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# First Presbyterian Church

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Christians Serving, Learning and Loving

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3rd Sunday  
January

# Christians Serving, Learning and Loving

## Season of Ordinary Time



Each part of the liturgical year has either a special season or is in 'ordinary time'. A special season are things like: Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas. Whenever the Church isn't celebrating one of these, it is Ordinary Time.

Each of these seasons begins with a time of preparation and anticipation followed by a time of celebration. A season designated as Ordinary Time follows each cycle.

The word "ordinary" here does not mean "routine" or "not special." Instead, it refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) used to name and count the Sundays (such as the Third Sunday after Epiphany). This term comes from the Latin *ordinalis*, meaning "numbered" or "ordered," and *tempus ordinarium*, "measured time."

The first period of Ordinary Time, called the Season after Epiphany, begins on Epiphany Day and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent). The central theme of this season is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus.<sup>1</sup>

The color of green is appropriate because it is the most ordinary color in our natural environment.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup><https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-ordinary-time>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.saintedwardchurch.org/documents/Ordinary%20time1.pdf>

## Plants to Beautify our Sanctuary

During this Season of Ordinary Time we are looking to beautify our sanctuary with life and color. If you would like to purchase flowers or a plant to use for a Sunday, please sign up by clicking [here](#). Flowers could be in memory of someone or a celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or general thanks. Flowers, plants or arrangements **need to be in the sanctuary by 8:30am on the Sunday designated** and may be picked up following worship that same day.



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## Coming Up in Worship

01.16.2022 Pastor Mary Balson

01.23.2022 Rev. Paul Zoschke

01.30.2022 Rev. Dan Schultz

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please contact Kris Bartelt @ [musicministryfpc.com](mailto:musicministryfpc.com)



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

## Inclement Weather

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

### Church Website

[www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org)

### Internet

[www.kfiz.com](http://www.kfiz.com)  
(KFIZ Radio)

### Radio

97.7 WFDL

### TV

Channel 5 WFDL



## January Worship



Our Sunday morning schedule is as follows:

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

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

This is what in-person worship looks like:

- Masks are required.
- Physical distancing is required.
- Nursery care is not available.



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

## Fort McCoy Resettlement



As you may know, Fort McCoy, Wisconsin is hosting almost 13,000 Afghan refugees.

There is an [Amazon wish list](#) for things that the evacuees need. It is set up like a gift registry so it is very easy to navigate.

Please consider making a purchase or two. These people do not have proper clothing for our cold Wisconsin winters.

Thank you for your generosity.

## 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:

- 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 2022, the per capita amount is \$37.00 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:

- 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."*

# Christians Serving, Learning and Loving

January 19 -  
Loaves & Fishes  
More Information-

[Loaves & Fishes](#)



We will be serving a carry-out meal at Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, January 19 from 4:00-6:15pm. It is held at 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! Desserts can be brought to First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, January 19 by 3:00pm.

Thank you to everyone who can help us serve the community in need. Contact the church office if you would like to help us, or if you

January 19 - Bingo



Day **Wednesday**  
Date **January 19**  
Time **6:30pm**

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

January 26 -  
PYA Virtual Game Time



Join us Wednesday, January 26 on Zoom at 7:00pm for PYA check in and games.

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

February 13 -  
Super Bowl of Caring



On Sunday, millions of Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

All money and food collected by our youth will stay right here in the Fond du Lac area. (More information will be available soon.)

Please help our young people support others in need.

April 2 - FMSC MobilePack



Feed My Starving Children's commitment remains the same: **feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit.**

Fond du Lac MobilePack will be **Saturday, April 2!**

**Your efforts and contributions are even more critical in these unprecedented times.**

# Christians Serving, Learning and Loving

## Information @ Church

### Serving Team Report - January 2022

#### Current Opportunities to Serve

**Clothing for Afghan Refugees** - As you may know, Fort McCoy is hosting almost 6,000 Afghan refugees. There is an [Amazon Wish List](#) for things they need.

**Loaves and Fishes** - On Wednesday January 19th, our church will prepare a meal for families in need in our community. The success of this mission relies solely on volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Lisa Warntjes or Jennifer Zander (at the church office). We would love your help!

#### Future Opportunities to Serve

**Super Bowl of Caring** - On Sunday, February 13th, millions of Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. On that day, our youth will be collecting soup, peanut butter, paper products, and monetary donations at the front entrance of the church. All money and items will be donated to the Fond du Lac Food Pantry. You can also donate online through the [church website](#).

