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1st Sunday
October

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Reflections

Dear Friends,

We want to thank all of you for the very thoughtful gifts for our retirement. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and support. The travel books, travel bags, and other gifts are very thoughtful for our plans to be traveling in the next year. I will particularly enjoy the Packers water bottle and will display it proudly! The gift cards are so very generous, and we will enjoy using them as we set up life in our new home.

We also want to thank the church Staff for their gifts, and for their support over these years. They are so very caring and dedicated. It has been wonderful to work together with you all.

Thank you to the Loving Team and the church that made Sunday's reception a time for reflection and conversation. Thank you especially to Amy Sabel for the touching video, and to Nancy Hilbert and Jim Dassow for their work in putting it all together. It made for a wonderful send off.

Blessings to all in the church! So many of you have been such an important part of our lives. We look forward to hearing good things coming in the life of the congregation. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be your pastor and to be part of your lives.

Pastor Jack and Deb Harrison

Bon Voyage - On to your new adventure!



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World Communion Sunday



You can watch a brief video [here](#).

Here's how you can give to Peace and Global Witness:

- Through our church offering (write Peace on the memo line)
- Through e-giving - <http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org/giving/>
- Text PCUSAPEACE to 41444
- Pcusa.org/peace-global

Please give generously.

When you are generous to the poor, you are enriched with blessings in return. Proverbs 22:9



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Coming Up in Worship

The PTT is delighted to announce the guest pastors through December 19, 2021.

10.03.2021 Rev. Richard Moore

The Rev. Richard Moore retired as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Neenah, having served that congregation for 27 years. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, he has previously served churches in Baltimore, Maryland; Cedar Grove, New Jersey; and Benton Harbor Michigan.

10.10.2021 Rev. Dan Schultz

10.17.2021 Rev. Mary Balson

10.24.2021 Rev. Dan Schultz

10.31.2021 Rev. May Council-Austin

11.7.2021 TBA
Communion Sunday

11.14.2021 Rev. Mary Balson

11.21.2021 Paul Zoschke
Christ the King Sunday

11.28.2021 Rev. Mary Balson
1st Sunday of Advent



1 Corinthians 12:12-14 NIV

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.”

Paul wanted the Christians in Corinth to realize how much they needed each other. As the body of Christ, we are a team. The body is not supported by one person, but by all of us. We are one and we are strongest when we are working together in unity. We all have been given special gifts by His Spirit so that we can serve Him, and other people better. Every member of the Church can make a valuable contribution. When we choose to actively participate in our congregation, our gifts help us to serve others.

During this time of transition, the idea of coming together is more important than ever. We are all going to be asked to go outside of our comfort zone, roll up our sleeves and lend a hand. The Pastor Transition Team has been gathering information on all the roles and responsibilities that need to be addressed in during this transitional time. Two committees have been formed to assist us during this period:

The Pulpit Supply Committee and the
Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee.

We will define the duties of these committees in the next newsletter.

The human body is an amazing collection of parts, vital organs, systems, and structures. When the body is healthy and all these parts work together the human body can do amazing things. The same is true for the Body of Christ. If each member of the congregation does their part and offers it for the good of the whole, Christ will do amazing things through us!

Pastor Transition Team: Jodi Anderson, Mary Bacon, Deb Cooley and Les Mier

Virtual livestream worship,
at 10:00am, can be found here:
<http://firstpreswausau.org/>

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October 6 -
PYA Virtual Game Night



Join us Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30pm on Zoom. We're checking in and playing games!

A Zoom link will be emailed to PYA. Contact Jennifer if you have any questions or Zoom link.



October 9 -
The Wisconsin Brass
Quintet



The Wisconsin Brass Quintet is composed of music faculty from UW Madison. The program theme is "A Night at the Movies." There will be music from the Silver Screen era to upbeat hits from recent blockbusters. An entertaining evening of music for all ages.

A free-will offering will be taken.

When Saturday
October 9

Time 7:00pm

Where Church of Our Saviour
9th & Main St.
Fond du Lac

October 10 - Ruby's Pantry



DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTION

- 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. Please arrive at your appointed time.
- All guests must enter the building to register and receive their pick-up number, to place on their dashboard.
- Guests will be instructed to drive to the North end of the building to receive their food.
- Two food shares are allowed, per vehicle.
- Trunk must be empty
- Food will be loaded into trunks by our volunteers

Where Grace Christian
When October 10
Open 4:30-6:00pm
Donation \$20.00 Cash Only

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

OCTOBER is Fair Trade Month

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

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October 13 -
Women in Faith



A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.

Join us for fun and fellowship on Wednesday, October 13 from 6:30-7:30pm. We will be meeting in person. Weather permitting, we will meet in the Pavilion.

We will check in with each other and share a fun fall craft.

If you have any questions, contact Jennifer.

October 20 - Virtual Bingo



Day **Wednesday**
Date **October 20**
Time **6:30pm**

Please click [here](#) to register. A ZOOM link will be emailed to you, **after you register.**

Won't you join us?



The Art of Recycling

Earlier this year Sustain Fond du Lac gave a presentation to Women of Faith on how to recycle right. Two recent reports regarding household waste are worth consideration for our household practices.

A study by the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources showed that state residents are throwing away too much food and recyclable materials. The linked infographic is a summary of the findings. [Waste characterization study infographic FINAL \(wi.gov\)](#)

Casey Lamensky, solid waste coordinator for the DNR, explained that organic materials in landfills are compressed with other waste to open up space. That compression pushes out oxygen, which helps break down food. Without oxygen, food is broken down by other microorganisms. Those microorganisms off-put methane, which is a greenhouse gas that is 28 times more powerful than CO2. Making sure these items do not end up in the landfill is the best course of action to avoid the production of methane. And an obvious way to do that, Lamensky said, in an interview on Wisconsin Public Radio on September 8, 2021, is to waste less food.

This study also reported that combined, residential and commercial sectors threw away an estimated 490,300 tons of recyclables in 2020, valued at \$76 million. For a reminder of local recycling recommendations refer to the podcast and brochure posted on Sustain FDL [Recycling Info — Sustain Fond du Lac \(sustainfdl.org\)](#)

The second recent study was released by the Environmental Protection Agency regarding Lithium-ion batteries causing fires in garbage and recycling trucks as well as in recycling sorting facilities. Local waste and recycling companies are requesting that NO BATTERIES be put into the waste or recycling containers but instead that they be treated as electronic or hazardous waste.

Lithium batteries which are increasingly used in many products such as electronics, toys, wireless headphones, handheld power tools, small and large appliance, electric vehicles, and electrical energy storage systems. If not responsibly managed at the end of their useful life, they can cause harm to human health and the environment. This link is a summary of handling [Used Lithium-Ion Batteries | US EPA.](#)

Let's do our part to be informed and careful in disposing of household waste.

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Let's all go to the movies!

OCTOBER 16

6:45 - 8:45pm

Movie starts at 7:00pm!

"Soul" is about a jazz pianist who has a near-death experience. He gets stuck in the afterlife where he contemplates his choices and regrets the existence that he took for granted.



Family and Friends Welcome!

Bring a lawn chair and blankets.

Snacks will be available. We're having popcorn!

12 Days of FDL Fair Trade Shopping
October 18-30



Fond du Lac was designated a Fair Trade Town in 2013. It was the 32nd fair trade town in the United States. Fair Trade Town is a volunteer movement to deepen the Fond du Lac community's commitment to global justice. Please join us in supporting the fair trade movement.

Fair Trade Campaign is a powerful grassroots movement mobilizing Fair Trade consumers and advocates across the US to increase the availability of Fair Trade products.

**TOGETHER, OUR
PURCHASES HAVE THE POWER
TO CHANGE THE WORLD.**

More information about the fair trade movement can be found [here](#).
Information on our local store, Just Fare, can be found [here](#).

Address N7645 N. Peebles Lane
 Suite 2
 Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Phone 920.322.3334

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GIFTS THAT GIVE HOPE

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

The First Presbyterian Church Alternative Gift Fair is a fun way to bypass the annual stress of holiday shopping, and "stuff" accumulation. Your friends or family members, who may already have almost everything they need, can be honored through a charitable gift, in their name.

The Alternative Gift Fair offers us the opportunity to reach out to our community, and the world, to share God's love. Your gifts will demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas and you won't have to worry about the correct size or color! Furthermore, wrapping is not required. You simply make a monetary donation to the charity of your choice, in the name of a relative or friend. You will receive a card to present to each friend or family member describing the gift that was given in their honor.

