

The WFPC News

The Winnebago First Presbyterian Church

September 2017

Monthly Newsletter

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**JUST A REMINDER...
WORSHIP TIME
CHANGES TO
10:30 A.M. ON
SEPTEMBER 10TH**

Pastor's corner

Autumn:

Splendor and Beauty in God's Creation

Autumn is just around the figurative corner. Summer is rapidly passing as the days lead us to the colors of brilliance. As we look toward the wondrous display that the trees provide us, let us continue our diligence toward Christ the Savior. Our fidelity to the Lord will allow us to more clearly view both the beauty of the season and the wondrous joy of living for Him.

As you enjoy the last remaining summer activities and events, please look ahead at the beauty of the coming season and remember that the Lord has designed this magnificent display. Observing the colorful change in the season will help you understand that God is always watching over us and wants us to be vigilant in this generation. Take advantage of opportunities to share Christ in both action and word. Although many say that they are okay, too many are struggling with the pressures that life hands them. Please take time this Fall is

to be more sensitive to the needs of other and to share the Lord's love, grace, and compassion.

Let us be reminded of Paul's letter to the church in Philippians 4:9: "Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me ... Then the God of peace will be with you." Let us share Christ's love, mercy, grace, peace, and beauty as we enjoy Autumn's splendor so that others can truly appreciate what God can do in their daily lives.

May God richly bless and keep you,

Pastor Carroll

Join us for Rally Sunday September 10th

Sunday school starts at 9 a.m.
Followed by the
worship service
at 10:30 a.m.

After the worship service there will be a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. BBQ's and Pulled Pork will be provided by the Todd Weires memorial.

Each family is asked to bring either a salad or a dessert.

Beverages and table service
will be provided.

A free will offering will be taken
and all donations
will go to the youth missions.

*All are welcome,
please join us!*



Building



News :



Session Synopsis

Session met on August 7th after our summer break in July. Pastor Anita moderated and began the meeting with prayer. We were fortunate to have Joyce Hanson as our guest. Joyce has expressed interest in joining our church and shared with Session about her family, activities and what brought her to our worship service. There will be a formal welcoming to the congregation in the coming weeks.

The minutes from June were reviewed and approved. The clerk reminded everyone that Communion Sunday on September 3rd the congregation will come forward and the worship service still begins at 9:30 a.m. Rally Sunday will be the following week September 10th and the normal Sunday school time of 9:00am with church worship at 10:30am.

The Treasurer's report for May and June were approved and Bill presented financials for the first half of the year. Session thought that since the stock market has had good returns YTD the investments would be rebalanced to the 60/40 mix. Also a per capita check will be sent soon to the Blackhawk Presbytery.

Thanks go to Josh, Kaitlyn and Kaleigh for participating in the 4th of July parade and representing FPCW. Thank you also to Chuck for letting them drive the red convertible. The work campers shined as they helped rebuild a community and showed Christian values to its residence's. Once back in town the campers provided a great shareholders

dinner for our church with photos and stories.

After the recent heavy rains, water leaked into the fellowship hall and adult Sunday school classroom. Session asked the Trustees to secure bids to change the flooring. More information will be shared and it becomes known.

Pastor Anita closed the meeting with prayer.

Rick Carr - Clerk of Session

Trustees

Water water everywhere! The Trustees had water to contend with after the July storms. The fellowship hall had LOTS of water for the first time in memory. Thanks to Dyna Kleen for cleaning it up for us!!! We weren't sure where the water came in. After the second storm, and more water in the same area, we discovered it was coming in from the elevator area. There was a perimeter drain tile with a sump pump and the pump had failed. The pump was replaced and hopefully we are good to go for the next big rain.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Rittmeyer

Deacons

Pastor Carroll opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were: Sue Jansen, Avis Lind, Faye Reed, Pastor Carroll and Mary Lee.

There were no minutes to be read. Sue Jansen read correspondence.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

Sue also read the Sunshine Report.

Congregation concerns were discussed.

We will assemble a Fall gift at the September meeting and plan to deliver it the next day.

Communion assignments were looked at and Faye and Avis will trade.

The meeting was closed with the Deacons' Prayer.

Next meeting is September 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Reed,

Secretary Pro-Tem



PW Women of the church

The summer is flying past. The Winnebago County Fair is over and school has started.

A big thanks to the Mitchell family for hosting our Sunday Family Fun Day at their Dairy Farm on August 6th. It was a perfect weather day, and the food was great. Some folks got a chance to tour the dairy barn. Others just relaxed in their chairs and visited with others. The games were lots of fun.

PW started the Church World Service Kits Program in mid-June, after Vacation Bible School was over. As of this writing, over 36 school kits, 2 hygiene kits, and 1 clean-up bucket are complete. Many of the kits only need one or two items. Each kit is marked with the item(s) that are needed. There are 3 clean-up buckets started, plus there are materials for a few more buckets. If anyone has or knows of a source for 5 gallon buckets with their lids, please let me know.

The PW Coordination Team met in August to review the fall schedule of activities. Plans are under way for our annual fall Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 21. Soon, the PW Search Committee will be contacting for new officers. Please pray about and consider an office, if you are asked. A candidate will be selected for the Life Membership Award to be presented at the November 12 Thank Offering Service. The CWS Kits will be dedicated on that Sunday, as well, and then they will be taken to Stronghold

for the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, November 14.

Saturday, September 23rd, will be the PWP Fall Gathering at Joliet Westminster. It should be an interesting day. Please let me know if you would like to attend. Registration deadline is September 18th. Look for more information in the fall edition of the MEMOS newsletter.

PW thanks you for your contributions of time, talent, and funds to help support the many programs and events that we host.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Sunday, PW Moderator

Chancel Choir

Welcome back to Choir! It is time to warm up our voices, and start preparing for the new season! Our first rehearsal is August 30th at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will sing on Rally Sunday, September 10th.

Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., and we perform on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Looking forward another great year! Anyone who loves to sing is invited to join the Choir!

Michelle

Youth News

Wanted...as summer slips away, we begin preparations for the upcoming Sunday school year. Many of our dedicated teachers are returning and we are very thankful! We know that everyone has many demands so we would love to have co-teachers in each class. As a co-teacher you only need to teach every other Sunday, we are in need of **6** co-teachers. Call Stacy Weavel if you are interested at 815-289-7686. I think you will find it fulfilling and rewarding.

Serving Him,

Stephanie Freimuth

Samples

Do you travel? If so, keep those hotel samples of shampoo, conditioner etc. and then turn them into the church. We send them to the Rockford Rescue Mission each month with our group that volunteers there.



**OUR GREETERS
AND USHERS**



Thank you notes...

A big thank you to the Mitchell's for hosting the family picnic in August. Also, thank you to PW for providing the food.

Thank you to the newsletter helpers: Betsy Menge, Mary Weires, Sue Luna, and Sue Jansen.

Deadline for the October newsletter is September 13.

Contact Information

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Service Helpers

The Session has asked church members to take turns helping out at our Worship services. You will receive a letter listing your day to help. Thank you for your time and service.

Greeters:

Ralph & Deb Storey
Betsy Parrish, Gretchen Reuter
Brett & Gail Starkey
Steve & Barb Whitney

Ushers:

Norm Dean, Jim Morrison, Chuck Rittmeyer, Greg Rittmeyer, Dave Nichols, Jim & Rita Mitchell and volunteers.

Projectionists:

Kaleigh Freimuth
Rachel Rittmeyer
Renee Rittmeyer

Acolytes:

Joe & Grace Erb
Thea & Tianna Mitchell
Taggart Freimuth, Madyson Goike
Mitchel Cunningham, Isabelle Gray

We are having trouble with late submissions. If your information or article is late, there is no guarantee it will be published. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Our Church Groups

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 19th at 1:30 p.m. Bev Samsel and Mary Lee are your hostesses.

Chicks with Sticks

Chicks with Sticks meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Ann Fuller's home. Join us on September 12 at 7 p.m. if you like to knit or crochet. We work on various community projects. For more information, please call Ann at 815-335-7402.

Church Budget

Beginning checking	\$17070.75
YTD Revenue	\$67370.90
YTD Expenses	\$74620.04
YTD Transfer	\$11110.08
End checking	\$21061.31

Sincerely submitted,
Janet Erb

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1
9:30am Worship	7pm Boy Scout Patrol	7pm Boy Scouts #705				2
	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30am Worship	Offices closed for Labor Day	7pm Boy Scouts #705	7pm Choir		6pm Rockford Rescue Mission	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15
9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Fellowship	6:30pm Pack Committee 7pm Session	7pm Chicks with Sticks Boy Scouts #705	Newsletter deadline 7pm Choir			16
	17	18	19	20	21	22
9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	7pm Boy Scout Committee	1:30pm Ruth Circle 6:30pm Deacons 7pm Boy Scouts #705	7pm Choir		Autumn begins...	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29
	7pm Boy Scout Patrol	7pm Boy Scouts #705	7pm Choir			30



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