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January Session Highlights

Session held its annual training/organizational meeting on Saturday, January 28. The day-long meeting was spent getting to know one another better, personal and spiritual development, reflecting on the church as a whole, as well as how Session feels things should be done in the future. It was a very informational day filled with plenty of snacks and good food supplied by the attendees.

One of the outcomes of the day was that the Session decided to create a Worship Team. This issue was raised in November and after careful discernment, session thought that worship issues needed to be more of a focus at the Session level. Responsibilities were removed from the Loving Team and assigned to the new Worship Team. The team will work closely with Kris Bartelt, the Worship Coordinator, to ensure that we continue to have excellent worship opportunities at FPC.

Session reluctantly received Pastor Ken's announcement he plans to make Easter Sunday his last day of employment here at First Presbyterian. If he gets a new call, the time-frame may be adjusted. Pastor Ken indicated that he felt he had accomplished what was asked of him and that his presence here could be a hindrance to the Pastor Nominating Committee's work. Time was spent reflecting on this. Session must now consider its next steps.

Members nominated to serve on the newly formed Pastor Nominating Committee are Bonnie Hughes, Dan Baker, Kim Braatz, and Mike Warntjes. Their names were put to a congregational vote on Sunday. All were elected, by the congregation, to serve on the PNC.

Every year, the Clerk of Session prepares a report called the Annual Statistical Report. This report (see page 2) shows information regarding our church membership and its finances. This information is used by the denomination to study trends occurring in its churches. The information is also used to determine how much our per capita payment will be the following year. The key take-away from this document is the drop in membership over the year, going from 318 to 255. This was primarily due to the work of the Membership Committee reviewing the church's rolls.

Session's work is never boring, and it looks like we're in for some exciting times ahead.

Dave Erickson
Clerk of Session

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Annual Statistical Report 2022

| 2022 Church Statistical Report | | | |
|---|---|--|---------------------|
| Church | First | PIN | 9478 |
| Presbytery | Winnebago | | |
| Address | 1225 4th St, Fond Du Lac, WI 54935-4472 | | |
| Phone | 920-922-0425 | Fax | 920-922-0947 |
| Email | fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org | | |
| Web Site | www.fdlpresbyterian.org | | |
| Membership | | | |
| Prior Active Members | 318 | Adjusted membership | 318 |
| Gains | | Losses | |
| Certificate | | Certificate | 2 |
| Youth Professions | | Deaths | 6 |
| Professions & Reaffirmations | 11 | Deleted for any Other Reason | 66 |
| Total Gains | 11 | Total Losses | 74 |
| Total Ending Active Members | 255 | | |
| Baptisms | | Average Weekly Worship Attendance | 83 |
| Presented by Others | 0 | Friends of the Congregation | 2 |
| At Confirmation | 0 | Ruling Elders on Session | 7 |
| All Other | 0 | Do you have Deacons? | Yes |
| Age Distribution of Active Members | | People with Disabilities | |
| 17 & Under | 12 | Hearing impairment | 33 |
| 18 - 25 | 38 | Sight impairment | 9 |
| 26 - 40 | 36 | Mobility impairment | 28 |
| 41 - 55 | 45 | Other impairment | 12 |
| 56 - 70 | 51 | | |
| Over 70 | 73 | Gender Distribution | |
| Total Age Distribution | 255 | Women | 140 |
| | | Men | 115 |
| | | Non-Binary | |
| Youth in Congregation | | | |
| Age 4 and under | 2 | Middle School (6th – 8th grade) | 11 |
| Elementary School (K-5th grade) | 15 | High School (9th – 12th grade) | 17 |
| | | Total Youth | 45 |
| Racial Ethnic | | | |
| Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian | 5 | Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous | |
| Black/African American/African | | White | 248 |
| Middle Eastern/North African | | Multiracial | |
| Hispanic/Latino-a | 2 | | |
| | | Total Racial Ethnic | 255 |
| Budgeted Income | 349,000 | | |
| Budgeted Expense | 386,600 | | |
| Receipts | | | |
| Regular Contributions | 252,055 | Bequests | |
| Capital Building Fund | 48,432 | Other Income | 21,800 |
| Investment Income | 76,991 | Subsidy or Aid | |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Local Program | 339,019 | Investment Expenditures | |
| Local Mission | 9,359 | Per Capital Apprt | 11,914 |
| Capital Expenditures | 119,895 | Other Mission | 10,000 |

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February Affirmations from Pastor Ken

“Doing Anything New for Lent?”

