

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • 52 MARSHALL STREET • COLDWATER, MI 49036



Experience Sunday With Us!

9:30 am ~ Adult Sunday School
11:00 am ~ Worship Service
12:00 pm ~ Coffee & Fellowship
Our building is fully accessible for all.

Meet our Church Staff

Pastor,
Adult Bell Choir Director, Rita Snyder
Accompanist, Chrisann Lowe
Adm. Assist. Sharon Richardson

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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:

9:30 am. Adult Sunday School
Everyone is welcome



MAY LITURGISTS

5-10 ~ Pete M
5-17 ~ Lorie H
5-24 ~ Beth M
5-31 ~ ?

MAY COUNTERS

Julie W
Tarina M
Velma C

JUNE LITURGISTS

6-7 ~ Lorie H
6-14 ~ ?
6-21 ~ Pete M
6-28 ~ Tarina

JUNE COUNTERS

Dennis F
Pete M
Carol L

DEACONS IN CHARGE SCHEDULE

2026

May - Bob M
June - TBD

Thank you to all who give their time
and hearts in service to our church.

*thank
you* 

~DEACON & SESSION INFORMATION~

MAY DEACON IN CHARGE

Bob M

JUNE DEACON IN CHARGE

TBD

Communion Date

May 17th

~Deacon Board Members~

Bob Montgomery 517-278-5028
Hope Woods 269-275-9277
Stacey Hullinger 517-677-0074
Chris Doll 517-278-5259
Jackie Werkman 734-358-3250
Mary Daniels 517-278-7023

MEETINGS:

~Annual Meeting May 17th following the worship service.

~Next Session Meeting May 21 at 6:00 pm

~Session Board Members~

Moderator:

Clerk of Session Peter Metters

313-244-1570

Treasurer Paul Hershberger

903-767-3332

~Session Board Members~

Paul Hershberger 903-767-3332
Linda Stewart 517-617-1399
Jan Breckenridge 517-317-2554
Bruce Gregory 517-278-6502
Peter Metters 313-244-1570
Carol Ludlow 517-279-9407
Beth Montgomery 517-278-5028



Love. Grow. Serve.

~F.P.C. OUTREACH REPORT~

Diaper Pantry Work Schedule for May:

- *5-7 ~ Bob & Linda Stewart
- *5-14 ~ Volunteer needed
- *5-21 ~ Sue P & Rita
- *5-28 ~ Jan C & 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!

Thank you

Volunteers Needed: The Diaper Pantry is looking for additional helpers.
Thursdays • 4–6 PM • Usually once a month

~The Diaper Pantry continues to serve our community in need. In April, we have handed out **167** packages!!!

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### Branch County Food Pantry

**287** pounds of food have been collected this year for the Food Pantry!! Thank you so much for your donations!

#### Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry is currently in need of:

- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit
- Personal hygiene items: **soap, Q-tips, deodorant, toothpaste**

#### A Note from the Office

We love to hear from you! How can we pray for you this month? How can we celebrate the Lord's blessings in your lives?!

#### 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 38,419 (2002-2024) 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.

# March Session Minutes

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COLDWATER  
STATED MEETING OF SESSION THURSDAY, MARCH 19,  
2026**

Present: Jan Breckinridge, Bruce Gregory, Paul Hershberger, Carol Ludlow, Pete Metters, Beth Montgomery and Linda Stewart.

Guest: Hope Woods

Moderator: Rev. Steve

Kaszar. Clerk of Session: Pete

Metters

Rev. Kaszar opened the Meeting at 6:01 p.m. with a prayer.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Jan Breckinridge, supported by Linda Stewart

DEACON'S REPORT: Bob Montgomery gave the report. Cheryl Kiddle is currently the only shut in. Communion is going well.

Hope Woods gave an update on the Welcome Center. March 26, 2026 will be the last date the Center will be open for this winter.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Minutes of the February 19, 2026 Session Meeting were approved with changes on a motion by Beth Montgomery, supported by Jan Breckinridge.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

|                                                | <b>2/28/2026</b> | <b>YTD</b>   |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Memorial Interest Earned</b>                | \$ 170.91        | \$ 341.27    |
| <b>Vantage Pointe Money Market</b>             | \$ 5.07          | \$ 12.15     |
| <b>Vantage Pointe Mutual Fund</b>              | \$ 13,441.33     | \$ 25,479.44 |
| <b>Brinker Capital</b>                         | \$ 4,209.40      | \$ 8,236.61  |
| <b>Total Investment Accounts Income/(Loss)</b> | \$ 17,646.71     | \$ 34,069.47 |
| <b>Checking Balance SMBT</b>                   | \$ 21,573.94     |              |
| <b>Minus Designated Funds</b>                  | \$ (10,228.14)   |              |
| <b>Equals General Fund Balance</b>             | \$ 11,345.80     |              |
| <b>Amortized Annual Gift Balance</b>           | \$ -             |              |
| <b>Current Amount</b>                          | \$ 11,345.80     |              |

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Stewardship. Paul Hershberger presented a budget proposal for Session's consideration. A budget needs to be approved at the April 16 Session Meeting so it can be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 17.

Building & Grounds. Bruce Gregory gave the report. Jessica Flores did a site visit on February 26 to assess the Steeple. She will provide a report with recommendations this week. We need to form a committee to manage our part of the Steeple repairs. Paul made a motion, supported by Carol Ludlow, to authorize a plan for the first phase of the repairs.

Bruce said there's a wet ceiling tile in the hallway of Calvin Hall, which indicates a pipe leak. We need to find the source of the leak. He said the Church was hot last Sunday. He called Aker, but the thermostats and boilers looked OK.

Session discussed Bruce's suggestion to hire a management company to take care of the church.

Worship Committee. Linda Stewart discussed plans for Holy Week. We purchased the palms for Palm Sunday on March 29, 2026. The Maundy Thursday service will be on April 2. The Good Friday service will be on April 3 at the United Methodist Church. Rev. Nancy Weatherwax will be our Guest Pastor for the Easter Service on April 5.

Fellowship Committee. The Committee will meet soon.

## NEW BUSINESS

Session and Rev. Kaszar discussed next steps in the transition process to find a new Pastor.

Paul Hershberger gave a report on the March 14, 2026 Presbytery Meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Dimondale. The keynote address was given by Steve Keizer with the Presbyterian Foundation. He spoke about Adaptive Leadership, which is trying to avoid just *doing* things differently, which is transactional, and instead *thinking* differently, which is adaptive. The next meeting will be in Muskegon on June 9, 2026. Paul suggested appointing a Ruling Elder Commissioner to attend Presbytery Meetings.

Session discussed the Church website, which hasn't been updated in a long time.

Becky Troust asked to use Fellowship Hall for the Oakwood Condominium Association annual meeting. Paul Hershberger made a motion, supported by Pete Metters, to approve the request. The motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT: Beth Montgomery made a motion, supported by Carol Ludlow, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Rev. Kaszar closed the meeting at 7:22 p.m. with a prayer.



Karen Maxson 5-1  
Carol Ludlow 5-17  
Heather Gregory 5-26  
Doris Heineman 5-30

Paul & Lorie Hershberger 5-2



Thank you, FPC family!

- \$201 was collected for the **2 Cents-a-Meal** offering.
- \$261 was raised at the **PW Bake Sale**.

A big **thank you to all our bakers and buyers** for your generosity and support.

### Guest Pastors for May

May 3 — Rev. Gene Cobb

May 10 — Dr. Nancy Weatherwax

May 17 — Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom

- Will administer communion

May 24 — Rev. Gene Cobb

May 31 — Dr. Nancy Weatherwax



# Popular Bible Quotes



## Across

- 3 Am I my brother's
- 5 The Lord is my
- 8 To everthing there is a
- 9 I am the Alpha and the
- 10 He makes beauty out of

## Down

- 1 Can it change it spots:
- 2 Goes before destruction
- 4 Many are called by few are
- 6 Blessed are the
- 7 Love the Lord God with all your



## Farmers Market Street Tacos

No matter what produce I bring home from the local farmers market, I always end up stuffing it into a taco for a fresh, veggie-filled treat. You really can't go wrong.

—Ralph Jones, San Diego, CA

Takes: **30 min.** • Makes: **4 servings**

- 1 bunch green onions
- 2 bunches bok choy, halved
- 1 medium zucchini, cut into 3-in. sticks
- ½ lb. fresh asparagus spears

- 2 medium ripe avocados, quartered and peeled
- 2 jalapeno peppers, halved and seeded
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- ½ tsp. kosher salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- 8 mini corn tortillas
- Fresh cilantro leaves
- Optional: Pickled red onions, lime wedges, sliced radishes and salsa verde

Prepare the grill for medium-high heat. Cut partially through green onions, leaving tops intact. Brush

the green onions, bok choy, zucchini, asparagus, avocados and jalapenos with olive oil; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Transfer to a greased grill rack. Grill, covered, or broil 4 in. from heat until vegetables are crisp-tender and slightly charred, 4-5 minutes, turning occasionally. Grill tortillas until warmed and slightly charred, 30-45 seconds per side. Cut the vegetables to desired sizes; serve in tortillas with fresh cilantro and desired toppings.

