



MESSENGER

February 2017

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 133 Jackson Street
 Oconto WI 54153
 920-835-3922



check out our updated website
www.fpcocoonto.org

Church Office Hours:

Mon, Wed & Thurs 8:30am-1:00pm

Worship Schedule

8:00 am — Early Worship
 9:00 am — Sunday School
 10:15 am — Late Worship
 Communion 1st Sunday of each month

Church Leadership:

Ministers: Every Member!

Current Session Members:

Kim Bronikowski, Margaret Dakins,
 Toni Hendzel, Jeff Krueger, Dean Reed,
 Mike Werner, Julie Trepanier,
 Mary Grace Murphy, Jeff Mlnarik
 Clerk of Session: to be voted in February

Current Deacons:

Tammie McCarthy, Todd Bronikowski,
 Nikki Giese, Jenni Hanna, Tanya Peterson,
 Jackie Roskom, Barb Sikma,
 Carroll Stelmacher, Joyce Swanson

Support Staff (paid and volunteer):

Custodian — Volunteers
 Organist — Donna Boehmer
 Adult Choir Director and Organist
 — Sue Stodola

Children's Choir Director — Don Sikma
 Bell/Chime Choir Director — Polly Exferd
 S.S. Coordinator — Kris Alwin

Nursery Coordinators
 — Michelle McDowell, Stephanie Heyrman

Financial Secretary — Heidi Reed

Back-up Treasurer

— Tammie McCarthy & Lynn Hollander
 Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator
 — Karen Bickel

Volunteer Pastor of Congregational Care
 — Rev. Diane Fite

Pastor/Teaching Elder — Rev. Craig Alwin
craig@fpcocoonto.org
 920-604-3922 (urgent contact via cell phone)

CHRISTMAS THANK-YOU

A big thank-you to all who helped in any way during the Advent season. The sanctuary looked beautiful and the Christmas Eve service was special. Great music, candle lighting, a super church family. One of the best parts was watching a 5 year-old during the candle lighting with innocence and awe on her face and knowing that she understood why we were lighting candles. The birth of Christ, family, and a 5 year-old—does it get any better than that?



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."—John 8:12
 (NRSV)

Mid-week Lenten studies led by our Confirmation class
 will be starting Wednesday March 8th

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At their recent meeting, your Session:

- ◆ Read a thank-you note from "Shop With a Cop" program. They were grateful for our donation and 7 Oconto families were helped.
- ◆ Will be suggesting changes to our 2018 offering envelopes to reflect our needs.
- ◆ Accepted Scott LaPlant's letter of resignation as Clerk of Session with thanks for the amazing service he has provided since April, 2011.
- ◆ Approved Feb. 19 as ordination/installation date for elders and deacons.
- ◆ Learned that Xerox will no longer cover our copy machine under a maintenance agreement due to its age. We will call for a thorough check-up while it is still under the maintenance agreement.

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STEVE JONES NOMINATED FOR DON SCHULA AWARD

Congratulations Steve!

From the Appleton Post Crescent:

Kimberly football coach Steve Jones has been named one of two finalists for the coveted Don Shula high school football Coach of the Year award presented by the NFL.

Jones, in his sixth season as head coach at Kimberly, guided the Papermakers to their fourth WIAA consecutive state championship this past fall. Kimberly has won the last three state titles in Division 1 and also won the Division 2 title in 2013.

Kimberly also has a 56-game win streak, the state record for most consecutive victories and also the longest current win streak in the nation.

According to a press release by the NFL, Jones was nominated by the Green Bay Packers for his commitment to player health and safety and the integrity, achievement and leadership exemplified by the winningest coach in NFL history, Don Shula.

According to the NFL, a blue ribbon panel including Shula, Peyton Manning and Michael Strahan reviewed the nominations and selected the two finalists, including Jones.

Jones will be recognized for his achievements at the Pro Bowl in Orlando this weekend.

Jones and the other finalist will receive \$10,000 grants to their respective high school football programs and a \$5,000 cash award as well as an all-expense trip to both the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl LI in Houston. The national winner will also receive an additional \$5,000 grant to their high school football program and an additional \$5,000 cash award.

Steve and Carrie are members of our Family of Faith, the daughter and son-in-law of Bill and Priscilla Hermsen. They have a two-year-old son, Cooper.



The Shula Award winner will be announced during the third quarter of the 2017 Pro Bowl, airing Sunday, Jan. 29 at 8 PM ET on ESPN.





February 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Confirmation 5:30pm <i>**note time change**</i> NO MEAL	2	3	4
5 Holy Communion Early Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Late Worship 10:15 am Souper Bowl Sunday	6 Karen Back from Vacation 	7 Bread by the Bay 3:30-6 pm Worship 4:00 pm Deacons 5:30 pm	8 Confirmation 6:30pm Mixed Chimes 6:15 pm Soup/Sand	9	10	11 Presbytery Meeting, Shawano 8am-3pm 
12 Early Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Late Worship 10:15 am Cookie Sale by children	13 Worship 4 pm	14	15 Worship 4:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 Chime Practice 6:15 Breakfast	16	17	18
19 Early Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Ordination/Installation of Elders and Deacons	20 Manna Meals-FALC 5:00 pm President's Day	21 Horizon's Bible Study , 10am Bread by the Bay 3:30-6 pm	22 Confirmation 6:30pm Salad Bar	23	24	25
26 Early Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Late Worship 10:15 am	27 Session 6:30 pm	28	MARCH 1 ASH WEDNESDAY			

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR:

January 2017

February 2017

If the dates we have you scheduled for won't work, please help by finding a replacement.

January 1

Liturgist: Margaret Dakins
Greeters: Jim & Michelle McDowell
Hostess: Carol Grose
Snacks: Bobbie Jo Mlnarik & Sue Stodola
Adult Ushers: Swede & Joyce Swanson
Youth Ushers: Hannah McDowell
Acolytes: none
Nursery: Jennifer Wickman & Mackenzie Heyrman
Sanctuary Cleaner: Jeff Krueger

January 8

Liturgist: Scott LaPlant
Greeters: Don & Barb Sikma
Hostess: Jennifer LaPlant
Snacks: Deacons
Adult Ushers: Andy & Carroll Stellmacher
Youth Ushers: Alex Reed & Emmy Reed
Acolytes: Haley Rysewyk & Trinity LaPlant
Nursery: Ben & Anna Bourassa

January 15

Liturgist: Tammie McCarthy
Greeters: Emily Duffy & Marilyn Krueger
Hostess: Jackie Roskom
Snacks: Lynn Hollander & Tammie McCarthy
Adult Ushers: Jennifer & Mike Wickman
Youth Ushers: Dylan Hendzel & Lauryn Hendzel
Acolytes: Abby Roskom & Cadence Duffy
Nursery: Val Staidl-Borkovec & Alex Reed

January 22

Liturgist: Amy Loehlein
Greeters: Ben & Liz Huempfer
Hostess: Kim Bronikowski
Snacks: Rosemary Rice
Adult Ushers: Mike Loehlein & Todd Bronikowski
Youth Ushers: Aric Bronikowski & Kyle Huempfer
Acolytes: Lexi Martin & Maddie Hanna
Nursery:

January 29

Liturgist: Craig Bahrke
Greeters: Mike & Wilhelmina Anderson
Hostess: Rosemary Rice
Snacks: Barb Sikma & Cindy Rysewyk
Adult Ushers: Eric & Amy Peterson
Youth Ushers: James Alwin & Kathryn Alwin
Acolytes: Brooke Peterson & Daniel Alwin
Nursery: Stephanie Heyrman & Jasey Jicha

February 5

Liturgist: Nikki Giese
Greeters: Brian & Rosemary Rice
Hostess: Tanya Peterson
Snacks: Deacons
Adult Ushers: Al Peterson & Dick Medd
Youth Ushers: Mary Peterson & Sterling Heyrman
Acolytes: Kylee Peterson & Jackson Martin
Nursery: Jennifer Wickman & Mackenzie Heyrman
Sanctuary Cleaner: Dennis Stamsta

