

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



Finance Committee Report ~\$\$\$\$

**Monthly Needs for 2025 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 : **

AUGUST 2025 INCOME AND EXPENSES

PAYMENTS AND PAYROLL: \$16,284.48

INCOME AND DONATIONS: \$14512

8-3~ \$7271

8-10~ \$1263.20

8-17~ \$2025

8-24~ \$3953

A Note from the Treasurer

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

SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

9-7~ Linda S.

9-14~ Beth M.

9-21~ Chris D.

9-28~ Lorie H.

SEPTEMBER COUNTERS

Dennis F.

Pete M.

Carol L.

OCTOBER LITURGISTS

10-5~ ? Anyone

10-12~ Pete M.

10-19~ Tarina M.

10-26~ Lorie H.

OCTOBER COUNTERS

Bob S.

Beth M.

Jan B.



Dear friends of FPC,

I'd like to share a Calvin and Hobbs cartoon (in words) with you today. It speaks to our resilience as Christians and our readiness as Christ-followers.

The cartoon quip goes like this:

One day Calvin and Hobbes come marching into the living room early in the morning. His mother is seated there in her favorite chair, sipping her morning coffee. She looks up at young Calvin. She is amused and amazed at how he is dressed. Calvin's head is encased in a large space helmet. A cape is draped around his neck, across his shoulders, down his back and is dragging on the floor. One hand is holding a flashlight and the other a baseball bat.

"What's up today?" asks his mom.

"Nothing so far," answers Calvin.

"So far?" she questions.

"Well, you never know," Calvin says, "Something could happen today." Then Calvin marches off, "And if anything does, by golly, I'm going to be ready for it!"

Calvin's mom looks out at the reading audience and she says, "I need a suit like that!"

Friends, we HAVE a suit like that. It is our faith! It's our hope in Jesus. Jesus will never leave or forsake us. We can face anything armed with that knowledge.

So, as we see the beautiful change in seasons, coming into Fall with the glory of the Lord all around us here in Michigan, let's stop, take a deep breath, rejoice in our good God and trust God to help us face whatever trials come our way, for they are as nothing compared to eternal life!

With love for you all,

Susan

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SPIRITUAL MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SUSAN

I am the Light of the world; So if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through darkness, for living light will flood your path.” John 8:12 (TLB)

Everyone walks through dark days.

There are dark days of disappointment--when your work doesn't seem to matter, people seem disconnected.

There are dark days of discouragement--when criticism cuts deep, when relationships in the church feel strained, when people you've invested in walk away.

There are even dark days of doubt--when you wonder if you're really making a difference, or if you have the strength to keep going.

In moments like these, you don't need a new strategy. You don't need to chase the next trend or system.

What you need is light. Not just any light--the Light of the World.

Too often when we feel unclear and our way feels heavy we instinctively reach for “flashlights” of our own making.

We try to power through with experience, education, energy, or effort. We tweak the schedule, attend a conference, overhaul the programming, or imagine that a fresh start somewhere else will fix the fog.

But these are dim lights, and they burn out quickly.

What you need isn't a flashlight--it's a floodlight.

Jesus doesn't offer a flicker of inspiration. He is the blazing, unwavering Light who sees the path before you even when you can't. He doesn't promise to remove every valley, but he promises you'll never walk through one alone.

If today feels dark--if today feels heavier than usual--remember this:

Your calling didn't begin with your qualification, and it won't be sustained by your talent. It rests fully on the light of Christ.

So flip the switch of faith. With Christ's light you may not see five miles down the road, but God will give you just enough light for the next step.

Trust Him again today.

~DEACON & SESSION INFORMATION~

SEPTEMBER DEACON IN CHARGE

Mary Daniels

Communion Date

September 14th

~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 September 14th following the worship service, during Communion clean up.

~Next Session Meeting **September 18th** at 6:00 pm

-There was not a session meeting in July!

~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.



- † Stacie Hullinger, her grandma passed away
- † Bill Penn, health reasons, Cindy Fickles brother
- † Jan Breckenridge, recovering from shoulder surgery
- † Jim Evans, surgery
- † Infant Margo and family, Hope's friend
- † Peace in USA & world
- † Joy Reichenberg, Stage 4 liver & colon cancer⁽¹⁰⁻¹⁶⁻²⁴⁾
- † Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Iran
- † Everyone affected by the tornadoes, floods, fires, hurricanes and earthquakes***
- If you have added anyone to our prayer list, please let us know when they can be removed.****

PRAYSE

8-3~

- † Paul Hershberger for arranging repair of the damaged Marshall Street doors!
- † Joe Best for arranging repair of the damaged rain downspouts on the south side of the main building.

8-10~

- † The Hershbergers for having the get together

8-17~

- † Joe Best for arranging repair of the rain downspouts on the south side of the main building.
- † Paul Hershberger for arranging repair of the Marshall Street doors
- † P.W. Would like to Thank you for you support, The Ice cream social raised \$155!

8-24~

- † Joe Best for arranging repair of the rain downspouts on the south side of the main building.
- † Paul Hershberger for arranging repair of the Marshall Street doors

8-31~

*Requesting a card shower for healing for:
Jan Breckenridge(1025 Siler Dr. Bronson, MI 49028) &
Joy Reichenberg(1175 Huckleberry Lane Rockwell, NC 28138)

F.P.C. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Deborah Circle will begin their study year on September 8, 2025, at 10:00 am in the small dining room. This year's study guide is, Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ.

Deborah Circle meets the second Monday of each month at 10:00 am, in the small dining room, beginning in September and concluding in June. The exception to that is that we do not meet in December. Our meeting dates this year are:

9/8/25, 10/13, 11/10, 1/12/26, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8.

