



Winnebago Presbytery News & Notes

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Presbytery News

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

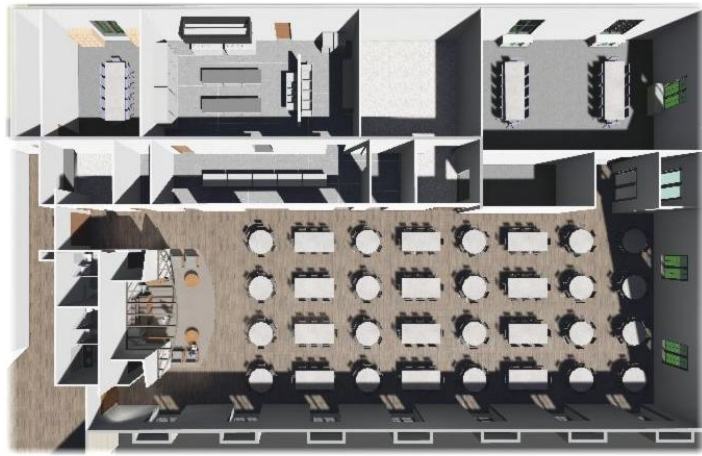
For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

-Psalm 33:1-5

Exciting Reno Project for Covenant Community!

Construction is officially underway on Covenant Community Presbyterian Church's kitchen expansion and remodeling project. The improvements will modernize and enlarge the kitchen, increase the capacity of the fellowship hall, and add two new conference rooms on the main level. These enhancements will create more space for fellowship, meetings, and community gatherings, helping Covenant Community better serve its congregation and guests for years to come. We look forward to sharing updates as the project progresses.

**PROPOSED
FELLOWSHIP HALL &
KITCHEN ADDITION**



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In Our Prayers

We share with sorrow the news of recent losses within our Presbytery family and ask that you hold these families in your prayers.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to **Alyson Janke**, Ruling Elder Commissioned to Pastoral Service at Wild Rose Presbyterian Church, on the unexpected death of her son, Steve, on Sunday, May 31. A visitation and memorial service with Military Honors will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church in Westfield, Wisconsin. Visitation will take place from 4:00 to 6:45 p.m., followed by the memorial service at 7:00 p.m. Online condolences may be shared through [Steve's tribute wall via the funeral home's website](#). During this difficult time, we hold Alyson, her family, and all who loved Steve in our prayers, trusting in God's comfort and peace.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to **Terra Winston-Sage**, Julie Esch Hurvis Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life and University Chaplain, and a minister member of Winnebago Presbytery, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Winston, on Thursday, May 28, 2026. A memorial service will be held in Ohio, where Dorothy lived. Online condolences may be shared through [Dorothy's tribute wall via the funeral home's website](#). We pray for Terra,

her family, and all who mourn Dorothy's passing, asking God's grace to surround them with strength, comfort, and hope.

As a community of faith, we remember both families in our prayers and commend them to the loving care of our Lord, who walks with us through every season of life and loss.

CAMP: A Planning Retreat for Worship Leaders

August 10–14, 2026 | Moab, Utah

Are you—or someone in your congregation—a worship planner who could use time away to recharge, reflect, and prepare for the upcoming program year? CAMP offers a unique opportunity for worship leaders to step away from the demands of weekly planning and spend dedicated time in creative preparation alongside others engaged in worship ministry.



Set among the stunning red cliffs of Moab, Utah, and along the banks of the Colorado River, CAMP combines worship planning, spiritual renewal, and rest in a beautiful retreat setting. Participants will engage in rich worship experiences, collaborative learning, and meaningful conversations focused on creating life-giving and inspired worship for their congregations.

This year's gathering will explore creative approaches to worship design, ways to plan worship and preaching for greater impact across multiple weeks, and practices that nurture both creativity and spiritual well-being. Opportunities for small group discussion and individual conversation will also help participants reflect on worship in their own unique ministry contexts.

Space is filling quickly, and organizers expect to secure additional rooms soon if needed. If you are considering attending, now is the time to register.

Learn more through the updated event [flyer](#) and [registration information](#).

Samaritan Counseling Offers Mental Health Ministry

The Mental Health Ministry (MHM) equips both professional and volunteer faith-leaders with training and resources to engage effectively with mental health concerns in their congregations, helping break through stigma, secrecy and self-blame.



Samaritan believe that supporting faith communities in this way is vital, because these communities are uniquely placed to be first responders in emotional suffering, bringing together spiritual care, relational connection and professional mental-health insight to foster resilience and holistic healing.

Samaritan offers several ongoing MHM programs and special events such as: Clergy Colleague Groups, Clergy Coaching, Presentations for Faith Communities, Enrichment Workshops, and so much more.

