

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 : **

MAY 2025 INCOME AND EXPENSES

PAYMENTS AND PAYROLL: \$

INCOME AND DONATIONS: \$

5-4~ \$2053

5-11~\$2097

5-18~\$2712

5-25~\$2024

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.

JUNE LITURGISTS

6-1~Linda Stewart

6-8~Anyone??!!

6-15~Chris Doll

6-22~Beth Montgomery

6-29~Bob Stewart

JUNE COUNTERS

Dennis Farwell

Pete Metters

Carol Ludlow

JULY LITURGISTS

7-6~ ?

7-13~ Pete M.

7-20~ Tarina M.

7-27~ Linda S.

JULY COUNTERS

Bob S.

Beth M.

Jan B.



FROM PASTOR SUSAN'S DESK

Dear friends, it is already almost June of 2025. Not so long ago we were celebrating New Years Day together with all that 2025 would bring in terms of ways to live for Jesus with kindness toward everyone we encounter.

June, just about the middle of the year. Last Sunday I passed out a little chart where you were supposed to put a dot or a mark on the line between Not Much or Everything. The question was what are you giving to the Lord?

Presumably most of us listed ourselves somewhere just right of middle on the scale. What can we do to encourage each other to move further toward the Everything side of the scale? How can we be “All In”?? That is exactly what we are here for,

I came across a little example of what it might look like to be the kindness of Christ to others today and I'd like to share it with you.

“Back in the days before cell phones a salesman called his wife from a pay phone in a distant city. When his coins ran out, he quickly said his good-bye and hung up. As he started to walk away, the phone rang. He quickly picked up the receiver expecting to be informed of extra charges. But the operator said, “I thought you'd like to know. Just after you hung up, your wife said, “I love you.”

That operator was not obligated to share this good news with the man on the phone. She did it to be kind and to pay forward a little more gentleness in the world.

We can do that too! Let's challenge ourselves and see what we can do and what it might accomplish for the Kingdom, moving our little dot a little more toward the Everything side of the chart.

Blessings,
Susan

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SUSAN

In one of my devotionals I read this week it said:

Lean on Faithfulness

“Your mercy grows through the ages. Your faithfulness is firm, rising up to the skies.” Psalm 89:2

God never fails, never gives up, and He will never leave you alone. He doesn't ask you to grow up and fend for yourself. His love for you remains regardless of your circumstances or weaknesses. His devotion to you is strong and unwavering.

Have you been trying to do everything on your own?

God is there to help you, to encourage you and to Save you! Just ask. God loves you with an everlasting love.

Take heart people of God, you are God's beloved.

~DEACON & SESSION INFORMATION~

JUNE DEACON IN CHARGE

Bob Montgomery

Communion Dates

6-8

~Deacon Board Members~

Bob Montgomery 517-278-5028

Lorie Hershberger 517-227-9030

Bob Stewart 517-617-0626

Hope Woods 269-275-9277

Stacey Hullinger 517-677-0074

MEETINGS:

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

~Next Session Meeting **June 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

Chris Doll 517-278-5259

Bruce Gregory 517-278-6502

Peter Metters 313-244-1570

Carol Ludlow 517-279-9407



Love. Grow. Serve.



- † *Jim Evans, surgery*
- † *Infant Margo and family, Hope's friend*
- † *Skip Montgomery's family, as they mourn his passing, Bob Montgomery's brother*
- † *Carol Ludlow as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.*
- † *Karen Maxson*
- † *Peace in USA & world*
- † *Joy Reichenberg, Stage 4 liver & colon cancer* (10-16-24)
- † *Bruce Gregory's family, as they mourn his sister Virginia Bell* (9-24-24)
- † *Rita Snyder & family, as they mourn her son Peter's passing.* (9-10-24)
- † *Kim Simpson, as she continues to fight cancer after many rounds of chemo and has begun a new round.* (8-28-24)
- † *Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Gaza*
- † *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

5-4~

- † Methodist Church for the Tommys House fundrasier
- † P.W. Sprng Gathering, Grand Haven, MI

5-11~

- † *Dr. Nancy Weatherwax*

5-18~

- † Easter tide!
- † The beautiful spring weather
- † each other and our church
- † DARRYL EICHORN'S HELP FIXING THE FENCE!!!
- † Lots of rain

5-25~

- † Remembering Veterans
- † Spring flowers

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COLDWATER
STATED MEETING OF SESSION THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

Present: Jan Breckinridge, Chris Doll, Paul Hershberger, Pete Metters, and Carol Ludlow.

