

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, Rev. Susan Reichenberg
Adult Bell Choir Director, Rita Snyder
Accompanist, Chrisann Lowe
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February 2026

Sunday



Holy Communion
We the People
Discussion 2 - 3:30pm

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Monday



10 am - Deborah Circle

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Tuesday

3 pm - Sarah Circle
4pm - Clinic Board Mtg

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Wednesday

Book Group - 10:30 - 12

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Thursday

1st Thursday Prayer
DP & Clinic - 4-6pm

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Friday



Night to Shine
6 - 9pm @Hope Church

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Saturday

Happy Valentine's Day

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Sunday

Superbowl Sunday



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Pastor Susan's
last Sunday

Monday

10 am - PW Meeting

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Tuesday

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Wednesday



Ash Wed
Service at
12 noon

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DP & Clinic - 4-6pm
Session - 6 pm

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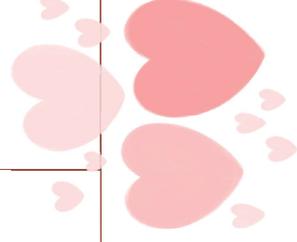
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



FEBRUARY LITURGISTS

2-1 ~ Tarina M
2-8 ~ ?
2-15 ~ Pete M
2-22 ~ Beth M

FEBRUARY COUNTERS

Julie W.
Tarina M.
Velma C.

MARCH LITURGISTS

3-1 ~ ?
3-8 ~ ?
3-15 ~ ?
3-22 ~ Tarina M
3-29 ~ ?

MARCH COUNTERS

Dennis F.
Pete M.
Carol L.

DEACONS IN CHARGE SCHEDULE

2026

February - Mary
March - Stacey
April - Chris & All Deacons
May - Bob M

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

*thank
you* 

From the desk of

— Pastor Susan —

Dear church family of First Presbyterian Church,
Coldwater, MI;

As I was thinking about my newsletter articles for Feb. I came across a quote that I'd like to share with you. . . It's from Charles Dickens.

"Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts."

That, I think, sums up the Christian life in the "Love" month of February. When we lean out of our way to treat others as children of God and as our family members around the globe, we are imitating Jesus. When we hold our tempers so that we are neutral in our expressions and we are more than just tolerant of others viewpoints we are creating an atmosphere of reconciliation and family. When we touch others so that they feel loved we are compassionate like Jesus-which in the long run IS our Goal. You folks are like that. Continue being embracing, loving, kind and trustworthy as you live into 2026. Be the people God created you to be. . .inviting, compassionate, warm, accepting and you will make God smile!!

I have so enjoyed sharing ministry with all of you in these last 5 1/2 years together. I pray for continued growth, outreach, and strength for the future of FPC and your families. Reach out beyond yourselves to invite others into your fellowship. People come by invitation not by ad campaigns. People stay because of warmth and acceptance. Grow together in your Christ-like efforts for the Kingdom's sake.

God bless you all.
Lovingly,
Pastor Susan Reichenberg

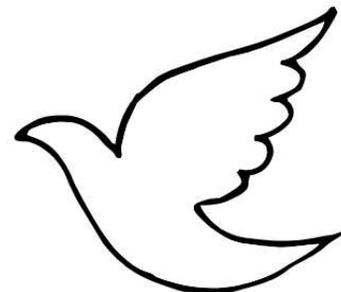
One final thought...

"It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.,"
Ephesians 2:10 (TLB)

"You were created to add to the world around you, not just to take from it. God designed you to make a difference with your life." Rick Warren

If I've had one mantra in the 5 1/2 years I have served with you, it is that we have been created to make a difference for Christ in the world. How you do that going forward is up to you.

Encourage each other, invite friends and neighbors, hold special events like concerts, Easter egg hunts, Halloween treat giveaways. . .The ideas are endless. I want you to choose to thrive!



SPIRITUAL MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SUSAN

Dear Church Family,

I would like to leave you with 2 of my favorite scriptures hoping they will not only shore you up, but lend strength to your faith.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not for harm, to give you a future and a hope."

Psalms 91:

"You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,
"My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."

For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;

He will cover you with His feathers,
and under His wings you will find refuge;

His faithfulness is a shield and buckler;

You will not fear the terror of the night,

or the arrow that flies by day,

or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,

or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side,

ten thousand at your right hand,

but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes

and see the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,

the Most High your dwelling place,

no evil shall befall you,

no scourge come near your tent.

For He will command His angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder.

The young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Because you cleave to Me, says the Lord, I will deliver you

I will protect you because you know My name.

When you call to Me, I will answer you.

I will be with you in trouble,

I will rescue you and honor you.

With long life I will satisfy you and show you My salvation."

~DEACON & SESSION INFORMATION~

FEBRUARY DEACON IN CHARGE

Mary Daniels

MARACH DEACON IN CHARGE

Stacey Hullinger

Communion Date

February 1st

~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:

~ Next Deacon Meeting February 1st following the worship service, during Communion clean up.

~ Next Session Meeting February 19th at 6:00 pm

~Session Board Members~

Moderator Rev. Susan Reichenberg
567-242-8722
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 December

- *2-5 ~ Lois & Dean
- *2-12 ~ Jan C & Mary
- *2-19 ~ Beth & Bob M.
- *2-26 ~ Chris & Rita.

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

~The Diaper Pantry continues to serve our community in need. In January, we have handed out **74** packages!!! Included in that is 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.

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### Branch County Food Pantry

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

-Food Pantry Items needed for **February:**  
Toothpaste and toothbrushes, soaps- shampoo, body soap, laundry detergent, dish soap, feminine personal items. In addition, we are often looking for larger quantities of peanut butter, baked beans, one dish meals like spaghetti-o's.

Clients are always thrilled to receive household items that they may not be able to purchase

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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.

December Session Minutes

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COLDWATER STATED MEETING OF SESSION THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

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

Guest: Sarah Zimmer

Clerk of Session: Pete Metters

Pastor Susan opened the Meeting at 6:04 p.m. with a prayer.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Linda Stewart, supported by Beth Montgomery.

DEACON'S REPORT: For December all Deacons are in charge instead of one Deacon. The Deacons will keep the schedule.

Session and Sarah Zimmer discussed the Steeple and next steps in reapplying for a grant for the Steeple Restoration Project. Sarah suggested holding community events and opening Facebook and Instagram accounts to raise the Church's profile and publicize the importance of the Steeple to the community and the need for repairs.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Minutes of the November 13, 2025 Session Meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Hershberger, supported by Jan Breckinridge.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Susan reported on the use of her time. A reminder that a meeting of We The People is scheduled for January 25, 2026 at the Church to discuss immigration issues. Susan plans to be away from December 25, 2025 to January 7, 2026.

The Welcome Center will open on Monday, December 15, 2025. Stacey Hullinger will be the Coordinator, but we still need a volunteer each day the Center is open. A member of St. Marks Church expressed interest in being a volunteer. Guests will enter Fellowship Hall through the elevator door. Beth Montgomery expressed concern about opening Center too fast and about the lack of a training program for volunteers.

Jan Breckinridge made a motion, supported by Pete Metters to accept the Pastor's Report. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

November 30, 2025

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BANK	\$26,172.85
MINUS DESIGNATED FUNDS	(\$13,322.62)
EQUALS GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$12,850.23
AMORTIZED ANNUAL GIFT BALANCE	<u>(\$1,917.00)</u>
CURRENT AMOUNT	(\$10,933.23)
MEMORIAL INTEREST EARNED	\$169.36
VANTAGE POINTE MONEY MARKET	\$ 1.73
VANTAGE POINTE MUTUAL FUND	\$9,229.15
BRINKER CAPITAL	<u>\$1,284.94</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS (INCOME/(LOSS))	\$10,685.18

