

# In Touch with FPCR

## OCTOBER—AN EXCITING MONTH FOR FPCR

There was a lot going on at FPCR during the month of October and it all began with the October 2 World Communion Sunday service. Ann Gibbs, Associate for Ministry Vitality, Presbytery of Milwaukee, planned a wonderful service that included the installation of elder, Melissa Kujawa, and the commissioning of Elaine Schoeni to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

### Melissa Kujawa Installed as an Elder

Melissa Kujawa is serving her second term as an elder for FPCR. She joins Carol Frank, Jim Frank, Debbie Heppe, and Rick Romanski as the session for FPCR.

Melissa has a history of serving the church. Prior to her first term as an elder, Melissa served proudly as a deacon. Additionally, Melissa and her family (husband Ryan and children Emma—a deacon, Jackson, and Kate) take excellent care of our church. They can often be found tidying up to assure the building is ready for the next service whether it be dusting and sweeping or cutting the grass and completing fix-it projects around the building.

The members of FPCR are pleased to have Melissa in this leadership position.

### Elaine Schoeni Commissioned to Administer the Lord's Supper

After training and study led by Ann Gibbs, Elaine Schoeni has been authorized by the Presbytery of Milwaukee to administer the Lord's Supper. Elaine is honored by this commission at FPCR where she was baptized and confirmed. She has a history of service with FPCR. She was an elder for four three-year terms and has participated on the nominating committee several times. You may also find her reading selections during the Advent and Lenten services or on Zoom to participate in the church's Bible Study classes.

The members of FPCR are pleased to have Elaine commissioned to administer the Lord's Supper.

**Thank you to both Melissa and Elaine for their love, dedication, and service to the FPCR family!**

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendars to attend FPCR on **November 6** and **November 20** (Thanksgiving service).

The next Bible Study will be held on **November 13**.

The **FPCR website** contains up-to-date announcements. Check it if you have questions about a service or deadline.

[www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com](http://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**All are welcome for upcoming 10 a.m. Sunday Services.**

**NOVEMBER 6**

**SERMON: STANDING FIRM**

**NOVEMBER 20**

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**SERMON: GIVING THANKS**

*Updated information is posted on the website:  
[www.FirstPresbyofRichfield](http://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield)*

## ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

### Elders

**Carol Frank**

**Jim Frank**

**Debbie Heppe**

**Melissa Kujawa**

**Rick Romanski**

### Clerk of Session

**Elaine Schmidt**

### Deacons

**Emma Kujawa**

**Cathy Romanski**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The **Peace and Global Witness** offering took place in October. Thank you all for your donations which totaled \$395.

This offering supports mission efforts through the Presbyterian Mission Agency (\$197.50), the Presbytery of Milwaukee (\$98.75), and locally. The FPCR Session selected the Slinger Food Pantry as the local recipient. A check for \$100 was sent which included \$98.75 from the offering and \$1.25 from the General Fund.

## JOIN THE NOVEMBER 13 BIBLE STUDY

The next adult Bible Study is **Sunday, November 13, at 10 a.m.** via **Zoom**. The group will discuss John 12. A link to this online meeting will be sent on Thursday, November 10. To join for the first time, please email FPCR or contact Elaine Schmidt.



Last month, participants discussed the story of Lazarus coming back to life and how we, as Christians, deal with the death of friends and loved ones.



## PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns:

**Carol and Jim Frank**

**Carol Frank's son, Jim**

**Ron Grunke**

**Ron Grunke's daughter, Shelley**

**Rick and Cathy Romanski's granddaughter, Brynn**

**Daryl Schmidt**

**Leslie Schmidt**

**Jean Zeller's granddaughter, Ashley**

Please pray for **Rick and Cathy Romanski, and their family**. They recently lost Rick's cousin, Kathy.

Please pray for the **Wojcieszak family** who lost their husband/father Eric.

## SERMON JOTTINGS

*With our present schedule, it is sometimes difficult to follow the continuum of church lessons and sermons. Here are brief summary notes from the October services.*



Date: **October 2, 2022 - World Communion Day**  
Text: **Exodus 16:1-7, 13-15** and **Matthew 14:13-21**  
Sermon: **Wonder Bread** by Pastor Ann Gibbs,  
Presbytery of Milwaukee

World Communion Day is a gift from the Presbyterian Church to the World. The Day began in Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination.

*Today's lesson talked about the Israelites escaping from slavery and wandering in the wilderness for 40 years with Moses. It was a huge shift in their reality—they had to learn to trust God.*

- Remember when Jesus blessed the food and all were fed? What started as grumbling turned into Psalm 23. What are we capable of in Jesus's name?
- What do we share—or choose to share with others?

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Date: **October 9, 2022**

Text: **2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Sermon: **The Word of Truth** by Paul Zachow,  
MAPS, Pulpit Supply

*The Apostle Paul is in prison and writing to Timothy, a teacher of the church in the early part of the Christian movement. Paul is encouraging Timothy to follow the word of truth, endure suffering, and to be faithful to God.*

- We are called to follow His word and to enact justice, love, and faith.
- Like the hymn *Day by Day*, we need to (1) see God more clearly, (2) love Him more dearly, and (3) follow Him more nearly.
- God is faithful—even when we are not. God is with us—even in the midst of suffering and self-absorbedness. God will not turn away from us.



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Date: **October 23, 2022**

Text: **Joel 2:23-32**

Sermon: **God's Spirit Poured Out for Us** by Paul Zachow, MAPS,  
Pulpit Supply

*Joel is wanting better times for the people of Israel. They have had a locust infestation resulting in the loss of crops. He asks the people to turn toward, not away from God during times of challenge and loss in their lives.*

- We are not promised a life without adversity, but we ARE promised that God will be with us through those adversities.
- Since God is with us during challenging times, we need to TRUST Him!
- We should all “grab ahold of God's hand to guide and nurture us in our lives.”
- Imagine the Holy Spirit poured out on us—what would that look like?



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following individual with a birthday in November. We wish you many more years of God's blessings.

**21 - Justin Remillard**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to the following couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries in November. May the Lord bless you and keep you for many years to come.

**1 - Rick/Cathy Romanski**

**20 - Ken/Elaine Schmidt**

***There are no  
coincidences.***

***Just God  
incidences.***

Submitted by Jean Zeller

**HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET ...**

**REQUEST AN ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

Please email **FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com** with your preferred email address so we are able to send you an electronic copy of this newsletter rather than a paper copy.

*Thank You*

Thank you **FPCR Family** for your continued donations to the Slinger Food Pantry. A large assortment of needed items were delivered after the October 23 service.

Thank you to **Elaine Schmidt** for lovingly leading the Adult Bible Study. It is always interesting and educational! FPCR appreciates your planning and knowledge.

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**INSTALLATION OF MELISSA KUJAWA AND COMMISSIONING OF ELAINE SCHOENI**



**Pastor Ann Gibbs** (top left) leads the installation and commissioning for **Melissa Kujawa** and **Elaine Schoeni**. Pastor Gibbs is assisted by **Debbie Heppe**, FPCR Elder.



**FOOTBALL PLAYOFF TIME. GO ORIOLES!**

Wisconsin High School football players and teams have their sights set on winning the 2022 WIAA State Football Championship. Hartford Oriole players **Noah Deibert** and **Jackson Kujawa** are no exceptions. As seniors at Hartford, they are working hard to earn a trip to the State Finals at UW-Madison's Camp Randall Stadium on the weekend of November 17 and 18. An October 21 win against Nicolet High School in Round 1 of the Playoffs has them on their way!

**Right:** Jackson Kujawa and Noah Deibert after a recent game.

