

Information @ Church

January Deacon of the Month
Linda Neville

January Elder of the Month
Brian Conran

January 1, 2024



Photo - Brian Conran

Thanksgiving Bag Thank You 2023

This year was another successful year for our annual Thanksgiving “Bags” distribution. Recipients are chosen by their case managers/ treatment staff to receive traditional Thanksgiving food items. This year we had 10 singles and 4 families (15 individuals, with 8 adults and 7 children) for a total of 25 people.



As usual we set-up in the Day Treatment area, where our volunteers efficiently packed the groceries. Beautiful cards were made during the Fellowship Time by church members. All the items were bagged to greet our recipients and let them know that our Lord, and our congregation, care about them and for them. (We had some new mental health staff, this year. They were quite amazed at the bounty we provided!)

Your Thanksgiving Bag volunteers continue to be thankful for the opportunity to share with others who appreciate our gifts, the blessings we have, the fun in being together, and the support of our congregation as we follow our mission, “serving, learning, loving” together.

Hats, Mittens, Gloves, Scarves, (Socks)



We are collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and even socks!

We will take them to Loaves and Fishes and the Warming Shelter.

It's cold in Wisconsin. Please help those in need to be a little warmer. The recipients are so very grateful.

Christmas MISSIONS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Missions.



All the names on The Angel Tree List were chosen! There will be many smiles on Christmas morning. Thank you for continuing to support this wonderful mission.



Image: <https://standrewslebanon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Alternative-Gifts.png>

The Alternative Gift Fair

The Alternative Gift Fair was very successful. This year we supported:

- St. Katharine Drexel Center
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Serving and Learning Together (S.A.L.T.)**



HOPE ON THE BLOCK

Hope on the Block is 100% volunteer run and relies on donations from the community. Thank you to everyone who contributed items to support this local pantry. We are truly a serving community!



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Perfect Gift.

Developing and sustaining our leaders.



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

Thank you for supporting the

Fifty Year Members



We will celebrated 50 Year Members on December 17.

Congratulations to Gail and Orville Kamphuis and Sue and Bill Kuespert.

Thank you for your love and dedication over the past 50 years!



January 1 - Happy New Year!

The church office will be closed.

January 3 - Loaves and Fishes



We will be serving Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, January 3 from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Church of Peace (158 S. Military Rd). 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. Please bring desserts to the First Presbyterian church by 3:00pm on January 3.

Along with the meals, we will be sharing hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. Those items may be added to the "tree" in the Narthex of First Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to everyone who can help us serve the community in need.

January 3 - Bell Choir

The Bell Choir rehearses every Wednesday at 4:30pm. January is a great time to join the choir as they begin to prepare for their next time to play during worship!



January 7 - Communion



The Lord's Supper is the 'bread of life and the cup of salvation'. Join us for communion, this Sunday.

Rev. Andy Sonneborn will serve the elements.

January 10 - Women in Faith

Join us for fun and fellowship on Wednesday, December 13, from 5:30-7:30pm. We will share a light meal together followed by a fun time of fellowship and crafting .

Soup is on the menu for this evening. If you have time, you can bring a dish to pass. Otherwise, bring yourself and maybe a friend or two.

After dinner, we will share a thrifty recipe or idea. We will also make Mod Podge plates! Bring your favorite paper napkin or fabric.

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!

Please RSVP to the church office, so we have enough supplies. Call if you have any questions: 920.922.0425.



January 11 -
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

Where	Grace Christian 1596 4th St, Fond Du Lac, WI
When	January 11
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.

January 15 -
Martin Luther King Day

Please note that the church office will be closed.

January 15 - Session

Session meets January 15. Please pray for the Elders as they make decisions that will help to lead our congregation forward.

January 19 - Cribbage

Join us for Cribbage on January 19. We meet in Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm. Bring something to drink, snacks are provided.

If you don't know how to play, one of our experts will teach you!

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

January 28 - Annual Meeting



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 28. It takes place right after worship.

This is a very important time for our church. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Pastor Supply

January 7
Rev. Andy Sonneborn

January 14
Chaplain Evan Stark

Growing Connections

January 7 Sermon Discussion

January 14 A discussion on thyroid disorder

January 21 Intergenerational Activities

January 28 Congregational Meeting

Did You Know?

Our loose offering goes toward our Radio Ministry.



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.

Inclement Weather

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

Church Website

www.fdlpresbyterian.org

Internet

www.kfiz.com (KFIZ Radio)

Radio

97.7 WFDL

TV

Channel 5 WFDL



Loaves and Fishes 2024

4:00-6:00pm

January 3
February 28
May 15
September 18
December 18

Blood Drive 2024

2:00-6:00pm

April 29
July 29
October 29
December 16

PYA = Presbyterian Youth Association

Basic info: PYA is for students in the 5th-12th grade.

