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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 16, 2025

THE DOCKET

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER – Moderator, Reverend Kim Trimboli

DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Clerk, Maureen Wise (a quorum is not less than one tenth of the active members – the congregation can vote to fix a higher quorum – never less than three members shall be considered a congregational meeting.) (Book of Order G-7.0305)

RECOGNITION OF ELDERS SERVING ON SESSION AND DEACONS SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DEACONS

ELDERS SERVING ON THE SESSION

2025

Tracey Pomeroy
Deana Gillespie

2026

Kate Hughes
Ron Reuteler

2027

Lee Tan
Mary Keyt

DEACONS SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2025

Bea Piering
Jodi Godsell
Betty Marr

2026

Jan Vonada
Gary Stigler

2027

Nancy Soberg
Cindy Barbieri
Denine Dulde

CALL FOR THIS ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION:

- To receive reports from the board of deacons, the committees of session, and other organizations of the church; and
- To approve the slate of nominees of the 2025 Nominating Committee

APPROVAL OF THIS MEETING'S MINUTES.

“If the congregation does not approve the minutes of a congregational meeting before adjournment, the session shall read, correct, and approve the minutes of that congregational meeting at its next scheduled meeting and shall enter them into the permanent record. At the next meeting of the congregation, the clerk shall have the minutes available and shall report the session's action. The congregation may ask to have them read and may make additions or corrections by vote. The minutes of each meeting of the congregation shall be attested by the moderator and the secretary and shall be entered in the minute book of the session.” (Book of Order G-7.0307)

ADJOURNMENT
PRAYER

Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Forest Park Presbyterian Church
New Berlin, Wisconsin
Sunday, February 18, 2024

The meeting was held following the Service of Worship at 10:30 a.m. in person with a live feed via ZOOM for those congregation members that could not attend in person. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Pastor Kim Trimboli.

A quorum was declared to conduct the business of the congregation, with over 30 members in person and 7 online.

The reports from the committees and congregational groups were received. Committee chairs were invited to offer clarifications or comments relating to their individual reports. A congregation member motioned and another seconded to accept the reports as presented.

Congregational members at large were presented to serve on the nominating committee and no others were nominated. Gary Stigler (Committee Chair), Nancy Soberg and Carol Krogmann were elected by the congregation to serve on the 2022 nominating committee with Ron Reuteler representing Elders and Betty Marr representing Deacons.

Pastor Kim noted those serving as Elders and Deacons and thanked all those currently serving on the Boards.

Serving as Elder:

Class of 2024: Sara Grant and Lee Tan

Class of 2025: Tracey Pomeroy

Class of 2026: Kate Hughes and Ron Reuteler

Serving as Deacon:

Class of 2024: Cindy Barbieri and Deb Haag

Class of 2025: Betty Marr, Marney Willie and Gordy Willie

Class of 2026: Jody Godsell, Jan Vonada and Bea Piering

Moderator Pastor Kim Trimboli asked if there were any other items of business to discuss. A member at large asked that we consider returning to open sharing of joys and concerns during worship. Pastor Kim mentioned this would be noted and discussed at Worship and Music.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the minutes of the February 18, 2024 Annual Meeting are to be read and approved at the next scheduled Session Meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator, Pastor Kim Trimboli.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Pomeroy, Clerk of Session

Rev. Kim Trimboli, Pastor and Moderator

Forest Park Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
New Berlin, Wisconsin

Membership Statistical Summary for 2024

I.			
	a. Reported active membership as of December 31, 2023		104
	i. By profession of faith	0	
	ii. By certification of transfer	0	
	iii. Affirmation of faith	0	
	iv. Reaffirmation of faith	0	
	v. Reinstate to active membership	<u>0</u>	
	Total Gains	0	104
	c. Losses in 2023		
	i. By death	0	
	ii. By other losses	17	
	iii. By certification – Letter of Transfer	<u>1</u>	
	d. Total losses	18	
	i. Total active membership as of December 31, 2024		86
	1. Women = 50 58.1%		
	2. Men = 36 41.9%		
	Baptized children	1	
	Marriages	0	
II.	Total adherents as of December 31, 2024		
III.	GAINS:	0	
	By affirmation of faith:		
	LOSSES: Removed from Active Rolls	18	
	In Memoriam:	0	
	Baptism:	0	
	Marriages:	0	

Pastor's 2024 Annual Report

As I look back on this year, it feels as though I have now been here long enough that we have settled into a rhythm together. It is hard to believe that 4 years ago I was entering into early conversations with the PNC, and that this coming summer I will have been your pastor for five years. Yet even as we have a more settled rhythm - particularly compared to that first year! - we have also continued to try new things and develop new relationships. We have just finished my fourth Advent and Christmas season with you, and each one has had its own character and opportunities. It was fun to do the first Family Christmas and Bread event, and I hope you all enjoyed your banana bread! As we now have some children who are aging into middle school, it is my intention to begin to offer some events specifically for those older kids who may be feeling like they have aged out of the playground.

