



Winnebago Presbytery News & Notes

July 17, 2026

Presbytery News

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

-Romans 12:14-21

Save the Date

for the
**September Winnebago
Presbytery Qrtly Meeting**

**Thursday,
September 24, 2026**

First Presbyterian Church of
Fond du Lac and online

Save the Date: September Presbytery Meeting

Mark your calendars! The next Winnebago Presbytery meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at [First Presbyterian Church of Fond du Lac](#). This will be a hybrid meeting, with participation available both in person and via Zoom.

While we're grateful for the flexibility that Zoom provides, there's something special about gathering face-to-face—sharing conversation over coffee, worshiping together, and strengthening the relationships that connect us as a presbytery. If you're able, we encourage you to join us in Fond du Lac. If not, we look forward to welcoming you online.

This September's gathering will also include a special opportunity to honor Bob Boswell as he concludes his faithful service as Winnebago Presbytery's Stated Clerk. After many years of dedicated ministry, Bob will retire from the role effective July 31 to spend more time with his family. We are deeply grateful for his leadership, wisdom, and commitment to the work of the presbytery, and we hope you'll join us as we celebrate his ministry together. As the Personnel Committee begins the process of seeking the next Stated Clerk, Alyson Janke will serve as Acting Stated Clerk beginning August 1, ensuring a smooth transition while the position is filled.

Additional details, including registration information and the meeting docket, will be shared as the date approaches. We hope you'll plan to be part of this time of worship, fellowship, and the work we share together.

In Our Prayers

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Pastor Meggan Farwell of First United Presbyterian Church in De Pere on the death of her father, Thomas Means, on Thursday, July 2, 2026. Meggan and her family are deeply grateful for the prayers and support of their church family and the wider Presbytery community during this difficult time.



A Celebration of Life and Witness to the Resurrection will be held at St. Thomas Community Presbyterian Church, 55355 Mound Rd, Shelby Twp. on Friday, August 14, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Tom's memory to Habitat for Humanity or St. Thomas Community Presbyterian Church. Those wishing to read Thomas' full obituary or share condolences may do so through the [funeral home's website](#).

As a community of faith, we hold Meggan, her family, and all who mourn Thomas' death in our prayers, asking God to surround them with comfort, strength, and peace as they grieve this significant loss.

First Presbyterian Church-Neenah Rings Bell 250 Times in Celebration of Nation's 250th Anniversary

On Saturday, July 4, members gathered at First Presbyterian Church-Neenah, located at 200 Church Street in downtown Neenah, to ring the church bell 250 times in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



The bell-ringing was part of a nationwide effort encouraging churches and communities across the country to participate in a simultaneous ringing of bells on Independence Day during this semiquincentennial year. The shared moment invited participants to celebrate the nation's history while reflecting on the hopes and responsibilities that continue to shape its future.

Pastor Kimbrel Johnson of First Presbyterian Church-Neenah shared that the gathering was a meaningful opportunity for people to come together. "It was good to see people coming together from diverse backgrounds and perspectives to express shared joy and hope for our country and our world," Johnson said.

The event brought together church members for a simple but memorable celebration—one that connected a historic milestone with the local community and the enduring tradition of church bells calling people together.

Plan Ahead with the 2026–2027 Presbyterian Planning Calendar!

It's time to get organized! The Winnebago Presbytery office is once again collecting preorders for the 2026–2027 Presbyterian Planning Calendar, a trusted resource designed to support pastors, church leaders, and congregational planners throughout the year.

The PC(USA) Planning Calendar is more than just a place to record dates—it is a comprehensive ministry planning tool. Each calendar includes Sunday lectionaries, programmatic emphases, liturgical days, and secular holidays, along with helpful resources such as directories and maps of PC(USA) synods and presbyteries. Covering September 2026 through December 2027, this year's calendar features an exciting new design! The monthly calendar grid has been redesigned with a vertical orientation and now spans two pages, providing even more room to write worship schedules, meetings, events, personal dates, and the many details that fill our ministry lives. Printed on high-quality text paper, the calendar is perfect for taking notes.

Through the Winnebago Presbytery bulk order, we are able to provide calendars at a discounted cost of \$10.75 each as well as reducing the cost of shipping. Whether you are ordering one calendar or several for your church staff and leaders, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Preorder Your Calendars Now!

**Don't wait—order your calendar today and
embrace a year of purposeful planning!**

Calendars will be released for shipping from PCUSA on July 31, 2026.

Making Camp Memories Possible

Last week, Simon Johnson headed off to Adventure Camp at Daycholah Center, a journey made possible by our scholarship program. We love seeing generosity in action, and we're thrilled to share this beautiful thank-you note we recently received from Simon:

Dear at Winnetago Presbtery
Thank you for the camp scholarship.
I attended Adventure camp at Daychold
Center last week. I had a great time
and look forward to going again next year.
It's nice to know how our church helps
us have these experiences.

