



The Bell

November, 2022

Monthly Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET FOR DECEMBER 4

As the year winds down, we have to start thinking about leaders for 2023. We are required to hold an annual meeting every year to elect leaders for the coming year including Elders, Deacons, members of the Endowment Fund Board and members of the Financial Review Team. Our church by-laws stipulate that this meeting must be held by the second Sunday in December.

This year the annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4 immediately following service and will include the election of leaders and the presentation of the 2023 budget.

All members present in the church are eligible to vote as are members joining the meeting by Zoom.

This article will serve as official notice of this meeting. In addition, the meeting will be announced from the pulpit during November.

The Session has no vacancies this year so no new Elders need be elected.

Two Deacons candidates have been nominated by the Nominating Committee. They are Chuck Norseng and Anne Welke. If elected, they will join Beth Cripe, Marlys Daniels and Mary Jo Reemstma on the Board of Deacons.

One member of the Endowment Fund Board has been nominated. If elected, John Jenson will join Chuck Norseng and Barb Shorrel on the board.

Two members of the Financial Review Committee have been nominated. If elected, Barb Shorrel and Deb Buckli will join Rick Koepke on this committee.

Although it isn't required, the 2023 budget will be presented at this meeting. The budget is voted on each year by the Session and presented to the congregation for their information only.

The annual meeting is one of two such congregational meetings held each year in our church. A second, supplemental meeting, will be held in February when the Annual Report of committee activities will be presented. Although the 2023 budget will have been presented in December, a printout of it will appear in the Annual Report.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 6

Don't forget Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 AM on Sunday, November 6 so be sure to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed or you will be early for church. Can't let that happen!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER FEATURES SOUP

Wednesday, November 2 is soup time. Corine Boos, Margi Kohl and Lynda Butek will be cooking up a storm for Wednesday Night Supper so be sure to put the date on your calendar and get your appetite ready for some delicious soups.

MENOMONIE SINGERS VISIT FPC AGAIN NOVEMBER 12

Just a reminder that The Menomonie Singers will again sing in our sanctuary on November 12 at 2 PM. They will sing a variety of music by living choral music composers.

The Menomonie Singers is a non-profit music organization in existence as Menomonie Chamber Singers since 1989. This adult community choir performs at various venues in Menomonie and western Wisconsin. Singers are a mix of many professions, including UW-Stout faculty members. The group frequently sings four-part, a cappella music conducted by Brian Klein.

The Menomonie Singers concert carries no ticket fee, but the suggested donation is \$10.

2023 DIRECTORIES WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

The 2023 church directories will be available in December as usual. In the meantime we will be circulating a list of the current names, addresses, email and telephone numbers for you to confirm that they are correct or change accordingly.

When you receive your directory, you will see that the Hospitality Teams have been drastically reduced. We have limited the teams to include only those people who are typically here on Sundays. In addition, we have taken pains to include people who cook, bake, make coffee, clean up, etc. on every team. No point in loading the teams up with people who don't come to church or can't work in the kitchen when they do. Unfortunately that leaves a pretty sparse group but one that we feel will get the job done.

The directories will be mailed to all members. Additional copies can be picked up from the church office once the directory has been completed.

ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR THE HOLIDAY

Now is the time to order your poinsettias for Christmas. We plan to decorate the church with the usual Christmas wreaths, banners and trees and we will have poinsettias in front of the communion table.

If you want to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary and later take home, you can use the order form in this issue of the Bell. The cost remains the same as last year at \$8.00. As usual, the plants will decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning and if they aren't picked up by the purchaser after that time, they will be delivered to our shut-ins.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR RETURNS

The Reverse Advent Calendar was so successful last year that we have decided to return it again this Christmas. See the calendar in this issue of the Bell and you will note that there are a couple of changes.

As we did last year, we are encouraging the Episcopalians to participate and the bags of food will be acknowledged on Christmas Eve and turned over to the Food Pantry for distribution in 2023. We have some special bags available at the church or you can just use a regular shopping bag. It's not too early to start collecting food for this project.

SESSION ANNOUNCES 2023 COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Session has approved the following Communion schedule for 2023. You will see it is quite different from the schedules of past years.

January 1	First Sunday
February 5	First Sunday
February 22	Ash Wednesday
March 5	First Sunday
April 2	First Sunday
May 7	First Sunday
May 28	Pentecost
July 2	First Sunday
August 6	First Sunday
September 3	First Sunday
October 1	First Sunday and World Communion Sunday
November 5	First Sunday
December 3	First Sunday
December 24	Christmas Eve

In the coming year, we have several weeks when a church holiday falls just before or after the first Sunday of the month. Rather than serve two Sundays in row, we have elected to choose one or the other.

POINSETTIAS

We are now taking orders for poinsettias that will grace the chancel area this Christmas season. The cost is **\$8.00** per plant. Please fill out the order form. Return to the church office with your payment as soon as possible. Submit your order:

- 1) during office hours (9 to 2:00) Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays)
- 2) by mailing to the church
- 3) or, put order and payment in offering plate on Sunday

(Remember to write "poinsettia" in memo blank on your check.)

The plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service. Of the plants not picked up, some will be saved for the following Sunday and others distributed in the community.

I want to purchase (how many) _____ poinsettias for display in our church chancel during the Advent/Christmas weekend.

I would like designation(s) in the church bulletin to read:

In Memory of:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

In Appreciation for:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

In Celebration of:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

(other title) _____:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

From: _____

Return to:	First Presbyterian Church	Phone: 723-5717	Amount Paid \$ _____
	130 West Central Street		CK#
	Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729-2345		Cash



Reverse Advent Calendar

Each day add an item to a box or bag.

On Christmas Eve bring the bag or box to church to be blessed and given to the food pantry.

- December 1-box of cereal
- December 2-peanut butter
- December 3-cookies
- December 4-boxed potatoes
- December 5-macaroni and cheese
- December 6-pears
- December 7-canned tomatoes (diced)
- December 8-canned tuna
- December 9-bag of chips
- December 10-ravioli
- December 11-canned fruit cocktail
- December 12-cranberry sauce
- December 13-canned chicken
- December 14-box of crackers
- December 15-package of rice
- December 16- can of green beans
- December 17-package of pasta
- December 18-spaghetti sauce
- December 19-can of chicken noodle soup
- December 20-can of tomato soup
- December 21-can of corn
- December 22-kleenex
- December 23-deodorant
- December 24-3 rolls of toilet paper