



Winnebago Presbytery News & Notes

March 20, 2026



Presbytery News


The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.


-Ezekiel 37:1-5

Join us for the April Winnebago Presbytery Hybrid Meeting

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

 Thursday, April 30, 2026

 10:00 a.m.

 Memorial Presbyterian Church, Appleton, WI

Attend in person or online—everyone is welcome!



REGISTER NOW!



Winnebago Presbytery Celebrates Two Earth Care Congregations

Winnebago Presbytery is proud to share that **Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church** in Stevens Point and **First Presbyterian Church** in Marshfield have been certified as PC(USA) Earth Care Congregations through 2027.

This certification, offered by the Presbyterian Hunger Program, recognizes congregations that take seriously God’s call to “till and keep” the garden—our shared common home. The program honors churches that integrate environmental care into worship, education, facilities, and community outreach, setting an example for others to follow.

By achieving this certification, these congregations demonstrate a deep commitment to caring for God’s creation, inspiring both their members and the wider community to live out an earth-centered ethic in everyday life.

The Bible, Jesus & Jewish-Christian Relations

We're glad to share a special upcoming opportunity hosted by the United Methodist Church in Oshkosh. Renowned scholar Amy-Jill Levine will be leading a series of free events April 21–22, open to the wider church community. Clergy and educators are especially invited to a workshop on Tuesday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m., focusing on Christian–Jewish relations, with a luncheon to follow. If you plan to attend the workshop, please RSVP so organizers can prepare accordingly.

[Explore full details, including the speaker and registration information](#)

2026 Leadership Retreat: “The Sailboat Church” is almost here!

📅 Saturday, March 28, 2026

🕒 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

📍 Forest Larger Parish Lakewood

Come explore Spirit-led leadership through boundary training, breakout sessions, worship, and meaningful connection. Open to all church leaders—and anyone feeling called to grow in leadership. Free to attend, but RSVP is required.

📞 Call 715-473-3603, 715-618-2219, or 715-850-2488 to register.

👉 Don't wait—reserve your spot today!

Advent Candles Available

First Presbyterian Church of Fond du Lac has a set of wax Advent candles available to any congregation that can use them. If your church is interested, please contact Tillie at office@fpcfdl.org or 920-922-0425 for more information.



2026 Synod School

July 26-31 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA

Summer is just around the corner, and we are excited for Synod School 2026. Synod of Lakes & Prairies has provided a full schedule of great programming for all ages. The [Synod School catalog is now online](#) for your review.

The intergenerational atmosphere of Synod School offers excellent programs for children and youth in mission, study, and fellowship. High-quality childcare for infants and toddlers

is offered as well. \$60 scholarships for the first 72 first-time registrants are available, as well as additional Synod School scholarships. See the Synod School catalog for details.

Registration opens Wednesday, April 1, 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](#).

Model Train Show

First Presbyterian Church Fond du Lac will host its **Annual Model Train Show** on Saturday, April 11, (10:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m.), and Sunday, April 12, (9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.), in their Fellowship Hall, 1225 Fourth Street Road, Fond du Lac. This event is open to the public and will feature operating train layouts of assorted gauges, including a special CN layout open house on April 11. Food will be available through the Presbyterian Youth (supporting their activities), and kids can enjoy a fun railroad-themed photo opportunity. Come check it out!

First Presbyterian Annual MODEL TRAIN SHOW

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
1225 Fourth Street Road, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, April 11, 2026
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, April 12, 2026
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Come and see operating layouts of assorted Gauges Also
April 11th an OPEN HOUSE you can see a CN train layout
10:00AM to 2:00PM 179 GUINDON BLVD, FOND DU LAC

Food provided by the
Presbyterian Youth To help
finance their activities

KIDS
GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN
IN OUR RAILROAD CUT-OUT

The Fond du Lac Society of Model Railroad Hobbyists Will have their HO Gauge layout that travels To shows in Madison and Milwaukee COME AND ASK QUESTIONS AND GET SOME IDEAS



Radiate Hope

Registration is now open for Samaritan Counseling's Radiate Hope, an inspiring community event supporting mental health care across Northeast Wisconsin. Radiate Hope brings together community leaders, business partners, faith communities, and friends who believe no one should face life's hardest seasons alone. The evening celebrates the life-changing work happening through Samaritan while inviting the community to invest in expanding access to compassionate, professional mental health care.