If you would like to learn more or schedule an event, reach out to Doug Bisbee via [email](#). Doug is a licensed counselor and former pastor.

Camps and Seasonal Experiences at Moon Beach

Moon Beach is a quintessential Northwoods Wisconsin retreat located on 110 wooded acres between Eagle River and St. Germain on the shores of Moon Lake and Little Saint Germain Lake. Guests are invited to experience quiet waters, scenic trails, abundant wildlife, and some of the clearest night skies in the region. Moon Beach is known for its summer family camps as well as a variety of experiences offered throughout the year. From warm-weather waterfront adventures to peaceful seasonal gatherings and opportunities for reflection, guests of all ages can find meaningful ways to connect, explore, and renew.



For more than 65 years, families, retreat groups, and campers have gathered at Moon Beach to relax, explore, and build meaningful connections. This setting offers space to rediscover a sacred connection to God, to one another, and to the natural world through shared experiences of rest, recreation, and community.

Moon Beach welcomes guests year-round for family camps, retreats, and seasonal programs. Reach out via email at moonbeach@ucc.org to learn more or start planning your stay.

To learn more about upcoming camps, retreats, and events or to register online, visit [Moon Beach Events/Camps](#).

Winnebago Presbytery encourages everyone who feels called to attend church camp to do so. If financial assistance is needed, participants are first encouraged to check with their local church. In addition, scholarships are available to youth and adult members of Winnebago Presbytery for any Presbyterian camp, including Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach. Please visit our [website](#) to access the scholarship application under the tab Resources - Grants and Scholarships - Summer Camp Scholarship Application Form or [click here](#).

Kicking off a Summer of Youth Advocacy Opportunities

As we approach the beginning of summer, the WCC's youth engagement is gearing up. Over the past few years, summer break has been a time that youth from Wisconsin (and sometimes beyond) engage with the work of the Council.



WCC welcomes youth to Madison to learn about faith-based advocacy through Bible studies, interactive presentations, and visits with legislators. They will reflect on what it means to engage in the political process as people of faith and how their faith calls us to advocate for policies that protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

This summer, WCC staff will meet with youth across the state and they would love to have you join them:

July - [Serve Boldly Youth Trips](#)

August 11-13 Madison Youth Advocacy Days
August TBD - One-day Youth Immersion focused on Mutual Aid in Milwaukee
Other dates - Join WCC in Madison or have them come visit you!

Contact [Wisconsin Council of Churches](#) to learn more about these programs or to set up one of your own.



Congregational News

First Presbyterian Church - Marshfield

Seeking Part-Time Treasurer

FPC Marshfield is looking for someone with an accounting or bookkeeping background to join the FPC team as our part time Treasurer!

The position requires 15–20 hours per week with a flexible schedule. It also includes paid benefits, such as holidays, vacation, sick leave, and personal days. If you, or someone you know, is interested in working in a friendly, caring environment, please visit [Indeed](#) for more information and to apply.

The position could be ideal for some who may be retired, or who stays at home to care for family and needs flexibility in their schedule. More information about FPC and our missions can also be found on our [website](#).

Anyone interested can also contact Dan Burk at 573-291-0265 or via [email](#).

First Presbyterian Church - Wausau

Seeking Director of Music/Organist

First Presbyterian Church is seeking a gifted and collaborative Director of Music/Organist to help lead and shape our worship music ministry. We are looking for someone who is comfortable at the organ and piano, enjoys working with choirs and other musicians, and can partner with the pastor and worship leaders to support meaningful, vibrant worship. This position includes playing for Sunday worship and special services, directing vocal and handbell ensembles, coordinating special music, and helping care for the church's rich musical tradition while also imagining new possibilities.

A full job description is available on our website [MUSIC](#). Interested applicants are invited to review the position details and contact the church for more information or to apply.

First Presbyterian Church - Marshfield

Seeking Full-Time Solo Pastor

We have prioritized welcome for all people regardless of circumstance or station in life and are committed to service to the larger community and our world. We have a diverse and active group of lay leaders, and we welcome Pastor applicants who are inspired by Matthew 25 and a church which seeks to serve others. Please contact the Pastor Nominating Committee at pkfmfld@gmail.com or 715-897-4419. To learn more about who we are, visit our [website](#). To learn more about this opportunity [click here](#).

GA - An Invitation from General Presbyter Dave Colby

If you have never experienced a General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), I encourage you to consider attending for even a single day. General Assembly is much more than business meetings — it is an opportunity to worship, learn, listen to conversations on important topics, and experience the wider church gathered together in ministry and discernment. You do not need to be a polity expert or longtime GA attendee to have a meaningful experience, and there are many ways to participate throughout the week. If you are interested in attending, [email](#) me, I would be glad to help you navigate the event and ensure you have a welcoming and worthwhile experience.

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