



Winnebago Presbytery News & Notes

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Presbytery News

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

-John 14:15-17

Winnebago Presbytery April 2026 Meeting

Thank you to the members and staff of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Appleton for their hospitality and to all who attended the April 30 presbytery meeting.



Registered participants have received a meeting survey – please respond as it helps the Leadership Commission guide the presbytery informed by the experiences and interests of attendees.

2026 Synod School — Register Soon as Space Is Filling Quickly

July 26–31 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa

Plans are well underway for Synod School 2026, and interest is high—spaces are filling quickly, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

Hosted by the Synod of Lakes & Prairies, Synod School offers a rich week of learning, worship, and community for people of all ages. A full schedule of programming is available in the [online catalog](#), featuring a wide range of classes, workshops, and experiences designed to nurture faith and deepen engagement.

This unique intergenerational gathering also includes strong offerings for children and youth through mission, study, and fellowship activities. High-quality childcare is available for infants and toddlers, making it a welcoming event for families. A limited number of \$60 scholarships are available for the first 72 first-time registrants, along with additional Synod School scholarships. Details can be found in the Synod School catalog.

Given the strong early interest, those considering attending are encouraged to register soon to secure their place.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR SYNOD SCHOOL 2026!](#)

Winnebago Presbytery encourages everyone who feels called to attend Synod School 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](#).

Synod of Lakes & Prairies Annual Meeting Summary

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies held its annual meeting, April 26-28, 2026, at Mount Olive Conference and Retreat Center, Farmington, MN. Meeting topics included important updates, shared ministry opportunities, and ongoing work to support the congregations and ministries of the presbytery. A full recap of the annual meeting is [available here](#).

Samaritan Counseling Offers Hope and Support

Mental health challenges affect individuals and families in every community, and finding the right support can make all the difference. Samaritan Counseling provides counseling services for children, teens, adults, couples, and families throughout the Fox Valley. Their licensed therapists offer support for anxiety, depression, grief, relationship concerns, addiction, trauma, and many other life challenges.



In addition to counseling services, Samaritan maintains a helpful online directory of mental health and wellness resources available throughout Brown, Calumet, Fond Du Lac, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Waupaca, and Winnebago Counties, connecting individuals with local agencies and support organizations.

To learn more about counseling services or to explore available community resources, visit [Samaritan Counseling's website](#).

Explore Your Creativity at Cedar Valley Art Workshops

Looking for an opportunity to relax, learn something new, and connect with other creative spirits? United Church Camps, Inc. offers a wide variety of art workshops throughout 2026 at Cedar Valley. Workshops include watercolor, acrylic painting, basket weaving,

enamel art, needle felting, drawing, and more — with options for beginners and experienced artists alike.

Upcoming workshops begin in May and continue throughout the year. Most classes include supplies and lunch, with commuter and overnight options available for many weekend events.



Cedar Valley is located at 5349 County Road D in West Bend, Wisconsin. To view the full schedule or register online, visit [UCCI Cedar Valley Art Workshops](#) or call 262-629-9202.

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](#).

Food Deserts and The Trouble with Travel

Rev. Gayle Tucker, Administrative and Communications Associate, WCC

The Faith Food Action Network is a mutual aid project of the Wisconsin Council of Churches in conjunction with the Medical College of Wisconsin, in partnership with Milwaukee-area churches and the wider community.



Earlier this year, FFAN Project Director Mr. Eyon Biddle, Sr. and Director of Ecumenical Innovation & Justice Initiatives Rev. Breanna Illéné visited the three congregations participating in the project and recorded conversations with nearly two dozen people. During those conversations, they encouraged participants to tell stories about times . . . [read the full article](#).

Pastors Pulse: A New Resource for Clergy Support

Bruce Floren has created [pastorspulse.com](#), a free devotional-style website designed to support and encourage clergy. It was born out of his concern for the spiritual well-being of pastors and church leaders, offering reflection and encouragement for those navigating the challenges of ministry.

Congregational News

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 - Neenah

Seeking Part-Time Administrative Assistant

Come and work for a dynamic, welcoming, open-minded congregation! We are hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to be the first point of contact and keep our church office running smoothly. The hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A strong applicant will be excited to add their friendly personality to a fun-loving, busy congregation. Applicants must be proficient with basic office equipment and Microsoft Office computer programs (Word, PowerPoint, and Excel), and possess strong interpersonal, written and oral communication skills to work effectively with staff, congregants and the public. Visit our [website](#) to read the full job description 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](#).

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.



GA227 Resources: Tools for Leaders and Congregations

As preparations continue for the 227th General Assembly (GA227) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), several helpful resources are now available through The Presbyterian Outlook to help church leaders, commissioners, and congregations stay informed and engaged throughout the Assembly season.

Resources to Share with Your Congregation

The Presbyterian Outlook has created a free and accessible [Guide to GA227](#) that may be helpful for congregations wanting a clearer understanding of how General Assembly works and the issues being discussed. The guide includes:

- An overview of General Assembly processes
- Key topics and decisions before the Assembly

- Reflection and discussion questions for groups or individuals
- [Pre- and post-GA bulletin inserts for congregational use](#)

These materials can help congregations follow the work of the wider church and stay connected to the ministry and mission of the PC(USA).

Resources for Church Leaders

For pastors, commissioners, and church leaders wanting more detailed coverage and timely updates, the new [GA227 landing page from The Presbyterian Outlook](#) serves as a central hub for Assembly-related information. Resources include:

- Registration for the June 17 co-moderator webinar
- Free SMS breaking news updates
- Email updates and ongoing GA reporting
- Analysis and commentary throughout the Assembly
- Additional tools and resources for leaders following the proceedings closely

Whether you are preparing to participate directly or simply helping your congregation stay informed, these resources provide a helpful way to engage the work of the Assembly thoughtfully and faithfully.

In addition, during our quarterly meeting on April 30, we were grateful to hear from Lee Tan, who shared GA227 updates as well as the below links to added resources.

[Official General Assembly Information](#)

Access event details, updates, and sign up for the “On the Road to the 227th General Assembly” newsletter.

[Facebook Community Group](#)

Join the online community for news, conversation, and connection.

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Visit the Milwaukee Presbytery website for local information and volunteer opportunities related to General Assembly.

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Partner Links

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	Synod of Lakes & Prairies	Wisconsin Council of Churches
Presbyterian Women (National)	Synod of Lakes & Prairies Presbyterian Women	United Church Camps, Inc.
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