Our Mission Statement

The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Coldwater, MI is to:

† Glorify God by bringing others into Communion with Him,

† Nurture the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of its congregation,

† Encourage faithful stewardship of the God given gifts of time, talent, and substance, and

† Be sensitive to the needs of our greater community.

Sunday Schedule:

11:00 am Worship Service
Coffee & Fellowship Hour follows the service

Sunday School Schedule:

Adult Sunday School has taken this summer off.
We will resume again in September at 9:30am.

Finance Committee Report ~$$$$

****Monthly Needs for 2022 budget**

Needed Monthly to meet budget:$12,772.00

Needed weekly to meet budget $3,193.00

Annual Per Capita: payment $3,680.00

****Financial Report from : ****

July 2022 Income and Expenses

Income and Donations:

Payments and Payroll:

Weekly Giving
7/3- $2967.00
7/10- $1113.00
7/17- $967.00
7/24- $1404.00

What is stewardship~
the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

August Liturgists

8/7- Lisa Renshaw
8/14- Pete Metters
8/21- Julie Lewis
8/28- Tarina Macklem

August Counters

Julie Lewis
Tarina Macklem
Linda Parr

September Liturgists

Sept. 4- Cheryl Metters
Sept. 11- Doris Heinemann
Sept. 18- Beth Montgomery
Sept. 25- Cheryl Metters

September Counters

Dennis Farwell
Pete Metters
Carol Ludlow

From Pastor Susan's Desk

Dear Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Coldwater, Michigan,

Well, as a pastor friend of mine put it, we are beginning the slide down to the end of the year beginning August 1! And he asks "what has your year looked like so far?" He suggests that we should ask ourselves several questions as we look at the first half of 2022 and begin to imagine what the rest of 2022 will look like for us.

Perhaps we can ask ourselves "How do I pray? How do I study the Bible? How do I worship? How do I serve? How do I become a good steward?" These are critical questions for every Christian to ask themselves and it is good in the middle of the year to take stock and re-evaluate if we are living as Christ asks us to.

We have spent some time together remembering Jesus' words to the lawyer about "What's the most important thing?" To love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves is the answer.

How do we do that? By keeping God's commandments and following His instructions to live kindly, to share with others, to help those in need, to be generous to God's causes, to be honest and faithful, and the list goes on. Each of us needs to try to live up to these standards of good Christian behavior and attitude every day. And if the way gets hard, stop, take a deep breath and pray to God to help you along the way, to forgive you when necessary and to help you begin again.

That is the way of Christ, my friends. And each of us has the capacity, because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, to accomplish those goals.

Happy Summer. Happy questioning. Happy Living the Christ-like life together.

Blessings,

Susan R

When I look at what the Apostle writes it is sometimes difficult to imagine doing our part as he did his. The Apostle Paul was a Jew's Jew. He was a Pharisee. He was a hater of Christians and he persecuted them rigorously. . .until he had his "Damascus Road Experience" on his way to drag more Christians back to Rome to be tortured and killed.

In this Damascus Road experience, he fell from his horse, blinded, and unable to manage. Then Jesus Himself appeared to Saul who then was re-named Paul and Paul began his fervent proclamation of Jesus as Messiah and wrote nearly 1/2 of the New Testament as he traveled the known world sharing Christ with gentiles and non-believers!

Paul shared Christ with persons much like us in a world much like ours. . .a world of privilege, riches, and social prestige. It's hard work to share Christ in such a context, and yet that is what Paul had and that is what we have today.

According to one source "life today is filled with a flurry of pressures to do more, to be more, to want more and more. You don't need to be the wealthiest person on your street to get prestige today. You can get that with the nicest house or car, or going on the most luxurious vacation, or by being connected to the most important people. At work we compete with one another on how tired or overworked or overwhelmed we are. Yet, what we do or what we have is not our ultimate source of power, that comes from God who overwhelms us with love, which we then can share with others." (Disciplines.2021.p.248.)

Friends, we do not need to compete with others for our worth. Christ Jesus has already given us our worth by dying for us, and by claiming us as brothers and sisters. We are in the Royal family of God and that is as high as it gets.

So, what do we do? Sit back and rest on our laurels? No, we take up the cross of Christ and tell everyone we meet about the love of Jesus. . .and thereby change our world for the better. Paul did it. We can too. Be brave, my friends and share what you know of the love of God with everyone you meet.

Until we meet again,

Blessings,

Pastor Susan

Your Deacon and Session Information

Deacon In Charge
August: Bob Stewart
September: Sue Paarlberg
October: Lorie Hershberger
November: Cheryl Metters

August Ushers
Bob and Linda Stewart

Communion Dates
August 7th

Church Leadership

Session Board Members

Paul Hershberger- 903-767-3332
Velma Cole -517-639-7272
Linda Stewart 517-617-1399
Jan Breckenridge 517-317-2554
Julie Lewis 517-278-2647
Chris Doll 517-278-5259
Bruce Gregory 517-278-6502.
Lisa Renshaw 517-278-8070

Moderator Rev. Susan Reichenberg
567-242-8722
Clerk of Session Pete Metters
313-244-1570
Treasurer starting September 2022
Paul Hershberger

Deacon Board Members

Bob Montgomery 517-278-5028
Karen Maxson 248-496-9413
Sue Paarlberg 517-279-7731
Lorie Hershberger 517-227-9030
Cheryl Metters 517-736-4040
Bob Stewart 517-617-0626

Meetings:
~ Next Deacon Meeting August 7th following the worship service
~Next Session Meeting August 25th, 6:00pm

Prayers and Praises

PRAYERS FOR:

† *Jim Stout's* family and friends as they grieve.
† *Sarah Doll,* Chris and Bob Doll's daughter
† *Evie Prince,* Bob Stewart's cousin
† *Barbara Cowden,* former member.
† *Monte Reichenberg*
† *Bethany Stob,* Pete and Cheryl Metter's niece.
† *Cindy Picard,* Bob Montgomery's niece.
† *Jennifer Layher ,* coworker of Dennis Farwell
† *Nancy Burkeen,* coworker of Dennis Farwell
† *Kim Simpson*, cousin of Linda Stewart.
† *Benjamin Watkins and his parents, Katie and Patrick*, Friends of Linda Stewart.
† *Ukraine*
† *Uvalde, Texas.*

PRAISES FOR:

7-3-2022

† Beautiful weather
† Our prayer warriors
† Summertime activities

7-10-2022

†Much needed rain
† Our Congregation

7-17-2022

† FPC congregation!
† Beautiful weather
† The Holy Spirit working in our lives.

7-24-2022

† Safe summer travels
† Volunteers for Family Promise!
† Our prayer warriors!

FPC Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women

August, 2022

Things are winding down for the end of summer. We will be in the swing of things in late August and into September.

We continue to work on Prayer shawls. We have also started to work on prayer Squares. If interested in either of these projects and need directions, please talk to Cindy, Beth, or Linda S.

Things that are happening this fall are: a bake sale in November, and our Christmas Tea in Early December. Be thinking of ideas, suggestions, and how you can help with any of these projects.

Deborah Circle's new year begins Monday, September 12 at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. Their Bible Study will be: *Celebrating Sabbath Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. Anyone who would like to join Deborah Circle, talk to Linda Stewart.

Sarah Circle's new year begins on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022. at 3:00pm. We begin our Bible study of *What My Grandmother's Taught Me*. We are open to anyone who would like to join us. See Beth Montgomery or Jan Corey.

The Presbyterian Coordinating Team: Jan Corey, Chris Doll, Carol Ludlow, Beth Montgomery, Sue Paarlberg and Linda Stewart.

FPC's Outreach Report

Diaper Pantry Work Schedule for July
8/4- Beth and Sue P
8/11- Beth and Bob M
8/18- Sue P and Chris D.
8/25- Jan C. and Beth

Diaper Pantry Volunteers: We appreciate you so much and we have a favor to ask... During the time between clients, if possible, please restock diapers, wipes, and bags. Thank you!

The Diaper Pantry continues to serve our community in need. To date for 2022, we have handed out 449 packages, which include one week's worth of diapers, and wipes. If we have the supplies of lotion, shampoo and baby wash and there is a request, these items are included. We welcome new volunteers, if you would like to volunteer in this outreach please talk to Beth Montgomery or call the church office.

Branch County Food Pantry
594 pounds of food has been collected to date for the Food Pantry. Thank you so much for your donations!

Food Pantry items for August is Cereal and Crackers .
Other items needed is shampoo, deodorant,shaving cream and feminine hygiene products
~Thank you

A Note from the Office

The church administrative assistant position has been filled. Please stop in the Church office and give a warn welcome to the newest staff member, Kimberly Hoag.

A Note from the interim Treasurer

Please be in prayer about financial giving... Offerings seem to be on the decline, we have not been recieveing enough tithes to cover basic expenses. Thank you.

Free Medical Clinic

The clinic hours are:
Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thank you so much for the immeasurably valuable work you have done for our community for the past 20 years, serving 36,261 (2002-2022) To all the volunteers who have supported the clinic for 20 years, Thank you!

If you have questions about the clinic you can call the church office during church office hours or the clinic during clinic hours at 517-278-6068.

Stay safe and healthy!