On February 22nd we will celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. We will have an Ash Wednesday service, complete with ashes and communion. But while Ash Wednesday is important, it is only the beginning of Lent.

During Lent, we encourage you to participate in a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. The purpose is, first of all, to set aside time for reflection on Jesus - to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. But also, we can use the disciplines and time to reflect on our own life and how we minister to others in Jesus' name.

The early Christians knew that Easter calls for special preparations. In their own way, they prepared themselves to celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection. But now it's our turn and we need to find ways that are meaningful to us. Typical commitments are to such activities as giving up smoking, watching TV, swearing, or giving up a food or drink, such as sweets, chocolate, or coffee.

But frankly, those are rather commonplace. This year, think about stepping outside of the usual Lenten box. Here are a few “Alternative Lenten Disciplines” you may want to explore.

+When you walk your dog, take along a trash bag and clean up the roads in your neighborhood. How can we better care for God's creation?

+One or two days a week, eat like a refugee by consuming less than 1,800 calories. Or pick one day a week and fast for those 24 hours. Does it move you to reconsider the plight of displaced persons? The food insecure? Those who can only afford the most basic foods, never knowing the luxury of a special treat.

+Volunteer your time at one of the many non-profits in our area. Where would Jesus volunteer? How often would Jesus volunteer?

+Twice a week (or more), write a letter to someone who matters to you and thank them for being in your life. What makes them special? Have you thanked God for their presence in your life?

+Attend our Lenten Book Studies beginning at the end of February.

+Turn off the TV on Saturday night. Read through the bulletin and the Scripture lessons for Sunday (they are in your Sunday Update email). Go to bed early so that you are refreshed on Sunday morning.

+Pick a book of the Bible you don't know very well and read it cover-to-cover. If you have time, read it again. What are its main themes? What is its relevance for today?

+Sign up for the daily devotionals from the Presbyterian Mission Agency yearbook: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/>. Thank God that you are part of a denomination engaged in such active witness.

+Create phone 'dead times' when you don't look at your phone. For the first hour after you wake up? An hour before bed? Not until after worship on Sundays? How hard is it? Do you have a phone habit? A phone addiction?

+Start a gratitude journal. Every night at bedtime, write down five things that happened that day for which you are grateful. Does it change your perspective on life?

+Learn to bake bread. Share some with a neighbor you've been meaning to meet. How did it go?



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February Affirmations from Pastor Ken (continued)

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+Every time you start your car, deliberately pause, and pray the Lord's Prayer. Do you rush through it? Do you notice a way it applies to what you are about to do?

I pray that God will lead all of us, each in our own way, to a meaningful Lent and a joyful Easter.

God's peace to all,
Pastor Ken

Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Committee Members

At our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 29th, 6 individuals were elected to fill five important positions in our leadership.

Nominating Committee: Scott and Amy Sabel were elected to one position on our Congregational Nominating Committee for a term of one year. They are sharing the duties. This is an unusual, out-of-the-box thing to do, and we wish them well. If Scott or Amy should contact you about serving as an officer of our church, know that they have not pulled your name out of the air. Rather, they have been led to you by God's Holy Spirit. Congratulations Amy and Scott!

The Complete Nominating Team for January 2023-June 2023 is as follows:

Laurie Christie, Jolene Schry, Nancy Hilbert, Michael Petersen, Amy & Scott Sabel (sharing the position)

Pastor Nominating Committee: Congratulations to Bonnie Hughes, Dan Baker, Kim Braatz and Mike Warntjes who were elected to seek our next installed pastor. Looking for a new pastor is an intense and exhilarating process. Until a candidate is finally named, it is also a quiet, even secretive process. The committee has all our feedback from our Congregational Mission Study so they are not starting from scratch. Let's be patient and give them room to seek God's guidance as they go about their ministry.