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J. S. Mott

Email Phishing Scam Alert

We want to make our church family aware of a new phishing tactic involving fake event invitations that appear to come from someone you know. These emails are designed to look like they come from legitimate services like Evite, Punchbowl, or Paperless Post, but clicking the "View Invitation" or "RSVP" button takes you to a fake login page. If you enter your password there, scammers can hijack your email account and automatically send the same fraudulent invitation to everyone in your contacts. To protect yourself, never enter your email password to view an invitation, verify the sender's actual email address, and enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) on your account.

If you believe you have already clicked one of these links and entered your password, please change your email password immediately, review your account security settings, and turn on MFA. Cybercriminals continue to find new ways to deceive us, so we ask that you remain vigilant, think twice before clicking unexpected links, and never share your credentials unless you have initiated the login through a trusted website. Thank you for helping keep yourself and our entire church community safe from online scams! For more details on how to spot this scam, check out the FTC's helpful [website](#).

Creating Hope 2026: Adolescence in the Age of AI

How do we support young people as they navigate a world shaped by artificial intelligence, social media algorithms, constant digital connection, and rapidly changing technology? Parents, educators, and faith leaders are increasingly asking how we can help adolescents remain grounded, connected, and emotionally healthy in an ever-evolving digital landscape.



Samaritan invites you to attend **Creating Hope 2026: Adolescence in the Age of AI** on **Thursday, October 22, 2026, from 8:00–11:30 a.m.** at Samaritan, 1205 Province Terrace, Menasha, Wisconsin. The cost is **\$25 per person**, which includes a light breakfast and snacks. Creating Hope is Samaritan's annual event supporting its Mental Health Ministry, a program that equips faith leaders, educators, and helping professionals to respond with compassion, skill, and spiritual insight to today's mental health challenges.

This year's half-day event will explore the intersection of adolescent mental health, faith, and technology. Through the perspectives of clinical counseling, mental health screening, and faith community support, Samaritan leaders will share trends they are seeing firsthand and offer practical ways congregations can walk alongside young people with compassion and understanding.

Presenters include:

- Hannah Keesler, Clinical Services Director
- Taylor Connell, Screening Services Director
- Doug Bisbee, Mental Health Ministry Coordinator

Registration is now open. We encourage pastors, educators, youth leaders, caregivers, and all who support young people to join this important conversation and learn how we can create hope together in a changing world.

Outdoor Ministry: More Than Summer Camp

While summer camp may be what first comes to mind, the ministry of United Church Camps, Inc. (UCCI) continues throughout the year. Its three Wisconsin sites—Cedar Valley, Daycholah Center, and Moon Beach—welcome churches, families, nonprofit organizations, and community groups for retreats, conferences, leadership events, and personal renewal in every season.



Beyond providing beautiful places to gather, UCCI is committed to nurturing faith, building community, and caring for creation. Through intentional hospitality, environmental stewardship, and inclusive programming, UCCI offers spaces where people can deepen relationships, experience Sabbath rest, and encounter God in new ways. Whether you're planning a church retreat, looking for a family getaway, or seeking time for personal reflection, UCCI's ministries extend far beyond the traditional camp experience.

To learn more about year-round retreat opportunities, upcoming events, and the mission of United Church Camps, Inc., visit the [UCCI website](#), where you'll also find resources for congregations, retreat planners, and individuals looking to experience the gift of outdoor ministry.

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](#).

Protect Our Vote: Faith Leaders Stand Together for Voter Access and Rights

Across Wisconsin and the nation, clergy and faith leaders are joining their voices in support of protecting voter access, strengthening trust in our election systems, and encouraging faithful participation in our democracy.

On July 7, Wisconsin clergy gathered in Eau Claire, Milwaukee, and Madison as part of a national day of action, speaking out through press conferences and committing to continued engagement as the election season approaches.

[Read more about this important effort](#), hear from Wisconsin faith leaders, and learn about upcoming opportunities for congregations and clergy to get involved in protecting our vote.



Congregational News

First Presbyterian Church - Oconto

Seeking Part-Time Office Administrator

First Presbyterian Church of Oconto is seeking a part-time staff member to join its team for 15 hours per week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Salary is negotiable based on experience and qualifications. The church is looking for someone with advanced Microsoft Office skills, strong communication and organizational abilities, experience with newsletters and Facebook, a basic understanding of accounting (Church Windows preferred), and the ability to work independently as a self-starter. Those interested are invited to submit a letter of application and resume to Human Resources, First Presbyterian Church Oconto, 133 Jackson Street, Oconto, WI 54153.

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](#). 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](#).

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

Denominational News

Meeting Jesus in the Faces of Our New Neighbors

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) continues to reflect on what it means to welcome our neighbors with compassion, dignity, and love. During a recent midweek chapel service, Presbyterian Office of Public Witness fellows led prayers and reflections focused on immigrants, refugees, and the call for Christians to stand in solidarity with those seeking safety and belonging.

Through scripture, prayer, and personal reflection, participants were reminded that God's love knows no borders and that we are called to recognize the image of God in every person we encounter.

[Read the full Presbyterian News Service article](#), "Meeting Jesus in the Faces of New Neighbors," to learn more about the service, the reflections shared, and resources available from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) related to immigration advocacy and support.

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