**2 TACOS** 319 cal., 19g fat (3g sat. fat), 0 chol., 536mg sod., 33g carb. (9g sugars, 13g fiber), 11g pro.

## Classic Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

A classic recipe like this never goes out of style! It's delicious with the traditional pineapple, but also try it with peaches or a combination of cranberries and orange.

—Bernardine Melton, Paola, KS

Prep: **20 min.**

Bake: **30 min. + standing**

Makes: **9 servings**

- ⅓ cup butter, melted
- ⅔ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 can (20 oz.) sliced pineapple
- 9 maraschino cherries
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 3 large eggs, separated, room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. salt
- Whipped topping, optional

1. Preheat oven to 375°. In an ungreased 9-in. square baking pan, combine butter and brown sugar. Drain pineapple, reserving ⅓ cup juice. Arrange pineapple slices and cherries in a single layer over sugar (refrigerate any remaining slices for another use). Sprinkle pecans over pineapple; set aside.
  2. In a large bowl, beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored. Gradually add sugar, beating well. Blend in vanilla and reserved pineapple juice. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; add to batter, beating well.
  3. In a small bowl with clean beaters, beat egg whites on high speed until stiff peaks form; fold into batter. Spoon into pan.
  4. Bake 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes before inverting onto serving plate. If desired, serve with whipped topping.
- 1 PIECE** 361 cal., 13g fat (5g sat. fat), 88mg chol., 193mg sod., 58g carb. (46g sugars, 2g fiber), 4g pro. ●

## Roasted Greek Potatoes with Feta Cheese

Lemony potatoes are a traditional Greek side dish. When they come out of the oven, we top them with feta for a little melty goodness.

—Arge Salvatori, Waldwick, NJ

Prep: **15 min.** • Bake: **40 min.**

Makes: **8 servings**







- ⅔ cup water
- ½ cup olive oil
- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- 3 lbs. Yukon Gold potatoes (about 6 medium), each cut into 8 wedges
- ¾ cup crumbled feta cheese

1. Preheat oven to 450°. In a small bowl, whisk the first 7 ingredients. Arrange potatoes evenly in a shallow roasting pan. Pour water mixture over top.
  2. Roast until potatoes are golden brown and tender, 40-50 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese.
- ¾ CUP** 308 cal., 15g fat (3g sat. fat), 6mg chol., 405mg sod., 38g carb. (3g sugars, 3g fiber), 5g pro.

2026

May

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| SUN                                                                                                                              | MON                                                                                                                | TUE                        | WED                              | THU                                                         | FRI | SAT | NOTE                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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|                                               |                                                                                                                    |                            |                                  |                                                             | 1   | 2   | <b>May Liturgists</b><br>May 10 (Mother's Day) — Pete<br>May 17 — Lorie<br>May 24 — Beth<br>May 31 — <b>Volunteer needed</b>                                                                             |
| 3                                                                                                                                | 4                                                                                                                  | 5                          | 6                                | 7<br>4 pm - 6 pm<br>D.P. & Clinic                           | 8   | 9   |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                               | 11<br>10 am<br>Deborah Circle                                                                                      | 12<br>3 pm<br>Sarah Circle | 13<br>10:30 - Noon<br>Book Group | 14<br>4 pm - 6 pm<br>D.P. & Clinic                          | 15  | 16  |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 17<br>Holy Communion<br>& Annual Meeting<br> | 18<br>10:30 am<br>PW Meeting                                                                                       | 19                         | 20<br>10:30 - Noon<br>Book Group | 21<br>4 pm - 6 pm<br>D.P. & Clinic<br><b>6 pm - Session</b> | 22  | 23  |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                             | 25<br><i>Memorial Day</i><br> | 26                         | 27<br>10:30 - Noon<br>Book Group | 28<br>4 pm - 6 pm<br>D.P. & Clinic                          | 29  | 30  |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 31<br>                                      |                                                                                                                    |                            |                                  |                                                             |     |     | <b>Guest Pastors for May</b><br>May 3 - Rev. Gene Cobb<br>May 10- Dr. Nancy Weatherwax<br>May 17 - Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom<br>• Communion<br>May 24 - Rev. Gene Cobb<br>May 31 - Dr. Nancy Weatherwax |