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Organizational Structure 2023

At their training meeting on January 28th, our Session adopted the following organizational structure for 2023. Officers, teams, committees and any other groups within our church all report to the Session.

Session: Dave Erickson (clerk); Mary Bacon, Sue Baker, Laurie Christie, Cheryl Clarenbach, Brian Conran, Deb Cooley, Jim Dassow, Joanne Marchionda and Mike Warntjes.

Treasurer: John Neville

Assistant Treasurer: Judy Dassow

Committees/Teams; elders who serve them; general areas of concentration.

Learning Team: Laurie Christie, Brian Conran.

(Book Studies, Children/Youth Sunday School, Growing Connections, PYA, Scholarships, VBS.)

Serving Team (Ministries with an outward focus): Sue Baker.

(Angel Tree, Feed My Starving Children, Hat & Mitten Tree, Loaves & Fishes, Mission Trip, Thanksgiving Baskets)

Loving Team (Ministries with an inward focus): Deb Cooley.

(Churchnic, Fellowship Time, Game Nights, Lenten Suppers, Men's Group, New Member Development, Women in Faith.)

Operations Team: Jim Dassow, Mike Warntjes.

(Annual Budget, A/V licenses and equipment, Buildings & Grounds, Church Register/ Membership Rolls, Finances, Stewardship Campaigns.)

Worship Team: Cheryl Clarenbach, Joanne Marchionda.

(A/V Personnel, Creative Arts, Funerals, Sacraments, Ushering, Nursery Attendant.)

Nominating Committee: Laurie Christie.

Personnel: Mary Bacon, Deb Cooley.

Deacons (Session Liaison): Mary Bacon.

Endowment (Session Liaisons): Jim Dassow, Mike Warntjes.

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Operations Team

Mission Statement – Develop Consistent Togetherness with Good Communication Skills

Updates on the Operations Team projects:

- Airtech replaced 3 furnace units as well as 2 thermostats. The final cost was \$23,000. We are now ready for the cold weather.
- New banners were made to reflect our time of worship. They were attached to the outdoor sign.
- Security cameras were installed by the back entrance, in the Head Start classrooms, and in the Vestibule. We now have cameras that cover all entrances that have the most activity. They are working great. If you are interested in knowing where they are and how they work, contact any member of the Operations Team. We will be happy to explain how they work.
- We completed installment of the “New PTZ Camera” in the rear of the sanctuary. It provides a great view of all online and recorded services.

We are blessed to have a team that consistently spends time keeping our church in excellent condition. We are blessed to worship in such a beautiful church.

Please take a moment to thank John and Dave for all they do each week.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Dassow



LENT
Forty Days of Renewal

What is Per Capita?



Per Capita

In the Presbyterian Church USA system of governance, each member of the congregation is assessed a *per capita* amount to support the work of the church through its three governing levels.

The per capita money is divided as follows:

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| Winnebago Presbytery | 66% |
| Synod of Lakes & Prairies | 14% |
| General Assembly (the national ruling body) | 20% |

This *per capita* covers the cost of operating these three separate entities, various committees, and commissions, along with funding the annual General Assembly Meeting.

Our congregation has supported this assessment as an appropriate way to assist in helping to meet the needs of our denomination.

For 2023, the per capita amount is \$38.00 for each church member. First Presbyterian Church will pay this amount regardless of whether you contribute. The per capita amount is a separate charge from the money you have pledged, to the church, for its operations.

You can pay your per capita amount in the following manner:

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| Check | Write Per Capita on the memo line. |
| Electronically | Click here to go to Online Giving. |

Thank you for prayerfully considering the opportunity to help First Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church USA system. We appreciate your generosity.

“Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.”

Proverbs 3:9-10 (TLB)

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Growing Connections February 2023

February 5 Heart Health

February is Heart Health month, a time when all people can focus on their cardiovascular health. Do you have a heart? Do you know how your heart works? Do you know what to do to keep it healthy? Join Laurie Christie in discussion of understanding risk factors for heart disease and how to live a heart-healthy lifestyle - a part of practicing self-care.

