

THE BRIDGE



In Everything
Give Thanks

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Always
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MINISTRY TEAMS

SESSION

Dave Norton - Clerk of Session
Jessica Harrison
Kristina Mosley
Barb Biggar- Personnel rep
Jack Wirsch - Treasurer
John Harmon

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Rose Mc Curdy
John Harmon - Session Elder
Linda Harmon
Kristina - Session Elder

MEMBER CARE TEAM

Jessica Harrison - Session Elder
Anna Malek
Annie Leonard
Lonna Norton
Peggy Thums
Dawn Schafer
Deb Bartelt

EDUCATION TEAM

Jessica Harrison - Session Elder

MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM

Barb Biggar - Session Elder
Bette Hoytink
Char Alecos
Lorraine Papke

Building Infrastructure and Grounds (BIG)

Jack Wirsch- Session Elder
Wayne Rudisill
Roger Hoytink
Dennis Biggar

Moderator

Rev. Rose McCurdy

Presbytery COM Liason

Rev Richard Moore, Honorably Retired

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Things to celebrate since our last Session Meeting.

- Recovery of Covid-19 patients
- Communication with congregation.
- Fall Weather

Jim Witmore, a member of United Presbyterian Superior, WI talked to us about their experiences and use of technology to present a high quality virtual church presentation to their members. Jim had talked to Rev. Rose McCurdy previously and was familiar with our video and audio equipment. He recommended that we replace our camera first (It was purchased back when our youth group went to Puerto Rico). The second item we need to purchase are studio lights. Jessica Harrison also reported that we need a new Camera tripod. Jim seemed to think our sound is OK. It was estimated that the three items would cost approximately \$500.00. Following a discussion on the wisdom of spending money at this time, members of session donated towards the purchase of the items. We approved the purchase of a new camera, studio lights and a new Tripod.

Due to the increase of infections of Covid-19 and the exposure of the entire worship team, we approved the close of the Church to all activities. Rev. Rose McCurdy will work mostly from home at this time.

We approved the cancellation of the Chili Supper based on the recommendation of the Covid Team.

Approved the motion to remove Bill and Sharon Wismer from Church rolls at their request.

The rest of our discussion was on "What will we do on Christmas Eve? What can we do to improve our virtual services?"

Rev. Rosie's Reflection's

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, mostly because I love to cook, host, and as you all know, shop on Black Friday. But, I love the dog show, the football, and the parades. I love that I spend all day in and out of the kitchen, and set a beautiful table. I love that my friends and family talk about my turkey year round, and that people feel welcome and loved at my table. I have made a habit over the years of having “orphaned” people, join us for the meal. Some years we have hosted a Friendsgiving and a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with family.

Yet, as I look towards this holiday season, I'm aware it will be different this year. A smaller affair, certainly less guests in our home, and no Black Friday midnight shopping with crowds. There is grief that comes with this, but also a great opportunity to refocus on the actual “Thanks” and “Giving” practices that are the root of our faith, and the root of this holiday.

“Thanks”

Studies show that gratitude is a learned behavior and takes practice, but we CAN rewire our brains to be grateful people. Simple things like finding something to be grateful for everyday, help us become more positive. The internet is filled with gratitude lists and studies that help you follow a plan. [Here](#) is the one I'm using this month, but it's really as simple as finding something you appreciate everyday. During Lent this year, I wrote a letter once a week to the women who have impacted my ministry and it was a very holy practice for me. So, I encourage you to find a way to express gratitude and find gratitude this month.

“Giving”

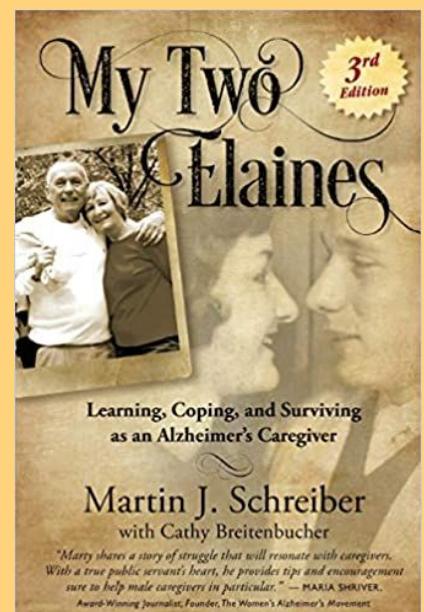
Blessings abound when we share them. So my second challenge to you is to find ways to give this month. Give of your time, give of your thanks via letters, give to the food pantry. Look at the things you are greatly thankful for and return those blessings to the world. If you are on a walk and thankful for the the fall colors and the earth, give back to creation and pick up a piece of trash. If you have a safe and loving home, call the Christine Ann Center and pick up something on their wish list next time you're at the store. Acts of giving do not have to be huge questions, but they do help us complete and start over the cycle of thanks. Blessing leads to gratitude and gratitude leads us towards sharing our blessings with the world.

Member Care

Are you dealing with a loved one who is experiencing signs of Alzheimer's? If so, consider reading a book written by Martin Schreiber, who speaks candidly about the trials of being a caregiver for his wife with Alzheimer's. Annie Leonard recently attended an online conference with Marty as the head speaker to learn more about the Alzheimer's progression in our loved ones. If you are interested in learning more or would like one of the Deacons to get you some resources on Alzheimer's, please let us know.

Here is a synopsis of Martin's book:

Former governor of Wisconsin Marty Schreiber has watched his beloved wife, Elaine, gradually transform from graceful entertainer in the Executive Residence to one who no longer recognizes him, her children or grandchildren. In **MY TWO ELAINES: LEARNING, COPING AND SURVIVING AS AN ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER**, Marty candidly counsels those taking on this caregiving role. More than an account of Marty's struggles in caring for his wife, **MY TWO ELAINES** offers sage advice that respects the Alzheimer's patient while maintaining the caregiver's health. He offers special guidance for men thrust into an unexpected job. With patience, adaptability, and even a sense of humor, Marty shows how love continues for his Second Elaine. "Marty shares a story of struggle that will resonate with caregivers. With a true public servant's heart, he provides tips and encouragement sure to help male caregivers in particular."



Mission and Outreach

Thank you to everyone who helped support our Peace and Global Witness offering. We were able to collect \$613.00. Through our participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout the world! Our regional support of 25% goes to the mid council, and 50% will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for the work of peace and reconciliation across the globe.

Your Mission & Outreach Team – Char Alecos, Bette Hoytink, Lorraine Papke, Marilyn Paulson & Barb Biggar

Worship Team

The Worship Team is excited about the upcoming Holiday and Advent season! There will be an online Ecumenical Thanksgiving service this year hosted by St Mary's. More information will be shared in the weekly emails as we get closer. This year, our Christmas Eve service will be pre-recorded. It will have special music, communion, the Hallelujah Chorus, and a way for you to pass the Light of Christ. We are encouraging you and your family to snuggle up next to the fire at home and worship with candlelight and Christmas tree. The First Christmas was an intimate family affair, with guests and the singing of angels. We hope you can experience this feeling with your loved ones. Alternatively, we will be opening the church on Christmas Eve for viewing the online service. In-person viewing times with a maximum of no more than 25 individuals will be at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Attendees **MUST** wear a mask. Three ushers are needed to help with any technical issues as well as with cleaning to follow CDC regulations. If you don't have the ability to view at home or feel the need to worship in the sanctuary please contact Lisa at the church: 920-706-0047. Due to limited seating, please call early to sign up for your preferred service.



FPC Website

Visit our website often to get access to past sermons, musical selections from the Harmon's, and stay up to date with our church calendar. You can also find the link for online giving. www.WinnChurch.org

Online Giving - Click here to be taken directly to the online giving page.

If you don't want to worship in person, you can go to Facebook and participate in a "Watch Party." This means you can watch the service online with our members and friends all at the same time.



We continue to post pictures/videos/church information here so "Like us" to get updates or leave a review of our church to promote us. www.facebook.com/FPCwinneconne



YouTube gives you access to all of the videos we have produced. Here you can find past worship services and musical selections from the Harmon's. www.youtube.com/FPCWinneconne

Connect with ZOOM

Our bible study, book study, and meetings can be accessed via ZOOM. Click the link to stay connected.

Join Zoom

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76023091426>
6 Meeting ID: 760 2309 1426

WAAC NEEDS

Consider helping out our low income school children by donating single serve items to the WAAC. These items can be put in a backpack and sent home each weekend so kids do not go hungry when they are not at school. Individual cups of fruit, granola bars, individual cups of mac & cheese are a few examples. You can also stop by Subway or A & W in town and purchase \$5.00 gift cards that can be stuck in the backpack.

Stuffing Mix
Canned gravy
Canned vegetables
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Noodles
Boxed Noodle Dishes
Hamburger Helper
Canned Meats
Pumpkin pie filling
Cake Mix & Frosting
Jello/Pudding
Bottled Juice
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Crackers
Granola Bars



THE SHARED MINISTRY FUND



September Income without Pass Through \$8,188.48

September Expense without Pass Through \$11,123.84

Gain or (loss) for the month \$(2,935.36)

Gain or (loss) year to date \$(32,573.51)

Thrift and Gift for September \$321.48

Please continue to give as we navigate these troubled times.

We are still accepting your weekly offerings envelopes. You may mail your offering to church. Our counters will meet every two weeks to make deposits so it may take a bit for your checks to get cashed.

Online giving is also an option. If you need help getting started, you may contact the church office or any Session member and we can walk you through it.

How to Give Online

Winnchurch.org

Click on the "Give Now" Button

November

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

Be in the know

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Worship Online on Facebook & Youtube Channel	2	3 Coffee with the King 8:30 AM via Zoom	4 Weekly Email Update	5 2:00 Film	6 Music Ministry - online	7
8 9:00 Worship Online on Facebook & Youtube Channel	9 5:15 Member Care 6:15 Session	10 Coffee with the King 8:30 AM via Zoom	11 Weekly Email Update	12 2:00 Film	13 Music Ministry - online	14
15 9:00 Worship Online on Facebook & Youtube Channel	16	17 Coffee with the King 8:30 AM via Zoom	18 Weekly Email Update	19 2:00 Film	20 Music Ministry - online	21
22 9:00 Worship Online on Facebook & Youtube Channel	23	24 Coffee with the King 8:30 AM via Zoom	25 Weekly Email Update	26 	27 Music Ministry - online	28 10:00 - 2:00 Thrift & Gift
29 9:00 Worship Online on Facebook & Youtube Channel	30					

Please Note: All meetings are assumed to be electronic until further notice

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