**Warming Shelter Meal** - For a few years, dedicated members of our congregation have spent an evening at the Salvation Army Warming Shelter providing a meal for those staying overnight. On Friday, February 25, First Presbyterian Church, once again, will be helping to serve dinner at Shelter.

#### Thank You!

**Alternative Gift Fair** - The Alternative Gift Fair offered us the opportunity to reach out to our community, and the world, to share God's love by directing some of our Christmas giving to those who are in need.

Because of your generosity:

[St. Katharine Drexel Shelter](#) We will forward \$1930 to the shelter. The funds buy meals, clothing items and much more for distressed families who come to the shelter.

[Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) You provided \$1875 for this initiative. That's enough money to buy lumber and other materials that will make 11 beds for children who do not have one.

[Water Mission](#) You have provided \$1315 for clean water around the world. See [For Mothers Who Hope: Safe Water in Ocoto Alto, Peru - Water Mission](#) for examples of how your donations will be helping others obtain clean, safe water.

**Christmas Joy Offering** - \$770 was received. The Christmas Joy Offering supports Presbyterian Mission efforts. This special offering helps support church leaders, and college students in communities of color. For more information, please click [here](#).

# Christians Serving, Learning and Loving

## Thanksgiving Bags - Thank You 2021

On November 22nd we were delighted to return to Festival Foods to load up our carts for individuals and families where there is serious mental illness.

This year we had 11 single individuals and 5 families, a total of 17 adults and 12 children. We transported the traditional Thanksgiving-style food to the Day Treatment Program at the Fond du lac County Department of Community Programs (DCP), unpacked, sorted, repacked into labeled bags and turned them over to staff. Outreach workers take them directly to the recipients. This year we received two written thank you notes from recipients.

After not being able to provide the baskets, last year, our contact person from DCP, reports that the bags were received with great appreciation. For the first time, one of our single individuals, invited a friend to share the meal. Linda says the actual bags are only a part of the project. The rest has to do with the anticipation of being remembered, of having our congregation faithfully provide good food, loving thoughts and thankfulness for all of us: those who give and those who receive.

This mission is just one of the many joys of sharing and serving others in our church activities. With the Thanksgiving Bags we are able to continue to follow our mission, "serving, living, loving" together.

## Poinsettias 2021

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary. We were grateful to continue this long-standing tradition at First Presbyterian Church.

### In Memory

Sheryl & Henry Brown  
& Family

Hierl Family

Jerry & Nancy Hilbert

Larry & Sandy Johnson  
Lee & Phyllis Munson

Roy & Wendy Johnson

Mary Ellen McMeen

Les & Sherry Mier

Jolene Schry

### In Honor

Jim & Judy Dassow

The Zander Family

Ray & Carol Farr  
Don & Dorothy Brown

Sue Hierl

Kevin Hilbert  
Our Parents

Harold & Bette Munson

Our Parents

Jeffrey McMeen

Loved ones who have passed

Rick Schry, Jodelle Richter  
Bowe & Barbara LeFevre

Our Family

Our many blessings and our  
missed loved ones

# Christians Serving, Learning and Loving

## Thank You - Angel Tree Review 2021

In 2021, 1st Presbyterian Church and the Unitarian Universalist Open Circle Fellowship served 49 children and 6 families.

We were grateful to have the presence of the Angel Tree in the Narthex. Ornaments were available to place on the tree to celebrate our giving to those in need.

Participants could look at the available requests and choose their favorites online. Or they could get assistance on Sundays, and sign up at church. Every year we learn something new, including how to improve the process as we go along.

Once again unwrapped gifts were dropped off at church. Then they were sorted and delivered to Head Start. Clothing and shoes were requested, as well as, all kinds of toys. Superheroes for boys, dolls for girls still remain popular requests. Games, puzzles, books, and Legos were also on the list.

Of our 6 referred families, four requested gift cards and one requested a Walmart card. Two other families requested specific household items.

Our contact person at Head Start reports that families have texted the staff with many thank you messages.

Our Head Start Tree continues our journey of “serving, learning and loving.” We have been blessed in brightening the lives of children and families while rejoicing in the process of giving to others.

## Nativi-TV Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Eve skit. Special thanks to Kris Bartelt, Jennifer Zander and Kim Braatz.

If you haven't seen it, or want to watch it again please click [here](#). It's fun, clever, and a great modern-day look at the amazing day that Jesus was born.

