

# The Presbyterian Bridge

Celebrating our uniqueness  
Coming together in Christ



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF MENOMINEE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## *Movie Night*

The Joint Redevelopment Committee invites family and friends to a movie night on Wednesday, August 7 to watch the fun romantic comedy: *You've Got Mail* starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. The movie will be shown at each church.

We will gather around 5:30 pm in the Library (FPC) and the Riverside Room (Pioneer). Pizza, wings, and beverages will be provided. No cost to attend. Child care provided. If you are planning on attending, a call to the church office would be helpful but not required.

For I know the  
*Plans*  
I have for you,  
declares the *Lord*  
Plans to *Prosper* you  
and not to harm you  
Plans to give you  
*Hope* and a *Future*  
-Jeremiah 29:11

**SAVE THE  
DATE!!!**

Members of Pioneer Presbyterian and First Presbyterian are invited  
to come together for a joint service on

**August 11 at 10:00 a.m.**

as we gather by the river for our annual OUTDOOR SERVICE AND PICNIC

Special music will be provided by  
Resurrection Afterglow

Picnic will follow the service

**Come join us !**



Members of First Presbyterian are asked to  
bring a dessert to pass and Pioneer  
members are asked to bring a salad

A free will offering will be taken

## PRAYER CONDITIONING

The last couple of weeks have been HOT and HUMID! For the most part, this typically doesn't impact my work except when the air conditioning doesn't work. While I was up at camp though, I quickly became aware of the blessing of air conditioning. Fortunately, Michelle had the foresight to suggest that I bring a fan with me which I placed in the window in order to at least get some air moving within my room.

First Presbyterian's sanctuary is air conditioned while Pioneer's is not, but Pioneer does a good job making do with electric fans. The earlier service also helps. I wonder what First did before they had air conditioning. On hot Sundays, did members open up the windows and sweat through the service?

I remember a church sign which read, "The Church is Prayer-Conditioned." This is a cute play on words but there is much truth in this message. The church IS conditioned by prayer. We are fortunate today to have many things readily available to make our lives more comfortable. However, there will always be times of distress in our lives. In these uncomfortable times, Christians often turn to God in prayer.

I remember on 9/11, churches were opening their doors for prayer and special services in order to help the community cope with our national crisis. I was in my first pastorate, a greenhorn associate pastor in my second year while the senior pastor of the church was away on sabbatical leave. I was left in charge while calls came from parishioners, "How do we respond?" It only seemed natural to respond by opening our doors for prayer.

Whatever our problem, as Christians our first response should always be in prayer to our God. Particularly when we are in need, we can turn to our loving God for help. When we go to the Lord in prayer, we open ourselves up to God's divine providence and care. And the more we pray, the easier it is to let go of our burdens and trust that He will see us through.

We need to also be ready to pray for our friends and neighbors. There is a common prayer which says, "Break my heart Lord for what breaks

your heart." As Christ shares our burdens, in our prayers we share the burdens of our neighbors. The more we pray for others, the more we see clearly the love God has for humanity. We begin to see the world as God sees it...from his perspective on the cross. We begin to realize that through Christ we are united to others. It is insufficient for us to think, "That's their problem," because we each are in need of God's grace and love. And who knows, one day it might be our problem too.

Over time, we begin to see the effectiveness of an active prayer life. Those who pray regularly often express their assurance that God has seen them through the good and the bad. I know of some people who have prayer journals where they list the people and needs they have prayed for. They are often amazed how many of those prayers have been answered.

Just as air-conditioning comforts our body, being prayer-conditioned comforts our soul. King David wrote, "O God, thou art my God, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee," (Psalm 63:1). We are comforted by God when we pray. From parched lips, we cry out to our Lord and he quenches our thirst through faith and his holy Word. Prayer is our part of the equation and communion with God is the reward.

Although our churches have not always had air-conditioning, over the last century and a half they have been conditioned by prayer. I am thankful for the prayerfulness of our members and for the faith you carry forth into our communities. Be faithful and keep cool.

