

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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:

10:30 am Worship Service
No coffee or Social Hour at this time.

Sunday School Schedule:

Adult Sunday School meets on Sunday
mornings at 9:30 am at the church

* CHURCH SERVERS*

LITURGIST- FEBRUARY

Feb. 7- Paul Hershberger
Feb. 14- Cheryl Metters
Feb. 21- Lorie Hershberger
Feb. 28- Tarina Macklem

COUNTERS- FEBRUARY

Julie Lewis
Tarina Macklem

Please review the **usher list on page 5**.
If there is a problem with your scheduled
Sunday, please call the Deacon in Charge.

LITURGIST- MARCH

March 7- Mary Farwell
March 14- Doris Heinemann
March 21- Lisa Renshaw
March 28- Julie Lewis

COUNTERS-MARCH

Dennis Farwell
Peter Metters

faith and **finances**

Finance Committee Report ~\$\$\$\$ **Monthly Needs for 2021 budget

Needed Monthly to meet budget: \$14,095.00

Needed weekly to meet budget \$3,523.75

Annual Per Capita: payment \$3,680.00

**FINANCIAL REPORT FROM : **

JANUARY 2021 INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME AND DONATIONS: \$16,648.66

PAYMENTS AND PAYROLL: \$19,129.46

Weekly giving~

Jan. 3rd- \$2,830.00
Jan. 10th-\$6,065.17
Jan. 17th-\$7,060.00
Jan. 24th-\$1,555.39

The total **2021 per capita** rate is \$35.23 per person.
That rate includes \$8.98 for the Office of the General
Assembly, \$3.25 for the Synod of the Covenant and
\$23.00 for the presbytery.

Remember:

*Stewardship is more than financial giving....
It is a sense of thanksgiving for all that
God has given us.*

FROM PASTOR SUSAN'S DESK

Dear Friends at FPC Coldwater,

What joy it gives me to begin my letter to you in this manner. You ARE new friends and I treasure you. That might be the “take away” in the month of February-the month of LOVE. We are to treasure each other, listen closely when someone is speaking to us, pray for them and their needs and reach out to others in our community that we may not yet know.

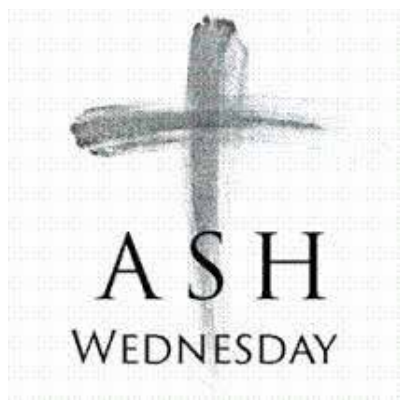
The author of LOVE is, of course, Jesus Christ. He is the One who teaches us how to love wholeheartedly, extravagantly, generously. He is the One who demonstrates for us daily how to be in close communion with God. Jesus wants us to start and finish our days with Him, but also to keep Him in the middle as well. How do we do that? By being in prayer (yes, sometimes in our Prayer Closet, but often in the midst of our day, driving the kids or grandkids to a function or to school, running errands for yourself or someone else.) You don't have to close your eyes to pray, you know. And, sometimes a prayerful posture helps us stay focused on our prayer, for example, sitting quietly with our hands folded in our lap, or with our hands open, palm up as we pray and receive from God what He has for us that day. We can pray jogging, riding a bike, before meals, before visiting a person in the hospital (when those restrictions have been lifted). We can actually pray ANYTIME, ANYWHERE. We just have to put God first and focus on Him.

I offer these different modes of prayer because I believe we are to be a “people of prayer”. We are to worship in God's “house of prayer”. Prayer is important to God and to Jesus. Remember all the times Jesus went off by Himself to pray when life got hectic? We can learn from His behavior and choose to pray when our lives are unraveling.

Jesus longs to be there for us, but we have to open ourselves up to Him and the best way is through prayer. I commend it to you for the month of February. Let's see where the Lord leads us together as we pray.

Prayerfully with love,
Susan R

Join
Us



Wednesday Feb. 17th at 12:00 noon
for our Ash Wednesday Service

Dear Friends in Coldwater First Presbyterian Church,

Hello! This is my first letter out to you and I send it with greetings and love.

Now that we are in the beginnings of 2021 I hope to begin some normal church functions, like committee meetings. Only I choose to call them Team meetings. (No one likes to go to a committee meeting, but everyone wants to be on a winning Team.)

So, here are the Teams I would like to begin in 2021, whenever we are able to resume meeting in person to work for the church. Explanations will accompany these Team titles. My hope is that each of you will want to be part of one or more teams to continue the work of the church of Jesus Christ in Coldwater and beyond.

~**Worship Team** (which includes scene design and non-traditional services) The persons on this Team would enjoy being creative with our visuals as well as the content of worship.

~**Music Team**-The choir, bell choirs, pianist and organist as well as any future choir director would be those most interested in this Team, but not limited to musically advantaged. (This team can be incorporated within the Worship Team until such time as they want to stand alone.)

~**Discipleship/Christian Education**-This team would help the Pastor discern study materials, teachers, opportunities to reach those not yet engaged in Biblical or book studies to strengthen their own faith and the congregation's impact in Coldwater and beyond.

~**Mission Team**-those people who have a heart for helping others, near and far, through hands on work that engages the congregation as well as monetary goals to enhance provision and needs met for others.

~**Stewardship Team**-(previously called the Finance Committee) This team evaluates the income and outgo of the church monies and how they should be allocated. They report to the Session through the Treasurer. (The word Stewardship conjures up the idea of using God's money to the best of our abilities, rather than just a corporation's view of checks and balances).

~**Technology Team**-Those unique individuals for whom computers, laptops, screens and all electrical connections are not a mystery. For those who thrive on electronic challenges. We hope to bring worship services to you in the near future with more technology.

~**Guest Services Team** (Fellowship and Hospitality) This team would oversee church wide functions that include food and or/ hospitality to our congregation or outsiders, (i.e. funeral meals, weddings, etc.) It would also be responsible for welcoming new visitors and prospective members and helping new members become connected with the congregation.

~**Drama Team**-These individuals would enjoy participating in skits (chosen by the pastor), drama, opportunities to involve others in visuals to enhance worship.

~**Special Events Teams**-Those folks who enjoy finding and facilitating group experiences such as concerts within the church or community, group trips to places of interest, etc. They would find, get approval and orchestrate these events with the help of appropriate persons including the Pastor.

~**Personnel**-Persons specifically chosen to serve on the Personnel Team with the pastor to enhance relationships primarily with the staff.

As you can see there are 10 Teams listed here. Ideally, each Team would have 4-5 members, but there could be more. I would LOVE to see everyone at least a little bit involved in the life of their church through these Teams, when and only when it is safe to engage in them. In the meantime, I would love to begin putting names to the teams as you step up to indicate your interest in serving on one of them.

Many thanks to you in advance!

Blessings in Christ's name,

Pastor Susan Reichenberg

From Your Session...

SUMMARY OF SESSION MEETING, THURSDAY JANUARY 14, 2021

We had a quorum of 7 of our 9 board members,

Pastor Susan opened the meeting at 6:05 PM with prayer.

Susan purchased a book Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, for us to read and discuss prior to the meeting began. We had a 15 minute discussion on the first chapter.

Velma Cole gave the Treasurers report. The Christmas Eve offering totaled \$1007.00 and a check has been sent to Jacobs Well.

Susan went over her report.

We are looking into changing the time of Church services so that Liz Mowen can continue as our pianist. Her church is currently closed due to COVID but once it reopens she would not be available for our 10:30 service. We will be sending out robo calls asking for the congregation's feelings about the time change. You will be able to contact any of the session members for your thoughts on this.

Family Promise has contacted Susan concerning getting assistance from us and other church's for meals for the homeless. In years past each church would take a week and house them giving them dinner and breakfast. We stopped working with them once we opened the Free Clinic. What they are requesting now is having us buy groceries for 5 evening meals once a month. Family Promise would pick up the groceries and the families would prepare the meals at the residence. We discussed this and feel it is a good mission for us. Susan will also contact the Circles for assistance.

Susan stated she would like to have an Ash Wednesday service and it was decided that a noon service would be better than an evening. This will be Wednesday, February 17th. Susan will also be sending out a mailing concerning services.

Paul Hershberger discussed the project of installing screens and projector in the sanctuary to project hymns and scriptures on the screens. They had a meeting in the Sanctuary 2 weeks ago with B.C. Sound the company that could possibly do the installation. It has been decided to contact some other companies and get other bids. Paul will bring this to Session once he has other proposals.

The meeting closed with prayer at 7:00 P M.

Julie Lewis
Clerk of Session



With the new Relaunch guidelines we need 6 Ushers each Sunday. We could really use help in this area. So if this is a ministry that you would like to be a part, Please consider volunteering! Let the church office 517-278-6068 or Cheryl Metters 517-736-4040 know if you can help out and thank you in advance!

February Deacon in Charge: Cheryl Metters

USHERS & GREETERS:

February 7th Lorie and Paul Hershberger (Sanctuary), Jay Cole and Cheryl Metters (Elevator Entrance), Mike & Lisa Renshaw (Calvin Hall Entrance)

February 14th Don & Sue Paarlberg (Sanctuary Doors), Nancy and Bruce Gregory, (Calvin Hall Entrance), Jay Cole and Cheryl Metters (Elevator Doors)

February 21st Dean and Lois Williams (Sanctuary Doors), Jay Cole and Cheryl Metters (Elevator Entrance), Joe Best and Doris Heinemann (Calvin Hall Entrance)

February 28th Jan and Chuck Corey (Calvin Hall Entrance), Larmar Livensparger, Rita Snyder (Sanctuary Doors), Cheryl Metters and Jay Cole (Elevator Entrance)

Please let the Deacon in charge know if you are unable to usher.

Attention Deacons: Your Christmas gift from Pastor Susan is in Fellowship Hall!

FPC's Outreach Report

FEBRUARY

DIAPER PANTRY WORK SCHEDULE

Feb. 4th- Dean and Lois

Feb. 11th- Jan C. and Linda P

Feb. 18th- Cindy and Ashlyn

Feb. 25th- Chris and Jan B

Diaper Pantry Protocol is as follows: Everyone stays in their car. Volunteers will go to client's cars. Take requests, fill it, and return the client's order to them. No need for the clients to come into the church. It is recommended that all volunteers wear face masks.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

PRAYERS FOR:

- † *Nancy Corwin*, recovering from a hospitalization for a heart issue.
- † *Melvin Griswold Jr*, Nancy Corwin's nephew, final stages of cancer.
- † *Diane Lickfeldt*, Friend of Sally Whitten, as they grieve her death
- † *Charlie Finn* Friend of Sally Whitten receiving Hospice Services due to advanced Myasthenia Gravis.
- † *Melissa Smith* – wife of one of Cheryl Metter's coworkers, recently diagnosed with MS
- † *Bethany Stob* – Metter's niece, that her new treatment for Myasthenia Gravis works.
- † *Gladys Hershberger*, Paul Hershberger's mom, weight loss concerns
- † *Linda Stutz* Marsha DeGroot's friend is in Hospice care.
- † *Joe Metters*, Pete Metter's brother, recovering from a partially detached retina surgery.
- † *Virginia Bell*, Bruce Gregory's sister, has started chemo for stage 4 ovarian cancer.
- † *Nancy Burkeen*, coworker of Dennis Farwell, she's been moved to stage 4 and is starting another round of chemo.
- † *Carolyn (Susie) Smith*, Kara Bercaw's mother continues with Hospice care.
- † *Ben Schwarts*, 9 month old with many health issues. Parents are friends of the Parrs.
- † *Cherie Carnes*, daughter-in-law of Barb Cowden, has started chemo for ovarian cancer.
- † *Garland Eichorn*, Luella's great grandson's Joe's great grandfather, many health issues.
- † *Paxton Jameson*, Marsha Sansom's grandson, tour of duty in Jordan.
- † *Julie Dunlap*, cancer, Marsha Sansom's friend, still fighting cancer.
- † *Darlene Loetz*, cancer, Marsha Sansom's friend, still fighting cancer.
- † *Darlene Mier*, Marsha DeGroot's friend, still struggling with health issues.

PRAISES:

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- † New beginnings
- † Hope and Healing

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- † Answered prayers
- † Safe travels for Monte

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- † Those who understand techy language!
- † Updating technology.
- † Those always willing to volunteer.

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- † Team work
- † Health and safety
- † Understanding technology!

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- † Accepting and going along with changes
- † Finding space for grace.

