

## Looking to 2015

In 2015 we are planning on:

- Coordinating a volunteer program for youth
- Continuing to provide scholarships for youth
- Coordinating community meals with our ecumenical partners
- Continuing to build our ecumenical relationships
- Continuing to work with the Thrift and Gift ministry
- Developing small groups
- Visiting inactive members
- Organizing a youth mission trip
- Increasing our giving to Presbyterian mission offerings

## Your Gift Matters

First Presbyterian Church of Winneconne is called to Love, Follow, Learn, Share, and Serve. We are able to do this through the generosity of faithful givers like you.

There is so much more to do for God's kingdom. Help us grow our ministry. Be a part of what God is doing and give generously. Your gift matters.

## Stewardship Prayer

I thank you, Lord, for the gift of being your child and a citizen of a kingdom that has eternal value. I am grateful for the privilege of investing my time, resources and even my very life in that which matters to you -- preaching the gospel, pursuing justice, brokering peace and caring for the hungry, sick and the forgotten.

As I consider my gift, send your Holy Spirit so that I may joyfully share what I have, and I ask that you would take what I have to offer, multiply it and use it for your kingdom purposes. In the name of Christ I pray. Amen.

## Faithfully Serve

*... serve (the Lord) faithfully with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you."*  
1 Samuel 12:24



## First Presbyterian Church of Winneconne



## **Faithfully Serving, Our Story**

First Presbyterian Church has been a beacon of light in the Village of Winneconne for over 150 years. As a community of faith we have made a difference in the lives of our members and the community that surrounds us.

The guiding principles that direct us are:

- Sharing in meaningful ways our faith in God
- Practicing of our faith
  - As individuals, leading by example
  - As a congregation
- Sharing a Community Spirit of friendship, belonging, loving, caring, learning, patience, and support
- Reaching out to the Winneconne and to the world

Our commitment to Jesus Christ has given us the resolve to offer hope and compassion to all who walk through our doors. Our hospitality has provided a sanctuary for programs benefitting our community. Such as: the Bridge House, Weight Watchers, Girl Scouts, and Fun Food Fridays.

## **Faithfully Serving, a Vision of Our Work**

In January of 2014, with the guidance of the pastor and session, the congregation adopted a vision of ministry for the next 12 months.

Three areas of ministry were chosen to work on. They were:

- Ministry within the Winneconne Community
- Ministry within our congregation
- Ministry to the world.

Within each area specific tasks were identified and leaders chosen to spearhead these initiatives.

Community needs we identified were:

- Assisting the village with collating booklets and other mailing.
- Providing scholarships to youth.
- Assisting the time-bank
- Developing a volunteer program for the youth
- Building relationships with churches in town
- Providing Fun Food Fridays for the elementary school kids
- Assisting the Thrift and Gift Ministry

Congregational needs we identi-

## **Faithfully Serving, a Celebration of Our Accomplishments**

Today we celebrate the reality that much of what we set out was accomplished. We also acknowledge that much more is needed to be done.

Within the community needs, we were able to :

- Assist the village with a mailing
- Assist a high school student in paying tuition
- Provide meeting space for the Time Bank board meets in our building
- Offer Community Meals in our building in partnership with other area churches
- Continue Fun Food Fridays
- Volunteer at the Thrift and Gift store every fourth Saturday of the month

Within the congregation, we were able to:

- Provide adult education
- Coordinate Sunday morning fellowship times
- Support our youth in attending camp and participating in the Presbytery summer work trip

Within the world and community at large we were able to: