



# Winnebago Presbytery News & Notes

January 9, 2026



## Presbytery News

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

*“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,  
Galilee of the gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and  
shadow of death light has dawned.”*

*From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.*

*Matthew 4:12-17, NRSV*

### NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING



Thursday, February  
26, 2026, virtual  
only, starting at 10  
a.m.

**REGISTER  
TO ATTEND**



## Winnebago Presbytery Meeting - February 26, 2026

In accordance with section 4 of the Standing Rules (4.3), Winnebago Presbytery will meet in a stated session on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Registration for this meeting is required will close on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. If you would like to request to be excused, an option for that is available on the registration form.

Upon registering, you will receive a confirmation email with Zoom details. Meeting papers will be posted by the Monday prior to the meeting.

If your session has asked you to be a voting commissioner, please select "RE Commissioner." (The RE stands for Ruling Elder)

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### It's Cold Across Winnebago Presbytery Today!

As we are preparing to go to print, it's -18 and feels like -31 in Abbotsford; -10 in Wausaukee and feels like -19. How about where you are? Stay safe, stay warm, love your neighbors!

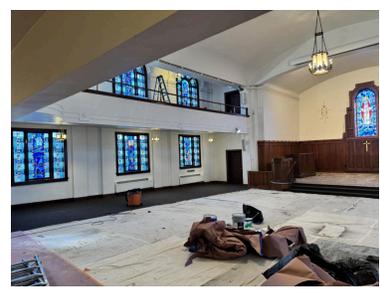
Today's weather is a good reminder to check that you have a good process for making decisions about weather cancellations and know how to communicate them.



### First Presbyterian Church Green Bay Sanctuary Update!

First Presbyterian Church in Green Bay is undertaking a major painting project in their sanctuary. It is not easy to prepare a room that large!

This project received funding from Winnebago Presbytery's Small Church Grant Funds.



## Annual Congregational Checklist Documents

Emails to clerks of session, pastoral leaders, and office staff were sent out on January 16 with annual documents that are to be completed by congregations. These documents can also be found on [winnebagopresbytery.org](http://winnebagopresbytery.org) (look under the Clerk's Corner and Resources tabs).

## Regarding Ruling Elders Series - Article by Alyson Janke

Alyson Janke, Ruling Elder commissioned to pastoral service in our own Wild Rose Presbyterian Church, has written an article for the Regarding Ruling Elders series. This is vintage Alyson: rooted in the real life of the church, wise, and helpful in building up the church to do good work well together. [Please check out her article!](#)

## General Assembly Volunteer Opportunities

It's cold today, but summer will come. And this summer, the General Assembly for the PCUSA will occur online and in-person in Milwaukee. Milwaukee Presbytery is beginning the process of recruiting volunteers.

227th General Assembly, hosted by the Presbytery of Milwaukee at the Baird Center, needs your time and talents. If you are available between Sunday, June 21, 2026 and Thursday, July 2, 2026 please sign up using the google form link <https://forms.gle/uZZArcfpSocXum3K8>. You will be contacted with more information about where you can help. We will have spots for all capabilities.

## Reaching Cindy at the Presbytery Office

As I continue settling into my role as part-time Administrative Assistant for Winnebago Presbytery, I wanted to share an update with my regular office hours and contact information.

My current schedule is approximately 10 hours per week as follows:

- Tuesdays: 5:00–8:00 p.m.
- Fridays: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

During these hours, I can be reached by phone at the Winnebago Presbytery office number. Messages may be left at any time. You are welcome to contact me by email at [cindy@winnebagopresbytery.org](mailto:cindy@winnebagopresbytery.org) at any time; responses will be handled during my regular office hours.

I look forward to supporting the work of the Presbytery through administrative support and communication and to connecting with congregations and leaders across our region.

Cindy Kreis  
Administrative Assistant, Winnebago Presbytery

## Reclaiming Balance and Belonging: A Workshop for Single Parents

“Single parents frequently navigate immense responsibilities without the recognition or support they deserve. This event reflects our commitment to building a supportive community for individuals who may lack consistent emotional or social support. Our vision is for this seminar to grow into structured therapeutic groups in fall 2026, offering continued connection, growth, and empowerment,” Keri Gretebeck, LPC-IT



Reclaiming Balance and Belonging is a morning created just for single parents, offered on National Single Parent Day. Join us for this half-day workshop designed specifically for single parents who want to strengthen their emotional well-being, reconnect with themselves, and build meaningful community.

Through practical tools and gentle guidance from Samaritan Resident Therapist Keri Gretebeck, you will learn how to ease stress, reduce guilt and shame, rebuild confidence, and navigate the complex realities of single parenting. You will also meet other single parents who understand your journey and can offer support.

**Saturday, March 21, 2026, 8:30–11:30 a.m.** (light breakfast included)  
at **Samaritan’s Mary Beth Nienhaus Community Room** 1205 Province Terrace,  
Menasha, WI 54952

**\$25 per person**

[Registration link](#)

## Women’s Wild Winter Weekend!

In January, UCCI hosted a youth camp. Coming in February, a **Women’s Wild Winter Weekend, February 19 - 22, 2026!** WWWW will include time for personal sabbath, singing, crafts, group activities and fellowship time. Pamper yourself in our Comfort Corner, enjoy the Silent Auction, our fabulous Saturday night banquet

(complete with a chocolate fountain bar), wonderful worship and, of course, plenty of time to enjoy the quiet but wild beauty of **Moon Beach** in winter.

Visit the [United Church of Camps Moon Beach website](#) for details and to register!



## Congratulations Rev. Matt Sauer!

Congratulations to Rev. Matt Sauer, pastor of the Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry, who was elected in December as President of the Wisconsin Council of Church's Board of Directors. Rev. Sauer is pictured below at far right during a WCC meeting. Photo courtesy of WCC's website.



## Congregational News

**First Presbyterian Church - Fond du Lac**

***Seeking Part-Time Music & Worship Coordinator***

First Presbyterian Church of Fond du Lac WI is seeking to hire a person to join our staff to humbly nurture the spiritual life of the congregation through music and worship ministry. This is a part-time hourly position,



averaging about 25 hours per week. A full job description is available on our church website [www.fpcfdl.org](http://www.fpcfdl.org).

Check out FPC FDL's new website: [www.fpcfdl.org](http://www.fpcfdl.org)!



## Denominational News

### Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care Academy

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is pleased to join a collaboration of other disaster, crisis, and preparedness organizations in offering the Spring 2026 Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care Academy.

Beginning March 23, 2026, six weeks of live webinars will offer pragmatic and informative sessions to help faith and community leaders address needs emerging from disasters and other crises.

Webinars are offered at no cost to participants. Watch for more information in the coming weeks. Registration opens in late January!

For more information contact Kathy Riley, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Associate for Emotional and Spiritual Care [Kathryn.riley@pcusa.org](mailto:Kathryn.riley@pcusa.org).

Six weeks of web-based trainings brought to you by collaborative organizations including:

*Church World Service*

*Crisis Care Ministries*

*International Orthodox Christian Charities*

*Lutheran Disaster Response*

*Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church*

*Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Prevention Division*

*Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - PC(USA)*

*United Church of Christ*

*Week of Compassion, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

*With additional support from the Center for Disaster Philanthropy*



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