February 12 Pastor Ken's Israel Adventures

Pastor Ken will be sharing pictures and experiences from his recent trip to Israel. Pastor Ken says he is not a professional photographer, nor an expert on Israel, but he will do his best to share what it was like to be in the place where Jesus was born, where he performed some of his miracles and the streets he must have walked on around the Temple in Jerusalem. We will meet in the sanctuary (sit where you can see the screen!).

February 19 Sermon Discussion

Sermon Discussion is an opportunity talk about the scripture passages. Facilitators help to create an atmosphere where participants can explore their thoughts and feelings about the issues and topics presented by the scriptures of the day. The class is open to anyone who wants to enjoy an open and caring environment for exploring their faith.

February 26 Singing the Psalms

The book of Psalms in the Bible is the hymnbook of the Old Testament Jews. Most were written between 1010 and 930 BC. The Psalms are found in the middle of the Bible and there are 150 of them. Hymnbook implies song. How do we sing them? Join us on February 26th after worship to look at how to learn the language of Singing the Psalms.

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Loaves and Fishes

Thank you to all who shared the love of Christ by providing warm winter clothing and delicious desserts. Also, thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve, and clean up after the meal. Because of your generous donations, we served 73 meals at Loaves and Fishes on Monday, January 30.

The 94 hats, 27 pairs of gloves/mittens, 12 scarves, and 147 pairs of socks were received with gratefulness on that very cold evening. The temperature was 4 degrees when we served the meal and got much colder during the evening. Those warm clothes were greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars, we will be serving Loaves and Fishes again on Wednesday, May 17 from 4:00-6:00pm. If you are available to help prepare, serve, or clean up after the meal, please contact the office. Dessert donations are always needed for the meal. Thank you to everyone who helps us serve a community in need.



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Information @ Church

February 8 -
Women in Faith



Join us on Wednesday, February 8, from 5:30-7:30pm. We will share a light meal, followed by a fun time of fellowship and crafting.

We are having "Breakfast for Dinner". Bring a dish to pass, if you can. Otherwise, just bring yourself and enjoy the fun!

Following dinner, we are making Button Artwork. We will have supplies available. However, if you would like, you can buttons and a hot glue gun.

Women In Faith is open to women of all ages and everyone is welcome. See you there! Bring a friend!!

Please contact Jennifer if you have any questions.



February 9 - Ruby's Pantry



- Food distribution will take place at **GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**. Please enter on the **EAST** side. Park on the South side of the building.
- Online registration is available [here](#). Please arrive at your appointed time.
- All guests must enter the building to register and receive their pick-up number.
- Further instructions will be available, once guests have registered.
- Two food shares are allowed, per vehicle.
- Trunk must be empty
- Food will be loaded into trunks by our volunteers
- Do not bring boxes, bags, etc. for food
- Bathroom facilities are not available to the public

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| Where | Grace Christian |
| When | February 9 |
| Open | 4:30-6:00pm |
| Donation | \$25.00 Cash Only |

If you have any questions contact Grace Christian Church at:
920.923.5292 or
rachelrudzik@gccfdl.org

If you are interested in volunteering, at Ruby's Pantry please complete the application at:
www.rubyspantry.org.

February 12 -
Souper Bowl of Caring



Supporting Programs that Feed Our Food Charities



Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$170 million has been raised for local charities across the country. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

We will collect food, paper products and money donations during the February 12 Worship Service.

Over the years, the PYA at First Presbyterian Church has collected \$6970 and 2177 food items in conjunction to Souper Bowl of Caring. All money and food collected stays right here in the Fond du Lac area! Last year we donated 308 food items and \$500 to the Fond du Lac Food Pantry. All done on Souper Bowl Sunday, and all led by youth!

When we all come together to help people, we can make good things happen.



Heart to Heart Fellowship Luncheon February 12

TICKETS \$4.00 for adults
\$2.00 for children 10 and under

*Please join us for the Heart to Heart Fellowship Luncheon
February 12, 2023*

Here is the Agenda

- 9:00 am

We will gather for worship with church members and friends. Pastor Ken will be leading us. This marks the one year anniversary of Pastor Ken being our interim pastor!

- 10:00-10:20am

Fellowship Time in the Narthex.

- 10:20- 11:15am

Pastor Ken shares slides from his trip to Israel;
Sunday School for young children.

