance • Bill Lenca
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Outreach & Fellowship • Ellis Langjhar
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