February 12

Liturgist: Lynn Hollander
Greeters: Darren & Jennifer Holmgren
Hostess: Michelle McDowell
Snacks: Kris Alwin & Brenda Jicha
Adult Ushers: Bert Hollander & John Jicha
Youth Ushers: Jasey Jicha & Gavin Mlnarik
Acolytes: Eli Bahrke & Lauren McDowell
Nursery: Ben & Anna Bourassa
Sanctuary Cleaner: Dean Reed

February 19

Liturgist: Margaret Dakins
Greeters: Jeff & Bobbi Mlnarik
Hostess: Michelle Bahrke
Snacks: Margaret Dakins & Jenni Hanna
Adult Ushers: Ken Exferd & Craig Bahrke
Youth Ushers: Kate Bahrke & Grace Holmgren
Acolytes: Myah Mlnarik & Luke Holmgren
Nursery: Val Borkovec & Hannah McDowell
Sanctuary Cleaner: Jerry Giese

February 26

Liturgist: Clyde Bridger
Greeters: Jeff & Martha Krueger
Hostess: Tammie McCarthy
Snacks: Pug Saucier &
Adult Ushers: Barb LeMense & Bonnie LeMense
Youth Ushers: Jake Krueger & Luke Krueger
Acolytes: Haley Rysewyk & Trinity LaPlant
Nursery: OPEN
Sanctuary Cleaner: Jeff Krueger

Communion Servers Feb. 5:

Brian Rice, Nikki Giese, Jerry Giese, Tanya Peterson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

- Jan. 5 Jasey Jicha
- Jan. 5 Barb Fields
- Jan. 12 Jeff Mlnarik
- Jan. 13 Emily Martin
- Jan. 17 Tyson Brabant
- Jan. 20 Betsy Werner
- Jan. 20 Arissa Dakins
- Jan. 21 Mackenzie Heyrman
- Jan. 23 Jennifer LaPlant
- Jan. 24 Harry Shallow
- Jan. 24 Sandy Stellmacher
- Jan. 31 David Haag
- Jan. 31 Donna Staidl



February

- Feb. 1 Kyle Huempfner
- Feb. 10 Megan Ruleford
- Feb. 12 Alissa Wickman
- Feb. 13 Roberta Couillard
- Feb. 13 Carol Grose
- Feb. 15 Jason Martin
- Feb. 19 Priscilla Hermsen
- Feb. 23 Heidi Reed
- Feb. 24 Honey Schroder



NURSERY STAFF SCHEDULE

1st Sunday	Jenny Wickman	604-0580
	Mackenzie Heyrman	834-0123 (home)
2nd Sunday	Ben and Anna Bourassa	604-2396
3rd Sunday	Alex Reed	835-5271/ 373-0543
	Valerie Staidl—Borkovec	373-0731 (cell)
4th Sunday	OPEN	TEMP-Michelle McDowell
	OPEN	TEMP-Hannah McDowell
5th Sunday	Stephanie Heyrman	834-0123 (home)
	Jasey Jicha	834-3606 (home)

If you would like to help be a volunteer to staff our nursery on the 4th Sunday of each month, please contact Michelle McDowell or the church office.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYER LIST



Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

— Hebrews 4:16

All Military personnel & families including:
Lance Corporal Mike Beck
Senior Airman Michael Brugger
Spec. Jared Belongia

General Prayers:
Pam Bramschreiber
Debbie Brugger
Genny Buhandt
Brandon Dakins
Megan Dakins Family
Ken Exferd
Bob & Lavon Gifford
Carol Grose
Vicki Haag
Marge Hagman
Bennett Heyrman

Stephanie Heyrman
Linda Hyland
Carla Jose
Rick Jose
J.R. Krause
Rosetta Lehman
Barb Leonard
Wilma Melms
Elysia Mireles
Joan Noack
Rachel Rysewyk
Family of Bruce Schuettpelz

Patti Trepanier
Mary Sue Truckey
Jim Urquhart
Ilma Young
Susan Young
Ed Weigelt
Mickey Ziesse

Our Faith Family
in Nursing Facilities:
Deets Aland

NEWS FROM YOUR DEACONS — February 5 SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Deacon's Pantry. We are still in need of canned fruit and boxed dinners. **Don't forget Soup-er Bowl Sunday is February 5!** Please bring in your canned goods, non-perishable items and/or cash to help fill the Deacons' Food Pantry! The Sunday School kids will be collecting your donations as you come for worship.



