



# In Touch with FPCR

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE

***“Every child in Washington County will have the opportunity to experience the lasting, cherished memories of Christmas.”***

This is the mission of the Gingerbread Holiday House Christmas Program. Helping a family, selected by the Gingerbread House staff, is one of the joys FPCR has during the Christmas season. Thanks to your generosity again this year, FPCR was able to send \$715 to help a family have a happy Christmas.

FPCR’s 2021 family consists of a mother, age 29, and her 8-year old son. They had a difficult year. The mother was in a serious car accident and continues to deal with medical issues and bills. They also had a house fire and lost much. Additionally, she lost her brother. She stated that it has been a very traumatic year for herself and her son.

The Gingerbread House Holiday Gift Giving Program is part of the Youth and Family Project, a non-profit located in West Bend, WI.

The FPCR family is happy to help this family make some joyful Christmas memories.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendar to attend FPCR services **December 5 and 19.**

There will be a Communion Service on Saturday, December 11, at 2:30 p.m.

The next Bible Study is **December 12** at 10 a.m. (via Zoom).

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.*

**DECEMBER 5**  
SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
JOY OFFERING

**DECEMBER 11**  
(SATURDAY)  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
2:30 P.M. AT FPCR

**DECEMBER 19**  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
JOY OFFERING

## 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

## ADVENT COMMUNION SERVICE



Please join our friend/moderator, **Cathy Manthei**, and your FPCR family at an upcoming Advent communion service. The service will be held on **Saturday, December 11, at 2:30 p.m.** All are welcome! Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Thank you to Cathy and to **Elaine Schmidt** for coordinating this opportunity for FPCR's family and friends.



*ADVENT INCREASES OUR HOPE, A HOPE WHICH DOES NOT DISAPPOINT.*



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

**Rick and Cathy Romanski**, FPCR's Slinger Food Pantry Liaisons, shared that you contributed 201 items to the Food Pantry collection last month. In addition some of the FPCR family personally dropped off their donations AND many of you sent monetary gifts. *Thank you for your support!*

The need for personal items continues. It includes **toilet paper, facial tissues, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry detergent, and fabric softener.** Added to the list for December is **canned fruit**—especially individual six-packs of **fruit cocktail, applesauce, and mandarin oranges.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns:

Carol Frank

Jim Frank

Jim Frank's Son, Tom

Ron Grunke

Ron Grunke's Daughter, Shelley

Joyce Koehn

Cathy Manthei

Daryl Schmidt

Allen Schoeni's Friend, Toni



## DECEMBER 12 - THE NEXT BIBLE STUDY

The next adult Bible Study will be held **Sunday, December 12, at 10 a.m. via Zoom.**



Since this will be an online meeting, a link will be sent to those who participated last month. If you would like to join the group on December 12, but were unable to attend in November, please either email FPCR or contact Elaine Schmidt. A Zoom link for your participation will be sent to your email.

If you are unable to make a commitment to attend each session, we welcome you when you are able.



## SERMON JOTTINGS

*With our present schedule, it is sometimes difficult to follow the continuum of church lessons and sermons. Here are the summary notes from the November services by Pulpit Supply Mr. Paul Zachow, MAPS/Chaplain.*

Date: **November 7, 2021**

Text: **Mark 12:38-44**

*This scripture from Mark is about the scribes of the Temple. Jesus cautions the disciples and people about the way they live and conduct themselves in/out of the temple. He finds them to be hypocrites. "They like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and have the best seats in the synagogues as well as places of*

*honor at banquets. They devour women's houses and pray long prayers . . . Basically, they like to "appear" important, have privileges, and demand respect. They do NOT, however, practice what they preach.*

- The scribes "preyed" upon the poor, women, and widowed. Often they would "manage" the affairs of these individuals to make themselves richer.
- In today's society, we need to focus on right living and to not oppress those who are poor or suffering.
- We need to follow an ethic of love and caring.
- We are called to have an attitude of gratitude in terms of all the blessings in our lives, the church, and the world.
- We are called to care about the sick and vulnerable in our society and not follow the way of the scribes.
- We are called to have trust in God.
- Our offering is more than money. We are putting our whole selves and offering all of our lives to God. Our gifts, talents, and abilities are an offering to God.
- Giving our whole self over to God results in a richer and fuller life than we can imagine.

## ALL THAT WE HAVE IS A GIFT FROM GOD

Date: **November 21, 2021**

Text: **Matthew 6:25-33**

Sermon: ***Do Not Worry, Rejoice With Thanksgiving***

*This scripture reading is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He is teaching the disciples and crowd about life in the kin-dom of God rather than the culture of the day. Those who follow His ways are blessed. This Gospel is a counternarrative that helps the audience to live an "alternate" existence. It is God's world, not Rome's. It is God who reigns, not the emperor or the government. God's blessings extend to all.*

- We are called to not worry about our lives, what we will eat, or what we will drink, or what we will wear.
- We are called to place our trust in God for our needs, our lives, and for loving our neighbor.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following individuals with birthdays in **December**. We wish you many more years of God's blessings.

**10 - Diann Schmidt**

**11 - Carol Frank**

**15 - Karen Schmidt Kubsad**

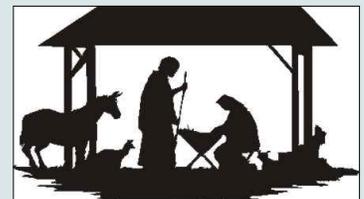
**18 - June Neumann**

**22 - Rick Romanski**

**25 - Brandon Tutkowski**

**29 - Maxine Henk**

## Joy to the World



### Enjoy a digital advent calendar

made by the Presbytery of Milwaukee staff on the Presbytery homepage (<https://www.pbymilwaukee.org>). The calendar begins on December 1 and ends December 24. It includes fun videos and images for you to enjoy daily on the journey toward Christmas.

## 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 to **Jean Zeller** for the submission of "fun" quotes which you will see over the next few months. The first one is found on the bottom of this page.

Thank you to **Elaine Schoeni**, for carefully proofreading each issue before it is published.

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## KATE AND MELISSA KUJAWA ATTEND THE BEST BUDDIES GALA

**Kate Kujawa**, Mom **Melissa**, and other family and friends attended the Best Buddies Gala. Best Buddies is found in many high schools across the state and country. The club promotes one-on-one friendships within the school between students with intellectual and developmental disabilities and those without a disability. This program tries to break social barriers at a difficult time in a teenager's life, with or without a disability. It is both a service club as well as a social organization.



## SUPPORTING PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE LEADERS



The Christmas Joy Offering is the final special offering of the year. It distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. More information is available at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>

At FPCR the Christmas Joy Offering will take place on December 5 and December 19. Special envelopes may be found on the narthex table, or you may send your check (Joy Offering on the memo line) to FPCR, PO Box 22, Richfield, WI 53076, by December 15.

## SERMON JOTTINGS

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- We cannot always control what happens in our lives or the world; but placing our trust in God can give us comfort, peace, hope, courage, and strength no matter what we face.
- Our world today is the world from which people need to be saved through Jesus' ministry.
- Christians are to be an active and faithful alternative community. The church is to be this alternative community of existence, and we are called to follow this as disciples of Jesus.
- The teachings and life of Jesus Christ, God, and the Holy Spirit shapes us and forms us to follow in Christ's footsteps and to love one another. We are also called to have gratitude for all of the blessings in our lives and the world.
- Place your hope and trust in God.

WHAT IS THE BEST WEATHER FORECAST?

GOD REIGNS AND THE SON SHINES!