



A new month of
worship, fellowship, and faith.

EXPERIENCE SUNDAY *With Us*

9:30 AM
Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM
Worship Service

12:00 PM
Coffee & Fellowship

All are welcome.

As autumn settles in around us, we give thanks for the beauty and blessings of this season.

We invite you to join us as we gather together in worship, grow in faith, and extend God's love in our community.

There is a place for you here—
come as you are.

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October Highlights

*Faith
Community
Friends
All Season Long*

A season to be grateful for God's many blessings.

GUEST PASTORS

10/4 – Dr. Nancy Weatherwax
10/11 – Dr. Nancy Weatherwax
10/18 – Rev. Gene Cobb
10/25 – Rev. Gene Cobb

LITURGISTS

10/4 – ?
10/11 – ?
10/18 – Bob Stewart
10/25 – Linda Stewart

COUNTERS

October: Bob Stewart, Beth Montgomery & Jan Breckinridge
November: Julie Lewis, Tarina Macklem & Velma Cole

DEACON IN CHARGE

October: Jackie
November: Evin & Stacey

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/3 Sarah Doll
10/7 Julia Schade
10/26 Julie Lewis
10/26 Eunice Williams
10/31 Bob Montgomery



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 Chuck & Jan Corey
10/14 Ken & Cindy Fickle

*Give Thanks
Always*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18





You're Invited!

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Fall Picnic

Sunday, October 18

Following Worship
At the Church

Please join us for a relaxed time of food,
conversation, and fellowship.

We encourage you to invite someone from
our church family we haven't seen in a while,
or bring a friend or neighbor.



ON THE MENU

Hot Dogs and Sloppy Joes

Potato Salad

Macaroni Salad

Party Beans

Chips

And several yummy
desserts to choose from!

*We hope you'll come
and share this special time with us!*





DIAPER PANTRY SCHEDULE

October 2026 – September 2027

OCTOBER 2026

1 Chris - Jan C.
8 Bob - Linda Stewart
15 Beth - Rita
22 Sue P. - Mary
29 Beth - Bob

NOVEMBER 2026

5 Beth - Sue P.
12 Rita - Chris
19 Linda - Bob Stewart
26 **Closed**

DECEMBER 2026

3 Beth - Rita
10 Jan C. - Sue P.
17 Velma C. - Beth
24 **Closed**
31 **Closed**

JANUARY 2027

7 Chris - Rita
14 Jan C. - Beth
21 Chris - Sue P.
28 Bob - Linda Stewart

FEBRUARY 2027

4 Sue P. - Sharon
11 Jan C. - Mary
18 Beth - Bob M.
25 Chris - Rita

MARCH 2027

4 Jan C. - Sue P.
11 Bob - Beth
18 Velma C. - Rita
25 Beth - Mary

APRIL 2027

1 Chris - Jan C.
8 Bob - Linda Stewart
15 Beth - Rita
22 Sue P. - Mary
29 Beth - Bob

MAY 2027

6 Bob - Linda Stewart
13 Velma C. - Mary
20 Rita - Sue P.
27 Jan C. - Beth

JUNE 2027

3 Rita - Mary
10 Beth - Bob
17 Jan C. - Sue P.
24 Bob - Linda Stewart

JULY 2027

1 Jan C. - Beth
8 Chris - Mary
15 Beth - Sue P.
22 Bob - Linda Stewart
29 Beth - Bob

AUGUST 2027

5 Beth - Rita
12 Bob - Linda Stewart
19 Sue P. - Chris
26 Jan C. - Beth

SEPTEMBER 2027

2 Beth - Bob
9 Bob - Linda Stewart
16 Jan C. - Mary
23 Chris - Rita
30 Velma - Beth

PANTRY CONTACTS

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Beth 278-5028 / Cell: 517-227-0227
Velma Cole 639-7272
Rita Snyder 278-4021

Chris Doll 278-5259
Jan Corey 238-2734
Bob / Linda Stewart 517-617-1399
Mary Daniels 278-7023



SAVE THE DATE

Presbyterian Women's

Christmas Tea

Theme of the tea

Joy of the Heart

Saturday, December 5, 2026

1:30-3:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

52 Marshall Street • Coldwater, Michigan

We look forward to sharing the joy of the season with you.