Every day, individuals and families come to Samaritan seeking help for anxiety, depression, trauma, grief, addiction, and overwhelming stress. Many are low-income, uninsured, or unsure where to turn for support. Proceeds from Radiate Hope help fund professional outpatient counseling, the Samaritan Wellness Screen that identifies mental health needs in students, Mental Health Ministry that equips faith communities to respond with care, and community education and prevention programs.

Guests will enjoy appetizers, cocktails, and dessert sponsored by Whisk & Arrow, along with live music, interactive games, powerful stories of impact, and the Seven Wonders of Wisconsin live auction. Most importantly, the evening is an opportunity to support life-giving mental health services in our region. To register, visit the [Radiate Hope event page](#) and reserve your ticket today.



Pride Family Camp

June 10-14, 2026

An opportunity to enjoy the camp environment with diverse people of all ages from the LGBTQ+ community. Emphasis will be on fun and creating new friendships, with ample time to play, create, and explore through leisure activities. Facilitated group discussions on issues relevant to the LGBTQ+ community will be offered to those interested. Families and singles welcome! All gender identities and sexual orientations will be celebrated. People of all faiths as well as no faith affiliation or spiritual beliefs are welcome. Campers may choose a 5-day (June 10-14) or 3-day (June 12-14) option.



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

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](#).

Palm Sunday Path

The Palm Sunday Path is a growing movement of church leaders who have decided that now is the time for Christians to stand up to rising authoritarianism and white Christian nationalism in a new way. Palm Sunday places before us a lasting contrast. Jesus enters Jerusalem not through force or spectacle, but in humility and mercy—exposing the limits of power built on fear and domination. Matthew tells us that when Jesus entered the city, the whole city was shaken. Not by an army, but by truth. The Palm Sunday Path is anchored by the Matthew 25 values of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and welcoming the stranger, and



envisions actions of tens of thousands of Christians across multiple states on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2026, afternoon.



Palm Sunday Path groups are forming around the state in Appleton, Eau Claire, Janesville, Oshkosh, Madison, Milwaukee, Mount Horeb, Wales, and more. The Wisconsin Council of Churches invites you to take part in this important movement.

Use the below button to learn more about an existing Palm Sunday Path group or for more information about forming a new group.

[Learn More About Palm Sunday Path 2026](#)

Wellspring of Well-Being: Register by March 23

Take time for rest and renewal at **Wellspring of Well-Being**, an opportunity designed especially for pastors and church leaders. The demands of ministry can make it difficult to step away and care for your own well-being. This gathering offers space to pause, reflect, and explore practices that support your personal wellness—so you can return to your ministry refreshed and sustained.

Come discover what rhythms of rest and renewal work best for you, and enjoy a meaningful time of post-Lent restoration. Registration deadline is March 23.

[Explore Wellspring of Well-Being Event and Registration Details](#)

Congregational News

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.

Denominational News

Today (March 20) is Mr. Rogers Day in the PCUSA

Fred Rogers was an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament whose work around peace, reconciliation, and children's education are worth remembering. March 20th was his birthday and the day that the PC(USA) has chosen to highlight all we can learn from his work. Resources are available at pcusa.org/mrogers.



Committee Leaders Announced for 227th General Assembly

The Rev. Tony Larson and the Rev. CeCe Armstrong, Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly (2024), have announced the names of committee moderators and vice-moderators for the 227th General Assembly, which will be held June 22-July 2 online and in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Larson described a selection process “grounded in Presbyterian values of fairness, diversity, and faithful discernment.”

Congratulations to **Pastor Mike Goodwin of Memorial Presbyterian Church** in Appleton, who has been named Vice-Moderator of the Climate and Environmental Justice Committee. We celebrate his leadership and invite you to read the [full article](#) for additional details.



Persevering Toward Wholeness

Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, The Rev. Jihyun Oh, gives insight into the decision to make the theme of the 227th General Assembly "Persevering Toward Wholeness." [Listen to her thoughts](#) on how this fits for the church in this particular time and place and how the specific word choices connect us to the larger church globally.

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