



First Presbyterian Church of Baraboo Newsletter



Update On Our New Pastor Search

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) began meeting Monday nights on January 23, and the work continues.

Recently, our goal was to produce a Ministry Information Form (MIF) which will provide information about our church and our search for a new Pastor to potential candidates. The form is a mix of basic information about our church and community, five narrative questions, ten Leadership Competencies, and other basic information like compensation, housing, etc.

Back in March, we gleaned information from members about what traits were important to have in a new Pastor. Then we took all of those thoughts, identified which of the five narrative questions they best illuminated, and then wove those ideas into paragraphs or left them as bullet points, depending on which method would be the most clear to a potential candidate reading the responses to the five prescribed questions.

Next, your Pastor Nominating Committee identified the ten leadership qualities (from a list of thirty-three), that were the most important to our congregation. We had a lot of lively discussion about which Leadership Competencies were our top ten. It was all amicable and we arrived at a consensus.

This was sent to David Gilmore, Sue Melrose, and Jeff Japinga for their feedback before being presented to our Session for approval. The MIF was approved by session with a few additions, and then sent to John Knox Presbytery for approval.

Presbytery approved our MIF and we've been told that many Ministry Information Forms (MIFs) are returned to committee for revision, however, ours was not... approved the first time. Credentials were provided to Luke Kramer so that he could upload our MIF document to the website where potential Pastors



On Good Friday, several members of the First United Methodist church choir joined with the First Presbyterian Church choir for the evening service at 7:00 pm. If you like to sing... we would love to have you join our choir as well. Don't be shy... we really would appreciate some extra voices.

Pastor Search—Continued

can view the information. We should begin receiving resumes shortly. In the meantime, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has prepared eight interview questions to ask potential candidates we've identified as potential candidates.

Committee members are Luke Kramer, Janet Fritsch, Kathleen Thuro, Glenn Deedon, Jean Wendt, Cheryl Anderson, Cliff Nieuwenhuis, and David SaLoutos, with the Reverend Mark Hughey serving as advisor from the John Knox Presbytery. We would like to ask that members continue to pray for the PNC committee and Pastor Mark Hughey, for the work they are doing and that we will soon identify a great candidate to be our new Pastor.

UNDIE SUNDAY – MAY 21ST!

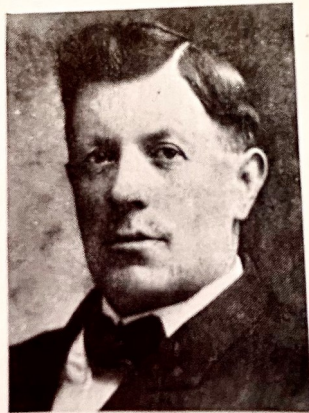
All sizes of underwear from kids to adults will be collected. There will be a container in the Narthex to accept these donations. Thank You!

Presbyterian Blasts from the Past...



Did you ever notice the rooster on the pedestal at the entrance to our church building? It was placed there at the instigation of Rev. Maurice Jones, pastor from 1941-1972. Rev. Jones noted that the rooster, which stands atop the steeples of most European protestant churches was the brainchild of John Calvin, father of the Presbyterian denomination, and Christopher Wren, the famous British architect who rebuilt the churches in England after the 1066 great fire of London. The rooster is a fitting symbol for protestants because of Jesus' words to Peter about denial. Jesus' words remind Christians of their weakness and God's forgiveness. The fact that the rooster crows in the early dawn became a symbol of the new dawn in history with the Protestant Reformation.

Carlton Koons, a pastor who served our church for only two years in the early 1900s, was very interested in sports and the out-of-doors. He played football for Macalester College. Then during his short tenure here, he led youth from our church in many camping experiences. Later, at Eau Claire, he was scout-master of Wisconsin's first Boy Scout troop. Scouting and camping continued to be a passion throughout his ministry in Ashland, WI.



REV. C. L. KOONS
1907-1909

The Sunday School movement began in the 1780s in England. At that time, it taught reading, writing, cyphering, and a knowledge of the Bible to working children. In the succeeding years, it has provided biblical education for children and adults alike. In the late 1800s, our own church's Sunday School attendees outnumbered the church's membership. In addition to the Baraboo Sunday School, we even offered separate Sunday Schools in the Fairfield and Greenfield sections of Sauk County.

We are a Certified Earth Care Congregation!

GET FREE "JUST WATER"



Is your local non-profit organization having a fundraiser where you plan to sell bottled water? The Green Team of the First Presbyterian Church of Baraboo wants to help you! It is offering water in cartons called "Just Water" free of charge to local non-profit organizations.

This is a project that the Green Team hopes will educate people about consuming water in cartons rather than bottles because only 30% of plastic bottles get recycled. The cartons are made out of 54% paper and 34% plant-based plastic. This results in putting 74% less carbon emissions into the air compared to plastic bottles.

Just Water is all-around better for our environment!

Just Water cartons can be pre-ordered between 9am and noon Tuesday through Friday. Boxes of 12 water cartons are available free in any amount desired. We only ask that it not be wasted. Quantities might be limited based on demand. Pre-order and make delivery arrangements by calling the First Presbyterian Church at 608-356-5945 or email office@presbybaraboo.com

JUST WATER is
Premium Pure
Spring Water in an
Eco-Friendly BPA
Free Plant-Based
Bottle! Naturally
Alkaline, and a
High 8.0 pH



Fully Recyclable!

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.

