

# *The WFPC News*

*The Winnebago First Presbyterian Church*

*April 2018*

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## Pastor's corner

### **EASTER**

Easter greetings to everyone in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. We have been wonderfully blessed by our gracious Lord during the first 3 months of 2018. As we anticipate the celebration of our Lord's resurrection, let us share the glorious news of hope to our family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Easter offers redemption and eternal life with Jesus. Easter grants forgiveness to anyone who accepts Christ as Savior and reveals that our Heavenly Creator desires each of us to live within Christ's grace and peace. Let us consider the following phrase as a possibility for a restored heart and re-energized relationship with our Savior because His sacrifice has provided an

**EVERLASTING  
ASSURANCE that  
SINNERS can be  
TRANSFORMED and  
ETERNALLY  
REDEEMED.**

May you experience a personal refreshing in Christ through the Holy Spirit during this wondrous season of Easter. Amen, Amen.

Pastor Carroll



## Session Synopsis

On March 5<sup>th</sup> Session met. Pastor Stephen Bowie opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from the February session meeting were read and approved. Communion will be served on March 29<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday) and both services on April 1<sup>st</sup> (Easter). The Treasurer's report was presented and approved for February.

Pastor Carroll gave the Session a report. He spoke about missions we had recently done and plans for future missions. He shared that he had attended the Presbytery meeting along with other home visits and other ministry he had completed this month.

Session approved a donation/ sponsorship of \$250 for Winnebago's Post Prom. After discussion, Session decided this local mission was worthy of our support to support the youth programs in Winnebago and offer them a safe environment after Prom.

The Trustees obtained a bid to repair some of the insulation on pipes in the basement. Session approved the contract/bid from EHS to perform the work.

The meeting was closed in prayer led by Pastor Carroll.

Bill Newkirk – Clerk of Session

## Deacons

Jim Mitchell opened the meeting with prayer with 7 members present and 2 members and Pastor Carroll absent.

Faye read the secretary's report, shared correspondence as Julie was unable to attend. Bev collected completed activity reports.

Avis Lind provided the treasurer's report with totals of savings and checking.

Congregational concerns were shared. Faye reported on Sunshine. Bev gave a prayer for healing for all those we had shared.

Communion assignments were discussed with plans for 4:45 on Maundy Thursday to prepare. Saturday March 31 at 10:00 will be the preparation time for Easter Sunday.

Discussion of Spring gifts was shared. Bev will get us more information for our next meeting.

The next meeting was set for April 17, 2018 at 6:30 PM. The group ended the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Reed, Secretary Pro Tem

## Trustees

This month the main project for the Trustees was finishing touches to the floor project. This included reinstalling vinyl baseboard in the fellowship hall and painting the adult Sunday school room. We are not done with everything but are getting there. Also, the pipe wrap for the joints in the heating systems was approved. The contractor has been given the notice to go ahead with the job.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Rittmeyer



Sesquicentennial=150 YEARS

## PW

### Women of the church

On Saturday, March 4th, Middle Creek hosted the World Day of Prayer Service. A few members of our church met along with the Winnebago Methodist church and Burrirt Community church to learn about Suriname. It was a very informative program. And the snacks after the service were great.

Sunday, March 11, Mary Anne Smith presented the Birthday Offering Minute-for-Mission called *Welcome to This Place*. This years' recipients are: Cottage Village, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Village of Grace, Honduras; The Dwelling Place, St. Paul, Minnesota. Cottage Grove is a Tiny-house community for Low-Income Residents. Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health I Honduras will offer international hospitality for retreats, workshops and mission teams from the PC(USA). The Dwelling Place was established in 1998 as a violence shelter. This grant will help to expand this service to more women and children.

Recently, someone came to me asking when the CWS Kits collection would begin. Normally, the project does not start until early summer. Our focus this year will be mostly on Hygiene Kits and just 2 Clean-up Buckets. Materials for school kits would also be appreciated. This could change based on the weather conditions, such as what happened last year. However, if you are out shopping and find some bargains on the items that go into the kits, please bring them in with

you when you come to church and bring them to me. That way, we can get a good start for the collection.

Upcoming events include a Scrap-A-Thon at Braidwood Presbyterian Church in Braidwood, IL. Look for the poster on the bulletin board at the top-of-the stairs.