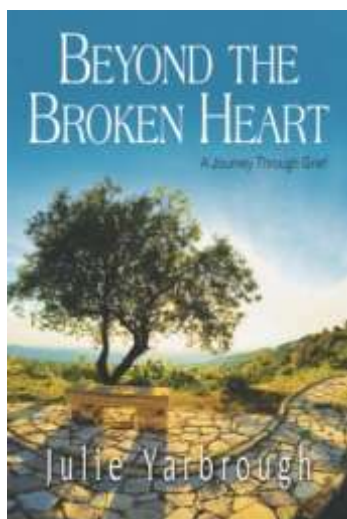
HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY



The Horizons Bible Study will meet on Feb. 21, from 10:00-11:30am. Led by Rev. Diane Fite, the study meets in the Fireside Lounge.

The new study is entitled “Who is Jesus?” and the topic is who Jesus is according to the Gospel of Matthew. The scripture to read before class is Matthew 13:51-53, with an optional reading of Matthew 5-7; 13. All are welcome to attend.

COMING TOGETHER TO GRIEVE THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE



If you have suffered the loss of a family member, spouse, a child or other loved one, The First Presbyterian and Methodist Churches of Oconto ask you to join together for an eight week gathering to help with the grieving process. The gathering will be in the Fireside Lounge of the First Presbyterian Church, 133 Jackson St., Oconto on Sunday evenings, 6:00-7:30 pm starting on March 5th. We will be following “Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief” from Julie Yarbrough. There is a study guide that goes with it that will be available the first night. Rev. Craig Alwin and Rev. Dave Henke will be leading.

Please RSVP by Feb. 20th to either UMC at 920-834-2955 or FPC at 920-835-3922.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER — Marriage Getaway

Wouldn't it be great if "happily ever after" really were the end of the story? **Great marriages require intentionality and investment**—just like a garden that must be watered in order to grow. FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember getaway offers biblically-based insights from top speakers and marriage experts; relaxing alone time to rediscover the reasons you fell in love, free from distractions; and helpful tools, projects, and resources for an immediate impact on your marriage. **February 10-12 at Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton.**

(Other dates and locations available too — look online)



Sign up today at www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember and get a discount with our **group code WTROCONTO**.

Talk to Pastor Craig or Kris Alwin for more info.

10th ANNUAL CHAMBER EXPO

The 10th Annual Chamber of Commerce Expo will be held on March 18, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. At the Bond Community Center. Admission will be \$1.00 and will go toward the Carriage House. The public is encouraged to attend to see what's new in the Oconto area. Shop local!

Let us know if you would like to sit at the FPC booth for a time that day! It's a great way to make connections with people and tell them who we are.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Feb 5	Souper Bowl of Caring
Feb 10-12	“Weekend to Remember” Marriage Retreat
Feb 11	Presbytery Meeting, Shawano
Feb 12	Sunday School Heart Cookie Sale
Feb 21	Horizons Bible Study, 10:00 am
Feb 27	Session Meeting
March 1	Ash Wednesday
March 3	World Day of Prayer
March 5	1 st Sunday in Lent
March 18	Oconto Chamber expo
Mar 27	Session Meeting
April 9	Palm Sunday
April 16	Easter Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing offering
April 23	Confirmation Sunday
April 24	Session Meeting
May 7	Youth Sunday
May 13	Presbytery Meeting
May 14	Last Day of Sunday School
May 29	Memorial Day, Office Closed
June 26	Manna Meals at FALC, FPC serves
July 23-28	Synod School
August 27	Worship by the Water

HERE'S YOUR (NEW) SIGN!