If you are not a circle member, but are interested in joining one you are welcome to come check us out! For more information please call Linda Stewart at 517-617-1399.

Jan Corey, Chris Doll, Carol Ludlow,
Beth Montgomery, Sue Paarlberg, Linda Stewart

~F.P.C. OUTREACH REPORT~

DIAPER PANTRY WORK SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

9-4~ Jan B.& Beth
9-11~ Bob & Linda S.
9-18~ Jan C. & Mary
9-25~ Lois & Dean W.

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. In 2025, we have handed out **1139** 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.

BRANCH COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

404 pounds of food were collected this year for the Food Pantry!! Thank you so much for your donations!

-Food Pantry Items needed for August are: Any and All cereals

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.

Stay safe and healthy!



Birthdays

9/19 Cheryl Kidle
9/19 Andrew Kish
9/20 Rita Snyder
9/21 Joe Eichorn

LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY:

9-7~ *Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33*

9-14~ *Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10*

9-21~ *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13*

9-28~ *Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31*

~RECIPES~



Grilled Shrimp-Stuffed Mushrooms

I love this recipe because it's fast and easy. The mushrooms can also be cooked on an indoor grill or grill pan.
—Patti Duncan, Colorado Springs, CO

Takes: 30 min. • Makes: 1 dozen

- 6 uncooked shrimp (16-20 per lb.), peeled and deveined, tails removed
- 6 bacon strips
- 12 baby portobello mushrooms, stems removed
- 2 Tbsp. barbecue sauce

Cut shrimp and bacon strips in half. Place 1 piece of shrimp on each mushroom cap. Wrap each mushroom with a piece of bacon; secure with a toothpick. Grill, covered, over indirect medium heat or broil 4 in. from heat until bacon is crisp and mushrooms are tender, 10-15 minutes, turning occasionally. Brush with barbecue sauce; grill for 5 minutes longer. Discard toothpicks before serving.

1 STUFFED MUSHROOM 77 cal., 6g fat (2g sat. fat), 25mg chol., 137mg sod., 2g carb. (1g sugars, 0 fiber), 4g pro.



Easy Four-Layer Chocolate Dessert

I grew up on these nutty, chocolaty layered treats. Now I make them for both my mom and myself.

—Kristen Stecklein, Waukesha, WI

Prep: 20 min.

Bake: 15 min. + chilling

Makes: 15 servings

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup cold butter
- 1 cup chopped walnuts, toasted, divided
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 cartons (8 oz. each) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided
- 2½ cups 2% milk
- 2 pkg. (3.9 oz. each) instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chunks
- Chocolate syrup

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Place flour in a small bowl; cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in ½ cup walnuts. Press onto the bottom of an ungreased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake until light golden brown, 12-15 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack.

2. In a bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth; fold in 1 carton whipped topping. Spread over crust. In a large bowl, use a whisk or hand mixer to beat milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Gently spread over cream cheese layer. Top with remaining whipped topping. Sprinkle with chocolate chunks and remaining walnuts. Refrigerate until cold.

3. Cut into bars. Just before serving, drizzle with chocolate syrup.

NOTE To toast nuts, bake in a shallow pan in a 350° oven for 5-10 minutes or cook in a skillet over low heat until lightly browned, stirring occasionally.

1 PIECE 434 cal., 26g fat (15g sat. fat), 36mg chol., 195mg sod., 46g carb. (27g sugars, 2g fiber), 5g pro. ●



Lemon juice provides the snappy flavor in this wonderful dessert. The light, make-ahead treat looks splendid served in individual boats made from lemon halves.

—Taste of Home Test Kitchen

Prep: 10 min. + freezing

Makes: 2 servings

- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. grated lemon zest

In a small bowl, stir cream and sugar until sugar is dissolved. Stir in lemon juice and zest (mixture will thicken slightly). Cover and freeze until firm, about 8 hours or overnight. Remove from the freezer 10 minutes before serving. Spoon into lemon boats or dessert dishes.
¾ CUP 295 cal., 12g fat (8g sat. fat), 60mg chol., 61mg sod., 39g carb. (38g sugars, 0 fiber), 4g pro.

Name: _____ Date: _____

FALL

Word Search



ACORN
APPLE
AUTUMN
CHESTNUTS
CHILLY
CIDER
COBWEB
FALL
FOOTBALL
GOURD
HALLOWEEN

HARVEST
HAY BALE
HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MAIZE
NOVEMBER
NUTS
OCTOBER
PUMPKIN
QUILT
RAKE

SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SLEET
THANKSGIVING

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed Pastor Susan Away	2 Pastor Susan Away	3 Pastor Susan Away	4 1st Thursday Prayer 4-6 D.P. & Clinic Pastor Susan Away	5 Pastor Susan Away	6 Pastor Susan Away
7 Pastor Susan Away	8 10am Deborah Circle Pastor Susan Away	9 3pm Sarah Circle Pastor Susan Away	10 10:30-12 Book Group Pastor Susan Away	11 4-6 D.P. & Clinic Pastor Susan Away	12 Pastor Susan Away	13 Presby Meeting
14 Holy Communion Deacon Mtg	15 	16 	17 10:30-12 Book Group	18 4-6 D.P. & Clinic 6pm Session	19 Wedding Rehearsal	20 2pm Debbie Coleman Wedding
21 4:00 Bar-B-Q @ Pete Metters	22 	23 	24 10:30-12 Book Group	25 4-6 D.P. & Clinic	26 	27
28	29 10am Family Promise 10am P.W. Mtg	30 				

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
52 MARSHALL STREET
COLDWATER, MI 49036

September 2025 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*
Accompanist, *Chrisann Lowe*
ADM. ASSIST. *Jessica Schneider*

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