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3rd Sunday
February

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My Beloved –

I am so very happy to be writing you this short note. For weeks I have been looking forward to being with you. Now that I am sitting at my desk in my study at the church, I know that that period of waiting is over and a new period of getting to know you is about to begin. I'm sure we are going to have a great time and do a lot of good ministry together.

Briefly – I have lived a wandering life. I spent my childhood in Hong Kong, Texas and Arkansas. I have been a short-order cook, factory worker, Army officer and freight agent. I hold degrees from Ouachita Baptist University (BA), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (MA) and Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv). I served two churches, in Indiana and Tennessee, as their installed pastor before turning to the more specialized calling of transitional/interim ministry. I have served interim congregations in WV, OH, KY, IN, and IA. First Presbyterian Church is my 7th interim congregation.

Interim ministry is my great passion. I enjoy walking along with, and sometimes gently guiding, congregations as they explore where they've been, where they are now and where God wants them to go. When done thoughtfully and well, the entire process should take about 12 months.

But the interim time is not all navel-gazing. It's also a time trying new things, exploring new concepts, perhaps addressing some long-delayed issues. The interim period is a particularly good time for exploring new possibilities for ministry. A church is meant for mission as a fire is meant for burning. I pray that our mission will light up the sky and warm all those who draw near it.

I will have more to say about this later, but for now just know that this is a normal and healthy time for healthy, outward-looking churches. We are going to have a lot of fun together.

We will have more fun if you please reach out to me and get to know me. If you are fully vaccinated, I would enjoy meeting you for coffee or a snack somewhere. I would be glad to sit at your kitchen table and hear all about your life. If you cannot be vaccinated, I would be glad to meet you somewhere where we can safely keep our distance. Though it seems to be rapidly declining, Covid is still a fact of life, and I would hate to inadvertently expose anyone. Thank you for understanding.

In my spare time I enjoy cooking spicy foods, walking outdoors, exploring new towns and states, reading good mysteries, and listening to podcasts. I am married to the wonderful, expert packer Elizabeth Lindsey. She and our basset, William, are keeping the home-fires burning at our house in Indianapolis.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you and doing good ministry together.

God's Peace,
Pastor Ken

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Lay Leader Communion

Carol Wetzel was approached by an elder about becoming a lay provider of communion. She accepted that calling, has been trained by Pastor Mike Goodwin (Appleton) and commissioned by the Presbytery. A Presbytery policy is now in place, so that Carol can preside over communion to shut-ins, the home-bound, nursing homes and even in church, when necessary.



Please contact Carol, a Deacon, an Elder or the church office if you have been unable to attend worship and would like communion brought to you. Once the day and time are set, Carol and a Deacon or Elder will provide a short meditation and communion service.

We are thrilled that Carol has accepted this very important call. We know it will be well-received by those who are unable to attend worship.

Again, if you have any questions, please contact Carol, a Deacon, an Elder or the church office.

Lent - March 2 - April 14



Lent is the annual Christian period of time that begins on [Ash Wednesday](#) and lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays). This symbolizes the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.

This 40-day period is a time to reflect, fast, and give penance in preparation for the resurrection of Christ, on Easter Sunday.

This year, the forty days of Lent are as follows:

Beginning

**Wednesday, March 2
Ash Wednesday**

Ending

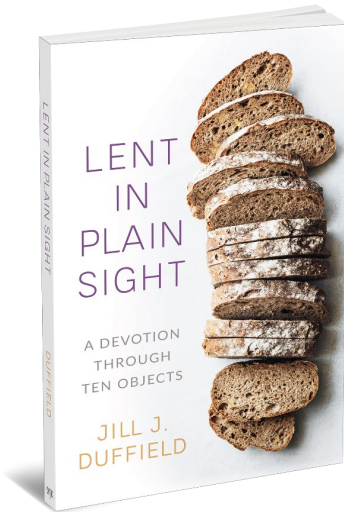
**Sunday, April 17
Easter Sunday**

Watch for suggestions on how we can observe this time being the body of Christ in and outside of our church building.

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Beginning March 9

**JOIN US FOR A SEVEN-WEEK
LENTEN STUDY SERIES BASED ON**
Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects
by Jill J. Duffield



Join us on this Lenten journey in one of the following ways:

- **Self-guided:** Read through each daily devotional and answer the related reflection questions during your personal quiet time.
- **Group Discussion:** Join a group to reflect on each week's scriptures and read the devotionals throughout the week.