Excused: Bruce Gregory

Clerk of Session: Pete Metters

Pastor Susan opened the Meeting at 6:03 p.m. with a prayer.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Pete Metters, supported by Jan Breckinridge.

DEACON'S REPORT: Session reviewed the minutes of the April 6, 2025 Board of Deacons meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Minutes of the March 13, 2025 Session Meeting were approved on a motion by Paul

Hershberger, supported by Linda Stewart.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Susan reported on the use of her time. The Holy Week Easter services went well. About 100 children attended the Easter egg hunt, although it ended an hour early due to cold temperatures and rain.

Linda Beach asked Susan to do a memorial service for Kevin Earl, who passed away on March 14, 2025. We previously did memorial services for Kevin's mother and brother. Linda will meet with Susan on Monday, April 28 to discuss the services. Linda Stewart made a motion, supported by Carol Ludlow, to have Susan do the memorial service. The motion passed.

An Ecumenical Good Friday service was hosted by the Church and Pastor Susan with five additional area pastors.

Reverend Kristin Stroble provided information on how to contact the Presbytery's Mediation Committee.

The moderator is Reverend Scott Scheel. Pete Metters will contact him.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

March 31, 2025

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BANK	\$26,641.90
MINUS DESIGNATED FUNDS	(\$12,433.14)
EQUALS GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$14,208.76
AMORTIZED ANNUAL GIFT BALANCE	_____ -
CURRENT AMOUNT	\$14,208.76
MEMORIAL INTEREST EARNED	\$10.48
VANTAGE POINTE MONEY MARKET	\$.53
VANTAGE POINTE MUTUAL FUND	(\$3,340.82)
BRINKER CAPITAL	(\$4,581.31)
TOTAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS (INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$7,911.12)

The Treasurer's Report was gratefully received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds. Session reviewed and discussed damage from the recent storm. The Church's electric service went out and the refrigerator and fire alarms were activated. Multiple boxes of temperature sensitive insulin were packed in coolers and taken off site until power was restored. The Narthex doors were damaged. The steeple lost a small section of vinyl siding near the top of the Bell Tower. One smoke detector was found non-functional and was replaced. We have a new contract with CertaSite to check and maintain the fire alarms annually.

Finance. Session reviewed the proposed 2025 Budget, which projects revenue of \$147,000, expenses of \$223,786 and a deficit of \$76,786. Motion from the Finance Committee to approve the Budget. No second was required. The motion passed.

Session received and discussed the proof of cash report of the review by Pete Metters and Dennis Farwell of the Church's financial records and condition through December 31, 2024. Jan Breckinridge made a motion, supported by Linda Stewart, to acknowledge the financial review. The motion passed.

The Finance Committee made a motion to update the Church's property and liability insurance policy. Maintaining the current coverage would cost 24% more the new policy. The main change would be a reduction in coverage to 80% of the replacement value of property. That would reduce the premium from \$11,284 to \$9,795, saving 13%. No second was required for the motion. The proposed changes were approved.

Paul Hershberger made a motion, supported by Carol Ludlow, to invest \$50,000 from the Memorial Fund in certificates of deposit at the Southern Michigan Bank & Trust to increase the interest return. The motion passed.