The Alternative Gift Fair will begin in late November and run throughout the Advent Season. If you would like to be a part of the planning team for the Alternative Gift Fair please [complete this form](#) and a Zoom link will be emailed to you for a planning meeting on Thursday, October 7 at 6:30pm.

Christmas celebrates Jesus' birth. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you have done it to me." We give to Jesus when we give to the weak, hungry, sick and homeless. When your shopping is complete, you will know that, in this world of hurt and hunger, you have made a difference and have truly exemplified the true spirit of Christmas and Christ's message for the world.

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Confirmation 2021



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2021! You did a remarkable job under unprecedented conditions. Thank you for your patience while we tried to overcome the Pandemic. We are so proud of you!

Confirmand	Faith Partner
Liam Anderson	Joanne Marchionda
Eli Braatz	Dave Erickson
Elise Clarenbach	Sheryl Brown
Henry Hayes	Lew Smith
Carson Langille	Scott Polacek
Jaeda Rehn	Carol Wetzel
Sydney VanderArk	Jolene Schry

October Worship



Our Sunday morning schedule will be as follows:

9:00am In-Person Worship
First Presbyterian
Church - Fond du Lac

10:00am Communion Service -
First Presbyterian
Church of Wausau

You can participate [here](#) at 10:00am.

YouTube Worship is available [here](#). It is "live" at 10:00am on Sunday morning or shows previously recorded worship services, at same link.

This is what in-person worship looks like, right now, at First Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac:

- Masks are required to protect those who are unvaccinated.
- Social Distancing is maintained
- Nursery care is not available



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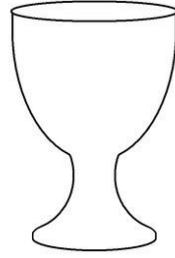
Ushers and greeters are always needed. These roles serve a spiritual purpose and are a vital part of our ministry.

Please click [here](#) to sign up to be an usher or a greeter. You can also sign up in the church office.

If you have any questions please contact:

Kris Bartelt, Worship Coordinator
musicministryfpc@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration.



**COMMUNION
SERVERS**

Communion Servers are needed. This is a once a month commitment. At this time, we have one opportunity available in December.

You can check the communion schedule [here](#).

If you have any questions please contact:

Kris Bartelt, Worship Coordinator
musicministryfpc@gmail.com



Liturgist opportunities are always available! You can review the liturgist schedule [here](#).

Please contact Kris Bartelt, if you are able to help. You can email her here:

musicministryfpc@gmail.com

**So don't hide your light!
Let it shine brightly before others . . .**

Matthew 5:16

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In October

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First Presbyterian Focus

Please send submissions for the Newsletter to:

fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org.

Prayers* and Praises

Homeless and disbursed people, particularly those who are positive for the Covid-19 virus and struggling to find shelter

Pat D.
Gib D.
Arnold L.
Ruth S.
Lincoln D.
Jesse F.
Silas W.
Jane D.
Jack H.
Joyce J.
Pam C.
Pedro A.
Jerry and Mary H.
Chastity G. and Joan S.
Heather S., daughter of Jolene S.
Granddaughter of Andy & Debby L.

Prayer Partners

Send prayer requests to
fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org


Rejoice: The gift of growing together in the body of Christ.

*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.

The Delta variant is more contagious than previous strains—it may cause more than 2x as many infections

ORIGINAL COVID-19 STRAIN DELTA VARIANT

Vaccines protect you from hospitalization, severe infections, and death

 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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The infographic illustrates the contagiousness of the Delta variant compared to the original COVID-19 strain. It shows a person on the left with two arrows pointing to two other people, representing the original strain. On the right, a person has five arrows pointing to five other people, representing the Delta variant. The text states that the Delta variant is more contagious and may cause more than 2x as many infections. It also emphasizes that vaccines protect against hospitalization, severe infections, and death. The CDC logo and website are included at the bottom.

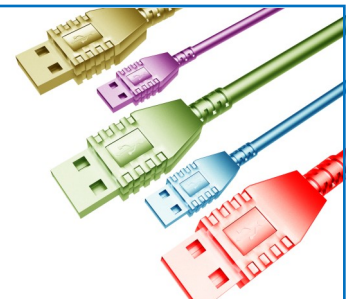
Electronic Ways to Keep in Touch

Website www.fdlpresbyterian.org

Facebook First Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac

YouTube First Presbyterian Church Fond du Lac

Zoom There is more information on our website: www.fdlpresbyterian.org



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