In-Person Group

Wednesday March 9-April 20 10:30-11:30am

Zoom Group

Wednesday March 9-April 20 7:00-8:00pm

Please click [here](#) to reserve a book and schedule your preferred time.

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice.

The book, *Lent in Plain Sight*, draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year. The goal of this group study will be to focus on spiritual lessons and to recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

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Fond du Lac MobilePack

Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, 2022
Fond du Lac Fairgrounds Rec Building

So much changed in 2020–21, however Feed My Starving Children’s commitment stayed true to feeding God’s children - hungry in body and spirit. We are excited to announce **Friday and Saturday, April 1 - 2, 2022** as the dates of the next Fond du Lac MobilePack.



Your efforts and contributions are even more critical in these unprecedented times. At this point, the global pandemic, and

its economic impact, have left 265 million people on the brink of

starvation. (Undernourished children are more susceptible to infectious diseases, like COVID-19.)

Feed My Starving Children resumed MobilePack events in June 2021, with new safety protocols in place. There is a health screen questionnaire, and physical distancing and masking requirement. You will be assigned to a small group and will stay with that same group during the entire process from orientation, to packing to the closing prayer.

Due to these new safety protocols, we have changed our regular packing schedule. The schedule this year will be:

- **Friday, April 1** Set Up and MobilePack
3:30-5:00pm Set Up
6:00-8:00pm Packing Session
- **Saturday, April 2** MobilePack and Clean Up
9:00-11:00am Packing Session
12:30-2:30pm Packing Session
3:00-5:30pm Clean Up

Our goal for 2022 is to pack 101,088 meals! The cost of these meals is \$25,000. Each meal costs about 25 cents so every donation makes a huge impact. A donation of \$88 will feed a child for an entire year. At this point, we have raised \$5,000 towards our goal.

During the month of February, churches throughout our area are participating in the **Have a Heart Campaign to raise the \$25,000 needed for this year’s Fond du Lac MobilePack.** Take one of the hearts and a self-addressed envelopes from the tree in the narthex, enclose your donation. You can drop it in the offering plate, in the church office or mail it to FMSC. You can also **donate** electronically at the [Feed My Starving Children FDLMobilePack website](#) or on the [church website](#). Please include our event number **2204-051SC** to your donations to ensure that they will be added to **our** pack on **April 1-2, 2022.**

Volunteering your time, to help pack the meals, is another way you can help MobilePack. **Five hundred fourteen volunteers are needed to pack all the meals!** Volunteer sign-up is open to the public (online) on Tuesday, March 1. In past years, the volunteer slots went quickly so be sure to register early! **You can also reserve your spot by signing up [here](#).** Jennifer will then take care of your online registry.

We hope that you will join us in “being the Church” as we love others in Jesus’ name and partner with Feed My Starving Children to turn “Hunger into Hope.”

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Information @ Church

Serving Team Report - February 2022

Current Opportunities to Serve

Warming Shelter Meal - For a few years, dedicated members of our congregation have spent an evening at the Fond du Lac Warming Shelter providing a meal for those staying overnight. Once again, First Presbyterian Church will be supporting this effort. This year, because of staffing, the Salvation Army is not able to provide their typical Warming Shelter meal. Instead, they are requesting nonperishable food such as fresh fruit, beef jerky, granola bars, and micro-wave meals (no frozen meals). Please bring your food items to church by February 23. They will be delivered to the Salvation Army on February 24.

Future Opportunities to Serve

One Great Hour of Sharing - Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please prepare your hearts and contribute to the worthy efforts of our church body. Follow this link to get more information on [One Great Hour of Sharing](#).

Feed My Starving Children - Early registration for the April 1-2 MobilePack begins on March 1. You can also reserve your spot by [signing up here](#). Jennifer will then take care of your online registry.

Loaves and Fishes - We will be serving Loaves and Fishes again on Wednesday, April 6 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!

Loaves and Fishes - Thanks to your generous donations, we served 121 meals at Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, January 19. We also distributed hats, gloves, scarves, and socks were greatly appreciated on that very cold evening.

Thank you to all who shared the love of Christ by providing clothing, desserts, preparing, serving and clean up after the meal.

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Coming Up in Worship

02.20.2022 Pastor Ken Lock
02.27.2022 Pastor Ken Lock
03.02.2022 Ash Wednesday

February 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, also.

