

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

November 2020

Dear Congregation Members and Friends:

A reminder of the COVID-19 procedures for the church.

1. **Stay at home if you are feeling ill.**
2. We require everyone to wear a face mask. (Bring your own please)
3. Maintain physical distancing, at least 6 feet from each other. You may sit next to anyone who lives in your same household.
4. Church pews will be marked that are **not** to be used.
5. Refrain from handshakes and hugs. We can wave to each other.
6. Singing and choral music will be eliminated as of now. There will be organ, piano, or any instrumental music.
7. No coffee hour or any social gathering before or after the church service.
8. We will not have Communion until at least August, with precautionary procedures.
9. Offering plates will be at each entrance. Your offering can be deposited in the plate as you enter the sanctuary. There will be hand sanitizer at each door.

We look forward to the day we can get back to our normal church services and social gatherings.

God's Blessings

First Presbyterian Session

## November Guest Ministers

November 1	Keith Schroeder
November 8	Rev. Doug Schoen
November 15	Rev. Dr. Mark Johnson
November 22	Open
November 29	Rev. Dr. Mark Johnson

## November Organists

November 1	Carol Symyneshen
November 8	Marilyn Schoen
November 15	Carol Symyneshen
November 18	Carol Symyneshen
November 25	Mary Meyer

## Presbyterian Women Meeting

The Presbyterian Women will be meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> – it will be great to get together again after several months – the meeting will be held in the Gathering Room and will begin at 10:00 a.m. We are looking forward to it. Social distancing will be practiced. Masks are suggested.

## Updated Phone System

We recently updated our phone system. If you need to make a phone call – to dial out just press line one (LN 1) or line two (LN 2) and dial the number – if you are placing a call in Menominee you do not need area code but anywhere else you will need the complete number with area code. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office for more information.



## Celebrating November Birthdays

November 4	Jane Stripling
November 6	Jane Evans Smith
November 9	Janice Wilke
November 10	Sandra Fernstrum
November 15	William Burnett
November 22	June Paprukilo
November 24	Donna Rife
November 28	Charles Ferm



## Thank you from Gina

I just wanted to say thank you to the Session and Members for the beautiful bouquet of flowers that you send me while I was sick. They brightened my days for sure. I am happy to report that I am feeling much better and I am happy that the COVID virus is behind me. It was a very rough three weeks, but I am feeling great again. Thank you.

### All Saints Sunday

November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saint's Sunday. If you would like to have a deceased loved remembered during worship service on Sunday, please call the church office at 906-863-3889 and leave a message with their name. Individuals are invited to light a candle during worship in honor of their loved ones who have preceded us into the glorious company of the saints.

### Note to Our Church Family

Hello to our Church Family. The main reason we have not tried to attend church is that the last 3 months, Almeta has had a medical challenge. Not cancer or COVID virus, but severe intense headaches and dizziness. She spent a weekend in the hospital (here). They ran a lot of tests and of course, more pills. Appears to be migraine related. She is doing better now. I am having major eye surgery on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October in Green Bay. Seems like one "red sea moment" after another. Our prayers are with you all. Norm and Almeta

### 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.

### First Presbyterian Choir

The First Presbyterian Church choir is always looking for new choir members. Please consider sharing your musical talent with us. It is open to anyone who wishes to see what it is all about. If you are interested in joining or just listen in on one of the practices – feel free to contact Janice Watkins or Bill Blair. We will keep you posted on when we are able to gather again to resume practicing.

### Mortgage Payoff Update

Based on current interest rates, current monthly payment plus additional payments made to the Principal from pledges to go against the loan we will have our building loan paid off in approximately 36 months. Sam Hofer



### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It is that time again! Time to start thinking about Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes. If you want to donate money or supplies for the boxes, please bring to the church by Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Debbie and Linda will do the shopping for you. If you wish to put together a shoebox yourself, please have them to the church before November 15<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the new "How to Pack a Shoebox" brochures which will be available in the Gathering Room or the office in a couple of weeks. Remember to include a \$9.00 check for each box made out to Samaritan's Purse with a note on the memo line that the donation is for Operation Christmas Child. (OCC)

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS TO ORDER**

Please place my order for the Christmas poinsettias.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

The Flower Gallery has made Red poinsettias available to us for \$12.00 (single), \$23.00 (double). Please return this form and payment to the church office before December 10<sup>th</sup>. You may also call the office at 906-863-3889 or use the form on the website at with your order but payment must be received by December 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to remember and/or honor a loved one.

Please circle the size: Single (\$12.00) Double (\$23.00)

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