

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

FEBRUARY  
2026

## Stay Involved

### February Ushers

**Head Ushers: Sonya Alexander**  
Ushers: Dan Alexander, Kyle Hicks, Bob Alexander, Butch, Faythe and Troy Amberg

### February Communion Servers

**Head Server: Bob Alexander**  
Servers: Bruce Tiffany, Nick & Katherine Brozek, Dan Tiffany, Gene Schultz, Dave Danielson

### February Greeters

Deacon of Month: Dan Alexander  
February 1: Leon King  
February 8: Lois Davis  
February 15: Don Dagner  
February 22: Kathy Peterson

## Office Hours

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 11am-2pm  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 11am-2pm  
Friday: 8am-2pm

## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, February 8: Faith & Agriculture with Round-table
- Sunday, February 8: Friendship Dinner
- Memorial Gathering for Todd Peterson: February 11
- Youth Skating Event @ RACC on Wednesday, February 11

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# THANK YOU & DEACON UPDATE

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the First Presbyterian Church congregation for your continued generosity and support of WoMen's Rural Advocacy Programs (WRAP). Over the past year, your donations have directly supported individuals and families in Redwood County who are experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and related crises. Your giving reflects a deep commitment to compassion, safety, and community care, and we are truly grateful for your partnership.

Your contributions help WRAP meet urgent, real-world needs that arise when someone is escaping violence or rebuilding safety. Donations support emergency shelter and safe housing, food and basic necessities for individuals and families while staying in safe housing (this was the primary designation of your donations), transportation to court or medical appointments, advocacy and safety planning, and youth prevention education. Funds also help enhance safety through practical measures such as installing security cameras, repairing or replacing damaged doors, or addressing vehicle repairs when abuse has impacted a survivor's ability to get to work, school, or appointments. Because of supporters like you, WRAP can respond quickly and flexibly—meeting people where they are, when they need help most. Thank you for standing with survivors in Redwood County and for being a trusted part of the support system that helps individuals and families move toward safety, hope, and healing.

With sincere appreciation,

Becci ten Bensel, Executive Director

WoMen's Rural Advocacy Programs (WRAP)

## Deacons Minute for Mission: January 2026

The deacons would like to share with you results of some of their projects.

In The Presbyterian book of order, deacons, in part, embody the Ministry of compassion and service. Through this ministry and with the help of the Endowment committee and the Special needs fund we were able to assist two different families in Redwood County this past year. This is just one area that the deacons are working in to be of service to Jesus Christ and the First Presbyterian church.

A year ago we started serving Friendship Dinners again, each deacon decides on a meal plan, at their expense, as part of their deacon of the month duties. Through these dinners and the generous donations collected, we were able to donate \$854 to WRAP which is Women's Rural Advocacy Program. I would like to read a thank you letter from Becci Bensel who spoke with our congregation last spring.

In continuing this year with these dinners we voted to donate any contributions collected to "Childs Place" this is a children's advocacy center that provides services to children who are victims of crime or witnesses of significant violence. Their office is in the building across from the law enforcement center.

Please keep your eye on the church emails and the February 1st bulletin as we will be having Sara Reynolds from "Childs Place" here for a visit.



# BIRTHDAYS

## February

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Katherine Brozek, James Palmer,  
Samantha Gertsema

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Max Fuhr

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Andrew Stephens

**6<sup>th</sup>:** Valerie Stephens

**7<sup>th</sup>:** Pearl Alexander, Jenny Kohler,  
Jared Miller

**12<sup>th</sup>:** Sean Becklund, Penelope Oja,  
Theodore Oja

**13<sup>th</sup>:** Bryant Robertson

**14<sup>th</sup>:** Fae Becklund

**15<sup>th</sup>:** Nancy Miller

**16<sup>th</sup>:** Kyle Jacobson

**17<sup>th</sup>:** Shelby Burg

**18<sup>th</sup>:** Brady Stough

**19<sup>th</sup>:** Shawn Corder, Annie Bloedow

**20<sup>th</sup>:** Annika Quinn

**21<sup>st</sup>:** Peggy Dolezal

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** Noelle Donner

**25<sup>th</sup>:** Lee Davis, Randy Juell

**26<sup>th</sup>:** Nathan Zimmerman

**28<sup>th</sup>:** Cade Morris, Kelly Kohler,  
Penny Fuhr, Danika Jansen,  
Craig Melges

## Bloodmobile

The Deacons are in charge of the canteen at the bloodmobile on February 16, sign up to donated and volunteer in the Narthex.

Please Join Us  
All Are Welcome

Morning worship with a message of Faith  
and Agriculture from Rev. Tim Olsen of the  
Evangelical Environmental Network

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**10:15 AM**  
**WORSHIP**  
**Q & A TO FOLLOW**

**Evangelical Environmental Network:**

EEN inspires, equips, educates, and mobilizes evangelical Christians to love God and others by rediscovering and reclaiming the Biblical mandate to care for creation and working toward a stable climate and a healthy, pollution-free world.

Rev. Tim Olsen

Rev. Tim Olsen grew up on a farm in SW Minnesota. Graduating from the University of Minnesota with an Agriculture Education degree he worked for several years as a County Extension Agent for the University of Minnesota and Cornell University (NY), attended the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) he served rural congregations in Iowa for 14 years. Tim launched a nonprofit that provided curriculum and technical support for constructing teaching gardens on the campuses of Title 1 elementary schools to enhance STEM education.

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## Friendship Dinner

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**11:15-12:30 PM**

Serving:  
Hot Turkey  
Sandwiches & Sides

**FREE  
EVERYONE WELCOME**

Bring your friends &  
neighbors!  
Big white church across  
from the post office.



# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE WORSHIP WEEKEND FOOD BAGS: MAMMEN	2 BOY SCOUTS USE OF CHURCH	3	4 BIBLE STUDIES PIECEMAKERS YOUTH CLUB	5	6	7
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE WORSHIP: HOLY COMMUNION ROUND-TABLE WITH REV. TIM OLSEN FRIENDSHIP DINNER CONFIRMATION	9 BOY SCOUTS USE OF CHURCH	10 SESSION MEETING	11 BIBLE STUDIES MEMORIAL GATHERING: TODD PETERSON YOUTH CLUB- SKATING PARTY DEACON MEETING	12	13	14
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE WORSHIP WEEKEND FOOD BAGS: STEPHENS CONFIRMATION	16	17 CHIMES DEADLINE RUBY'S PANTRY SCOUTS BOARD MEETING	18 BIBLE STUDIES PIECEMAKERS YOUTH CLUB ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	19	20	21 PRESBYTERY USE OF CHURCH
22 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE WORSHIP	23 BOY SCOUTS USE OF CHURCH	24	25 BIBLE STUDIES YOUTH CLUB	26	27	28

