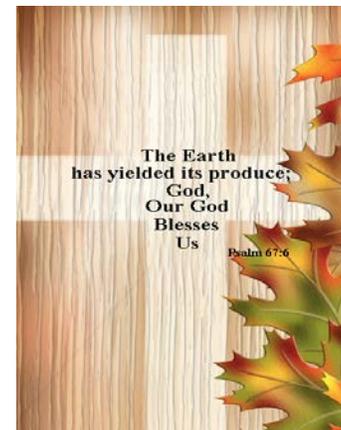


**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

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 : \*\***  
**AUGUST 2022 INCOME AND EXPENSES**  
**INCOME AND DONATIONS:**  
**PAYMENTS AND PAYROLL:**  
**WEEKLY GIVING**  
 8/7 \$3,628.70  
 8/14 \$1,467.00  
 8/21 \$1,795.00  
  
**A Note from the interim 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**  
 Sept. 4- Cheryl Metters  
 Sept. 11- Doris Heinemann  
 Sept. 18- Beth Montgomery  
 Sept. 25- Cheryl Metters  
  
**SEPTEMBER COUNTERS**  
 Dennis Farwell  
 Pete Metters  
 Carol Ludlow  
  
**OCTOBER LITURGISTS**  
 Oct. 2- Bruce Gregory  
 Oct. 9- Lisa Renshaw  
 Oct. 16- Cheryl Metters  
 Oct. 23- Tarina Macklem  
 Oct. 30- Cheryl Metters  
  
**OCTOBER COUNTERS**  
 Bob Stewart  
 Beth Montgomery  
 Carol Ludlow

## FROM PASTOR SUSAN'S DESK

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church/Coldwater,

When September comes we know we are in Fall with a count down to Advent and Christmas. Ironically, I was just at a preaching seminar in Sheridan, WY on Advent. It was inspiring and substantial. It reminded us to preach passionately and with vigor. I loved it. Because Advent is still quite a ways away, I will not address it particularly today, but rather the upcoming Fall season that is before us.

In September we begin to see the leaves fall from the trees, as God designed to blanket the ground and protect it for winter. We begin to think about Thanksgiving and that reminds us to thank God for all the myriad blessings that God bestows on us everyday. Our thoughts turn to family and friends, all gifts from God. Every season, every day is a gift from God to us, God's children.

To help us keep that gratitude in mind we are going to again offer a once a month Taize worship service in the evening. I am currently thinking Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary (if not too hot, otherwise in the Fellowship Hall).

Also, we want to begin a Fall once a month movie night (in the sanctuary probably) with popcorn. The first movie scheduled is "Heaven is for Real". This is a delightful true story about the truth of heaven for each of us. I am planning it for Friday night Sept. 16 at 7:30 pm. If these dates and times don't work please let me know. We are flexible. I am hoping that all of us will gather for these special events in the life of our church family to worship and grow together in Christ.

It's good to be among you.

May God bless you richly,  
Susan



## Praying Through God's Word

Friends, periodically I receive a publication from Dr. David Jeremiah, a well known preacher, teacher, author and speaker. I would like to share with you today a segment in his most recent Turning Points pamphlet called "Sing."

"And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord." Psalm 27:6

Marina Noyes, a pastors' wife in Ukraine, explained how her family dealt with the hardships that fell on their nation earlier this year. "When the trouble comes, we cry, When it gets bad, we pray. When it becomes unbearable, we sing."

The difficulties of life trigger wide-ranging emotions within us. God created us as emotional people, and He gave us personalities equipped to process the events of life. Just as Jesus wept by the tomb of His friend, we cry. But we don't stop there. We pray. We trust. We seek out God's comfort. We find His promises and claim them, which allows us to walk by faith.

But we also sing, (emphasis mine) for the song in our heart comes from the Holy Spirit, whose fullness spurs us to render psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:18-19.)

The psalmist had his enemies, but his secret weapon was offering sacrifices of joy before God and singing praises to the Lord. What's your favorite hymn or praise song? Why not sing or listen to it now? (1 Erik Tryggstad, "Ukrainians Count the Days as They Pray," The Christian Chronicle, May 13, 2022.)

I personally find singing brings me closer to God than just words, even preaching and scripture. Singing lightens my heart and wings my words to God. Maybe you find the same thing?

Pastor Susan

### Wise Women's Work

Online Community and Conversation Series

Register at [www.pts.edu/wise-women-2223](http://www.pts.edu/wise-women-2223)

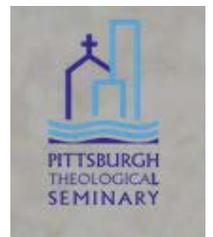
Oct. 27, 2022 Kendall Vanderslice- baker, theologian, writer, and developer behind Edible Theology.

Nov. 17, 2022 Becca Stevens- priest, author, entrepreneur, and founding director of Thistle Farms.

Jan 19, 2023 Laura Everett- pastor, ecumenical convener, author and textile artist.

Feb. 16, 2023 Jen Bailey- pastor, writer, activist, and founder of Faith Matters Network

March 9, 2023 Hedda Sharapan- script consultant to Mister Rogers



Questions:

412-924-1345

[ConEd@pts.edu](mailto:ConEd@pts.edu)

[WWW.PTS.EDU/WISE-WOMEN-2223](http://WWW.PTS.EDU/WISE-WOMEN-2223)

# Your Deacon and Session Information

## DEACON IN CHARGE

September: Sue Paarlberg  
October: Lorie Hershberger  
November: Cheryl Metters

## SEPTEMBER USHERS

Don and Susan Paarlberg

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## Communion Dates

September 4th  
October 16th  
November 6th  
December 24th and 25th

## 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  
903-767-3332

### 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 September 4th following the worship service  
~ Next Session Meeting September 15th, 6:00 pm



# Prayers and Praises

## PRAYERS FOR:

- † Kathy Spalding, a friend's daughter of Bob and Linda Stewart.
- † *Jim Brown's* family and friends as they grieve.
- † *Paul Hershberger*, safe travels.
- † *Jim and Pat Lindberry, Brenda Goorhouse, Amy Lynch*, Loved ones of Amber
- † *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:

**8/7**

- † Mr. Chuck Lillis
- † Fun times with family
- † Safe travels

**8/14**

- † God's Love
- † Cooler temperatures
- † The "behind the scene" volunteers

**8/21**

- †† Family Promise, Branch Area Food Pantry, Free Health Clinic, Diaper Pantry, Shelters (Human and animals), Beginnings Care for Life, Jacobs Well and all the other community help services
- † The beautiful 4 seasons that God gave us.

**8/28**

- † Change, without change we would be stale.
- † Learning, always learning
- † The ability to love and be loved.

# FPC Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women

September, 2022

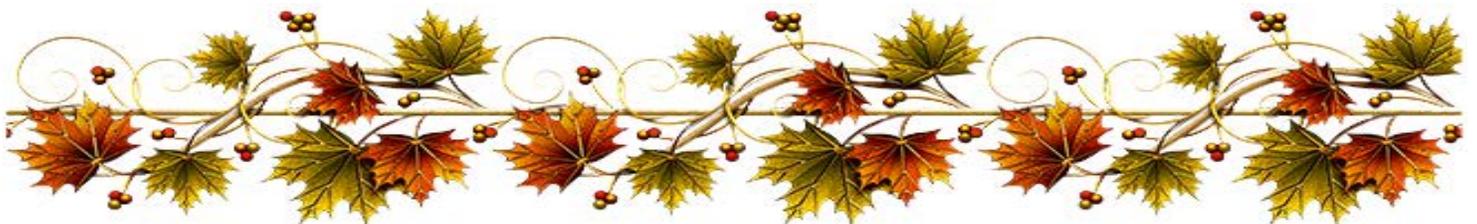
Deborah circle meets on the second Monday of the month at 10 am. Sarah Circle meets the second Tuesday at 3:00 pm. Sarah Circle decided to meet at 3:00 to make it easier for all of us to get there. Sarah Circle will begin *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. You can always join us for Bible study and fellowship.

Anyone can help the Presbyterian Women by making Prayer Shawls. Upstairs in the room across from the choir room are two containers. One is for finished shawls. Right now we have several in the tub. If you know someone who needs a prayer shawl, let the church office or Beth Montgomery know you are taking one and who will receive the shawl. If you would like to make a shawl, there is another tub upstairs that has donated yarns and patterns for shawls. These are for making shawls. Please feel free to make a shawl and donate it to carry on this ministry.

We are amazed at our participation of the Food Pantry. Your generosity each week to help the people who need this support is wonderful. Thank you so much.

We are always looking for volunteers for the Diaper Pantry. We have a schedule that we post in the newsletter and the bulletin. You could volunteer for one Thursday a month or every two months. It is two hours, 4:00 to 6:00 on a Thursday. One person takes the information and the other person fills the diaper needs. Please let Beth Montgomery know if you'd like to volunteer for this ministry.

Presbyterian Women: *Jan Corey, Chris Doll, Carol Ludlow, Beth Montgomery, Sue Paarlberg, Linda Stewart*



## Announcement from the Presbyterian Women:

The P.W. will be hosting a late summer, early fall bake sale in the fellowship hall on Sunday, September 11th.

The PW pre-Holiday bake sale will be Sunday November 20th.

Bake Sale

Bake Sale

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## FPC's Outreach Report

### DIAPER PANTRY WORK SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

9/1- Bob and Linda  
9/8- Jan B and Beth  
9/15- Jan C and Chris  
9/22- Cindy  
9/29- Dean and Lois

**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 667 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

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

**FOOD PANTRY** items for September is Peanut Butter and Jelly.

Other items needed are shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream and feminine hygiene products

~Thank you



### 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 our lives?!



**YOUR RECIPES, YOUR STORIES, OR POINTS OF INTEREST FOR THE NEWSLETTER!  
TURN THEM INTO THE OFFICE!**

### 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!**

### **Healthy Tip**

If you keep your potatoes in a bag and add an apple, it will help absorb the gas and keep them from sprouting.



### LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY:

**Sept. 4th-** Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33

**Sept. 11th-** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14:1-7 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

**Sept. 18th-** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

**Sept. 25th-** Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

**Oct 2nd -**Lamentations 1:1-6, Lamentations 3:19-26, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

**Oct 9th** Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-12, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

**Oct 16-** Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

**Oct. 23rd-** Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

**Oct 30th-** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

### Birthdays

Megan Rufenacht	09/15
Cheryl Kidle	09/19
Rita Snyder	09/20
Joe Eichorn	09/21

# Recipes-

Submitted by Jan Corey

**FREEZE IT**

## SLOW COOKER SWEET-AND-SOUR PORK



Chinese food is a big temptation for us, so I lightened up a favorite takeout dish.

—ELYSE ELLIS LAYTON, UT

**PREP:** 15 MIN. • **COOK:** 6¼ HOURS  
**MAKES:** 4 SERVINGS

- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup chicken broth
- ½ cup white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1½ pounds boneless pork loin chops, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 large onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large green pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 can (8 ounces) pineapple chunks, drained

### ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS

- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- ½ cup chicken broth
- Hot cooked rice

1. In a 3- or 4-qt. slow cooker, mix the first 10 ingredients. Stir in pork, onion, green pepper and pineapple. Cook, covered, on low 6-8 hours or until the pork is tender.

2. In a small bowl, mix cornstarch and broth until smooth; gradually stir into cooking juices. Cook, covered, on low 15-20 minutes longer or until sauce is thickened. Serve with rice.

**Freeze option:** In a large resealable plastic freezer bag, combine the first 10 ingredients. Add pork, onion, green pepper and pineapple; seal bag, turn to coat, then freeze. To use, place filled freezer bag in refrigerator 48 hours or until contents are completely thawed. Cook as directed.

## Chicken Parmesean Meatballs

What'sgabbycooking.com

- 1 pound ground chicken
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan
- 1/3 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1 egg

- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cups flour
- bocconcini mozzarella balls
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 jar marinara sauce
- handful of basil leaves torn

### Instructions:

In a large mixing bowl, combine the chicken, parmesan, bread crumbs, egg, spices. Combine everything with your hands. Shape the chicken mixture into small meatballs, about the size of a golf ball...Insert a mozzarella ball in the center of each meatball, taking care to reform the meat around the cheese, completely hidden.

Dredge each meatball in the flour to lightly coat it and gently tap off any excess flour. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Heat olive oil in a large heavy bottom skillet over medium high heat. Once the oil is hot, add half of the meatballs and sauté for a 3-4 minutes, turning every so often to brown the outside. Once browned, remove them from the oil and repeat the process with the remaining meatballs. Once all meatballs are browned, add the tomato sauce to the skillet and place meatballs on top of the sauce.

Transfer the skillet, meatballs and all, into the oven and let the meatballs continue to bake for 15-20 minutes until cooked through.

Remove the skillet from the oven and dusting with salt, pepper, freshly chopped basil and extra bocconcini if desired. Serve immediately.

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

**Day 1**  
You don't need to do  
anything to be special. You  
just are!

**Day 2**  
Give you what you need  
too.

**Day 3**  
There's always  
something to be joyful  
about

**Day 4**  
Your thoughts  
Your feelings  
Your dreams-  
they all matter!

**Day 5**  
You are a success story

**Day 6**  
Hope is the best  
energizer there is

**Day 7**  
Let your light shine!

Author unknown-





# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Communion Sunday 12:05 pm Deacon Mtg	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 Amber	7 11am—12:30 pm Wed. Book Group Cindy	1 4pm-6pm Clinic & Diaper Pantry Cindy	2 Office Closed	3
11 Bell Practice following worship	12 10 am Deborah Circle Amber Cindy Vac	13 3pm Sarah Circle Amber Cindy Vac	14 11am—12:30 pm Wed. Book Group Cindy Vac	8 4pm-6pm Clinic & Diaper Pantry Cindy	9 Office Closed	10
18	19 Cindy	20 Cindy	21 11am—12:30 pm Wed. Book Group Cindy	15 4pm-6pm Clinic & Diaper Pantry 6pm-Session Cindy Vac	16 Office Closed	17
25	26 Cindy	27 Cindy	28 11am—12:30 pm Wed. Book Group Cindy	22 4pm-6pm Clinic & Diaper Pantry Cindy	23 Office Closed	24
				29 4pm-6pm Clinic & Diaper Pantry Cindy	30 Office Closed	 Sunday Oct 1

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**September 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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