This is what in-person worship looks like:

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



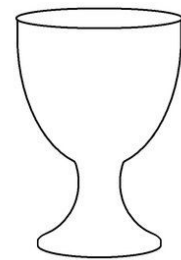
Monday - Wednesday
9:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday
9:00am - Noon

Friday
Closed



LITURGISTS



**COMMUNION
SERVERS**



**USHERS
GREETERS**

If you would like to be a:

- Liturgists
- Communion Server
- Usher/Greeter

Please contact Kris:
musicministryfpc@gmail.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

Internet
www.kfiz.com
(KFIZ Radio)

Radio
97.7 WFDL

TV
Channel 5 WFDL



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New Telephone System and Internet Upgrades

On February 4, we installed a new telephone system. It operates via the internet – Voice over Internet Protocol or VoIP. The new system has many advanced features including the ability to access voice mail and change the church’s greetings remotely. It will give us more options in retrieving and redirecting calls, as well.



We also upgraded our Internet Router and Switch to give us faster and more consistent internet speeds, more security to our network and adult content monitoring. In addition, new WiFi boosters were installed. The boosters will give us a 25% increase in coverage throughout the building. An additional access point in the Fellowship Hall was installed, too.

Our new extensions are as follows and can be entered as soon as the introduction message starts playing.

- Ext 101 - General Mail Box / Deb
- Ext 102 – Mary / Finance Assistant
- Ext 103 – Pastor Ken
- Ext 104 – Kris / Worship Coordinator
- Ext 105 – Jennifer / Director of Christian Education
- Ext 107 – Kitchen
- Ext 108 – Nursery

The church’s phone number (920-922-0425) remains the same.

Operations Team

February 23 - PYA Virtual Game Time

Join us Wednesday, February 23 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 25 - The Warming Shelter



Because of staffing, the Salvation Army is not able to provide their typical Warming Shelter meal, on weekends. Instead, they are requesting nonperishable food such as:

- fresh fruit, beef jerky,
- granola bars and meals
- microwave meals
- (no frozen meals)

Please bring your food items to church by February 23. They will be delivered to the Salvation Army on February 24.

April 6 - Loaves and Fishes



Mark your calendars, we will be serving Loaves and Fishes again on Wednesday, April 6 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 and appreciated for the meal.

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20 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	21 Presidents Day 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p-7:30p Virtual Session Meeting	22 6p-8p AA Convention Meeting / Fellowship Hall	23 Warming Shelter Food Due 7p-8p PYA Virtual Game Time	24 9a-11a Financial Team Meeting (Parlor)	25	26
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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO
THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!



PYA collected 308 food/paper products and over \$600.00 in cash!

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March 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday	3 6:30p-7:30p Serve Team via Zoom	4	5
6 9a-10a In-Person Worship (1st Church--Sanctuary) 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class on Zoom 10:30a-11:15a Zoom Worship-FPC Fond du Lac 11:15a-12p Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 4p-6p Boy Scout Committee Mtg In-Person	7 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 1p-2:30p Deacon Meeting	8 Int'l. Women's Day	9 10:30a-11:30a Lenten Study-In Person 7p-8p Lenten Study on Zoom	10 6:30p-7:30p Women in Faith In-Person	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Begins 9a-10a In-Person Worship (1st Church--Sanctuary) 10:30a-11:30a Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg	14 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting	15	16 10:30a-11:30a Lenten Study-In Person 7p-8p Lenten Study on Zoom	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere) 9a-10a In-Person Worship (1st Church--Sanctuary) 10:30a-11:30a Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg	21 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p-7:30p Virtual Session Meeting	22	23 10:30a-11:30a Lenten Study-In Person 7p-8p Lenten Study on Zoom	24 World Tuberculosis Day 9a-11a Financial Team Meeting (Parlor)	25	26
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First Presbyterian Focus

Please send submissions for the
Newsletter to:

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Prayers* and Praises

Brian Conran & Family
Pete Radlund
Jessica Burmeister
Gary Grasse
Bonnie Hughes
Ollive Block
Pat Dilling
Gib Dilling
Arnold Leestma
Ruth Smith
Lincoln Deanovich
Jesse Fisher
Silas Willey
Jane Devine
Jerry and Mary Heider
Chastity Geisthardt
Joan Steininger
The Polacek Family (Rachel's father passed away.)



Prayer
REQUESTS

If you need prayer, or know someone who does, please contact the church office at:

fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org.

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.

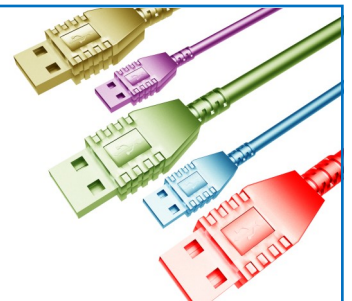
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Website www.fdlpresbyterian.org

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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