Purpose: To get to know Jesus Christ and have lots of fun!

January 7 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Planning the PYA Calendar

Bring your calendars, we will plan our activities for the next few months. Bring a dish to pass for lunch.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend.

January 21 TBD (3 pm?)

Volunteer at the Woodlands

January 28 11:30 -1:00pm

Lunch/ Super Bowl of Caring Planning/ Preparation

February 3

Souper Bowl of Caring –
Announcement in Worship

February 11

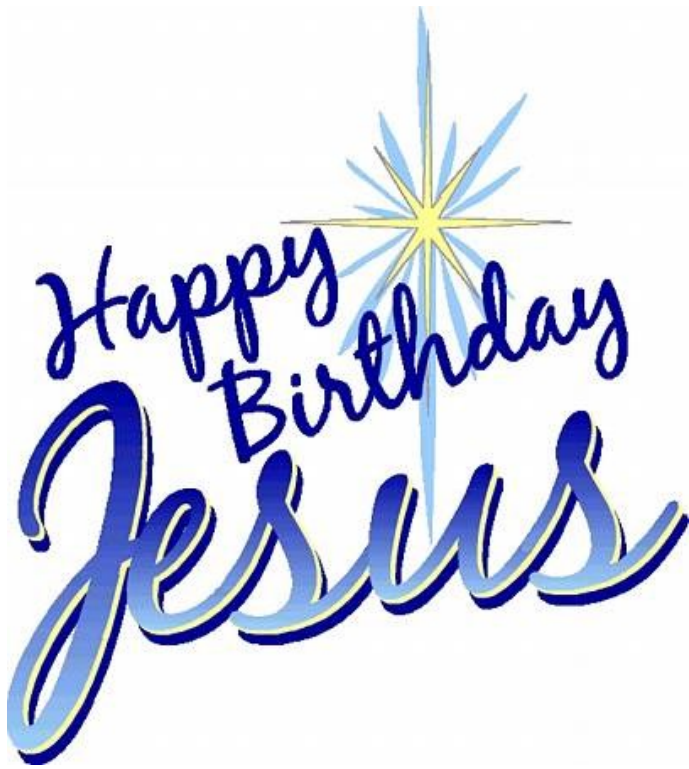
**Souper Bowl of Caring-
Moment for Mission**
Collect offerings for the
Fond du Lac Food Pantry.

February 11

February 18

TBD Volunteer at the Woodlands

TBD Tubing at Sunburst



Our Happy Birthday Jesus Party was held December 6. We had six children participate and a lot of 'big kid' helpers.

It was So. Much. Fun!

There was Story Time



There was Game Time



There was Craft Time



Angel Tree Christmas Shopping



After an already busy afternoon helping at the birthday party -

The youth take on Target!



Christmas Eve Moravian Love Feast 2023

It has been the tradition of First Presbyterian Church to make cookies for our Christmas Eve Service. This year was no different.

We had 15 bakers (youth and adults). And, we made 261 heart-shaped cookies! That's a lot of cookies! They were rolled and baked and sprinkled and packaged - all ready for the Christmas Eve service.

Rollers



Rollers



Bakers



Removers



Sprinkler



Packagers



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who planned, participated, donated, and created for our Advent/Christmas Season. From banners to cookies, audio/visual to candles, handbells to piano and singing and more.

We waited and waited until we waited no more. The light has come into the darkness and shines brightly in each one of us!



Our church parking lot is a bit of a mess. It has been patched and repaired many times, over the years. It has now come to the point that, financially, it would be more prudent to resurface the entire parking lot.

The Operations Team requested bids from several companies. The bid has been accepted and approved by Session to begin the process, as long as suitable funding can be arranged. The project will take place in April of 2024, at the cost of \$100,500.

To make this project a reality, we are beginning a fund-raising campaign called “Pave the Way”*. We are asking our congregation to help financially support this undertaking. Fifty per cent of the cost is being requested from our members, with 50% being covered by funds from Endowment.

Prayerfully consider donating to the campaign. A new parking lot will help our church look as good on the outside as it does on the inside. A progress chart will be displayed in the Narthex to monitor our progress.

You can place your donation in the offering plate or drop it off in the office. Please mark your gifts with “Pave the Way” so we can keep track of these funds. You can also donate online [here](#).

We will periodically update the congregation on the amount of money collected and will have an update at our Congregational Meeting in January 2024.

May God’s blessings be with everyone helping us achieve our smooth ride to and from church each week.

** Session approved a motion by the Building and Grounds committee, along with the Endowment Board, to conduct a fundraiser for the purpose of raising funds for blacktop replacement at church.*