Presbyterian Women hit the Road...

Where? Why to Cross Plains on May 10th! Breakfast will be at The Vessel Restaurant, and then shopping.



The Vessel offers made from scratch bakery items such as cinnamon rolls with cream cheese icing, muffins, cookies, brownies, coffee cake, bread loaf slices as well as breakfast, lunch, and more! They are being featured on America's Best Restaurants.

Sign up in the Narthex. We will leave from the parking lot at 830.

Presbyterian Anniversaries

May 14, 1966 - Glen & Marybeth Deedon - 57 years
May 24, 1986 - Jim & Shirley Kieffer - 37 years
May 27, 1989 - Mary-Jane & Bob Foote - 34 years
May 31, 2008 - Bridget & Mark Wozniak - 15 years
June 7, 1980 - Bill & Sue Wresch
June 9, 1962 - Bob & Sandy Zweifel
June 28, 1975 - Bob & Gail Schmiedlin
No July Anniversaries



Prelude and Postlude: Meaningful Addition or Meaningless Tradition?

By Dr. Kimo Smith, Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.

Have you ever wondered what meaningful function, if any, the prelude and postlude have in a worship service? Having played fifty-plus years of preludes to the accompaniment of pre-service chatter, and frequently finishing my postludes to an empty sanctuary, the question has arisen in my mind as well! Why am I doing this? Does anyone care? If I were to slip a little "*Stairway to Heaven*" into the prelude, or a bit of "*Star Wars*" in to the postlude, would anyone notice? Or is that the only way they would notice?

In my view, "pre-lude" and "post-lude", though traditionally accepted and widely used, are unfortunate terms to describe these musical moments in worship. These words imply that this music takes place before and after worship. In reality, these are integral parts of worship, as much as those that they precede and follow. They are the first and last acts of worship.

The prelude, the first act of worship, sets the tone for what is to follow, inviting worshipers to gather, to transition from their busy lives into a sacred place of communion with God and with each other. Some use this time of preparation to greet and re-connect with other worshipers, while others prefer to prepare in quiet introspection. Regardless of how one uses this time, it should be understood that the prelude is not just pretty (or loud!) background music, but music that is selected with the specific intent of inviting people into worship. I do my best to select music that will match or compliment scriptural and sermonic themes or the other music in the service. At the same time, I attempt to provide a variety of styles and moods, from introspective to exuberant, from classical to as contemporary as an organ can get!

At FPCH, I appreciate the tradition, begun by interim pastor, Gary Stratman, of being seated during the postlude. This is NOT for the purpose of marveling at the organist's skills, though, admittedly, the postlude is usually loud and sometimes flashy. [Cont. Page 4](#)

Presbyterian Women are having a potluck event for fellowship following church on Sunday, May 21. We will be making recipes from some of the PW Cookbooks of the past. We thank Sandy for the interesting stories about our church cook books and recipes by several Presbyterian Women. Elsie Gilmore shared some history and stories about the ladies in our church, and we all enjoy reminiscing as we sample some of the wonderful dishes!

Presbyterian Women's Fellowship Meal

Sunday, May 21, 2023

<u>Menu Item</u>	<u>Prepared by</u>	<u>Recipe From</u>
Pumpkin Bars	Cyndy Croft	Codee Curtain
Presbyterian Punch	Kim Bpclemjaier.	Marietta Davis
Fruit Salad	Dar Otto	Geri Larson
Banana Bread	Mary Collins	
Salted Peanut Bars	Kathy Teasdale	Kathy Teasdale
Lemon Cookies	Kathy Teasdale	Kathy Teasdale
Shrimp	Sharon McArthur	Sharon McArthur.
Bootlegger Beans	Sandy Edwards	Lucille Fischer
Cream Cheese Cupcakes	Mickey Rau	Marge Hatz
Jell-O Cottage Salad	Darlene Otto	Erma Teelin

PW hopes you can join us for this special fellowship.

Presbyterian Birthdays for May, June & July

May 4 - Cyndy Croft
May 4 - Kathy Teasdale
May 8 - Mary-Jane Foote
May 17—Dave SaLoutos
May 18 - Deb Nieuwenhuis
May 19 - Kip Nieuwenhuis
May 24 - Mary Collins
May 31 - Sandy Greenwood
June 10 - Jon Hatz
July 10 - Kim Bockenbauer
July 10 - Jon Stoffels
July 16 - Tom Otto
July 16 - Bill Wresch



Prelude and Postlude: Meaningful Addition or Meaningless Tradition—continued

It IS for the reason that worship has not yet finished. The postlude is the loud and enthusiastic “Amen” to worship! Worship ends at the last note of the postlude, just as it begins at the first note of the prelude. The postlude provides the transition from sacred worship back into our varied lives and activities, equipped with renewed courage, energy, and a commitment to serve God and others. If you talk through the Prelude and Postlude, not only are you missing out, but talking prevents others near you from enjoying their full worship experience.

Just some thoughts from the guy at the keyboard. We may come from different worship traditions, and it's important that we remain mindful and respectful of that. If this tradition of listening to the prelude and postlude is something foreign to you, give it a chance. Who knows? Perhaps you'll find something one Sunday that resonates within you and touches your soul. If that happens, I will have accomplished my goal!



Girl Scout Troup #4344 enjoyed a Tea Party in Fellowship Hall. We love sharing our space with the community, and especially with children. A big thank you to Franceen Leatherberry for her many years as a Girl Scout Leader.