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MILWAUKEE



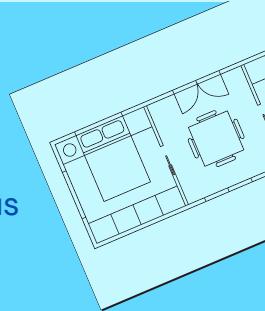
2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Presbytery of Milwaukee is part of a vital church that includes you! Together we are building on, shown by what we accomplished in 2024.

GATHERING THEME: BUILDING ON...

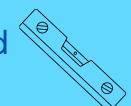
2/24 BUILDING ON...OUTWARD, INCARNATIONAL FOCUS

Our mission partners at United Church Camps (UCCI) and Habitat for Humanity Milwaukee shared the good mission they promote. The Outward, Incarnational Focus continued in worship with the Shelter Service, a mission of Heritage PC.



5/21 BUILDING ON...RELATIONSHIPS

We experienced relationship building between the John Knox, Winnebago, and Milwaukee presbyteries in working on the worship service and despite the tornado, through the gift of technology it was made available to the presbytery. There was also great fellowship around the tables at that gathering and conversation on Matthew 25.



9/21 BUILDING ON...PEACEMAKING

Presbyterian Peacemaker June L. Lorenzo was our speaker and preacher sharing about "The Doctrine of Discovery and Its Legacy in the Southwest USA and Beyond".



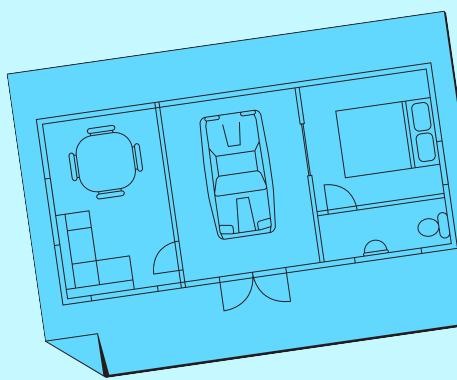
11/9 BUILDING ON...TRANSITIONS

Our country, like our presbytery, is in a time of great transition. Our worship at this Gathering was a space to be together in God's presence, strengthening us for this time and place. Afterward, the Transition Team led small group conversations to solicit feedback about our Presbytery.

GRANTS & TRAINING FOR ELDERS

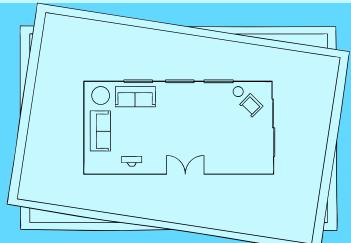


- CCV awarded Vitality Grants to 6 congregations
- San Jose and Northshore congregations sponsored a Liturgy workshop
- Ann Gibbs provided Preaching I and Preaching II online classes for elders
- Katie Ebel provided Communion training to elders so that they could celebrate in their own congregations
- CPM and CCV sponsored Boundary Awareness Training for deacons, ruling elders, and clergy led by LeaderWise.



227TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2026

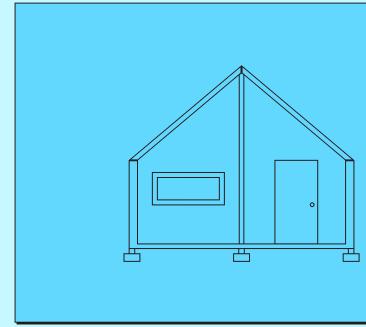
Milwaukee was chosen to host the next General Assembly! Our Committee on Local Arrangements has been formed and met with representatives from the General Assembly in November.



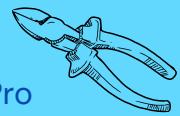
TRANSITION TEAM



The presbytery's Transition Team was formed in August and has expanded since then to include: Beth van Gorp, Dave Ewing, Deborah Block, Judi Holmes-Jensen, Kent Tess-Mattner, Mark Fraley, Tracey Pomeroy, Vince Racioppo, and TEP Lisa Heckman as facilitator. The Team has been tasked to analyze and evaluate the Presbytery's gifts, resources, strengths and weaknesses and help guide the presbytery's leaders and congregations through a visioning and discernment process and into our next stage of ministry and life together.



STAFF NEWS



- **Ann Gibbs**, Associate for Ministry Vitality, and **Christian Boyd**, Stated Clerk, both took sabbaticals this year. They were greatly missed! We thank Will Houts for being Clerk Pro Tempore at the September and November Gatherings.
- **Kate Hopta** stepped into the role of Administrative Assistant in September. She handles bookkeeping and administrative tasks along with her work as Communications Coordinator and is juggling it all very well.
- Our profound thanks to **Chris Halverson** for returning as our temporary bookkeeper from June thru September. We couldn't have gotten thru that period without her!

OTHER BLESSINGS



- 2024 celebrated our 28th house being built in 28 years and \$1,000,000 raised for affordable housing through Habitat for Humanity
- Our residency program with Carroll University. Rev. Anna Langholtz completed her second year serving at Carroll and Crossroads and Rev. Eli Henry began in August at Carroll and West Granville
- Food for the Journey, a collaborative garden ministry involving eight congregations, provides fresh produce to food pantries and food deserts by growing vegetables for distribution. It is a great model of shared ministry across the presbytery. Their Marti Gras fundraiser was way cool, and they began a new composting initiative in 2024.
- All those who serve on our commissions and committees – you are indeed a blessing and we appreciate you so much! A special thanks to **Moderator Bill Leonard** who went above and beyond the call by visiting all of our congregations during his tenure.

HELLOS & GOODBYES

WE WELCOMED

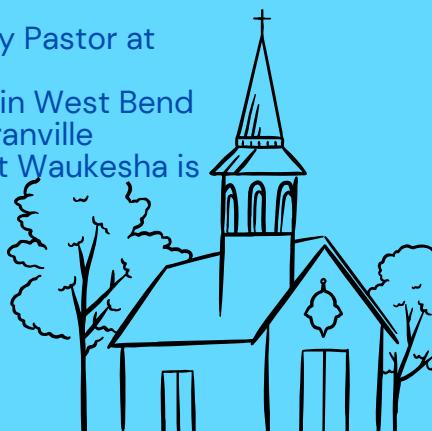
- Rev. Jeannine Oaks-Daugherty, pastor at Northshore PC
- Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright, director of the Presbyterian Peacekeeping Fellowship
- Rev. Randy Bush, interim at Immanuel in Milwaukee
- Rev. Lori Powell, pastor at Grace United in Fort Atkinson
- Rev. Debbie Pagels, chaplain at Avalon Square
- Rev. Anna Langholz, chaplain at Carroll University and Temporary Supply Pastor at Crossroads
- Rev. Michele Monroe-Clark, Chaplain at Cedar Community Senior Care in West Bend
- Rev. Eli Henry, Resident Chaplain at Carroll College and serving West Granville
- Rev. David Simmons, Priest at St. Matthias Episcopal Church where First Waukesha is nesting and who is also their session moderator

WE WISHED FAREWELL TO

- Steph Gallagher, Temporary Office Manager
- Rev. Michael Evanchak to Whitewater Valley Presbytery in Indiana
- Rev. Jim Rand to Presbytery of New Hope in North Carolina



AND WE MOURNED THE PASSING OF REV. PAUL HUDSON



WE ARE CONNECTIONAL. WE ARE CONSTRUCTIVE. WE ARE BUILDING ON.