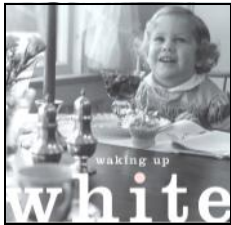


First United Monthly Newsletter

JANUARY 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you! **January** is best known as the month for **New Year's Day** and **Martin Luther King's Birthday**. Did you know it's also the time for **Someday We'll Laugh About This Week** (1/2-8), **Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day** (1/30), and **National Polka Music Month**? Here are a few more important dates to make note of:



Contemporary Readers

"Waking Up White..."

Sunday, 1/7, 5:30pm



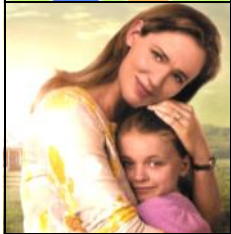
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Tuesday, 1/10, 10am



Volleyball League

Fridays (details to come)



Saturday Night Cinema

"Miracles from Heaven"

Saturday, 1/13, 6:30pm



Youth Ski Trip

Friday & Saturday, 1/26-27

You can always find the most up-to-date church information in our "[Weekly Newsletter](#)" inside your Sunday bulletin or by email. You can also find all our information and the official church calendar of events on our website at www.firstunitedpc.org. Don't miss a thing!

A heartfelt "**thank you**" for your support of all our annual holiday giving campaigns. Your donations of food, toys, and money to the **Presbyterian Pantry**



December Distribution helped them serve 142 families including 566 children! Your **Giving Tree** and **Food Basket** donations enabled us to provide ten De Pere families with requested gifts, fruit baskets, food gift cards, plus cleaning and hygiene supplies. Your help with our **Socks for the Shelter** collection allowed us to share more than 600 pairs of socks with folks at the NEW Community Shelter. Our whole church family offers a very special "**thank you**" to **Marilyn Kabat, Annette Kinchen, Cindi Barnett, Julie Mackey**, and all the other volunteers who made it all happen!



Our church family welcomed in 2018 with a wonderful **New Year's Eve Party** on December 31.

Everyone enjoyed board games, crafts, prize drawings, movies, and some fun dance music from the famous



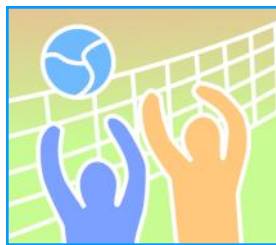
"DJ McP." It was a great way to kick off a brand new year!



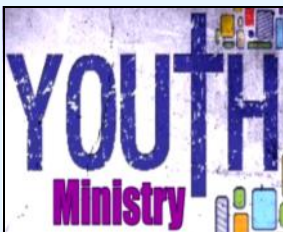
Saturday Night Cinema is back for 2018! Coming **January 13 at 6:30pm**, you're invited to share the 2016 film "*Miracles from Heaven*" starring Jennifer Garner. It's based on an incredible true story about a young girl who finds herself miraculously cured

of a illness after surviving a terrible accident. Review comments include, "...very moving and well done..." plus "...too amazing to be missed." Watch for more details in upcoming Weekly Newsletters.

We're looking for tall, athletic men and women to play volleyball. If we can't find enough of them, we'll accept anyone who likes to have fun! Seriously, our **Church Co-ed Volleyball League** will begin this month (more details and schedule still to come). Games will be on Friday evenings at Calvary Lutheran Church near Lambeau Field. If you have questions or want to get involved, please contact **Steve Warner** at 405-8808 as soon as possible. Join the fun and enjoy some great exercise!



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JAM & CORE Updates...

***Sunday 1/7 @ 6pm - Mission Trip Info Meeting** for parents of youth with interest in our July 15-22 trip to Gatlinburg, TN, in cooperation with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance organization.

***Sunday 1/7 @ 6:30pm** - Regular meetings

***Sunday 1/14 & 21 @ 6pm** - Regular meetings

***Special Event - January 26-27**

A ski trip is being planned with Green Bay's First Presbyterian Church. Lynnee needs to know who wants to go no later than January 14. For more details, contact Lynnee Schmidt at lynneesv@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women Calendar



Our Presbyterian Women's group is a community of women who are hardworking, faithful, curious, welcoming, prayerful, creative, and giving. They are YOU! Why not join us for some of our group opportunities and activities?

1/4 - **P.W.C.T. @ 9am (Room 11) & Mission Sewing @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)**

1/11 - **Talbot Circle @ 12pm (K Lounge)**

1/17 - **Esther Circle Bible Study @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)**

1/20 - **Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**

1/23 - **4th Tuesday Readers @ 1pm (Library)**

Plan ahead! The national **Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering** is set for next **August 2-5** in Louisville, Kentucky. Scholarships are available. Contact Jan Nelson, Susan Leiber, or Julie Mackey or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.



Our first **Agape Dinner** of 2018 is planned for **Wednesday, February 7 at 5:45pm**. Watch for the latest donation board in the Family Life Center showing items you can provide to help "share the love."

By the way, that Agape Dinner will be followed by a very special presentation about **Brown County Purple Angel** - a group working to train businesses and organizations in our community how to be more dementia-friendly.