## Nativi-TV CAST

Diane- Cheryl Clarenbach

Jim- Nick Clarenbach

### Nazareth Newlyweds (reality show)

Mary-Elise Clarenbach

Joseph-Henry Hayes

Gabriel-Eddie Hayes

Announcer- Sara Stowell

### On The Road (sitcom)

Mary-Elise Clarenbach

Joseph-Henry Hayes

### Ad #1 Camels

Graham, Jodi, Liam & Marcus  
Anderson

### Making It Count (movie trailer)

John- Logan Sabel

Announcer- Byron Sabel

### As the Inn Fills (soap opera)

Micah- Pedro Arellano

Miriam- Kristina Arellano

Mary- Elise Clarenbach

Joseph-Henry Hayes

### Ad #2 Solomon and Solomon

Lawyer 1- Peyton Tahlman

Lawyer 2- Paige Tahlman

Woman- Leah Rehn

Man- Oliver Hayes

Tax Collector 1- Rowan Willey

Tax Collector 2- Abram Willey

Announcer- Krista Tahlman

### WXMAS Bethlehem News Tonight

Roger Cummings-Eli Braatz

Sascha Pierce- Claire Braatz

Foggy Fields- Lorelei Clarenbach

### Breaking News Story #1

Tina Jefferson-Sydney VanderArk

Aaron-Will Braatz

Thaddeus-Byron Sabel

### Sports Report

Lyonel Carrington- Eddie Hayes

### Wisemen Puppeteers

Graham Anderson

Marcus Anderson

Claire Braatz

Eli Braatz

Will Braatz

Henry Hayes

Oliver Hayes

Todd Hayes

Sam Polacek

Scott Polacek

Sophie Polacek

### Breaking News Story #2

Denise Rhodes- Jaeda Rehn

Mary- Elise Clarenbach

Joseph- Henry Hayes



# January 2022

<p><b>16</b> 9a-10a In-Person Worship (1st Church -- Sanctuary) 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class In-Person and on Zoom 10:30a-11:30a Coffee Hour/ Education Hour on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg</p>	<p><b>17</b> Martin Luther King 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p-7:30p Virtual Session Meeting</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 4p-6:15p Loaves and Fishes Meal 6:30p-7:30p Bingo Via Zoom</p>	<p><b>20</b> 5p-6p Loving Team via Zoom</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
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## February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 4p-5p Learning Team-Zoom	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day	<b>3</b> 6:30p-7:30p Serving Team via Zoom	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Super Bowl 9a-10a In-Person Worship (1st Church--Sanctuary) 9:15a-10:15a Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 6:30p-7:30p Boy Scout Committee Mtg on Zoom	<b>7</b> 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 1p-2p Deacon Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30p-7:30p Women in Faith In-Person	<b>10</b> 6:30p-7:30p Serve Team via Zoom	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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<b>20</b> 50 Year Member Celebration 9a-10a In-Person Worship (1st Church--Sanctuary) 9:15a-10:15a Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg	<b>21</b> Presidents Day 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p-7:30p Virtual Session Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Warming Shelter Meal	<b>26</b>
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## First Presbyterian Focus

Please send submissions for the  
Newsletter to:

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## Prayers\* and Praises

Pedro Arellano  
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Jessica Burmeister  
Gary Grasse  
Bonnie Hughes  
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Pam Coburn  
Wendy Wilcox  
Joyce Jones  
Pat Dilling  
Gib Dilling  
Arnold Leestma  
Ruth Smith  
Lincoln Deanovich  
Jesse Fisher  
Silas Willey  
Jane Devine  
Jerry and Mary Heider  
Chastity Geisthardt and Joan Steininger

## 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.

## DEFEAT CORONA VIRUS

- Get Vaccinated
- Wear a Mask
- Use Hand Sanitizer
- Physical Distance
- Wash Hands Frequently
- Disinfect Frequently Touched Items (like your phone)
- Quarantine (if You Have Been Exposed to the Virus)
- Isolate (if Have Tested Positive for the Virus)

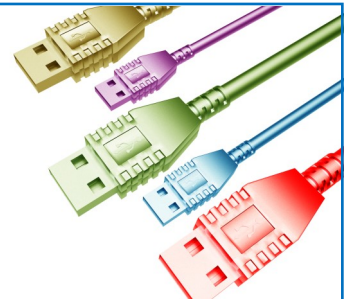
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Website [www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org)

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](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org)



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