Fellowship Committee. Session thanked the Fellowship Committee for an excellent Easter Brunch.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Congregational Meeting. Paul Hershberger a motion, supported by Chris Doll, to hold the Annual Congregational Meeting after services on Sunday, June 8, 2025. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Columbarium. We only have space left for four more memorial plaques. Building a place for additional plaques will be very costly. Paul Hershberger made a motion, supported by Carol Ludlow, to increase the burial fee from \$200 to \$500 to raise funds. The motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT: Chris Doll made a motion, supported by Jan Breckinridge, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Pastor Susan closed the meeting at 7:39 p.m. with a prayer.

F.P.C. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our circles continue with Bible Study and fellowship.

Deborah Circle continues to do their Study with Pastor Susan. They will be taking their summer break and will begin again in the fall with a new Bible Study.

Sarah Circle continues to study Sacred Encounters. We are led by Pastor Susan. We will be taking a break over the summer and begin again in the fall with a new Bible Study.

We continue to collect food for the Food pantry. They need cereal. They can't afford to buy it. We also collect paper products for the Shelter House.

We welcome all who wish to join our circles. Consider joining in the fall. Deborah Circle meets at 10:00am the second Monday of the month. Sarah Circle meets at 3:00 on the second Tuesday of the month. Both begin in September and finish in June.

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

~F.P.C. OUTREACH REPORT~

DIAPER PANTRY WORK SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

6-5~ Lois& Dean
6-12~ Beth&Bob
6-19~ Jan C. & Sue
6-26~ Bob & Linda

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 **707** 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

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

-Food Pantry Items needed for June 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 37,810 (2002-2023) 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

Debbie Coleman 6-14
Lorie Hershberger 6-26

Anniversaries

Bob & Chris Doll 6-19
Andrew & Carla Kish 6-28

LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY:

6-1~ *Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53*

6-8~ *Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)*

6-15~ *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15*

6-22~ *1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39*

6-29~ *2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62*

~RECIPES~



Lemon Olive Oil Cake

Olive oil cakes stay tender and moist longer than butter-based cakes, so they are a great option if you need to make dessert ahead of time.

—Nicole Gackowski, Antioch, CA

Prep: 15 min.

Bake: 30 min. + cooling

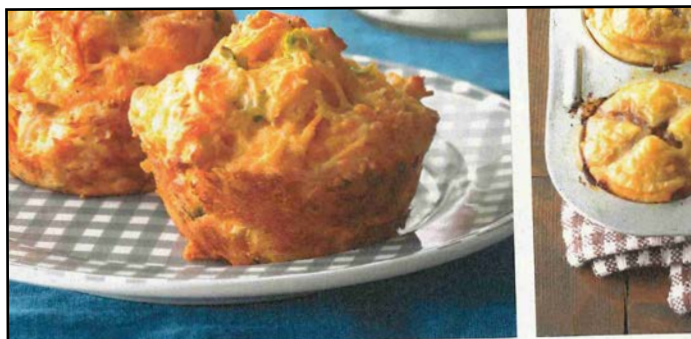
Makes: 8 servings

- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup extra virgin olive oil
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup 2% milk
- 1 Tbsp. grated lemon zest
- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt
- Confectioners' sugar

1. Preheat the oven to 350°. Line a greased 8-in. round baking pan with parchment. In a large bowl, beat eggs on high speed 3 minutes. Gradually add sugar, beating until thickened. Gradually beat in oil. Beat in milk, lemon zest and lemon juice.

2. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt; fold into the egg mixture. Transfer batter to prepared pan, spreading evenly. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 30-35 minutes. Cool in pan for 15 minutes before removing to a wire rack; remove parchment. Cool completely. Dust with confectioners' sugar.

1 PIECE 266 cal., 15g fat (2g sat. fat), 47mg chol., 157mg sod., 30g carb. (18g sugars, 1g fiber), 4g pro. ●



Buffalo Chicken Biscuits

These spicy, savory muffins are always a hit at parties. We love them as a simple snack on game day too.

—Jasmin Baron, Livonia, NY

Prep: 20 min. • Bake: 25 min.