*"Building Bridges of Understanding"* is the title of the 2018 PWP Spring Gathering that will be held at Princeton First in Princeton, IL on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker will be Barbara Baker and she will tell us about her trip to Indonesia as our U.S. Global Representative. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and I will register everyone who will join us that day. Registration fee in \$10 and deadline is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate your help with all the projects and events that we do.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Sunday, PW Moderator

### FYI

If you know someone who grew up attending The First Presbyterian and would like to attend some of our Sesquicentennial events please notify Bev Samsel at: [bpsamsel@gmail.com](mailto:bpsamsel@gmail.com), 815-335-2892 or 815-871-8969.

## Sesquicentennial

### Did you know?

1868-2018

The First Presbyterian Church of Winnebago, Illinois was organized on August 23, 1868 with twenty-four charter members. The first sanctuary was dedicated on March 21, 1869. The present sanctuary was erected in 1914, and the new church school annex was dedicated on April 25, 1954. In 1986 an upper room was added above the church school annex.

In honor of First Presbyterian Church's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Winnebago Community Historical Society has asked us to host its next program on the history of area churches, past and current. The program is scheduled for Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by snacks in the Fellowship hall. Town Historian John Rowley will moderate the program and talk about some early congregations that no longer exist. Members from present-day congregations will share the history of their churches. Participating churches have been asked to also bring items of historical interest for display. WCHS invites you to attend and share your memories of area churches. For more information, contact WCHS at [wchs61088@gmail.com](mailto:wchs61088@gmail.com).

Submitted by,  
Marian Pedrick



## OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



### Thank you notes...

Thank you to the newsletter helpers: Betsy and Tracey Menge, Fritz and Gwen Vietmeier, and Bev Barker.

We would like to thank the members of the congregation for their prayers, cards and concern in the passing of my sister, Jean Melton, on February 28. We really appreciate your concern.  
*Lynn and Sue Jansen*

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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:

Sue Jansen, Lisa Mitchell  
Ann Mandeville, Betsy Parrish  
Jim & Polly Morrison  
Tom & Cindy Erb

#### Ushers:

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

#### Projectionists:

Kaleigh Freimuth  
Rachel Rittmeyer  
Renee Rittmeyer

#### Acolytes:

Thea & Tianna Mitchell

### Our Church Groups

#### Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 17 starting at 1:30 p.m. Bev Barker and Mary Lee are your hostesses.

#### Chicks with Sticks

In April Chicks with Sticks meet on the second and fourth Tuesday at various members homes. Watch the bulletin for time and place. If you like to knit or crochet, join us as we work on various community projects.

### Church Budget

As of February 28, 2018

Beginning checking	\$ 8902.54
YTD Revenue	\$ 19550.92
YTD Expenses	\$ 20846.45
End checking	\$ 10117.53
YTD transfers	\$ 1303.24

Sincerely submitted,

Janet Erb

**Deadline for the May newsletter is April 11 .**

# Tell Your Story

Be included in our upcoming  
photography event



For participating,  
each family receives a

**complimentary  
8x10 photograph  
& a free directory**



**Be yourself.** Classic, casual,  
musical, sporty, fun – it's up to you  
(No tie required!)



**Make it special.** Bring meaningful  
items and special people.

**Share your story.** You will have  
the opportunity to purchase  
additional photographs – makes  
great gifts for family and friends.



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photography session today!**

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## SAVE THE DATE!!!

Life touch will be at the church to photograph members on May 10-11-12.

*Scheduling information will be available soon.*

# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Easter Sunday <b>7am</b> SonRise service <b>9am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service	<b>7pm</b> Session	<b>7pm</b> Boy Scouts #705	<b>7pm</b> Choir			
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>9am</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service	<b>6:30pm</b> Pack Committee	<b>7pm</b> Boy Scouts #705	Newsletter deadline  <b>7pm</b> Chicks w/Sticks		<b>6pm</b> Rockford Rescue Mission	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>9am</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service	<b>7pm</b> Boy Scout Committee	<b>1:30pm</b> Ruth Circle  <b>6:30pm</b> Deacons  <b>7pm</b> Boy Scouts #705	<b>7pm</b> Choir			
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>9am</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service	<b>6:30pm</b> Pack #5  <b>7pm</b> Boy Scout Patrol	<b>7pm</b> Boy Scouts #705  <b>7pm</b> Chicks w/ Sticks	<b>7pm</b> Choir			



Sunday, April 1

Easter SonRise service starts at 7 a.m.  
and is presented by our youth.

A breakfast follows the service,  
hosted by the Men.

A free will offering will be taken,  
proceeds go to towards church missions.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our Easter regular service will be at 10:30 a.m.



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