The Treasurer's Report was gratefully received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds. Session discussed changing the Church's trash service from Republic Services to Lowder, which would reduce the cost from \$2,524 to \$600 a year with an annual plan. Lowder is locally owned. It doesn't currently offer a recycling service, but the Health Clinic and Church Members are willing to take items to the local recycling center as needed. We need to confirm the number of bins Lowder would provide. Session also discussed an offer by Frontier Communications for a complimentary upgrade of the Church's phone system to its fiber network, which would reduce the monthly rate from \$200 to \$89. Pete Metters made a motion, supported by Carol Ludlow, to move the Church's trash service to Lowder and to accept Frontier's offer. The motion passed.

Personnel. Susan was excused from the meeting so Session could decide on Christmas bonuses for the Staff. Following discussion, Bruce Gregory made a motion, supported by Linda Stewart, to approve the following bonuses: Susan \$500, Sharon \$200 and Chrisann \$200. The motion passed. Susan returned to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Session discussed candidates for the Church's Christmas Eve offering donation. Linda Stewart made a motion, supported by Carol Ludlow, to donate the offering to the Branch County Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence. The motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT: Jan Breckinridge made a motion, supported by Carol Ludlow, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Pastor Susan closed the meeting at 8:23 p.m. with a prayer.



2/2 Halie Zartman

2/3 Dennis Farwell

2/5 Mike Renshaw

♥ February Fun Facts ♥

♥ Love & Traditions

Valentine's Day began as a Christian feast day honoring St. Valentine.

🌙 Nature & Seasons

February's full moon is traditionally called the Snow Moon.

📖 History & Culture

February is recognized as Black History Month in the United States and Canada.

🐧 Just for Fun

February is National Bird-Feeding Month.



Penne alla Vodka

Total Time Prep/Total Time: 30 Min.

Yield 6 Servings



Test Kitchen Approved

This easy and impressive pasta is always on the menu when my husband and I invite first-time guests over for dinner. Many friends have asked me to make the recipe again years after they first tried it. —Cara Langer, Overland Park, Kansas

Ingredients

- 1 package (16 ounces) penne pasta
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto, cut into strips
- 1 can (28 ounces) whole plum tomatoes, drained and chopped
- 1/4 cup vodka
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Directions

- 1 Cook pasta according to package directions.
- 2 Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add garlic; cook and stir 1 minute. Add prosciutto; cook 2 minutes longer. Stir in tomatoes, vodka, salt and pepper flakes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes. Stir in cream; cook 2-3 minutes longer, stirring occasionally.
- 3 Drain pasta. Add pasta and cheese to sauce; toss to combine.

Nutrition Facts

1-1/3 cups: 504 calories, 19g fat (11g saturated fat), 64mg cholesterol, 966mg sodium, 96g carbohydrate (6g sugars, 4g fiber), 19g protein.

"A recipe has no soul.
You, as the cook, must
bring soul to the recipe."

—Thomas Keller



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Holidays

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH
ROSA PARKS DAY
SUSAN B ANTHONY DAY
GROUNDHOG DAY
VALENTINES DAY
SAFER INTERNET DAY
ORGAN DONOR DAY
DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
NAACP DAY
GALENTINES DAY

KISS DAY
CHOCOLATE MINT DAY
OPERA DAY
RARE DISEASE DAY
HOMEMADE SOUP DAY
SCIENCE DAY
PISTACHIO DAY
TILE DAY
MISSING PERSONS DAY
ROSE DAY
FROZEN YOGURT DAY

FOOTBALL HANGOVER DAY
PIZZA DAY
MAKE A FRIEND DAY
MAN DAY
TUG OF WAR DAY
RADIO DAY
GET OUT YOUR GUITAR DAY
DRINK WINE DAY
SPAY DAY
CHERRY PIE DAY
LASH DAY