Winnebago Presbyterians At Work & In the News

Two faiths, one house of worship
The Rev. Tom Willadsen wrote about the sharing of worship space of FPC,-Manitowoc, and the Congregation Anshe Poale Zedek.
Congregation Anshe Poale Zedek gathered for worship on a Saturday in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, as Jews have been gathering for thousands of years. The scroll of the Torah was removed from the ark at the front of the sanctuary. Worshippers touched the scroll with the fringe of their tallitot, then touched the fringe to their mouths, signifying their desire to have the words of the Lord on their lips. Cantor Jerry Berkowitz was assisted by two other worshippers, rolling the scroll to the day’s portion. Several worshippers gathered at the bimah and recited the ancient prayers, thanking המלך הפלג, “the king of the universe” for the gift of Torah, among other things. Continue

Pentecost: The Little Church That Could
FPC-Winneconne was acknowledged for their commitment to the youth in their community. Few things disturb a community more than the sudden passing of one of its young people. This was certainly true of Winneconne, Wisconsin, population about 2,000.

But when people learned of a local teen who had committed suicide, First Presbyterian Church of Winneconne decided it needed to do something. In response to the reaction of the community, the congregation of less than 100 members took on the subject of mental health in an effort to support the local youth. Continue
Synod of Lakes and Prairies Meeting

Commissioners to Synod, Kenn Sann (pictured on the left) and Tom Willadsen, represented Winnebago Presbytery at the spring meeting of the Synod of the Lakes and Prairies. A new moderator and vice moderator were installed, commissioners adopted a strategic mission plan, and the synod coordinating team discussed per capita for 2020. Much work was done over the course of the two days. Find the full recap of the meeting here.

Special committee delves deeper into questions of sustainability and per capita

Sarah Moore-Nokes is part of the new Special Committee on Per-Capita Based Funding and National Church Financial Sustainability. This committee is charged with reviewing the current per-capita based system and reviewing national church financial sustainability. The committee held its first in-person meeting May 13-15 in Fort Worth — well-aware of pending deadlines (Dec. 31 for the financial sustainability report and Feb. 21 for per capita). As the gathering came to a close, committee members voiced feelings of excitement, trepidation, of making progress and feeling a little in the fog. Continue to full article.

You are invited to a book discussion hosted by Winnebago Presbytery!

**When:** Thursday, June 27, 2019
10-Noon (lunch included)

**Where:** Memorial Presbyterian Church
803 E. College Ave.
Appleton, WI 54911

**What:** Join Sarah Moore-Nokes, General Presbyter, and Moderator Jennifer Zander to discuss the book *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made For Whiteness.*

Austin Channing Brown is a leading new voice on racial justice, and the author of the compelling autobiographical book, *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness.* Austin is committed to exploring the intersections of racial justice, faith and black womanhood.

There is no cost for the discussion and lunch will be provided.
Click here to register and here for the event flyer.
Registration closes June 24

Updated Synod School Bus Information

Attending Synod School? Leave the driving to someone else!

Join others in the Presbytery on the coach bus to Synod School.

Cost is $75.00 round trip.

Click here to see the schedule with times and bus stop locations. Click here for the registration form.
For questions, contact Karen Bickel.

Don't forget Winnebago Presbytery provides scholarships for Synod School.

$100/individual  
$180/couple  
$200/families

Contact your church office for more information.

Local Mission Grant Applications

A back to school store, a warming shelter, and a men's shelter. What do these all have in common? All three were supported last year by funds from Winnebago Presbytery's local mission grants. The deadline is approaching, but there is still time to get your congregation’s application in!

The Local Mission Grant application for 2020 is available here and on the Winnebago Presbytery website homepage. The application deadline is August 1, 2019, and funds are dispersed in March 2020.

Sessions (individually or jointly) may apply on behalf of a particular mission, ministry or project in the church or community. Entities may apply for start-up funds (not more than 3 years, normally decreasing amounts); one-time requests; or annual operating support. Please do not include requests for staffing dollars or capital projects. Winnebago Presbytery will not fund salary requests or capital projects. Projects must be re-validated each year.

Civil Rights Pilgrimage for Faith Leaders

A Pilgrimage of History, Horror, and Hope

Hosted by Wisconsin Council of Churches

October 21-24, Memphis to Montgomery

Over the course of four days, traveling by bus from Memphis to Montgomery, we will visit and reflect on some of the iconic sites in our nation’s history of grappling with slavery, Jim Crow, the Civil Rights movement and our contemporary reality. We will meet with people who can help us understand how the past shapes our present and will spend time as a group of faith leaders considering how this experience can shape our ministries here in Wisconsin.

The trip will be jointly led by the Rev. Kerri Parker, Rev. Winton Boyd, and Rev. Phil Haslanger. The trip size is limited to 25 people, so if you're interested, don't hesitate. Full details

Update on the The Bail Project

You may remember that Winnebago Presbytery contributed $2,000 from the Peacemaking fund towards the opening worship offering supporting The Bail Project at last summer's General Assembly. The Presbyterian News Service has an update on how the funds are helping people in Louisville and other communities.

The Bail project works to ease jail crowding while ensuring justice

Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service - May 14, 2019

LOUISVILLE

Shameka Parrish-Wright speaks with the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, during "Coffee with the Clerk" —Randy Hobson

If Shameka Parrish-Wright continues to do her job well, she won’t have it for much longer — and that’s fine by her.
Parrish-Wright, site manager for The Bail Project in Louisville, Ky., has worked for the past year helping to free nearly 900 Louisville-area low-income residents, many of them accused of misdemeanor offenses and stuck in jail because they couldn’t raise cash bail as low as a few hundred dollars. Continue

The CBS Sunday Morning show recently aired a story reporting on the disparity and consequences of the cash bail system.

The founder of The Bail Project is interviewed along with those directly affected and those helped by The Bail Project and similar programs.

Information from the Presbytery

**Fall Camp Planning Meeting**
Join other Christian educators and youth directors for a Zoom meeting to continue planning fall camp. The keynote speaker at camp is the Rev. Dr. Jason Brian Santos the Presbyterian Mission Agency Coordinator of Christian Formation. The planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20 at 11am. [Zoom link](#)

**2020 Presbytery Meeting Dates Are Set**
Earlier this year, the Leadership Commission received a letter from a number of ministers in the Presbytery requesting that Presbytery meeting dates be reconsidered so that some meetings take place during the week rather than all Saturday meetings. For 2020, the Leadership Commission has scheduled the following meetings:

- **Saturday, February 8, 2020**
  9:30am – 3:30pm
  FPC, Fond du Lac

- **Tuesday, May 12, 2020**
  2:00pm - 7:00pm
  FPC, Marshfield

- **Tuesday, November 10, 2020**
  9:30am – 3:30pm
  FPC, Shawano

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**Employment Opportunities**

**Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries**
FPC-Green Bay
First Presbyterian Church, Green Bay, seeks a half-time (20 hrs/wk) Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries. This person will provide overall leadership that interacts with, engages, nurtures, and educates children, youth, and adults so that they grow in their relationship with God and neighbors, and support the church's mission of inspiring all to love and serve with Christ. The Director is a leader in envisioning the future and developing new programming ideas both for the church and for the near west side neighborhood. A full position description is available here. Applicants should send a resume and a brief letter expressing your interest to the Personnel Committee in care of office@firstpresgreenbay.org.

**Choir Director**  
*Grace Presbyterian Church, Beaver Dam*  
Grace Presbyterian Church is hiring a choir director to lead the choirs during worship services and special events. Full job description.

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### Conferences, Learning Opportunities & Resources

#### The Art of Transitional Leadership  
**September 16 -20, Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN**  
The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is planning a new event this fall -- "The Art of Transitional Leadership" -- that will provide ministry skills training for today and tomorrow’s church pastors, staff, committees on ministry, and congregational leaders. Set Monday through Friday, Sept. 16-20, at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota, the event offers two tracks, one covering an introduction to transitional ministry that runs the full week, and another offering transformation training for church leaders that takes place Wednesday through Friday of the week. More details.

#### Effective Short Term Mission Planning Workshop  
**June 15, Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church**  
Done well, short-term mission trips build community and reinforce our connections with God’s mission in the world. Without good planning and execution, however, we can do more harm than good. In this workshop, Ellen Sherby, Coordinator and Equipping for Mission Involvement at the Presbyterian Mission Agency, will offer practical tools and written resources for your mission trip leaders to focus and pace to learn best practices from one another. Full details.