- 11:30-12:30pm

Heart to Heart Fellowship luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

How to Get Involved

- Sign-up in the narthex to help sell tickets, make announcements, set the tables, serve food or beverages, and wash dishes.
- Tickets will be available for purchase through February 6, or until they are sold out. (Part of the cost of food will be covered by accumulated coffee hour donations.)

On the Menu

Green salad with Italian dressing (on the side)
Bread and butter
Entrée – fried chicken (2 pieces)
Fresh whipped potatoes with chicken gravy
Fresh butter-glazed carrots
Dessert – cake

What Else is Happening

- Each adult ticket holder can enter their ticket in a drawing for a chance to win a beautiful handmade quilt. The quilt was crafted and donated by Linda Cole.
- Adult ticket holders are asked to donate to the Compassion Fund. Donation envelopes will be available on the tables.

Put the Heart to Heart Fellowship Luncheon on your calendar and plan to attend!

February 15 - Bingo



Day Wednesday
Date February 15
Time 6:30pm

Click [here](#) to register. A ZOOM link will be emailed to you from Breeze!

February 17 - Cribbage



Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm

Join us for Cribbage! You're invited for a fun-filled evening of cribbage. If you don't know how to play, we will be happy to teach you! Bring your own beverage; snacks will be provided. We hope to see you there!

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February 18 -
CELEBRATE commUNITY



Date February 18

Where FDL County
Fairgrounds -
Expo Center

Time 11:00 - 3:00pm

Cost \$5.00
(Children under 12 are free)

We kick off the event with our traditional flag ceremony. Then we are welcomed by city and county officials, and the Brothertown drummers.

At noon, enjoy entertainment, free ethnic food sampling, children's activities, a scavenger hunt, and much more family fun.

There will be a silent auction until 2:00pm. Food and beverage concessions are available.

Join the fun and learn about our diverse community, too!

February 19 - Tubing



Date February 19

Where Sunburst
Leaving Church

1:15pm

Returning to Church

4:45pm

Cost \$23.00

PYA (First Presbyterian Church Youth Group) and Boy Scout Troop 702 will be Tubing at Sunburst on **Sunday, February 19**.

We will leave the church parking lot at 1:15pm and leave the Sunburst parking lot at 4pm so we should return to the church parking lot at 4:45pm.

EVERYONE (adult, youth and kids) is welcome to attend!

Please RSVP to Jennifer by Thursday, February 9th. The cost is \$23.

In case of inclement weather, we are rescheduled for Sunday, February 26th.

February 22 -
Ash Wednesday



Please join us on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30pm, as we gather in the sanctuary for worship.

On Ash Wednesday we will celebrate communion. Ashes available for those wishing to receive them.

**Thank You -
From the Serving Team**

The Serving Team would like to thank all who gave to the 2022 Christmas Joy offering.

The Christmas Joy offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s.

The offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, equipping communities of color.

February 26 - Singing the Psalms



The Book of Psalms, in the Bible, is the hymnbook of the Old Testament Jews. Most were written between 1010 and 930 BC. The Psalms can be found in the middle of the Bible. There are 150 of them!

You might wonder why would we take the time to look at something written in the 9th and 10th century? A Pastor friend of mine would say “Well, have you ever felt someone did you wrong? Read Psalm 43, You’ll feel better.” “Do you need comfort? Read Psalm 23.” “How about feeling ecstatic! Read Psalm 150!”

The Psalms serve the same purpose today as they did back in the 9th century. They remind us we are not alone and that it is okay to feel sadness, hurt and joy. What a wonderful way to feel connected to our roots.

Hymnbook implies song. How do we sing them? Join us February 26 after worship to look at how to learn the language of Singing the Psalms.

A Brief History of One Great Hour of Sharing

February 9, 2015

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, received during Lent, has a sixty-nine-year history as an ecumenical endeavor that now involves nine denominations and Church World Service. Founded in 1946 by Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, a goal was set to raise one million dollars in one hour for World Relief. *



The first Presbyterian participation in this ecumenical offering was initiated in 1947 by the former United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (**UPCUSA**), followed in 1948 by the former Presbyterian Church in the United States (**PCUS**). In 1949, church leaders from several denominations began working together to promote this effort. Major networks broadcast a show, called “One Great Hour”, on Saturday, March 26 at 10pm EST. The broadcast, featuring President Truman and popular musicians and actors of the time, closed with the request to make a sacrificial contribution at their own place of worship the next morning. While there is no record of funds raised that day, it is estimated that over 75,000 churches participated.