More details, including reservations, will follow.

Lorie Hershberger • Christmas Tea Coordinator • 517-278-6068



Save the People's Steeple

A Committee Update for Our Church Family

The Save the People's Steeple effort continues to bring our congregation and neighbors together. We are grateful for every gift and for the local businesses and organizations that have joined in caring for this Coldwater landmark.

COMMUNITY FRIENDS SPOTLIGHT

With Special Thanks To

Culy Jewelry • Hope Cafe

TC Appliance (Sturgis) • Coldwater Noon Exchange Club

\$31,493.65 has been donated to date!

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

These local businesses and organizations have donated or collaborated with the committee's ongoing effort. We appreciate the many ways they have helped share and support the work.

WORKING TOGETHER

Church members, friends, and neighbors are working together to keep our steeple standing tall for a long time to come. Each contribution and offer of help makes a difference, and we are thankful to everyone who has been part of the effort.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your gifts, encouragement, and care for the People's Steeple mean so much to our church and community.

Crocktober

Two Cozy Crockpot Recipes to Enjoy This Fall

Maple Dijon Pork Tenderloin with Apples

Tender pork, sweet apples and a creamy maple Dijon sauce come together in this easy and flavorful fall favorite.

Ingredients:

- 2 pork tenderloins (about 1½ lbs. total)
- 3 apples, sliced (Honeycrisp or Gala work well)
- 1 small onion, sliced
- ½ cup maple syrup
- ¼ cup Dijon mustard
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Instructions:

- 1 Place sliced onions and apples in the bottom of the slow cooker.
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together maple syrup, Dijon mustard, chicken broth, garlic powder, thyme, salt and pepper.
- 3 Place pork tenderloins on top of the apples and onions. Pour the sauce over the pork.
- 4 Cover and cook on LOW for 6–8 hours or HIGH for 3–4 hours, until the pork is tender. Slice and serve with the apples and sauce.



Creamy Tuscan Chicken with Spinach & Sun-Dried Tomatoes

A rich and flavorful crockpot recipe with tender chicken, a creamy sauce, sun-dried tomatoes and fresh spinach. Perfect for a cool fall day!

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 (10.5 oz.) can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup chicken broth
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 (8 oz.) jar sun-dried tomatoes (drained and chopped)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. black pepper
- 2 cups fresh spinach (added at the end)

Instructions:

- 1 Place chicken breasts in the bottom of the slow cooker.
- 2 In a bowl, whisk together cream of chicken soup, chicken broth, Parmesan cheese, garlic, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper. Pour over the chicken.
- 3 Sprinkle sun-dried tomatoes on top.
- 4 Cover and cook on LOW for 6–7 hours or HIGH for 3–4 hours, until the chicken is tender.
- 5 Shred or slice the chicken, then stir in the fresh spinach. Cover and cook for 10–15 more minutes until the spinach is wilted.

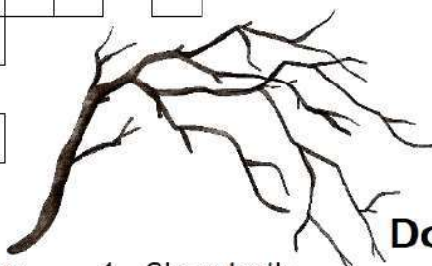
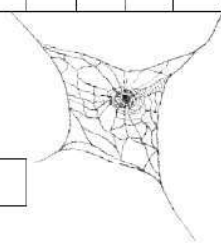
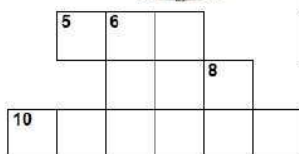