In Christ,



Pastor Jon

**DEADLINE** for the September 2019 Issue of The Presbyterian Bridge is **AUGUST 20th**. To ensure that your article will be included, **please submit your typed article and materials to your church office on time!**

# AUGUST

## BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Aurie Feifarek  
Wally Hitt  
14 Charles Mars  
15 Grace Mundt

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 31 Susan & Wally Hitt

## MUSIC

- 4 Nicole Stripling  
11 OUTDOOR SERVICE &  
PICNIC – Music by  
Resurrection Afterglow & John Wills  
18 Joan Campbell  
25 Joan Campbell & Pioneer Band

## COMMUNION SERVERS

- Gayle & Lloyd Gomez

## *Pioneer Summer Office Hours*

Starting June 6th through the summer,  
the church office hours will be as follows:

Monday	8:00 – 1:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 – 12:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 – 1:00 PM
Thursday	OFFICE CLOSED
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED

### ***Presbyterian Women***

The Presbyterian Women are planning a Dutch treat lunch at the Dockside in Oconto at 11:00 a.m. on August 8th. We will meet at the church at 10:15 a.m. and then carpool. All women of the church are invited. Please sign up by calling the church office 906-863-3889 or Joyce Peanosky at 906-863-8455.

### ***Luncheon***

There will be a luncheon after worship service on August 18th in the Fellowship Hall in memory of Donna LaPierre – please join us in celebrating the memory of Donna – given by Pam Maye, David Maye, Mary Nelson and Mary Ann Langill. For more information, please contact the church office at 906-863-3889.

### ***Coffee Hour***

Debbie Hofer will be scheduling coffee hour hosts and making sure we have enough supplies. If anyone has questions or would like to serve on a special occasion, please call Debbie at 906-863-3048.

**August 4**

Waterfront Festival – no coffee hour

**August 11**

Joint Service & Picnic at Pioneer

**August 18**

Pam & David Maye

**August 25**

Presbyterian Women – Linda Engeldinger

## **AUGUST**

### ***Birthdays***

- 3 John Hofer
- 6 Kay Waypa
- 20 Tom Kuber
- 22 David Maye
- 23 Ronald Fehrenbach
- 24 Nancy Gehrke
- 25 Sandy Kuber
- 25 Todd Schloegel

### ***Musicians***

- 4 Carol Symyneshen
- 11 Joint Service & Picnic at Pioneer
- 18 Marilyn Schoen
- 25 Carol Symyneshen

### ***Liturgists***

- 4 Anita Draska
- 11 Joint Service & Picnic at Pioneer
- 18 Janice Watkins
- 25 Bill Blair

### ***Mission News***

We will continue to collect personal items for men, women, and teens. These items will be donated to a Mission of their choice. Please place your donations in the basket in the Gathering Room. The loose coin offering will be collected every third Sunday in our offering plates. We will announce the designation at the end of November. Thank You.

### ***Deacon Doings | May to September***

- Gave gas cards to Pam Maye's family.
- Food donations were distributed by Ann Schultz.
- Helen Thibodeau bought a gift for Isabel Bentley who was baptized before her confirmation.
- Helen Thibodeau sent gift cards to four students.
- The June 2nd Coffee Hour was coordinated by Helen Thibodeau and she was assisted by Mary Ann Langill and Ann Schultz.
- The July 14th Coffee Hour will be done by Helen Thibodeau, Karen Menard, and Anita Draska.
- The prayer table is being led by Carol Symyneshen and Mary Ann Langill.
- A flower was sent to the funeral of Glenn Squires.

#### **FPC Communion**

June 2 - Carol Symyneshen and Ann Schultz

July 2 - Karen Menard and Anita Draska

Aug. 4 - Carol Symyneshen and Anita Draska

#### **Homebound Communion**

July 7 - Anita Draska and Karen Menard

#### **Harbors Communion**

June 6 - Carol Symyneshen

July 4 - Holiday - no service

Aug. 1 - Mary Ann Langill

Sept. 5 - Karen Menard

At our May meeting, it was decided to take the summer off. Because Labor Day is Sept. 2nd, our next meeting will be Sept. 9th at 5:15 p.m.



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**SESSION**

Clerk of Session • Donna Rife  
Building & Grounds • Steve Engeldinger  
Christian Education • Kay Waypa  
Fellowship • Steve Engeldinger  
Finance • Sam Hofer  
Mission • Patricia Johnson  
Personnel • Sam Hofer  
Worship • DeeAnne Polhmann  
Evangelism/Membership • Sam Hofer

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Moderator • Karen Menard

Anita Draska  
Karen Fehrenbach  
Janet Johnson  
MaryAnn Langill  
Linda Majkrzak  
Karen Menard

Ann Schultz  
Janet Smith  
Carol Symyneshen  
Helen Thibodeau

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Clerk of Session • Karen Bickel  
Administration • Liz Murphy  
Building & Grounds • Wally Hitt  
Christian Education • Joy Lapacz  
Finance • Bill Lenca  
Memorial & Mission • Karen Bickel  
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Nominating • Joe Reines  
Worship • Joe Reines

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