Game Day Recipes

For all you Super Bowl Fans

Over the Top Nachos 6 servings

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 onion, finely diced
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 (16 ounce) can refried beans
- 1 (14.5 ounce) package tortilla chips
- 1 fresh jalapeno pepper, sliced

Directions

Step 1-In a large frying pan, brown ground beef with onion, salt and pepper over medium heat. Break the meat into very small pieces while it is cooking. After the meat is thoroughly cooked, drain off the grease.

Step 2 -Arrange chips on a microwavable platter. Spread beans over the chips. Layer with 1/2 of the cheese, the ground beef mixture, and remaining cheese. Arrange jalapeno peppers on top.

Step 3- Microwave on medium-high until cheese has melted. Serve immediately.

Nutrition Facts: Per Serving:

829 calories; protein 33.6g; carbohydrates 58.4g; fat 52.1g; cholesterol 118.6mg; sodium 845.9mg.

Baked Potato Dip

It is so easy and so good! Serve with potato chips. (Makes a great potato topper as well!)

Ingredients

- 2 (16 ounce) containers sour cream
- 1 (3 ounce) can bacon bits
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped

Directions

In a medium size mixing bowl, combine sour cream, bacon, Cheddar cheese and green onions; stir well.

Refrigerate, or serve immediately.

Nutrition Facts: Per Serving:

101 calories; protein 3.9g; carbohydrates 1.8g; fat 8.9g; cholesterol 21.8mg; sodium 142.5mg. Full Nutrition

Sausage Cheese Dip

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground pork sausage
- 1 (2 pound) loaf processed cheese, cubed
- 1 (8 ounce) container sour cream
- 1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers, drained
- 2 green onions, chopped

Directions

Step 1- Place ground pork sausage in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown.

Step 2 -In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt processed cheese.

Step 3 Drain sausage and mix in a medium bowl with the melted processed cheese, sour cream, diced tomatoes with greenchile peppers and green onions.

Nutrition Facts: Per Serving:

85 calories; protein 3.6g; carbohydrates 1.5g; fat 7.2g; cholesterol 17.7mg; sodium 246.3mg

Church News

Starting February 21st, 2021

Worship Service will start at 11:00am.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU~

Dear FPC Family,

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks for the beautiful pearls that were given to me at my Installation service. They are lovely, but more than that, they are from you so I will cherish them! Thank you for making that day, Dec 27, 2020, so memorable! You are a terrific congregation!

With love and blessings,

Susan Reichenberg

Free Medical Clinic

THE PRESBYTERIAN HEALTH CLINIC is working with a limited staff, only filling medications of established patients at this time. No new patients or doctor visits are being seen until further notice.

Patients are asked to stay in their cars and their medication will be taken to them.

The clinic hours are:

Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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!

LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY:

Feb. 7- Isa. 40:21-31, Ps. 147:1-11, 20c
1 Cor.9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

Feb. 14- 2Kings 2:12 Ps. 50:1-5.
2Cor.4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Feb. 17th Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2,12-17, Isa. 58:1-12, Ps. 51:1-17:
2Cor. 5:20b-6:10, Matt. 6:1-6,16-21