Our Adult Christian Ed. classes meet **Sunday mornings at 8:30am**. This month, the "**Faith In Action**" class (in the Koinonia Lounge) is focusing on



"**Acts of the Apostles**." The "**Believe**" class (in the Gathering Area) is continuing a journey through the Bible exploring beliefs, practices, and virtues every Christian should know.

N.E.W. Community Shelter Update...

On **December 19**, our team of volunteers served 169 meals prepared by Bruce Kilmer, Dennis Hibray, Joe Williams, and Mike Kettner. Cakes were provided by Marilyn Knuth, Sandy Steffen, Diane Betz, Debbie Renier, Vern Pahl, Jan Pomprowitz, Mike Kettner, and Debbie Cordova.



Dinner was served by Sue & Emilie Planert, Diane Betz (and her friends Ginny, Carol, and Mary), with backup support from Dennis Hibray, Bruce Kilmer, and Mike Kettner. In addition, Bruce Kilmer delivered meals to Freedom House.



Patricia and Natalia Welle helped distribute three pairs of new socks to each person who ate that night. Children also received a book plus a coloring book and crayons. Thanks to Leigh Deprez for donating the children's books and to all of our

church family who donated over 600 pairs of socks! (Additional socks will be distributed during our January meal.) We couldn't have completed the project without everyone's help!

Our next date at the shelter will be **January 16** from 5pm to 6:15pm. If you'd like to donate a cake, sign up in the Family Life Center or contact **Diane Betz** at 336-5054. If you would like to help at the shelter, please contact **Cindi Barnett** at 737-5376 or cindi.barnett@snc.edu.

SERVE 2018 Update

Members and friends, thank you for your pledge to **SERVE** in 2018. If you haven't pledged yet, it's not too late. Your commitment can help make a difference in our church's work through our Ministry groups this year.



(as of Dec. 28)	PLEDGES	GOALS
Operating Fund	\$239,829	\$268,000
Building Fund	\$55,607	\$59,000
Combined Pledge	\$295,436	\$327,000
Per Capita	\$6,284	\$7,000
Pledges Received	119	140

Our church library has received a gift of two volumes of the **St. John's Bible** in the name of our friend, Elaine Kozlovsky. It's a very unique publication because it's the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press. The full collection contains seven volumes. The two we received are "*Gospels and Acts*" and "*Letters and Revelation*." You can see these two amazing volumes and learn more about them during Coffee Fellowship Time **beginning January 7**.



Our Story

Monthly Financial Update
(as of November, 2017)

"For where your treasure is there your heart will also be." **Matthew 6:21**



	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Operating Fund		
Income	\$281,500	\$289,000
Expenses	\$278,800	\$287,100
Building Fund		
Income	\$57,900	\$53,500

Operating Fund

Building Fund

Special Upcoming Dates:

Deacons Fund Offering - January 7

The **Presbyterian Pantry** "*Item of the Month*" for **January** is boxes of cereal. Did you know volunteers from our church family help the Presbyterian Pantry twice a month to help pack grocery bags for people in need? If you'd like to help, please contact Julie Mackey at 337-0890 or Susan Leiber at 337-0979.



Our **Weekly Prayer Group** will begin gathering again for the new year on **Thursdays at 10am** in our Prayer Room. Submit your prayer requests using the Prayer Cards on Sunday or by dropping your written requests in the drop box by the Prayer Room across from the Copy Room. New members are always welcome.

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Elder of the Month

Brenda Gauger

Deacons of the Month

Kathy Zeitler & Dan Hamersky



- 2 - Jack Planert & Ava Thorpe-Brawner
- 3 - Lucy Malcolm
- 4 - Alex Thorpe & Sandra Zeimer
- 5 - Lizzie Renier
- 7 - Loreen Nienhaus
- 10 - Sara Gauger
- 11 - Ian McPherson

- 12 - Corday Goddard
- 13 - Rachel French & Roger Pomprowitz
- 14 - Lane Maroszek
- 17 - Betty Pajkos & Andrea Thorpe
- 18 - Debby Cordova
- 19 - Sue Lester & Patty Merrifield
- 20 - Curt Ferrier, Sarah Parks, & Dan Pointer
- 22 - Stanley Von Hoff
- 24 - Phyllis La Rock, Andy Parks, & Nancy Rosenthal
- 27 - Sue Hutchison
- 28 - Sandy Steffen
- 30 - Becky Crooks & Peter Herber, Jr.
- 31 - Deloris Herber

Our History Corner...

This month we revisit our church before the building we enjoy today. From **1887** until the early 1960's, our church was located at the corner of **N. Michigan and James Street** (currently home to an apartment building). Some of our current members who are now grandparents or great grandparents were baptized and went to Sunday School there when they were young children.

Do you see the bell in the tower? It's the very same one that we ring here every Sunday. Our bulletin lists the **"*Ringing of the 1887 Bell.*"** That bell was saved, restored, and used again when our current bell tower was added in **1989**.

If you have any photos, films, or other church memories you'd be willing to share, please contact Mark Young at mark@firstunitedpc.org or contact the church office. Thank you!



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Sunday School
Sunday 8:30am

Worship Service
Sunday 9:45am

Coffee Fellowship
Sunday 10:45am



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9am - 1pm

Friday - closed



Do you have info to submit or corrections to share?

Please send your info to **Mark Young** at mark@firstunitedpc.org or to the church office at info@firstunitedpc.org. We always appreciate your input and feedback!