Lectionary for the Lord's Day:

Aug. 7 -Isaiah 1:1, 10–20, Genesis 15:1–6 Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23, Psalm 33:12–22 Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16, Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16, Luke 12:32–40, Luke 12:32–40

Aug. 14 -Isaiah 5:1–7 Jeremiah 23:23–29 Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Hebrews 11:29—12:2, Luke 12:49–56, Luke 12:49–56

Aug. 21 -Jeremiah 1:4–10, Isaiah 58:9b–14 Psalm 71:1–6 Psalm, 103:1–8 Hebrews 12:18–29, Hebrews 12:18–29 Luke 13:10–17, Luke 13:10–17

Aug. 28 -Jeremiah 2:4–13, Proverbs 25:6–7 Psalm 81:1, 10–16, Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16,Luke 14:1, 7–14 Luke 14:1, 7–14

Mary Farwell	08/03
Linda Stewart	08/06
Bruce Gregory	08/25
Rebecca Troust	08/28

Bob & Beth Montgomery	08/14	44 yrs
Bob & Linda Stewart	08/17	27 yrs
John & Sue Dogan	08/25	

Recipes-

TEXAS CAVIAR

3 cans black-eyed peas *I use black beans*
2 cups chopped green onion
½ cup finely-chopped jalapeno pepper *I use green chilis*
1 T. fine-chopped garlic (I use my garlic press)
2 cups petite diced tomatoes (do not drain)
2 large avocados – diced
Juice of 2 lemons
1 T. cumin
¼ cup chopped parsley
¼ cup chopped cilantro
Salt
Hot pepper to taste (I use red pepper flakes – just a little)

Mix together in a large bowl. Keep in fridge for 24 hours before serving (or at least overnight).

ENJOY!

PINEAPPLE CHEESECAKE

1 8oz. cream cheese (softened)
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 20oz. can crushed pineapple
1 8oz. tub whipped topping (thawed)

Drain pineapple, reserving 2 Tablespoons, set aside, cream the cream cheese, add the sugar and reserved pineapple juice, mix until well blended, stir in pineapple, fold in whipped topping. Pour into large graham cracker crust, (9oz., 10 serving size). Refrigerate 3 to 4 hours.

I use unsweetened pineapple and Extra creamy whipped topping

7 Days of Inspiration
Take one a day and feel great all week!

Day 1
Your best is always better than good enough.

Day 2
You are a blessing and blessed

Day 3
Angels have your back

Day 4
Beyond compare. It's what you are!

Day 5
There is so much power within you!

Day 6
You are the answer to someone's prayer.

Day 7
Every recipe for success includes what you've got!

Author unknown-

Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)

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JESUS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	RECORDED
MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED

MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

There's been a mother mix-up! Can you fix it? Draw a line from the mother and the clue to her child or children.

MARY
An angel told me that I would have a baby Who would be the Son of God.

JOCHEBED
I put my baby in a basket. (Exodus 6:20)

SARAH
I laughed when God promised me a child in my old age. (Gen. 18:9-14 & 21:1-3)

REBEKKAH
I used goat skins and a tasty meal to help my son trick his father. (Gen. 27:15-17)

HANNAH
I promised to give my son back to the Lord, which is why he grew up in the house of the Lord. (1 Sam. 1:20)

EVE
I was called the mother of all living. (Gen. 3:20, 4:1)

- ISAAC
- SAMUEL
- CAIN & ABEL
- JESUS
- JACOB & ESAU
- MOSES

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Kids and Adults alike Connection...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cindy	2 Cindy	3 11am –5pm Hosting Synod Annual Review Amber	4 8:30 am –1:00 pm Hosting Synod Annual Review Amber	5 Office Closed	6 Pastor Susan 2 weeks gone start
7 Guest Pastor: →	8 → Amber	9 3:00 Pm Sarah Circle → Amber	10 → Cindy	11 → Cindy	12 Office Closed →	13 →
14 Pastor Susan Recorded	15 → Amber	16 → Cindy	17 → Amber	18 → Amber	19 Office Closed →	20 Pastor Susan Back
21 Communion Sunday	22 10:00 am Co-Or Team Mtg. Amber	23 Amber	24 Cindy	25 Session Meeting 6:00pm Cindy	26 Office Closed	27
28 Cindy	29 Cindy	30 Cindy	31 Amber			

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
52 MARSHALL STREET
COLDWATER, MI 49036

August 2022 NEWSLETTER

Come Join Us On Sunday

9:30 am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am ~Worship Service
12:00 pm Coffee and Fellowship

Handicapped accessible building

Meet our Church Staff

Pastor, *Rev. Susan Reichenberg*
Adult Bell Choir Director, *Rita Snyder*
Administrative Assist, *Cindy Fickle*
Office Assistance, *Amber Henry*
Accompanist, Liz Mowan

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