Over time, many aspects of the offering and its participants have changed, but the purpose remains the same: to collect special gifts for those in need – including disaster relief, refugee assistance and development aid.

Allocations within our denomination have also changed over the years, but the 202nd General Assembly (1990) voted to accept the current structure:

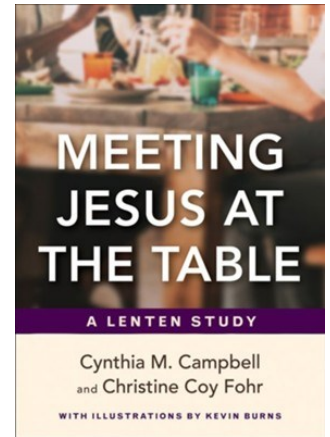
- 32 percent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- 32 percent to Self-Development of People
- 36 percent to the Presbyterian Hunger Program

Meeting Jesus at the Table A Lenten Study

Written by Cynthia M Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr

Whether multiplying bread to feed a whole crowd, relaxing with his inner circle, or telling curious elites' stories about even greater banquets, Jesus imparts wisdom as he shares the wine and grants forgiveness as he distributes the fish. This eight-chapter resource provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as who should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today.

We have two opportunities for you to join a group to discuss the reflection of each week's scriptures and read the devotionals throughout the week. You are welcome to join us at either time.



We would also like to offer the study on Tuesday evenings on zoom if we can find a facilitator. If you are interested, please contact the church office, or talk with Laure Christie.

Books are available in the church office for \$12.

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| *Tuesday Evenings | Zoom | Feb 28-April 25 (not April 4) If a facilitator is found* |
| Wednesday Mornings | In-Person | March 1-April 26 (not April 5) Led by Jennifer Zander |
| Sunday Mornings | Hybrid | March 5-April 30 (not April 9) Led by Pastor Ken Locke |

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| Week 1 | Introduction & Chapter 1 Dining Alfresco |
| Week 2 | Chapter 2 The Welcome Table |
| Week 3 | Chapter 3 Surprised by Grace |
| Week 4 | Chapter 4 Relationships and Reciprocity |
| Week 5 | Chapter 5 Excuses and Invitations |
| Week 6 | Chapter 6 Hospitality and Discipleship |



Join us on Sundays at
11:30am for light
lunch during Lent.

(Details will be available soon.)

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April 1 - Feed My Starving Children



Meals are needed now to help people in [Ukraine and surrounding areas](#). You can submit donations electronically at the [Feed My Starving Children FDL MobilePack website](#). You can also donate online on the [church website](#). It's important to include our event number **2303-030SC** to your donations. This number ensures that your donation will be added to **our** pack on **April 1, 2023**.

Our goal for the April 1 MobilePack is to pack 108,864 meals at a cost of \$32,000 utilizing 500 volunteers! We have already raised \$7,000 towards this goal!

There are two ways that you can help with the MobilePack campaign - with a monetary donation and/or volunteering your time to pack the meals. Each meal costs 29 cents so every donation makes an impact. A donation of \$106 will feed a child for an entire year!

Your efforts and contributions are even more critical in these unprecedented times. (Undernourished children are more susceptible, than ever to infectious diseases, like COVID-19.) At this point, the global pandemic, and its economic impact, have left 265 million people on the brink of starvation.

Please give generously.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those
who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Isaiah 52:7

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April 15-16 - Model Train Show



Is anyone interested in being a part of the train show? If you have a train that you would like to display, you don't have to own a layout. We will help you set up your display.

Join the fun filled weekend and help support our PYA. They will be selling food to raise funds for their mission activities.

Please let the church office know if you would like to participate or contact Les Mier (920-517-3901) or Dennis Thompson (920-948-2147).

We are celebrating our
TWENTIETH YEAR
of having the train show at
First Presbyterian Church!

April 16 - Bible Workshop

April 23 - Bible Presentation

It is our tradition, at First Presbyterian Church, that our grade-school students, (third grade and above) receive a Bible of their own. It is a gift from our church community. The Learning Team has set the following expectations to encourage all families to use their Bible at church and at home:



1) We encourage students to attend Sunday School classes at 10:15am on Sunday mornings. Sunday School is designed to teach Bible knowledge and skills on how to use the Bible.

2) We encourage all Parents/Guardians to attend a Bible Workshop Class **with their student** on April 16, 2023, at 10:15am.

3) Bibles will be presented in worship on Sunday, April 23, 2023.

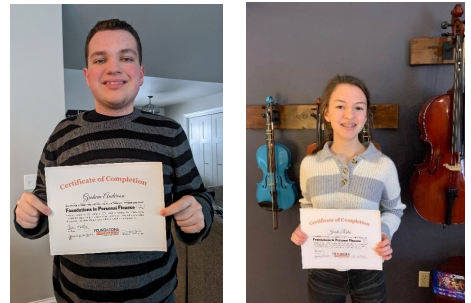
If your child is new to the church and has not received a Bible or if you have questions, please contact Jennifer in the church office. You can also contact any member of the Learning Team.

Congratulations

For the past year, the Youth Church School Class has been working with Kim Braatz, Todd Hayes, and Pedro Arellano to discuss the stewardship of our gifts by taking the Foundations of Personal Finance Course.

Recently, we recognized some of the students who have completed the course requirements.

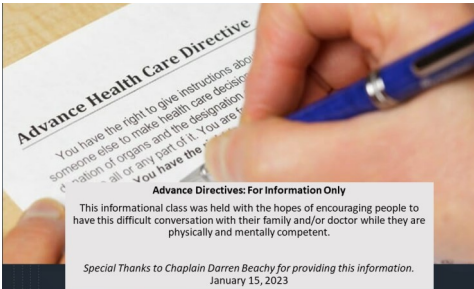
Congratulations to them for their dedication to complete this program.



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New Growing Connections Videos

Advance Directives presented by Chaplain Darren Beachy. Helpful information to begin and act on difficult end-of-life decisions while you are mentally and physically healthy. The video can be viewed on YouTube at this address <https://youtu.be/v0vjSkVxSmw>



ADVANCE DIRECTIVE:

Making life-and-death decisions for yourself

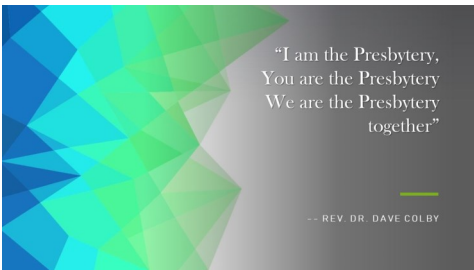


Thank You -

Thank you Josh Giese, Devin Scherck and Tom White for sharing your lovely voices with us on January 29. You truly make a joyful noise.



What is Presbytery Per Capita? Our Transitional General Presbyter for Winnebago Presbytery explained this in a presentation given on January 22, 2023. The video can be viewed on YouTube at this address https://youtu.be/prhDVt0j_5E8



In January

Women in Faith made candles and hot chocolate sticks.



Inclement Weather

Please check one the following resources for weather-related cancellations of Worship Services or church activities.

Church Website
www.fdlpresbyterian.org

Internet
www.kfiz.com
(KFIZ Radio)

TV
Channel 5 WFRV



February 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--------------------------|--|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 29 ● 9am Worship-in P ● 10:15am Annual M ● 11:15am PYA You ● 6pm Boy Scout Tr | 30 ● 10am Staff Meeti ● 4pm Loaves and f | 31 ● 7pm Confirmation | 1 ● 8am Men's Breakf ● 4:30pm Hand Bell | 2 ● 1pm Serving Team ● 2pm Personnel Te | 3 | 4 ● 9am Table Tennis |
| 5 ● 9am Worship-in P ● 10:15am Fellowst ● 10:15am Growing ● 6pm Boy Scout Tr | 6 ● 10am Staff Meeti ● 1pm Deacon Mee | 7 | 8 ● 8am Men's Breakf ● 4:30pm Hand Bell ● 5:30pm Women ir | 9 ● 1pm Growing Con | 10 | 11 ● 9am Table Tennis |
| 12 ● 9am Worship-in P ● 10am PYA Youth t ● 10:15am Fellowst ● 10:15am Growing ● 11:30am Heart to ● 4pm Learning Tea ● 6pm Boy Scout Tr | 13 ● 10am Staff Meeti ● 6pm Feed My Sta | 14 ● 7pm Confirmation | 15 ● 8am Men's Breakf ● 4:30pm Hand Bell ● 6:30pm Bingo Via | 16 ● 10:45am Loving T ● 6:30pm Endowme | 17 ● 7pm Cribbage | 18 ● 9am Table Tennis |
| 19 ● 9am Worship-in P ● 10:15am Fellowst ● 10:15am Growing ● 1pm AA Planning ● 2pm PYA Tubing a ● 6pm Boy Scout Tr | 20 ● 10am Staff Meeti ● 6:30pm Confirma ● 6:30pm Hybrid Se | 21 | 22 ● Ash Wednesday ● 6:15am Confirmat ● 8am Men's Breakf ● 4:30pm Hand Bell ● 6:30pm Ash Wedr | 23 ● 9am Finance Team | 24 | 25 ● 9am Table Tennis |
| 26 ● 9am Worship-in P ● 10:15am Fellowst ● 10:15am Growing ● 6pm Boy Scout Tr | 27 ● 10am Staff Meeti | 28 | 1 ● 8am Men's Breakf ● 4:30pm Hand Bell ● 7pm Confirmation | 2 ● 1pm Serving Team ● 4pm Personnel Te | 3 | 4 ● 9am Table Tennis |

Weekly Statistics

| DATE | ATTENDANCE | WEEKLY INCOME | NOTES |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|
| January 29, 2023 | <u>73</u> | \$2,022.00 | OFFERINGS/TITHES |
| January 29, 2023 | | \$0.00 | RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN |
| 01/23--27/2023 | | \$451.00 | VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS |
| 01/23--27/2023 | | \$0.00 | VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS |
| | | \$2,473.00 | TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK |
| | | \$48,451.97 | TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND |
| 1/29/2023 | 9 Households | | ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 01/29/2023 |

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In February

January Worship



Sunday Morning

9:00am In-Person Worship
Live Stream via ZOOM

- Masks are **no longer** required.
- Physical distancing is **no longer** required.
- Nursery is available. Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Nursery care is not provided by the church.



Monday - Wednesday
9:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday
9:00am - Noon

Friday
Closed

Deacon of the Month

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Elder of the Month

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A fresh new year is here! We are looking for people to be liturgists. It's a wonderful way to participate in worship.

You can sign up [here](#).

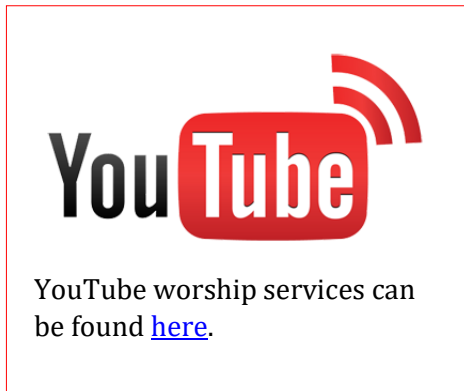
Prayers* and Praises

Brian Conran
Gary Grasse
Pat Dilling
Gib Dilling
Arnold Leestma
Jesse Fisher
Silas Willey
Jane Devine
Jerry and Mary Heider
Chastity Geisthardt
Joan Steininger
John Boyle
Kay Mullins
Lynn K.
Carol Wetzal

Prayer Partners

Send prayer requests to:
fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org

*Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks. Please contact the office if a name should be on the list for a longer length of time.



First Presbyterian Focus

Please send submissions for the Newsletter to:

fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org.

| Electronic Ways to Keep in Touch | |
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| Website | www.fdlpresbyterian.org |
| Facebook | First Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac |
| YouTube | First Presbyterian Church Fond du Lac |

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