

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

148 North Park Street, Reedsburg WI 53959

January - February Newsletter 2018



Would you like to join our church fellowship? We are always ready to welcome new members in to our Church fellowship. If you would like to join, talk with Pastor Joe and we can schedule a time to meet together with the Session. A good time to get to know us better is our fellowship times after worship every Sunday of each month around the tables in the Great Room.

As Always... Please remember to **sign up** to help usher on the sheets located in the back of the sanctuary on the bulletin board. There is a brand new sheet with spaces to sign up.

“But I’ve never ushered before!!!!???”

Fear not, for behold, here is a brief list of responsibilities of an usher. Ushers can be of any age. They greet people as they come into the doors, they hand out bulletins, they light the candles, and they take up the offering. It’s a great way to meet people and to put on a smiling face for our church. What a great way to serve the Lord!

We are also looking for someone to be the coordinator for the ushers. If no one has signed up for a Sunday, you would make some phone calls to find some.

THANK YOU! Thanks to those who bought and brought gifts for the Mitten Tree! The Mitten Tree is sponsored by the Reedsburg Area Helping Hands.

A “Thank you” note was recieved...
Shirley Templin sent the following note:
I appreciate all the cards, cookies, and Pastor Joe’s visits. I miss church - sorry, I’m in no shape to attend. Prayers to all. Thank you all. //ss// Shirley Templin
Shirley is currently at the Sr. Life Center.

Another Opportunity to serve

You can also sign up to bring the “fixin’s” (cookies, bars, or coffee cake, or your own special favorite thing) for our fellowship Sundays which are held every Sunday after Worship. Thank you to all who have provided goodies in the past. We’ve enjoyed a variety of items. Please consider bringing cookies, coffee cake, donuts, or anything else that your heart desires. While you are at the Fellowship time, take a moment and look at the pictures on the bulletin board.

What’s New?

If you would like to sponsor a Sunday Morning worship please sign up on the sheets posted on the Great Room bulletin board. **Bonnie McDermott** brought this great idea to Session. You will be able to sponsor a Sunday at First Presbyterian Church. You are invited to make a special contribution of any amount and then, as a sponsor you will be able to honor or memorialize someone, acknowledge a birthday or anniversary, or another special occasion, or “just because.” This is similar to purchasing a poinsettia or Easter lilly.

Stewardship – The Season of Giving

The Season of Giving is upon us. We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider what you can give to the church in 2018.

If you need a pledge form, please ask an usher, or an Elder and they can get one for you.

Pastor’s Notes

There are some mighty big THANK YOUs to go out to very many people for making our Advent and Christmas Seasons so enjoyable.

First off, I know that there is no way I’m going to get all of the names listed here, but I’ll try. There is the chief decorator, Retamae Hoege, who plans out the grand design. She had several helpers, namely Alice Cobbs, Sue Greenwood, Sheila Haeffer, Jan Riberich and Kim Corbin. I know that Bob, Russ and Ivy Hoege helped, too. Then there was the Hanging of the Greens which brought many hands out early on Sunday Morning to decorate the sanctuary. Again, there were a lot of helpers.

Then we had the Open House for the Living Windows on December 5. A whole list of people brought in baked goods to sell for the Bake Sale and also to enjoy along with the coffee and hot chocolate. We thank Shirley Schutz, who played the pipe organ until the last visitor left! Ivy Hoege, Bonnie McDermott and several other visitors joined in the singing of hymns and carols.

A special thank you goes to Nolan and Lia Brunken, (children of Nicole and Bill Brunken) who played piano solos and duets for one Sunday morning worship and also on Christmas Eve. What a delight it was to hear them play!

Jack Vogel was our substitute organist for three of the Sundays in December, and Shirley Schutz played for the Christmas Eve Service. Monty Berger also played his guitar and sang for a couple of the pre Service music on Christmas Eve.

Also a big thank you goes to Ivy Hoege who joined Pastor Joe on Christmas Eve to sing the duet, "O Holy Night". We did it as a tribute to Wayne Farber, who sang it for many years both at the Methodist Church and our church.

Kim and I also want to thank the Session and Church for the gift of "Chamber Bucks" this Christmas.

PRAYER CHAIN

A congregation rooted in prayer –

will grow closer to God.

The Prayer Chain is being reconfigured. Prayer is important. We are using the church's email list as a starting point. We are looking for volunteers on the list who would be willing to call those not on the list. So, if you get your newsletter via email, you can volunteer to do some extra calling. If we get enough volunteers we are hoping that each would only have to call 2 or 3 extras.

Would you be willing to call two or three others who do not receive emails, so that they might be included? We would let the members and friends know about reported illness, extreme weather events precluding church services, and other special events and new of the church. You can help make sure everyone keeps aware of the news that concerns our worshipping community and of prayers needed for those who need to feel God's love and healing.

Ordination/Installation Date Set and Annual Meeting Set

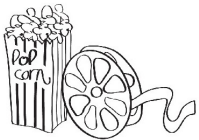
The service of ordination and installation will be held during Worship on January 14. The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held at the conclusion of Worship on January 21, 2018.

A Check was presented....

On Sunday, December 31, a check was presented to the Reedsburg Area Food Pantry. Shown here is Pat Niemann accepting the donation from Elder Diane Hineman and Pastor Joe.



Movie Nights and Fellowship Continue....



The Movie nights will continue on Wednesday nights until February 14, St. Valentines Day. That Wednesday is also Ash Wednesday, and we will celebrate it with a Pancake Supper followed by our

Ash Wednesday observance with Communion. For the period of Lent (5 weeks) which follows, we will have a Bible study centered around the eternal question of, **There is one Bible – Why so many Churches?** We will look at the history of the church and the differences in belief systems and how we got where we are today.