The Oconto High School Booster Club requested bids for the old OHS sign. Our Session, noting that a new sign in front of our church would be nice, it was “needed” at this time, and voted to offer \$250 for the old sign and two sets of letters. We were notified the day after the bid deadline that our bid was the only one received! Thanks be to God!

We now need to clean up the old sign by carefully removing the vinyl, decide on the best location and design for a supporting structure (as OHS used their support posts for their new sign) and have the sign updated to FPC Oconto. (It was mentioned, with a smile, that “HOME OF THE BLUE DEVILS” might not be the best wording to invite people to our church!)

Please contact Pastor Craig if you would like to help remove the old vinyl, have input on where and how this new sign will be used, and how we can best retain our current sign, which was brought over from the downtown site.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Monmouth College, a Presbyterian Church-related college in Illinois, is offering sophomores through seniors in high school that are theologically curious a two-week summer experience at their college. It will provide opportunities to engage topics in theological inquiry, learn new modes of worship and spiritual practice, participate in service, experience interfaith activities, and explore the vocation. The cost is free with charter bus transportation provided to and from Chicago. The theme will be “Feast or Famine: Thinking theologically about food and food security”. The dates are July 16-30, with the application deadline being May 1. You may register online at monmouthcollege.edu/lux-summer. What an incredible opportunity!

They also would like to inform you that their Presbyterian Scholar program may be of interest to those currently searching for a college. They have \$21,000 annual scholarships available to those pursuing education at their college.

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Rev. Dr. Teri Ott at teriott@monmouthcollege.edu.



SYNOD SCHOOL INFO from Karen Bickel



Are you ready for the next installment of Synod School? Mark your calendars for July 23-28 — when Synod School 2017 takes place at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

“LET JUSTICE FLOW” is this year’s theme.

J. Herbert Nelson, recently elected stated clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will be the convocation speaker, and Cláudio Carvalhaes, well-known speaker and worship leader, will lead evening worship.

Eighty classes for adults, as well as a full program for children and youth, provide great opportunities for learning, renewal and fun.

Nelson, a noted speaker and preacher, and a strong force on issues of social justice, previously served as director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C.

Carvalhaes, a native of Brazil, joined the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York City last fall. He previously served on the faculty of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Louisville (Ky.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Just a few years ago, Carvalhaes was the convocation speaker at Synod School.

Registration for Synod School 2017 will open March 1. You will be able to find registration instructions in the catalogs (one will be available in the office) and online at www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool

For all of those planning on attending Synod School in July, here is a bit of an update. I am taking over booking the bus and the details associated with it. This year I am working with Gina to make sure everything goes smoothly. The bus has been booked; this year we have booked the bus with Westlund Bus Lines from Marinette. The good news: you will not have to pay extra to be picked up in Oconto! The cost will probably remain the same at \$70 if we can get a total of 24-26 people to ride. The route has not been set as we are waiting to see where the other stops will be. We are in the process of updating the bus forms and publicity to send to churches; I will put it in the bulletin when the forms are printed. Note that there will be time changes on the schedule so please be aware of them. **Lunch going out will probably be shortened as well as dinner on the way home.** We’d like to leave Storm Lake a bit earlier, if possible, as well.

IF: NE WISCONSIN GATHERING

Faith Baptist Church, Peshtigo has invited the women to their IF: NE Wisconsin gathering on Feb. 3 (5:45 pm-9pm) & 4 (8:45am-5 pm). Gather with your friends for two days of laughs, learning and worship with women from all over the area. IF: Gathering desires to disciple the next generation of women to live out God’s calling on our lives. The first step to this is gathering together. It will be done via live stream to discover together how God can use us. If you are interested in more info or to register, head to <https://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifne-wisconsin>, find IF: NE Wisconsin on Facebook, or email at ifnewisconsin@gmail.com or call Faith Baptist at 715-582-3655. The cost is \$25 and \$1+ “give what you can”. Scholarships are available. Lunch, refreshments and all materials are included. For more information, please see the bulletin board in the narthex.

