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THE CHURCH'S LIFE

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Introducing Our New Pastoral Care Associate, Sandra Nuernberg



I was born in Stevens Point, WI, and am a twin. My twin sister, Cindy, and I attended schools in La Crescent, MN, Appleton, WI, and La Crosse, WI. We graduated from La Crosse Central High School, and I remained in La Crosse at the UW and graduated with a B.S. degree in Medical Technology/Chemistry. My twin sister attended Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and became an RN. We had a sister and brother as siblings, now both deceased.

I worked in the clinical/hospital laboratory as a medical technologist for over forty (40) years in Neenah, WI, Zurich, Switzerland (a working visa for fourteen (14) months), and Madison, WI. I taught chemistry instrumentation to students applying to our program at Meriter hospital, from universities in WI—La Crosse, Oshkosh, Madison, MATC.

I returned from Europe in 1973 and lived, worked in Madison, met and married my husband, Richard (Rick—a Swiss German!), in 1974, on a blind date! We've been here in Madison ever since, married forty-nine (49) years this month! We are both semi-retired and enjoy our separate professions (law and ministry). We enjoy golf, traveling, being avid UW sports fans of hockey, football, basketball, wrestling, and volleyball. I volunteer at Attic Angel Association (now thirty-eight (38) years), University League (I am President this year), P.E.O. International, and belong to four different, interesting garden clubs. I tutor at my neighborhood elementary school (Anana—formerly Falk), and golf in two leagues at our golf course, Blackhawk Country Club.



In 1997-98, I desired a career change, and with support from family and church pastor mentors, I went to Edgewood College, obtaining a MATS (Master of Arts in Theological Studies) degree in 2002, and then commuted to south Chicago to obtain my MDIV (Master of Divinity) degree in 2004, while working part-time in the laboratory at Meriter/Unity Point hospital. I was a candidate under care of the JKP and after attending McCormick Theological Seminary, was



Sandra Nuernberg Introduction (cont'd.)

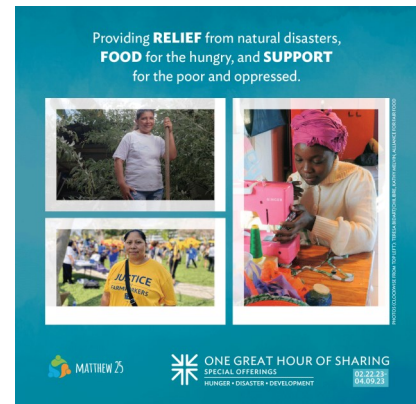
ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament on September 10th, 2006, at Oakland/Cambridge Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, WI. I was solo pastor there for six (6) years. I was at the Pardeeville Presbyterian Church for three (3) years as solo pastor. I have been employed by our Presbytery in ministry in JKP churches (more than twenty), and presently in personal pastoral care in the Madison community, prison ministry, pulpit supply. I belong to CWU (Church Women United), and I attend Esther-Naomi Circle at Westminster Church in Madison monthly and a men's group weekly at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Madison. I attend JKP Region 4 (Madison) Clergy meetings monthly. I have enjoyed these past eighteen (18) years as a second-career pastor.

Sandra Neurnberg

Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Thanks

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering was collected on April 2nd, Palm Sunday. This offering provides Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. This year our total was **\$845** for this special offering! Thanks to all who contributed!



PPOW Collection for May

It's cereal time again for PPOW. As always, healthier cereals are preferred such as Special K, Honey Bunches of Oats, Life, Cheerios, etc. The Vacation Bible School children are also going to be asked to donate cereal when they attend VBS. Watch and see what is going to be done with all the boxes during VBS (no, they are not going to be eating it!)

We collected nine bottles of vegetable oil in April, which was greatly appreciated. Let's see how many boxes of cereal we can get!

PPOW desperately needs paper grocery bags! We use 24 bags each month and we are completely out. Any that you can donate are appreciated! Just leave them in the kitchen on the table. Thank you!



PPOW (Presbyterian Pantry on Wheels)



There are 12 families at the Mobile Home Park that receive groceries once a month. Groceries are delivered to the Mobile Home Park as many of the families being served do not have transportation. PPOW can serve these families due to the commitment and support of our congregation. We share our blessings and God's love by feeding food insecure people and welcoming them as our neighbors. Romans 12:13 states "Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home". Your support is appreciated!





Pentecost Offering

On Sunday May 28, we will receive the Pentecost offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth,

and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.



AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

Our church has a brand-new AED which is in a glass cabinet on the wall by the coat rack in the narthex. It was purchased with funds from Bev Mares' Memorial. Dave Mares said Bev had a BIG heart and would have approved of the AED donated in her memory. Thank you, Dave, for this generous gift.

In cardiac arrest the survival rate for cardiac arrest with no intervention is 8%. With high quality CPR and the use of an AED the survival rate dramatically increases to 60 to 80%. One of the features of the new AED is that it gives real time CPR feedback. There is a metronome that lets you know how fast to perform compressions and the machine will tell you to push harder or tell you if good quality CPR is being performed. The defibrillation pads can be used for an adult or a child.

