

# *The WFPC News*

*The Winnebago First Presbyterian Church*

*October 2018*

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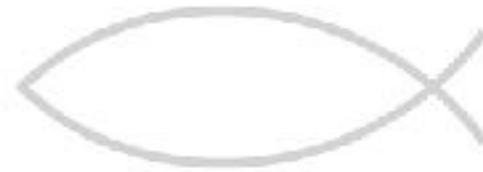
### **Celebrating 150 Years Continues with Clarity, Comfort, and Peace**

Greetings in the Holy Name of Jesus our Savior. Celebration Sunday for 150 years was September 9<sup>th</sup> and the Lord's Blessings were wonderful. Although the Celebration 150 Sunday is over, celebrating Christ is going strong. The Lord was honored with singing and music and the church's commitment to the gospel is firmly grounded in power of the Holy Spirit. The church family possesses the clarity of God's Holy Truth, the comfort and support of the Lord's promises, and the peace of Jesus that surpasses understanding in an unsettled world. The church needs to assist people in understanding that a relationship with the Lord will clarify daily living. This clarity can assist in cultivating true potential, enabling them to have meaningfulness in their accomplishments as they grow in their spiritual walk with Christ.

The pathway of God is straight and righteous and designed to offer freedom and liberty in a world that desires to cause problems and worries. However, the scriptures show us that the solution to the problems, worries, and cares of this generation is to seek the good ways of God that Jeremiah 6:16 emphasizes. "This is what the Lord says: ... ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." Obviously, many people are not asking for the "good way" that Jeremiah emphasizes. Many do not "walk" in the "good way." Thus, too many people continue to flounder and become more bewildered as each day passes. Turning to Jesus would enable them to stop being confused and their daily struggles would be greatly reduced because they would encounter balance and contentment. As Jesus declared in Matthew 11:28 (Amplified), we are given an unconditional gift of "... rest [refreshing, renewal, blessed quiet] for [our] souls." This is the comfort (reassurance, calm, consolation, solace) that all of us seek.

As we continue our celebration of Christ, please know that along with Jeremiah and Matthew, the Apostle John tells us about peace and tranquility. John 14:27 offers us serenity in a troubled world by presenting the Lord's perfect peace: "... My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.]" I encourage each of us to accept the invitations given in Jeremiah, Matthew, and John so that we can find the clarity, comfort, meaningfulness, balance, rest, and peace that God desires us to possess in our daily living

Blessings to all ... Pastor Carroll



## Building



## News :

### Session Synopsis

Session met on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Greg Albert served as our moderator and opened the meeting in prayer and Pastor Carroll shared a reading from Matthew.

The minutes from the August session meeting were read and approved. Communion will be served on October 7<sup>th</sup> in the pews.

Pastor Carroll provided the Session with a written report. There are many things happening at the church, but most effort recently was concentrated on the wonderful Sesquicentennial celebration.

Gail Starkey shared an update on the Sunday school curriculum. Janet Erb proposed dates for the confirmation students to attend the session meeting and for confirmation. Session approved that Confirmation students will attend the April 1, 2019 meeting and confirmation will be May 5, 2019.

Session approved a photo use policy which sets the parameters for use of photos in the slide show before church and in the local newspapers. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy please contact the church office or Bill Newkirk.

The meeting was closed in prayer led by Pastor Greg Albert.

Bill Newkirk – Clerk of Session

### Deacons

Pastor Carroll opened the meeting with prayer. Seven members were present, and 2 members were absent.

Julie Nichols read the minutes and collected completed activity reports. Avis Lind provided the treasurer’s report with an accounting of savings, and checking. There was no correspondence.

The group shared many congregational concerns with Faye Reed reiterating the contacts that had been made as part of the Sunshine Report. A variety of cards had been sent and several calls, rides, and other contacts had been made as part of the Deacons ministry.

Ideas were discussed and solidified on the fall gifts. Those that can meet at 12:15p.m. on October 1 at Prairie View will help with distribution. Other thoughts surface on the winter holiday gifts as well.

The group spent some time updating the shut-ins list with the revised version to be handed out at the next meeting.

Communion assignments were discussed with plans for 8:30 a.m. preparation for all the dates listed below. Communion will be served in the pews.

#### October 7:

Loaf/Karen, Cubes/ Teresa, Juice/ Betsy

#### November 4:

Loaf/Jim, Cubes/Bev, Juice/ Avis

#### December 2:

Loaf/Julie, Cubes/Faye, Juice/Mary

The next meeting was set for October 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The group concluded with the Deacon’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Nichols, Secretary

### Trustees

This month the Trustees were kept busy with various tasks in preparation for the 150th celebration. Sealing and striping the parking lot was the largest project, and we had to wait for work at the school to be completed first. The elevator has been serviced and then we had several small grounds projects to do too!

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Rittmeyer

### Workcamp 2019

Interested in Workcamp or want to learn more about it? We will have a meeting on Sunday, Oct. 7th immediately following worship. Youth (8<sup>th</sup> graded through high school) and parents are encouraged to attend.

Hope to see you there!

Barb Whitney, Workcamp Coordinator



## PW

### Women of the church

Are you crafty? The PW would appreciate your donations of crafts and baked goods for the Mini-Bazaar that is held in conjunction with the Annual Turkey Dinner, please contact Bev Samsel at 815-335-2892 to let her know that you have some items to contribute.

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual Fall Dinner and Mini-Bazaar. Prices for dinner tickets are as follows: \$10 for adults (11+), \$5 for children ages 5 to 10. Children 4 and under are welcome and their meal is free. There are three seating's for the dinner, plus carry-outs from 5 - 6:30 P.M. Home delivery for seniors is available.

Plan to check-out our Mini-bazaar which opens at 3 p.m., for a good way to start your holiday shopping. You can do your shopping before or after you eat.

Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Thank Offering Service. Our guest speaker will be Elizabeth Taylor from Serenity Hospice & Home. Elizabeth will tell us about what they do for their residents and families. Hopefully, many of you have been into the Angels Treasures resale shop in downtown Winnebago. It is part of this organization. Also, at the Thank Offering Service we will dedicate the CWS Kits and Clean-up Buckets.

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the kits and buckets will be taken to the Presbytery Meeting that will be held at Joliet Westminster. A report on the total number of kits and buckets brought in by all the churches in Blackhawk Presbytery will be in next months' newsletter article.

Also November 12<sup>th</sup> is the PW Business meeting and Installation of Officers.

Sesquicentennial ornaments are still available for \$10 each.

#### Upcoming events:

Please plan to stay after church services on November 18<sup>th</sup> to help with the decorating of the church for the Advent Season.

Saturday, December 1st is the Cookie Walk. More information will be forthcoming.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Sunday, PW Moderator

## ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER & FALL BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**

#### SEATINGS AT 5-6-7 P.M.

Dinner includes: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, veggie, coleslaw, cranberry relish, roll, pie & beverage

#### TICKET PRICES:

Adults (11+) \$10

Children (5-10) \$5,

children 4 and under are free

*Carryouts available from 5-6:30 p.m.*

#### For tickets call:

Shirley Burkhart 815-335-2276

Sue Jansen 815-335-2081

Betsy Menge 815-964-2683

Church office 815-335-2051



## Thank you notes...

Thank you to the newsletter helpers: Betsy and Tracey Menge, Fritz and Gwen Vietmeier, Alta Straley and Sue Luna.

On behalf of the faculty and students of Winnebago Community School District #323, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of school supplies. The supplies will be put to good use throughout all of our buildings. Thank you so kindly for taking time to help our students in need of school supplies.

*Teresa Ackerman*  
*School Social worker*

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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:

Our Rockford Rescue Mission volunteers  
Tom & Cindy Erb  
Jeff & Ann Fuller  
Jim & Polly Morrison

### Ushers:

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

### Projectionists:

Kaleigh Freimuth  
Rachel Rittmeyer  
Renee Rittmeyer

**Deadline for the November newsletter is October 10.**

## Our Church Groups

### Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 16th, starting at 1:30 p.m. Jan Merchant and Joyce Hanson are your hostesses.

### Chicks with Sticks

Chicks with Sticks will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Gwen Vietmeier's 937 Rockhampton Dr. Rockford and Tuesday, Oct. 23 at Ann Fuller's 207 Phillips Dr. Winnebago. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7 pm. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, we'd love to have you join us.

## Church Budget

As of

Beginning checking	\$ 30,011.07
YTD Revenue	\$ 97,739.32
YTD Expenses	\$ 85,715.08
End checking	\$ 26,037.30
YTD transfers	\$ 3903.24

Sincerely submitted,

Janet Erb

Oct 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9 am - Sunday school 10:30am - Worship	1 7 pm - Session	2 7 pm - Boy Scouts	3 7 pm - Choir	4 6:30pm - Den #2	5	6
7 9 am - Sunday school 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship	8 6 pm - Pack #5-Girls 6:30pm - Pack	9 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7 pm - Chicks w/	10 Newsletter deadline 7 pm - Choir	11 6:30pm - Den #2	12 6 pm - Rockford	13
14 9 am - Sunday school 10:30am - Worship	15 7 pm - Boy Scout	16 1:30pm - Ruth Circle 6:30pm - Deacons 7 pm - Boy Scouts	17 7 pm - Choir	18 6:30pm - Den #2	19	20 5 pm - Turkey Dinner
21 9 am - Sunday school 10:30am - Worship	22 6 pm - Pack #5-Girls 6:30pm - Pack #5 7 pm - Boy Scout	23 7 pm - Boy Scouts 7 pm - Chicks with	24 7 pm - Choir	25 6:30pm - Den #2	26	27
28 9 am - Sunday school 10:30am - Worship	29	30 7 pm - Boy Scouts	31 7 pm - Choir	1 6:30pm - Den #2	2	3



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