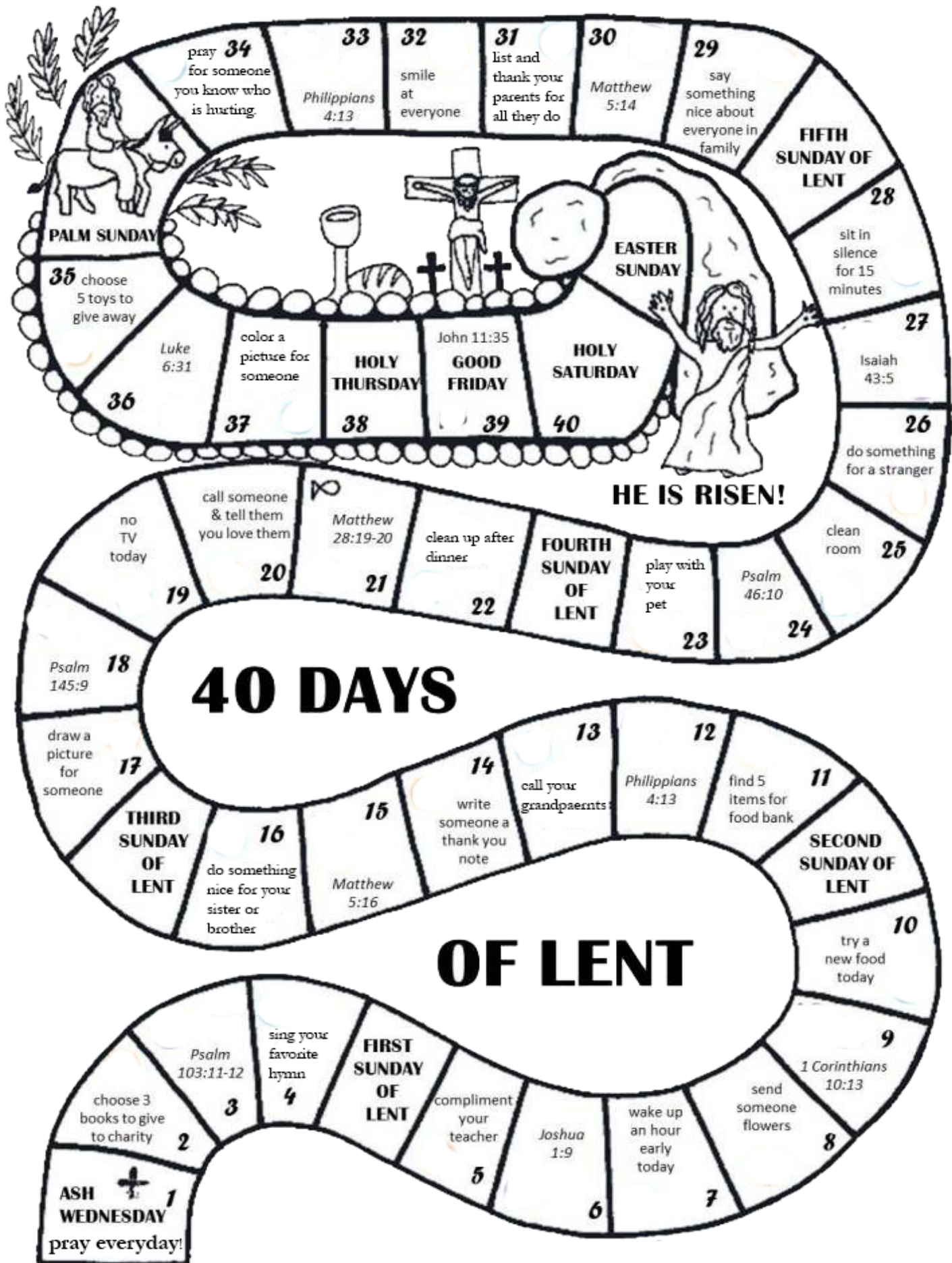
Feb. 21st- Gen 9:8-17, Ps. 25:1-10, 1Peter
3:18-22, Mark 19:9-15

Feb. 28th- Gen. 17:1-7,15-16, Ps. 22:23-31
Rom. 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38



Dennis Farwell	02/03
Mike Renshaw	02/05
Richard Daniels	02/15
Opal Farwell	02/16
Ture Farwell	02/16
Jacob Sexton	02/19
James Brown	02/27

40 days of Lent Calendar



For God so
Loved the world
that he gave
his only
SON
John 3:16

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry	5 Office Closed	6
7 10:30 Worship & Communion Rev. Reichenberg	8 10:00 am Deborah Circle	9	10	11 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry	12 Office Closed	13
14 10:30 Worship Rev. Reichenberg 	15	16	17  WEDNESDAY 12 pm - Ash Wednesday Service 40days of Lent begins	18 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry 6pm -Session meeting	19 Office Closed	20
21 1st Sunday of Lent 11:00 Worship Rev. Reichenberg	22	23	24	25 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry	26 Office Closed	27
28 2nd Sunday of Lent 11:00 Worship Rev. Reichenberg	goodbye february  hello march 					

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
52 MARSHALL STREET
COLDWATER, MI 49036

February 2021

NEWSLETTER

Come Join Us On Sunday

10:30 am ~Worship Service

Handicapped accessible building

Meet our Church Staff

PASTOR, *Rev. Susan Reichenberg*
ADULT BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR, *Rita Snyder*
KNOW YOUR COLORS BELLS, *Eunice Williams*
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST, *Cindy Fickle*
OFFICE ASSISTANCE, *Cathy Maresh*
CUSTODIAN, *Rob Denniston*

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