



In Touch with FPCR

FPCR Takes Care of Business

Annually, FPCR holds its business meeting. This year's meeting was difficult to schedule as the weather did not choose to cooperate! Finally, on February 24, under the direction of Moderator, Rev. Katie Ebel from Faith Springs Presbyterian Church in Pewaukee, WI, the meeting was held.

Highlights of the meeting are:

- Statistical Report—39 communicant members as of December 2018
 - Welcomed two new members in 2018 (James and Carol Frank)
 - Lost two members in 2018 (Marian Bascombe and Shirley Aicher)
- Benevolence Report—Total of \$2,983 donated by church members and friends to: One Great Hour of Sharing, the Pentecost Offering/Kathy Hospice, Peace and Global Witness Offering/Albrecht Free Clinic, Presbyterian Mission Pledge, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Slinger Food Pantry, Gingerbread House, and the Christmas Joy Offering.
- Deacon's Report:
 - There were 49 Sundays on which church services were held in 2018. Inclement weather accounted for the other three. Total adult attendance was 946; children's attendance, 57. The

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Welcome to the Session, Melissa Kujawa!



At this year's annual meeting, Melissa Kujawa was elected to a four-year term on the Session. Melissa is excited to join Rick Romanski, Allen Schoeni, Kenneth Schmidt and Jeff Zeller as Elders of FPCR.

Melissa previously served as a Deacon. In addition, she takes great care of our church and can often be found dusting, vacuuming or just generally tidying up to assure the building is always in excellent condition and the sanctuary is ready

for the next service. She even turns her love of the church into "family" time. Occasionally children Emma, Jackson, and Kate, along with husband Ryan, assist with needed tasks inside and outside of the building.

The members of FPCR are pleased to have Melissa in this leadership position! Welcome to the Session, Melissa, and thank you for your continued and loving dedication to FPCR!



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die . . . "

The Bible (John 11:25-26)

Present Elders and Board of Deacons

Elders

Melissa Kujawa
Rick Romanski
Kenneth Schmidt
Allen Schoeni
Jeff Zeller

Clerk of Session

Elaine Schmidt

Deacons

Cheryl Weber
Jean Zeller

News and Notes

(Please email us your updates to include in a future newsletter!)

Rev. and Mrs. Koehn are doing well. They have sent the following note: "We are doing as well as we can with some "HEALTH ISSUES"....and with the "help" of MANY....we remain ...and stay pretty confined during the WINTER ...especially during January. Praise the Lord....and God Bless YOU ALL!!!"

Please continue to keep Daryl Schmidt and his family in your prayers during his long road to recovery. He is making small but positive steps at Froedert Hospital.

Pastor Barbara Jordan shared news that she moved from her long-time home in Mequon to Germantown, WI. We are happy to have you closer, Pastor Barb! And . . . thank you for providing so much continuity to FPCR through excellent Sunday services.

Wow!

FPCR celebrated Soup-er Bowl Sunday by collecting and donating cans of soup to a very grateful Slinger Food Pantry! That's a big win!!!



Annual Meeting Summary

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Easter Sunday service had the largest attendance with 35 adults and 5 children; the Christmas candlelight service was attended by 33 adults.

- Holy Communion was served 9 times during the year with a total of 174 partaking (average of 19 at each service).
- FPCR hosted 12 special events.
- Get Well and Thinking of You cards were sent throughout the year and Christmas gifts were purchased as approved during the Session/Deacon meeting in November.
- Financial Report
 - 2018 Income = \$37,867.33
 - 2018 Expenses = \$38,898.84
 - Loss of \$1,031.51 for 2019
 - Budget for 2019—\$27,900
- Elder elected to the Class of 2022—Melissa Kujawa
- Nominating Committee elected for 2020—James Frank, Debbie Heppe, Melissa Kujawa, Cathy Romanski, Rick Romanski, Allen Schoeni, and Jean Zeller
- 2020 Auditors elected—Leslie Schmidt and Elaine Schoeni
- Treasurer – Brenda Schmidt assisted by Alice Schmitz
- Janitorial Duties—Melissa Kujawa
- Lawn Maintenance—R H Grass Cutting
- Snow Removal/Salting – Kenneth Schmidt and Daryl Schmidt

Elaine Schmidt closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their work and support as a church family in 2018 and stressed that “*God has a plan*” for our church as we move into 2019.



Carol Frank, Rick Romanski, Cathy Romanski, James Frank and Jean Zeller after the annual meeting.

Upcoming Services and Events



April 7 - 10 a.m. - Sunday Service

April 14 - 10 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service and Communion

April 18 - 7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service and Communion

April 21 - 10 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service and Communion

June 9 - 10 a.m. - Pentecost Service and Communion

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Cookbooks Flew Off the Shelves!

On any given Sunday before or after church, it is not unusual to hear comments such as, "Oh, I made your recipe from the church cookbook. It was so good. Thank you for submitting it!" The First Presbyterian Church of Richfield 2018 cookbook, *Heavenly Recipes*, was filled with old and new favorites submitted by church members and friends.

Many church members purchased the books and are using them to

prepare a variety of foods. However, "inside sales" were only a small portion of the total sales. The books sold to several for use as Christmas or thank you gifts as well as to those who enjoy reading and/or collecting cookbooks.

The books sold quickly and earned approximately \$2,000 for the Reroof the Church Campaign 2018. Thank you to everyone who turned sales into shingles as well as to printing sponsor Ackerville

Automotive LLC and other anonymous donors.

If you didn't have an opportunity to purchase a cookbook and are still interested, please send an email to: FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com. There are a few books available, and we will be happy to send one to you. The cost would be \$10 plus shipping.

We look forward to seeing you during this Easter season.

Services are held at 10 a.m. on Sundays at FPCR.

Plan to attend, bring a friend; and, if possible, a canned good for the Road to the Cross as we visually remind ourselves of Christ's journey to the cross.

Canned goods will be donated to the Slinger Food Pantry.



Just a Thought . . .

"Keep moving forward. God is not done with you yet. This is a long, twisty, turny business."

Comment by Rev. Katie Ebel, Moderator of 2019 Annual FPCR Meeting, on the process of finding a new Minister for FPCR.

February 24, 2019

Update: The Search for a Minister

2018 proved to be an interesting year at the First Presbyterian Church of Richfield. As reported in the last newsletter, there have been many discussions about moving forward and what church members needed and wanted from FPCR. After members gave the approval to "yoke" with Lisbon Presbyterian Church, Sussex, WI, a job description was written and published by the Presbytery. One candidate surfaced from this process; however, that individual was not a fit for the needs of the two churches.

During 2018, church services were held as usual. FPCR members had the wonderful opportunity to hear several ministers who kindly agreed to prepare and deliver excellent services. At this time, the pulpit continues to be filled by Pastor Barbara Jordan or other substitute ministers (many of them happy to repeat their visit to Richfield). Thank you Elaine Schmidt, Clerk of Session, for your thoughtful scheduling.

The next step in the process is to complete paperwork to have the job description posted nationally. There is continued communication between FPCR and Lisbon Presbyterian Church, and everyone is interested to see what candidates may be found during the next step in this process.