Name: _____

Date: _____

Halloween

Crossword



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| 2. Flying mammal often seen in caves and at night | 15. Small, mischievous creatures from fairy tales | 1. Sharp teeth, especially those of a vampire | 16. Witch's mode of transportation |
| 3. Place where someone is buried | 19. Something that makes your skin crawl | 4. Creature that drinks blood and hates sunlight | 17. Marker that sits at the head of a grave |
| 5. Bird that hoots at night and is often seen as spooky | 22. Light made from a carved pumpkin | 6. Magical woman who flies on a broomstick | 18. Phase of the moon when it is completely round |
| 9. Reanimated corpse that walks slowly | 24. Wrapped figure from ancient Egypt | 7. Person who turns into a wolf during a full moon | 19. Large pot used by witches to brew potions |
| 10. Liquid made by witches with magical properties | 26. Sweet treats given to trick-or-treaters | 8. Genre of scary movies often watched on Halloween | 20. Feline often associated with witches |
| 11. Spooky, see-through figure that says "Boo!" | 27. Figure made of straw to scare birds away from crops | 12. Eight-legged creature that spins webs | 21. House that is full of ghosts |
| 14. What you wear to dress up on Halloween | 28. Carved pumpkin with a light inside | 13. Big orange fruit carved for Halloween | 23. Bony framework inside your body |
| | 29. What spiders make that can be sticky | | 25. Something worn over the face for disguise |

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Unhoused Book Group Study *When We Walk By*

Coldwater Methodist is taking the lead and has invited First Presbyterian and other churches and community organizations to take part in a community study of the book *When We Walk By*. This study is about churches and organizations working together to understand homelessness in our community and seek a united response, rather than each group trying to address the issue alone.



MEETING SCHEDULE

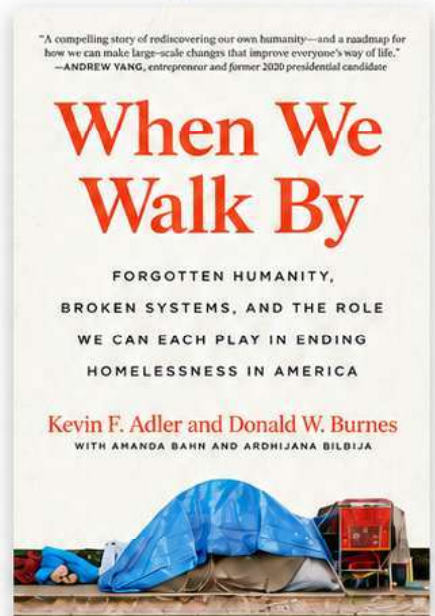
Meetings will be held every two weeks on **Thursdays from 3–4 PM, beginning December 3rd.**

Each session will cover two chapters. Reading is done on your own time prior to each meeting.



PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

- Find common resources
- Work toward long-term solutions
- Build a united community response
- Make a real difference for our unhoused neighbors



We need members of our congregation at the table.

Please let Sharon know ASAP if you are willing to be part of this important initiative so that books can be ordered.

Food Pantry Needs This Month

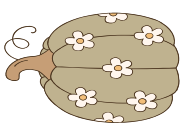
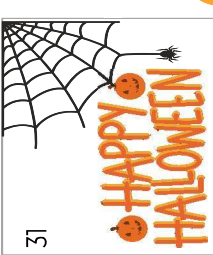


The Food Pantry is currently in need of:

- Cereal
- Hygiene products
- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Other basic personal care items

Thank you for helping support our community.

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 4 Dr Weatherwax		 6	BOOK GROUP 10:30 - NOON	1 CLINIC & D.P. 4 PM-6 PM	2	3
5 Dr Weatherwax		7	BOOK GROUP 10:30 - NOON	8 CLINIC & D.P. 4 PM-6 PM	9	10 
11 Dr Weatherwax	12 Deborah Circle 10:30 am	13 Sarah Circle 3 pm	14 BOOK GROUP 10:30 - NOON	15 CLINIC & D.P. 4 PM-6 PM Session 6 pm	16	17
18 Rev. Gene Cobb Fall picnic following service	19 Basket making Day for Christmas tea 10:30 am	20	21 BOOK GROUP 10:30 - NOON	22 CLINIC & D.P. 4 PM-6 PM	23	24
25 Rev. Gene Cobb 2 cents a meal offering	26	27	28 BOOK GROUP 10:30 - NOON	29 CLINIC & D.P. 4 PM-6 PM	30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN