Information @ Church

October Deacon of the Month Amber Summeril October Elder of the Month Dave Erickson

SPECIAL OFFERINGS **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS** October 1, 2023 – Please give generously.



Every time the world is troubled, and we dare to wake and see; every time our neighbors call us, and we stand with those in need; and every time we are peacemakers, and the fearful are set free, In our living, in our giving, we are there. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

25% of the offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% of this offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of this offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

October 1

Pastor Rebecca Proefrock is leading us in worship. Her message is entitled "Lessons from Red Group".

We will also celebrate communion. The Lord's Supper is a sacrament of continuous growth, sustenance and new life.

October 4 -

Teacher Planning and Training

On October 4, those who are interested in helping with Sunday School will meet at 6:30pm.

Join us to help plan the curriculum, and receive training, for our Sunday School classes.

Sharing the gift of God with the youth of our church may be our most important task!

October 8 -Creating Visual Expressions of Faith

We are looking for individuals to work with different age groups in creating banners, of all sizes, for our worship spaces.

If you are interested in finding out more, check out the table in the Gathering Room.

Join us for a brief meeting on Sunday, October 8th at 10:20am in Classroom #7.

October 11 -Women in Faith

Join us for fun and fellowship on Wednesday, October 11, from 5:30-7:30pm. We will share a light meal together followed by a fun time of fellowship and crafting treat bags.

We are having a few different kinds of soups, this evening. Please bring a copy of your favorite soup(s) to share with everyone.

You can bring a dish to pass, if you like, otherwise, just bring yourself, and maybe a friend, and enjoy a lovely evening.

Following dinner, we will check in with each other and make fun treat bags. If you have a favorite 'gift-in-a -jar' recipe, please bring that, too.

Women in Faith meets one evening a month from 5:30-7:30pm. It is open to women of all ages, and everyone is welcome. See you there!



October 12 -Ruby's Pantry

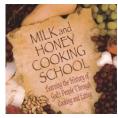


- Food distribution will take place at GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Please enter on the EAST side. Park on the South side of the building.
- Online registration is available <u>here</u>. Please arrive at your appointed time.
- All guests must enter the building to register and receive their pick-up number.
- 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

Where	Grace Christian 1596 4th St, Fond Du Lac, WI
When	October 12
Open	4:30-6:00pm
Donation	\$25.00 Cash Only

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

October 15 - Milk and Honey Cooking School



Join us on Sunday, October 15th at 10:20am for the Milk and Honey Cooking School.

We will learn about the events that impacted God's people through cooking and eating such foods as Abraham's Goat Cheese Dip, unleavened bread, Jacob's Pottage, challah bread, Grecian cheesecake, and Roman bread pudding.

We will learn the social etiquette of the time, as well as, the right way and the wrong way to eat using bread as your utensil.

We are looking for servers, cooks, bakers, and presenters for our Cooking School. Please contact Laurie Christie or Jennifer if you can help.

October 16 - Session

Session meets this evening. Please pray for the Elders as they make decisions that will help to lead our congregation forward.

October 20 - Cribbage

Join us for Cribbage on October 20. We meet in Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm. Bring something to drink, snacks are provided.

If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you!

Fun, friendship and fellowship - now that's a winning hand!



To do our part to reduce waste in our landfills, we have found a company called <u>Terracycle</u> <u>Recycling</u>.

Terracycle specializes in recycling hard to recycle waste that is not processed by local municipalities.

- pens and pen caps
- highlighters
- permanent markers and caps
- markers and caps
- wooden pencils
- mechanical pencils

We are recycling: You can find the Terracycle box in the Narthex next to the Welcome Center. There is still a lot of room in the box!

When the box is full, we will ship it back to Terracycle.

Thank you, The Serving Team

Ongoing Opportunities

Every Saturday -Table Tennis

Don't forget! We have Table Tennis every Saturday from 9:00am-Noon. All skill levels are welcome.

Join us to get a little exercise and have a lot of fun.

Every Wednesday -Men's Breakfast

Every Wednesday, men of the church meet for breakfast at Pump 'n Pantry (329 W. Pioneer Rd., FDL).

It's a relaxed atmosphere with coffee in hand and friends around the table. Why not join the group?

Every Wednesday -Bell Choir Rehearsal

Every Wednesday, the Bell Choir rehearses at 4:30pm.

It's not too late to join them. If you have any questions please contact Joanne M.

Pastor Supply

October 1	Rebecca Proefrock
October 8	Darren Beachy
October 15	Dan Schultz
October 22	Darren Beachy
October 29	Evan Stark

Growing Connections

- October 1 Hope on the Block
- October 8 TBA
- October 15 Milk and Honey Cooking School
- October 22 TBA
- **October 29** The Great Courses



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023 • 7:00 P.M.

One of the "superb brass ensembles in the USA" Musicweb International "Remarkable musicianship and versatility"

International Trumpet Guild Journal "The WB2 is a remarkable ensemble that plays with more reckless abandon, warmth, stylistic variety and interpretive interest than almost any quintet in memory."

> Invite your friends and neighbors! Free Admission! • Free Will Offering

American Record Guide reviewer Barry Kilpatrick

Thank You - From the Family of Gary Grasse

Congregation of First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, meals, cards, visits and gift cards during Gary's lengthy illness and since his death.

Thank You - From Loaves and Fishes

Thanks to your generous donations, we served 120 meals at Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, September 27.

The meal, as always, was well received. Thank you to all who shared the love of Christ by providing warm welcomes, desserts, preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the meal.

This was our last day of serving for this year. The schedule for 2024 is in progress. We will share future dates as soon as they are available.

Thank you to everyone who helped us serve a community in need.

In Case You Missed It!

Challenge Day

Challenge Day is a daylong experiential workshop for students in high school. What began as an anti-bullying program has become so much more to people around the world.

Participants experience powerful love and belonging, connect across lines of difference and move toward creating the culture they want in their schools and communities. The students learn about having a sense of belonging, empathy and understanding of others. The workshop also helps to instill responsible decision-making skills in the students.

Thank you to Scott Rodman for leading the presentation (09.24.2023). Tom Brokaw covers Challenge Day in a video, "How Empathy can Stop Bullying." You can watch the video <u>here.</u> You can volunteer <u>here</u>.

Hope on the Block

Hope on the Block provides community pantries in Fond du Lac, North Fond du Lac and Ripon that allow people to get the essential items and resources they need at no cost to them. The pantries are filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, shampoo/conditioner, hand sanitizer, non-perishable food, water and more.

Homeless people in our community may be invisible to those of us with a secure place to live.

Nick Teifke will pull back the curtain on people in need within our community. Nick has been involved, daily, soliciting donations and grants and keeping the Fond du Lac pantry stocked. Learn about how Hope on the Block is connected to the current community wide effort to open a new warming shelter.

Please join us in the Parlor at 10:20 am on Sunday, October 1^{st} , to be informed about needs of our community and ways you can help.



