



First Presbyterian Church of Baraboo **Newsletter**



Meet Daniel Farber



Chaplain Daniel Farber served in the military, with the USAF for 6yrs. Here he worked in the medical field, as a Med Tech in Emergency Services. Later, Dan received a nursing degree from MATC and the University of Wisconsin, and then worked in cardiac intensive care and emergency services. Mr. Farber went back to

school and received his Mortuary Science degree at Worsham College in Skokie, IL.

Daniel worked at and owned the Farber Funeral Home in Reedsburg for 32 years. Prior to his retirement he studied at Midwestern Baptist College, part of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he obtained his degree in Church Planting.

He currently serves as Chaplain for the Reedsburg Senior Life Center, Minnesota-Wisconsin Disaster Relief, and First Step Assurance – family support ministry. He fills in as a bridge Pastor when there is a need.

Daniel lives in Reedsburg with his wife Nancy, and enjoys time with their 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and their fur baby, Mary Puppins! When he has time to relax, you will find him on hiking trails around Sauk County and each year he makes an annual wilderness excursion to the boundary waters canoe area in Northern Minnesota. He is pleased to assist First Presbyterian Church of Baraboo as bridge pastor. In addition to Sunday services, and regular office hours on Wednesdays, Dan has devoted a good deal of time visiting shut ins, seniors,

Congregational Life Ministry... has talked with Presbytery and they are allowing First Presbyterian to contract for three month periods with Daniel Farber to lead our church services. This will help to streamline our search for a new Pastor, and save us having to interview and hire an Interim Pastor before beginning the search for a new pastoral candidate, and that person is found, approved. and hired to serve our congregation.

Enjoy a light supper while listening to guest speakers discuss:

- ♥ Mental health topics including grief, depression and other mental illnesses in men, women and young people
- ♥ How to help others who are suffering
- ♥ Where to find resources

5:00 pm
JAN 15
FEB 19
MAR 19

Free of charge; reservations appreciated,
walk-ins welcome.



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PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women had a great year of fundraising in 2022 thanks to everyone's support.

The **Fall Sale** raised a total of \$1,606.25. Because of this we were able to donate \$808.50 to the Baraboo Food Pantry and \$797.75 to the Giving Tree. We had previously donated to them before our fall sale.

With successful fundraising efforts, we were able to help other charities in Baraboo, making a \$500 gift to the Period Project, a \$500 gift to purchase pillows for Hope House and the Homeless Shelter. Presbyterian Women also made gift bags for Baraboo First Responders. PW also adopted a young mom and her two sons. She had always worked two jobs until a debilitating disease made her unable to work.

On December 21, 2022 the Presbyterian Women helped Community Hero's wrap gifts for children. We had a Food Pantry drive this fall and were able to donate 113 pounds of food and supplies to the pantry. Thank you to everyone for your donations.

Presbyterian Women are currently selling Candy bars, Pecans, Pecan Clusters, and sold tickets for raffle items which were displayed in the Narthex. These efforts will help us to support other charities during the winter months. Again, we thank everyone that has supported our work over the past year.

PW meets the second Wednesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings. Watch Grace Notes and the Bulletin boards for time and place.

A Blast from the Past...

Did you know that in 1851, our original church building, a small wooden structure across from today's civic center, was decorated with crimson curtains along the sides and a map of world missions at the front of the sanctuary?

Missions, both worldwide and local, have always been an integral part of our Presbyterian outreach at First Presbyterian.



On Sunday, November 13 we celebrated Pastor Lisa Newberry's last Sunday at First Presbyterian, and her leadership of 12 years as Pastor.

Congregational Life has had a very busy year and I'd like to thank our team for always going above and beyond to get things accomplished.

During Lent we took plants to those not able to worship in person with us. We celebrated Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. Maundy Thursday we welcomed the UCC and Methodist churches.

It was decided to have "Lite Fellowship" each week consisting of coffee, juice and cookies. We started this on May 1 and put out a signup sheet for each Sunday.

We had proposed a trip to Neshkoro to visit Samba Safari for all the church family. The date did not work out but 4 people went and felt that it would definitely be a fun outing and hopefully we can do it in 2023.

On August 28 sixty members of our church family attended the last summer show of the 2022 season at Circus World Museum and honored David SaLoutos as he completed 34 years as Ringmaster. Everyone had a great time and we thank him for his work which has brought joy to over 4 million people over the years.

Oak Park was approached to see if they could provide transportation on Sunday for those members of our church that live there. They agreed and we thank them for that accommodation.

On Sunday November 13 we held a reception to say "Farewell" to Pastor Lisa Newberry who resigned to pursue a new vocation.

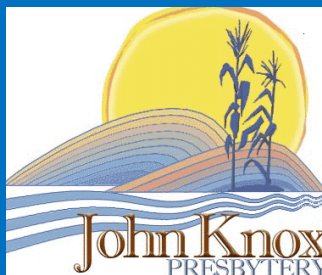
On November 20 we welcomed Chaplain Dan Farber who graciously agreed to be our Bridge Pastor until we are able to find a permanent pastor.



First Presbyterian is a Certified Earth Care Congregation!

The Green Team holds their next meeting at church on Tuesday, January 24th at 4:00 pm. Until then, here are a few things you can do to help our planet.