The new AED is the easiest model on the market to use. You don't need a medical background or have taken a CPR class to use the AED. It gives step by step auditory/verbal directions as well as colored diagrams on how to use it. It literally coaches you through CPR and defibrillation (shock) and gives you the confidence to intervene in an emergency. A rescuer NEVER determines if a shock is needed, only the machine has that responsibility.

AED (cont'd.)

The first minutes after a cardiac arrest are critical and with an AED in our building, we may be able to help someone have a good outcome in an emergency.

Here are links to 2 short videos (a little over 3 minutes each) that show how to use the AED. The videos show the actual AED in our building.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR1Y1vA2WRY>

Video Links

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0IWbEBOYFk>

Christian Ed



Sunday School

There will be Sunday School on May 7! Youth will be in worship until after the choir sings and then will be invited to leave for a Bible lesson, craft and music. Our Bible story will be about planting seeds, there just might be some dirt in Sunday School!!!

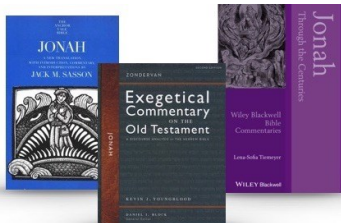
Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 14

First Presbyterian will again be offering a one day Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, June 14, 9:00am - 2:00pm. Our theme is *In the Beginning...God Created* Ages 4 through those just completing 5th grade are invited to join us. Interested in joining the fun - call the church office 608-835-3082 or contact Judy Belanus 608-455-1221, jbelanus@gmail.com by May 21.



All are welcome! Invite a friend!



Bible Study

The Bible Study group has finished their study of Jonah and is on break! A very special thanks to George Jura for his dedicated leadership. The group always met on Zoom so will gather in person on June 4 for a potluck and fellowship.



Session Action Items from April

Supported the Bible Study group request to use the church kitchen for a group pot-luck/fellowship gathering on June 4.

Approved awarding a secondary education scholarship to Abileini Espinoza (daughter of PPOW contact family).

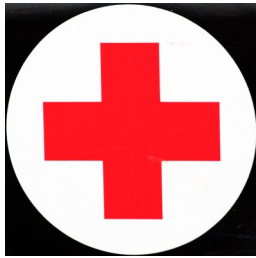
Approved a policy for maintaining the new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and authorized the sale of the old AED.

Elected David Hanson, Commissioner to the May John Knox Presbytery meeting.

Enthusiastically approved the extension of Elisa Kaether's contract as music director.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Niebauer, Clerk of Session

Oregon Community Blood Drive Oregon Fire Station



Truck Bays
117 Spring Street

Thursday, May 11, 2023
11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS(1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. and enter sponsor code: OregonWI

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass!
Visit

RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Two promotions for May:

Join our team! Come give 5/1 thru 5/19 for a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of your choice.

Come give 5/20 thru 5/31 for an exclusive Red Cross beach towel, while they last!



May

1: R.J. Mastny
4: Pat Arthur
6: David Mares & Bob Johnson

7: Cindy Mehl
14: Michael Fahey
16: Ted Belanus
19: Nathan Krenz
20: Sue Mielke
25: Joe Rueth & Marcia McDermid
28: Lois Losenegger
29: Nancy Holloway

March Financial Snapshot

First Presbyterian Church of Oregon								
Monthly Financial Summary								
as of	March 31, 2023							
					Monthly	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	
					Amount	Actual	Budget	
Pledges Committed (Annual Budget \$117,440)								
	Operating Cash Revenue from Pledges				\$ 9,974	\$ 29,639	\$ 29,360	
Operating Income					March	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	
	Total Income				\$ 12,104	\$ 34,971	\$ 32,938	
	Deduct: Total Expenses				\$ 10,300	\$ 30,220	\$ 50,560	
Adjustments to Cash:								
	Add: Transfer from Current Assets				\$ 1,845	\$ 1,845	\$ -	
	Deduct: Transfer Memorial Fund Donations				\$ -	\$ 110	\$ -	
	Deduct: Principal Payment on Debt				\$ 857	\$ 2,430	\$ -	
Net Operating Income (Loss) ADJUSTED					\$ 2,791	\$ 4,056	\$ (17,622)	
Cash Balance-Operating Fund					March	Year-to-date		
	Beginning Balance				\$ 29,668	\$ 28,322		
	Ending Balance				\$ 31,900	\$ 31,900		
	Increase in Available Operating Funds				\$ 2,232	\$ 3,578		

Per Capita for 2023— The Per Capita payment for each FPC member this year is **\$35.15 per person**. As you are able, please place your check made out to FPC in the offering plate or mail it to the church, or you may pay via our online giving page. Your per capita payment is much appreciated by the church and helps to meet our budget.