FAIR TRADE ITEMS

The new batch of Fair Trade coffees, teas, and chocolate bars have arrived and are going fast. These items are great for Christmas gifts and look great in a gift basket! Checks may be made out to FPC. Proceeds will help fund Synod School Scholarships and the fair-price sale of these items helps support the families that grow and harvest them. There are also new items! Check this out:

Coffees:

12 oz Organic Breakfast Blend (Drip or Whole Bean)—a med roast sweet and balanced with a creamy mouthful and hints of chocolate brownie, roasted nut and caramel. \$8.00

10 oz Organic French Roast (Drip or Whole Bean)—Dark roast that is full of chocolaty richness with a subtle smoky flavor. \$8.00

12 oz Bright Day Brew (Drip)—Light roast that is bright and lively, creamy and soft. \$8.00

12 oz Hazelnut Cream (Drip) —Light roast that is mild and light with sweet hazelnut flavor. \$8.50

12 oz Organic Mind, Body, Soul (Drip)— Med roast to find your zen! Smooth, creamy, balanced blend that has hints of almond, malt, and dark chocolate. \$8.50

12 oz Organic Decaf (Drip)— Med roast with all the richness of the organic breakfast blend. A full-bodied coffee with a sweet, nutty, vanilla flavor. \$8.50



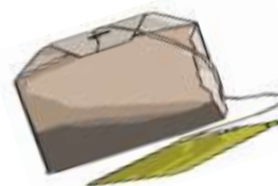
Tea:

Organic Green Tea:—20 Tea Bags \$3.50

Organic English Breakfast Tea—20 Tea Bags \$3.50

Organic Black Tea—20 Tea Bags \$3.50

Organic Jasmine Green Tea—20 Tea Bags \$3.50



Chocolate Bars:

Organic Very Dark Chocolate Bar—\$3.00

Organic Milk Chocolate Bar—\$3.00

Organic Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch—\$3.00



TREASURER'S 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT SNAPSHOT

Account #	Account Name	2016 YTD	2016 ANNUAL BUDGET	2017 ANNUAL BUDGET
INCOME:				
	TOTAL GENERAL INCOME	93,364	119,507	100,000
	TOTAL OTHER INCOME	360	375	350
	TOTAL GEN. CHECKING LOCAL DESIGNATED INCOME (pass through)	7,873	1,825	1,825
	TOTAL GEN. CHECKING OUTREACH DESIGNATED INCOME (pass through)	2,783	3,000	3,050
	SUB-TOTAL INCOME (less Mission)	104,380	124,707	105,225
	TOTAL MISSION INCOME	8,619	8,850	0
	TOTAL INCOME (including Mission)	112,998	133,557	105,225
EXPENSES:				
	Pastor Total	73,310	74,946	76,124
	Office Manager Total	8,939	10,850	10,100
	Organist/Musician Total	4,000	3,900	3,900
	Other Staff Total	1,111	0	0
	TOTAL STAFFING EXPENSES	86,248	89,696	90,124
	Property & Grounds Total	17,644	23,420	20,945
	Worship Total	1,919	1,075	1,075
	Christian Education Total	803	850	1,400
	Session Total	35	151	151
	Stewardship Total	5,984	5,015	5,510
	Deacons Total	941	1,250	1,250
	TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET EXPENSES	113,574	121,457	120,455
	Total Mission Expense	6,823	8,600	412
	TOTAL EXPENSES (INCLUDING MISSION)	120,397	130,057	120,867
	Total Pass Through Accounts	742	0	0
	Boiler Fund Payments (to Investment Account)	3,724	5,000	2,196
	Total Long Term Special Needs	0	4,500	3,500
	Total Expenses (less boiler payment)	122,251	134,557	124,367
	Total Expenses (including boiler payment)	125,975	139,557	126,563
	OVERALL DIFFERENCE	(9,252)	(6,000)	(21,338)
	DESIGNATED FOR MISSION	1,796	250	(412)
	OVERALL DIFFERENCE - Mission included	(11,048)	(6,250)	(20,926)

A detailed 2016 financial report and 2017 budget are available in the narthex.
 2016 contribution statements and 2017 envelopes are in the narthex.
 Please pick them up to help save postage expense.