Heating Season - Watch Out, Please....

Please note that there are signs on most of the doors, asking that we keep them closed during the heating season. This will help keep the heat where it is needed. Warm air travels upward, so if the basement doors are left open, all heat goes upstairs leaving the basement cold. Our air handling system also works better and more efficiently if the doors are closed. So please read and follow the signs, and help keep our heating costs as low as possible. We are currently experiencing repairs to the heating system. Some parts are getting old and need replacement and repair.

Inclement Weather

If there is inclement weather and it seems that the best thing to do is to cancel worship, we will send out an email. We will also try to get it out on local radio stations and Madison TV stations.

Please choose to be safe in this very cold weather. Remember to keep an emergency kit in your car with extra blankets, flashlight, and other preparedness items. It is also a good idea to let someone know that you will be traveling, and by what route you are taking. And remember Mom's words, "Call when you get there to let us know you are safe."

Isn't it amazing how wise our Mothers and Fathers were, and are? What would life had been like if we always followed their advice?



An Overview of Per Capita

- Paying per capita is similar to contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- paying to be connected to the Internet

- paying for the benefit of utilities, such as electricity, water, and telephone
- pitching in with other passengers to pay for gasoline for a road trip
- participating in community supported agriculture (CSA) or a similar co-op

The earliest mention of something like a per capita apportionment dates back to the 1700s. In the mid 1800s, a “plan of mileage” was adopted by the General Assembly to defray the expenses of commissioners attending

General Assembly meetings so that everyone could be present to participate regardless of distance or financial resources. Over time, per capita has been used to fund “ecclesiastical and administrative” functions that are shared by the whole church. In 1995, the following definition was developed: Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the presbyteries to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).

Why *per capita*? Per capita exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to give meaning to the interdependent nature Presbyterian polity. Per capita is

part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in those things that make us Presbyterian:

- our theological identity
- our connectedness
- our system of mid councils that allow elders and ministers together to discern the mind of Christ
- our ecumenical connections that make us part of the church universal
- our core structures that keep us together as a church
- our call to work for full participation in decision making
- Per capita allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.
- Exod. 30:11-16 – “...the rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel [for the sanctuary]...”
- 1 Cor. 12:7 – “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

The *per capita* apportionment for 2018 is \$31.00 per communicant member. Please note on your check if you wish the *per capita* amount to be taken out of the total amount given.

The beautiful flowers in our sanctuary this Christmas season were given by:



- Mike & Diane Hineman In memory of Alvin & Marie Rufer & Bradford Hineman
- Diane & Dave Mikonowicz In memory of our parents and of Eileen Luetscher
- Larry & Sheila Haefer In memory of Gig Blackadder
- Sue Greenwood & Barry Walsh In honor of and in memory of family
- Jim & June Pawlisch In memory of Dr. Otto & Anna Pawlisch and of Joyce Gant
- Bob & Jan Riberich In memory of Cefford & Jean Riberich and Lucille and Ervin Greenwood
- Bonnie & Gary McDermott In memory of Bonnie’s brothers, Carl and Larry
- John Carey In memory of Janet Carey
- Bob Irish Phyllis Irish family
- Leonard & Margaret Moore In memory of loved ones
- Bill & Nicole Brunken in memory of Grandma & Grandpa Demaski
- Scott & Kayleen Larson In memory of Mary Ferris, Marie Larson and Art Krolikowski
- Bruce & Joan Clarke In memory of Mr & Mrs Kenneth Huffman and Mr & Mrs Ralph Clarke
- Bernadine Holtz In memory of Clarence Holtz

and also

Tom & Faye McManamy, Jack & Sylvia Thurber, Marge & Richard Pantley and Jon & Gerri Robinson

Word Search Puzzle

words in a straight line in all directions

D J E S U S A I D
E G M E S O O H C
H N A H T I W C V
C I C T M I H L E
T L T O U C H E D
E E D E V O M A A
R E N M S A Y N M
T N A C R E P E L
S K H K N Y T I P
E B E G G I N G F

(Mark 1:40-41) A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." (41)

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" (NRSV)

Word List

STRETCHED KNEELING TOUCHED BEGGING CHOOSE MOVED LEPER JESUS
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2018</h1>					Monday nights, Pastor Joe is On Call at St Clare Hosp. In Baraboo	
	1 Happy New Year	2 Wolves 5:15	3 Webelos 5pm	4	5	6
7 Worship at 9 am Communion	8 Presbytery Office staff meets here at 9:30	9 Session 6:30 Lions/Bears 5:15	10 Movie Night 5:30 Webelos 5pm	11	12	13 
14 Worship at 9 am Ordination & Installation	15 Pre Marriage Counsel 4:15	16 B-Diane Mikonowicz Wolves 5:15	17 Movie Night 5:30 Webelos 5pm	18 B-Ivy Hoege	19	20
21 Worship at 9 am Congregational Meeting	22	23 Religious Award 6 pm Lions/Bears 5:15	24 Movie Night 5:30 Webelos 5pm	25	26 B-Joan Clarke	27
28 Worship at 9 am	29	30 B-Pete Peterson	31 Movie Night 5:30			

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11 Worship at 9 am Scout Sunday Pancake Brunch	12	13 Lions/Bears 5:15	14 VALENTINES DAY ASH WEDNESDAY Pancake Supper at 5:30, Communion at 6:30 Webelos 5pm	15 	16 B-Jan Riberich	17 B-Rachel Smith B-Donald Couvia John Knox Presbytery meeting Video conference 9:00
18 Worship at 9 am B-Alice Cobbs	19	20 Wolves 5:15	21 Fellowship 5:30 Webelos 5pm	22	23	24
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