- ◆ Do you have a green New Year's resolution? How about placing reusable shopping bags in your car, so you don't leave them at home when you go to the store! Currently, we use about 100 billion plastic bags per year in the US. On average, only about 1 of every 200 plastic bags are recycled. Try to see how few, if any, plastic bags you can use this year! If those plastic bags are accumulating, take them back to your favorite grocery store and deposit them in the plastic bag recycling bin!
- ◆ Styrofoam can persist in a landfill for 500 years or more before breaking down. Styrofoam decomposes into tiny pieces and persists in nature beyond that; so it is best to avoid altogether. Another way to think about it... 20 generations from now, your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren will find your single use Styrofoam cup still here along with all the other Styrofoam cups we use in our lifetimes. Sometimes it is unavoidable, like the big pieces that protect a new appliance or items that arrive in foam coolers. Reynolds Urethane Recycling in Madison has a 24/7 public dumpster in their parking lot for clean Styrofoam waste (2701 Progress Rd, Madison, WI 53716, 608-906-4244).



John Knox Presbytery is a community of communities: centered in Jesus Christ, linked to one another, and boldly responding to the Spirit's call to join God's mission.

Knox Knots are sent out twice per month and do contain quite a bit of information that can help us stay up to date on events and information, especially while we are between pastors.

If you would like to receive Knox Knotes in the future, you can email Karen Deniger at: karen@jknox.org or call the office at 608-647-8828 and ask to be added to the email list.

Outreach Ministry has been busy with many projects. Recently, they created the Period Project for our Schools. Anne Crane did an amazing job working with the school nurses and we received a \$500 grant from SSM St. Clare Foundation to help with the project. We provided supplies to the Baraboo High School, the Jack Young Middle School, and the grade schools. Moving forward, Outreach plans to provide supplies to Hope House and the Homeless Shelter.



Outreach has also been working on a major project to help combat the Winter-time Blues! The project is **“Soup For The Soul,”** and it will begin at 5:00 pm on January 15, 2023.

Depression is a major concern with people of all ages, from all walks of life, and that includes children from grade school on up. "Soup for the Soul" will be a joint effort between First Presbyterian Outreach Ministry, Sauk County agencies, SSM Health - St. Clare Hospital and Clinics, other churches, and other sources of help for dealing with depression.

- **January 15-** Farmers & Sauk County General depression awareness
- **February 19** -Men and Teen Depression awareness
- **March 19** – Women & Depression; and Grief Depression.

These three programs will start at 5pm with a light meal of soup, bread, and dessert. We are looking for sponsors to bring any of the items for the meal. We also welcome any help with the programs.

Outreach Ministry would also appreciate any help getting the word out through out the Sauk County area. Posters are available if you would take one for your work, gym or anywhere you go during the week.

Outreach Ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend.



As far as we know, Sandy Edwards is the only member who remembers Ernest Henke, our pastor from 1909-1940. Rev. Henke baptized her in the Gollmar home when she was a young girl. She can remember kneeling on a dining room chair and holding onto its back for the occasion.

Presbyterian Birthdays for January & February

January 16—Mark Wozniak
January 21—Sue Wresch
January 26—Glenn Deedon
February 4—Shirley Bulin
February 18—Bob Foote
February 26—Joan Kaul



Congregational Life—continued

Rev. Gilmore will be helping with the Sunday Services and we greatly appreciate his doing that for us.

Poinsettias were taken, during Advent, to those unable to worship with us in person, to let them know that we keep them in our prayers.

We thank Rev. Gilmore and Chaplain Dan Farber for making the Christmas Services so meaningful and thoughtful.

Kathleen Thurow, Chairperson

More from your Green Team...

Almost 50% of bottled water is just reprocessed tap water. 36 ounces of water is needed to produce one 12-ounce plastic bottle. Only 1 in 7 plastic water bottles is recycled. The FDA rules about testing tap water are more stringent than for bottled water. If you drink 8 glasses of water a day, bottled water will cost you about \$1,750 (at \$1.50 per 20 oz bottle) while tap water will cost you less than \$1. If you are concerned about the quality of your tap water, ask your water utility for recent test results (or have your private well tested regularly).

This is your newsletter... and we need your content. Please get information and ideas to Dave SaLoutos by March 1.



THEIR STORIES. OUR LEGACY.

Milly Zantow was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of Baraboo. Born on an Oklahoma farm in 1923, she gave up several college scholarships to care for a ailing sister in Virginia. There she took night classes, even going without eating so she could afford school. During WWII she worked for the Federal agency that would come to be known as NASA. In 1944 she married Wayne Stevens, and after his death in the 1960s, she married Forrest "Woody" Zantow and moved to Wisconsin with sons Jim & Paul. A third son Todd came along a few years later.

Zantow got involved with the International Crane Foundation (ICF) in Baraboo in the 1970s and was the organization's first volunteer administrator. On an ICF trip to Japan in 1978, she was impressed by their system of recycling after watching people set out sorted waste materials for recycling every day.

Back home, Zantow discovered her county landfill was closing without a new one to take its place. When she studied the heaping piles of waste material at the landfill, she noticed how much of it was plastic, so she became determined to make plastic recycling possible. She did a lot of research, figured out how to identify different kinds of plastic, and convinced a local manufacturer to use recycled plastic when making new products. Then she and her friend Jenny Ehl started a recycling collection center in Sauk County. Beyond the hard physical work of processing recyclable materials, they spoke to schools and community groups, explaining the benefits of recycling and helping people set up their own local programs. Liz Nevers, one of their volunteers, was even inspired to earn a master's degree in recycling and solid waste management!

Zantow helped write Wisconsin's first mandatory state recycling law, which was passed in 1990. She also developed the system that is now used worldwide to identify and separate the seven different types of plastic for recycling. (Look for the numbered triangle on the bottom of the next plastic product you buy!)

Milly Zantow died in 2014, leaving an inspiring legacy that includes her well-known saying, "Waste is not waste until it is wasted." She was inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame in April 2017.