#### Way of Love Revival  
**October 26, 10am-4pm, Appleton**  
We are holding the Way of Love Revival with our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. We will be asking for help to get the word out for this open-to-the-public event and will provide text and materials in August you can drop into your communications. We hope you will mark it on your calendar and plan to attend, too! Details at diofdl.org/w

#### Evangelism Training  
**June 29, Fond du Lac**  
The Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac will host a three-hour evangelism training, 2-5pm on Saturday, June 29th at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Fond du Lac. It will equip people in how to share their faith and invite others to church. Led by the Episcopal Church’s Evangelism Team, it is targeted to all Christians, regardless of affiliation. You may also be interested in attending the diocesan Eucharistic Festival at 11am followed by a free picnic lunch. RSVP if you will attend the training so there will be enough materials. There is no cost. Details and RSVP at diofdl.org/ef.

#### Big Tent  
**August 1-3, Baltimore**  
Organizers for this year’s Big Tent celebration are expecting a large turnout for the gathering Aug. 1-3 in Baltimore this summer. Registration is officially open for the event that is held in off years for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Registration costs have been reduced to accommodate attendees and encourage families to come. The theme for this year is "Called to a Movement Beyond Institution," which is also the theme for the 224th General Assembly, also being held in Baltimore.
The Rev. Rose McCurdy, pastor at FPC, Winneconne will share the story of FPC, Winneconne in her class entitled Generous-While-Reckless-Yet-Intentional: How We Chose Open Doors Over Balanced Budget. Click [here](#) for a full description of her class.

Find details of all the events and registration information at "Big Tent."

**Addiction and Faith Conference**

**Sept. 20-22, Bloomington, MN**

With growing concern over the devastation of all forms of addiction, including the ever-increasing opioid crisis, the Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy (FRLC) in partnership with the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church (RMEC) present this conference on addiction and faith to raise awareness of the terrible addiction problem we face and how the church and people of faith can help to address it. Full Details and list of speakers [here](#).

### Camps and Scholarships

**Winnebago Presbytery Camp Scholarships**
The Presbytery has scholarship funds (up to 25 percent) available for summer camps through United Church Camps and the Pilgrim Center and for Synod School. Scholarships are for both individuals or families. Contact your church office for more details.

**Fall Youth Camp**

**October 25 -27, Pilgrim Center**

Save the date for fall Camp! This year's keynote speaker is Planning is underway for this year's camp which is sure to be a blast. Check back here for more details.

**Summer Camp at the Pilgrim Center**

Start planning for summer camp! Registration is opening and sessions are filling up quickly! Find all the camp details [here](#). Partial camp scholarships are available through Winnebago Presbytery - contact your church office for more details.

**Synod School 2019**

**July 16 - 26**

More than 70 classes remain open, and there's still time to register! This year's theme is Cultivating Civil Community. Partial scholarships for Synod School are available through Winnebago Presbytery - contact your church office for more details. Find more full details about Synod School [here](#).

### Presbytery Calendar

**JUNE**

**Core Group Zoom Call**

June 11, 10am - 12 pm

[Link](#)

**Fall Youth Camp Planning Meeting**

June 20, 11am, Zoom Meeting

[Link](#)

**JULY**

**CPM Meeting** (COM subgroup)

July 8, 12pm - 4pm

**COM Meeting**

July 11, 12pm - 4pm

FPC, Weyauwega
Book Discussion
June 27, 10am - 12pm
Memorial Presbyterian Church, Appleton

2019 Presbytery Meetings

October 12, 2019
Memorial Presbyterian Church, Appleton

The full Presbytery calendar can be found here.

Links To Our Partners

To find out more information about our various partnerships at both the national and local level click on the links below.

**PC(USA)**
- PC(USA) Website
- Board of Pensions
- Presbyterian Women National

**Synod of Lakes and Prairies**
- Synod of Lakes and Prairies Website
- Presbyterian Women Synod of Lakes and Prairies

**Mission Partners**
- United Church Camps, Inc
- Samaritan Counseling Center
- Wisconsin Council of Churches