We manage to have a lot of fun together from Gathering For a Cause to Holy Humor Sunday, and increased opportunities to serve the community through Loved Ministries and further programs with Community Conversations. Brunch with the Bible continues to meet monthly, and Lunch Bunches have become a well-loved and well-attended experience. The Women's group is meeting monthly as well, studying the Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study for this year, in addition to the two weekly Bible study groups that are still going.

There were many ways in which our deacons, worship volunteers, and staff helped to make sure that our members and visitors feel nurtured and cared for. I am grateful to have so many of you who will step in and make sure details are handled across the life of the church. I was sad to see Gwen leave us this year as she heads to Virginia, and excited to welcome Mya to manage some of our Communications. I was sad to see Gwen leave us this year as she heads to Virginia, and excited to welcome Mya to manage some of our communications and advertising.

I continue to moderate Greenfield Avenue Church's Session meetings, and served as the Vice Moderator of the Presbytery. In February I will be installed as Presbytery Moderator, and I am grateful to be in a church that lifts up and supports the work of the Presbytery and supports me as I take part in that work.

I thank you for your ongoing support and expressions of love. It is a joy to be your pastor and to journey alongside you on the path Christ calls us to follow.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Kim Trimboli

Board of Deacons 2024 Annual Report

Deacons, along with Pastor Kim Trimboli, continue the support and care of our Church Family. This year we continued with our assigned care, communication, and worship committees. Deacons of Forest Park meet monthly to discuss and take care of concerns regarding members of our church family and community.

Deacons offer and provide:

- *) Prepare and assist with communion
- *) visit shut-ins, and assist with communion with Pastor Kim
- *) greet members and guests as they enter the church
- *) assist with flowers
- *) assist/manage meals, visits, or assistance for members in need
- *) manage weekly hospitality
- *) assist with funerals as needed for greeting, care, and hospitality
- *) assist with weddings or other functions in the life of our church
- *) contact congregation regarding changes with worship, or other activities
- *) assist with rides to church or other places as needed
- *) send greeting cards for birthdays, special occasions, or get well wishes.
- *) Deacons maintain a fund for the purpose of assisting members of the church that are in need

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Deacons-Moderator
2024-2025
Betty Marr

Community Conversations 2024 Annual Report

The Community Conversations program continues to mature. The inaugural year (2023-2024) wrapped up with a presentation in March about dementia and was well received.

For the 2024-2025 program the team decided to make a theme in an attempt to provide a more cohesive program, the theme selected was **Aspects of Aging**.

To begin the program year, the theme of Depression during the holidays was revisited and was again well received. The program year will wrap up with three events scheduled in 2025: Scams & Fraud, Aging in place safely, and Sandwich Generation.

Personal advertising is the best way to make people aware of our events, so we hope you will take a few flyers and hand them to friends, family, and neighbors who could benefit from joining one or more of these conversations. If you know local businesses who would be willing to have a poster, please give them one. If you are on Facebook or Instagram you can also help get the word out by promoting the postings for our events.

Respectfully submitted
Lee Tan

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Building and Grounds 2024 Annual Report

2024 has been a full year again! The NEW boiler is in and after a few tweaks to the system all is good! We should all be warm and toasty in the cold for years to come. Also, the new ROOF and CHIMNEY tucking will keep us nice and dry too.

DILLET MACHINE will be setting up a maintenance program for both the boiler and the 2 roof top A/C units.

WE ENERGIES will start the work on putting the power lines underground in late February or early March. Preferred Electric will be installing the new meters and other electrical that is needed to update the church and then hooking up the outside power to the inside of the church.

ADELLMAN carpet cleaners will be cleaning carpets for us in January or early February.

And of course, the year wouldn't be complete without something breaking and that would be the Dishwasher. So, we will be looking into fixing it or replacing it.

A BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE for helping out to keep FPPC up and running!

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Reuteler

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Finance Committee 2024 Annual Report

We had several large expenses this past year including replacing the boiler and roof. Due to our planning and many generous donations, we were able to cover almost all of these costs but did have to use some money from the Memorial fund. We are working with the Building and Grounds committee to continue our planning for future expenses.

We are currently running a larger budget deficit than in years past - we have \$15,000 less in pledges for the 2025 budget as compared to 2024.

Even with these large expenses we have been able to put additional money in our investment accounts and these accounts have accrued a good amount of return over the past year. Please see the attached financial statements for a complete accounting of our 2024 finances.

Committee Members: Lee Tan, Paul Neymeyr, Art Reimer, Kate Hughes
Treasurer: Scott Simpson
Counters: Cindy Barbieri, Deb Haag, Carol Krogmann, and Gordy Willey

Respectfully submitted
Kate Hughes
Finance Committee Chair

Mission Committee 2024 Annual Report

Celebrate your hope; be patient in suffering; give constant energy to prayer; contribute to the needs of God's people; make sure you are hospitable to strangers. Romans 12:12-13

The congregation is the church engaged in the mission of God in its particular context. G-1.0101 Book Of Order PC(USA)

Our intention as a congregation is to hold before ourselves Jesus' teachings, to be His disciples, to obey God's Word and show God's love. We will do this in the way we worship, teach and care for each other, our community and the world. Forest Park Presbyterian Church - Statement of Purpose

These statements above constitute our guiding principles as a congregation, whether from scripture, the denomination, or our own words. As is abundantly apparent in this report, we continued, with the support of the whole congregation and God, to fulfill these principles in 2024 through our mission work.

Listed are some examples of Forest Park living up to and into its history of outward mission with:

Money:

- The four Special Offerings of the PC(USA)
- The mission efforts of the Palm's in the Philippines
- Students at Presbyterian seminaries
- Loved Ministries
- The Presbytery of Milwaukee, through both Per Capita and an additional donation
- Church World Service - Hygiene Kits
- Pres House and Carroll University – Meals

Time:

- Loved Ministries: Blanket tying events, Gathering For A Cause, and care packaging events
- Church World Service - Hygiene Kits
- West Allis/West Milwaukee Schools
- Pres House and Carroll University – Meals

Donations:

- Apostle Presbyterian Food Pantry
- Faith Presbyterian Food Pantry
- Women's Shelter
- Angel Tree Backpacks and Christmas gifts
- West Allis/West Milwaukee Schools
- Milwaukee Rescue Mission

The Mission Committee thanks everyone for their support in 2024 and look forward to the great work continuing in 2025.

Lee Tan
Mission Chair

Personnel 2024 Annual Report

The Personnel Committee celebrates its fourth full year working in collaboration with Pastor Kim. We are appreciative of her vision and grateful for her work as Head of Staff.

Overall, it was a busier year for the Personnel Committee with many meetings as we completed the personnel work for FPPC. We were grateful for the leadership of Sara Grant who completed her term as Session chair in May. Thanks also to Kristen Tan (Worship & Music), Betty Marr (Deacons) and Art Reimer (Finance) for their expertise and participation in 2024. Tracey Pomeroy began her term as Session chair in June 2024.

In August, the committee hired Mya Gulliani as FPPC's first official Communications Coordinator. Mya works up to 10 hours a week on a variety of items including website updates, Facebook posts on Instagram and Facebook, weekly Pew News and advertising and materials for Community Conversations. We are appreciative of her creativity and expertise.

Performance reviews for the Pastor, Administrative Assistant, and Music Director were held in October. Subsequent salary recommendations for 2025 were provided to the Finance committee for preparation of the 2025 Annual Budget.

We were saddened to receive the resignation of Gwen Gannon, Music Director, in November. We were grateful for her talent and leadership as she provided music accompaniment during worship in a variety of ways. Gwen moved to the east coast to be closer to her fiancé and we wish her well in her new chapter.

The position of Worship Accompanist has been posted and we are working to fill this position as quickly as possible. Additional goals for this coming year are to review (and likely update) both the Personnel Committee's component of FPPC's Manual of Operations (MOO), and the FPPC document Policies for Non-Installed Personnel (Pam, Mya and the Worship Accompanist).

Our continuing goal is to provide resources and support to Kim and her staff in growing her ministry and strengthening relationships with members at FPPC and throughout the Presbytery.

For the Committee:

Tracey Pomeroy (Session, chair) Kristen Tan (Worship & Music)
Art Reimer (Finance) Betty Marr (Deacon)
Rev. Kim Trimboli

Worship and Music Committee 2024 Annual Report

The Worship and Music committee met monthly to discuss and plan meaningful worship for our congregation. Special thanks to the following individuals who participated on the committee during 2024: Rev. Kim Trimboli, Music Director Gwen Gannon, Sylvia Larsen, Cindy Barbieri, Maureen Wise, Rick Pomeroy, Kristen Tan and Deanna Gillespie

The following are some highlights of 2024:

- We have maintained sharing joint worship services with Faith, Heritage, and Greenfield Avenue for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Thanksgiving
- Easter Sunday was joyfully celebrated with Bells Choir, Choir and Trumpet by Garrett Pomeroy
- We celebrated the Baptism of Callahan Reuteler
- Rally Day and World Communion Sunday services were enjoyed outdoors with the help of Rick Pomeroy
- Christmas Eve worship service included music by the Choir, Handbells, Tan strings, Rick Pomeroy and Gwen Gannon on piano and organ
- We enjoyed special music for services throughout the year by Tony Trimboli, Mindy Schroepfer, Josie Schroepfer, Michael Trimboli, Kristen Tan, Kim Trimboli, Rick Pomeroy, Bell Choir, Children's Chimes and Gwen Gannon
- At the end of December, Gwen Gannon resigned her position and moved out of state. We thanked her for her time and service to Forest Park-she will be missed.

We thank all who have supported our worship experience as musicians, liturgists, ushers or playground supervisors throughout the year!

Respectfully submitted by:
Kristen Tan, Chair