GIVING SOLUTIONS — electronic giving is now available!



Forgot your envelope? Forgot your wallet? Working or out of town and can't make it to church? Here is a solution and a great way to start the new year! Vanco Payment Solutions is an online e-giving program that's a way to make both one-time or recurring giving easy. Go to our website (www.fpcocoonto.org) and click the blue "GIVE ONLINE" button to create a profile and choose the amount you wish to give and the frequency. There's even a mobile app for Apple and Android devices! Brochures with details and information are available at church!

2017 BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP



If you'd like to sponsor a bulletin in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the office to find out which Sundays are open or see the sheet in the narthex. Suggested donation is \$20 per Sunday.

BOILER "LOAN" UPDATE

ONLY \$2,196 REMAINING TO PAY OFF OUR LOAN!!

Thank you for helping to get this paid back ahead of schedule!

This Boiler "Loan" was borrowed from our Investment Fund in September 2012 with a 2% annual interest rate on any balance beginning in January 2013

DATE	NOTES	Loan Amount w/o Interest	Loan Amount w/Interest
BOILER FAILED SPRING 2012	Initial Cost to Replace Boilers	\$25,000	\$25,000
	2012 initial contibution	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
	"Loan" from Investment Fund (Sept `12)	\$24,000	\$24,000
	2012 contrtributions	(\$3,066)	(\$3,066)
LOAN YEAR 1	2013		
	Balance January 2013	\$20,934	\$20,934
	2% Interest	 	\$419
	2013 Contributions	(\$4,308)	(\$4,308)
LOAN YEAR 2	2014		
	Balance January 2014	\$16,626	\$17,045
	2% Interest	 	\$341
	Payment from Investment Fund gains (approved at Oct 2014 Session meeting)	(\$3,200)	(\$3,200)
	2014 Contributions	(\$3,226)	(\$3,226)
LOAN YEAR 3	2015		
	Balance January 2015	\$10,200	\$10,960
	2% Interest	 	\$219
	2015 Contributions	(\$5,417)	(\$5,417)
LOAN YEAR 4	2016		
	Balance January 2016	\$4,783	\$5,762
	2% Interest	 	\$115
	2016 Contributions	(\$3,724)	(\$3,724)
LOAN YEAR 5	2017		
	Balance January 2017	\$1,059	\$2,153
	2% Interest	 	\$43
	2017 Contributions Needed	(\$2,196)	(\$2,196)
	Projected Balance January 2018	(\$1,137)	\$0
	Total Interest ("gains" for Investment fund)	 	\$1,137

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The deadline for the Mar. issue is:
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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!


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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” is a favorite hymn of many. It is very comforting to know, as this hymn states, that Jesus, “Thou Lamb of God,” will receive, welcome, pardon, cleanse, and relieve! This is the promise we believe. However, we can’t fall into the trap of understanding our life as a follower of Jesus Christ to remain just as it was when we first came. To be a Christian is to allow the Holy Spirit to be continually changing us from the inside out every day of our earthly lives. It is often said that the only people who like change are babies with a wet diaper. That may very well be true, but sometimes change is necessary, even if we don’t all like it. The Church is all about change, and the way in which we are the church always need to be open to change. As Loren B. Mead puts it in *The Once and Future Church*:

“We have awakened to a world in which the mission frontier has changed. The organization and the structure of church life, formed for that one mission, now need to be reoriented to the face of the new frontier.”

Our Family of Faith now has the option for people to change the way they support all that God is doing to change lives – you can now use electronic giving! We have partnered with Vanco Payment Solutions to provide a safe way to contribute to the ministries of FPC. There is a blue  button on our church website, or you can fill out a paper authorization form available in the church office.

Checks, cash and coins are always welcome, but our prayer is that by providing another way to fulfill your promise to financially support our Family of Faith, we will be able to provide more positive changes to more people in the years ahead.

*God Bless.
Pastor Craig*