Makes: 1 dozen

- 3 cups chopped rotisserie chicken
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Louisiana-style hot sauce
- 2 cups biscuit/baking mix
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. celery seed
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. pepper
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup 2% milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup ranch salad dressing
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- Optional: Additional ranch dressing and hot sauce

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Toss chicken with hot sauce. In a large bowl, whisk together baking mix, celery seed and pepper. In another bowl, whisk together egg, milk and dressing; add to dry ingredients, stirring just until moistened. Fold in 1 cup cheese, green onions and chicken mixture.

2. Spoon into 12 greased muffin cups. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 25-30 minutes.

3. Cool 5 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack. Serve warm. Serve with additional dressing and hot sauce if desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

2 BISCUITS 461 cal., 24g fat (10g sat. fat), 121mg chol., 1180mg sod., 29g carb. (3g sugars, 1g fiber), 31g pro.

Mini Sausage Pies

The simple ingredients make these sausage cups a go-to dinner favorite. The fact that every person gets their own pie (or two!) makes them even better.

—Kerry Dingwall, Wilmington, NC

Prep: 35 min. • Bake: 30 min.

Makes: 1 dozen

- 1 pkg. (17.3 oz.) frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 lb. bulk sage pork sausage
- 6 green onions, chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped dried apricots
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten

26 SPRING 2025 TASTE OF HOME.COM



Chicken Tostada Cups

Years ago, I tried a version of these cups at a restaurant in Santa Fe, and I wanted to give it my own spin.

—Marla Clark, Moriarty, NM

Prep: 25 min. • Bake: 15 min.

Makes: 6 servings

- 12 corn tortillas (6 in.), warmed
- Cooking spray
- 2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken
- 1 cup salsa

- 1 can (16 oz.) refried beans
- 1 cup shredded reduced-fat Mexican cheese blend
- Optional toppings: Shredded lettuce, reduced-fat sour cream, chopped cilantro, diced avocado, sliced jalapeno, lime wedges, sliced ripe olives, sliced green onions, sliced radishes, and pico de gallo or additional salsa

1. Preheat oven to 425°. Press warm tortillas into 12 muffin cups coated

with cooking spray, pleating sides as needed. Spritz tortillas with additional cooking spray.

2. Bake 5-7 minutes or until lightly browned. Toss chicken with salsa. Layer each cup with beans, chicken mixture and cheese.

3. Bake for 9-11 minutes or until heated through. Serve with toppings as desired.

2 TOSTADA CUPS 338 cal., 11g fat (4g sat. fat), 52mg chol., 629mg sod., 35g carb. (2g sugars, 6g fiber), 25g pro. DIABETIC EXCHANGES 3 lean meat, 2 starch, 1 fat.

Golf

C U I R O N S X L V S J S U N
W P U T T I N G G R E E N C E
Z A Z D G E X H F S K Z S A E
F C T A N P O L R O Q E T D R
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BALL
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PUTTING GREEN
ROUGH
STROKE PLAY
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WATER HAZARD

BUNKERS
CHIP
DOWNERS GROVE
EIGHTEEN
FLAG STICK
GREEN
IRONS
NINE
PGA TOUR
R AND A
SCOTLAND
STROKES
USGA



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> Deacon Mtg Annual Reports Due	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 1030-12 Book Group	<i>5</i> 4-6 pm DP&Clinic	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> Pentecost Holy Communion Annual Congregation Meeting	<i>9</i> 10am Deborah Circle	<i>10</i> 3pm Sarah Circle Presbytery in Cadillac	<i>11</i> 1030-12 Book Group	<i>12</i> 4-6 pm DP&Clinic	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> Happy Fathers Day!	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 1030-12 Book Group	<i>19</i> 4-6 pm DP&Clinic 6pm Session	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 10am P.W. Cord. Team	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 1030-12 Book Group	<i>26</i> 4-6 pm DP&Clinic	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> Bake Sale	<i>30</i>					

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
52 MARSHALL STREET
COLDWATER, MI 49036

June 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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