

**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 Hour Following the service

**Sunday School Schedule:**

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE  
COOKIE AND FLOWER SIGN UP SHEETS IN  
THE HALL OUTSIDE OF THE KITCHEN!!!**

**\* CHURCH SERVERS\***

**LITURGIST- JULY**

July 4- Julie Lewis  
July 11- Lisa Renshaw  
July 18- Beth Montgomery  
July 25- Tarina Macklem

**COUNTERS-JULY**

Bob Stewart  
Beth Montgomery  
Jan Breckenridge

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

*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 : \*\***

**JUNE 2021 INCOME AND EXPENSES**

**INCOME AND DONATIONS: \$12,061.67**

**PAYMENTS AND PAYROLL: \$14,977.98**

**WEEKLY GIVING~**

05/30-\$1,984.16

06/06-\$2,424.17

06/13-\$1,649.16

06/20- \$2,700.00

**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 of Coldwater First Presbyterian Church,

WOW!~ I have so much to tell you! As of June 20, 2021 we have no more Covid restrictions on us for worship. We actually saw each other without masks and got to greet one another with the Passing of the Peace. AND, our new screens are up and running beautifully! Many thanks to Paul, Bob, Bruce and others for all their hard work on our behalf!! This is going to add such an important element to our worship experience. (I know we used to think of screens just for Contemporary services, but that was more than 20 years ago. Screens are now a vital part of many if not most churches' worship experiences.) We are visual people and pictures add significantly to our lives and worship.

Our Christian Education and Worship Teams/Committees have met for the first time and we have some wonderful plans for everyone. Starting with Christian Ed in the FALL we will be offering a Men's Study on Saturday mornings once a month, also we will continue with our Sunday morning Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am.. We will offer a once a month dinner and lesson evening for groups of 4 couples or singles and we are looking into children's Sunday school ministry materials! We are READY to get back to normal and grow spiritual leaders for FPC Coldwater!

On the Worship horizon we will begin our Taize worship (a quiet, meditative service with candles and lots of singing) on July 21, Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm. (Date was set around the Entertainment Under the Stars at Heritage Park schedule) This is a short 45 minute service that is very peaceful. On the 26th of September we will begin our first ever Experiential worship service, on Sunday morning at 11:00 am as usual but it will have more sensory opportunities for each worshipper while still following a Presbyterian format. Please look forward to these experiences that heighten our awareness of God in our lives.

I am looking into doing a professional Photo Directory of our church folks probably for Fall or early next year. Our current directory is not quite up to date and the professional directory offers all participants as free 8 x 10 color photo just for participating, with no cost to the church.

On the Building and Grounds side of things, the leak above my office has been repaired, the shelves are moved back into my office and the books will be placed and out of the hallway soon! Yeah! Also, we will be refurbishing our parking lot and re-stripping it with handicapped and visitor spaces designated! Adding Visitor spaces helps make new people feel welcome and gives them an idea which door to use to come into worship.

As far as Finances are concerned, we are continuing to keep our pledges up for which all of us in the church thank you!

Fellowship after worship; will resume June 27!

We will probably move worship to downstairs because of the heat on July 25, 2021 unless it gets too hot before then.

And we can begin having choir again!

WOW! What a lot of great news. Your church leaders and I are working hard on your behalf to offer you many, many opportunities to see, feel and touch God in your lives.

Just so you know, we will be having a Memorial service for Luella Senker July 18 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary with an outside Columbarium service immediately following and cookies after that. Please extend your condolences to the Senker family.

I would also like to request that you share with me your favorite hymns for us to use this summer. I will have a sign up sheet upstairs in the sanctuary for you to list them on. Then we will see how many of them we can enjoy this summer. Thank you.

And thank you for your faithfulness to God through these trying times and your love of your church and one another. It really shows! I am so proud and humbled to be “called” to serve you here at FPC Coldwater!!

May God bless and keep you,  
*Susan*

### *Reflective message:*

Recently I preached that we are to be “Mountain -movers, Water-walkers, Overcomers” from a Christian song on the radio. And while the lyrics are catchy, I REALLY BELIEVE THEM. How about you? Do you believe that with God you can overcome any obstacle? Do you believe that with God you can move mountains when you have faith, do you believe that with God you can walk on water? I DO. And, no, I have never walked on water, except ice and I have never moved a physical mountain, but with God I have moved mountains of misunderstanding, hurt, grievances, despair. With God, all this is possible.

Max Lucado in his book “He Still Moves Stones”, that Debra Circle, PW, and I are reading together writes “Please remember, the goal of these stories is not to help us look back with amazement, but forward with faith. The God who spoke still speaks. The God who forgave still forgives. The God who came still comes. He comes into our world. He comes into your world. He comes to do what you can’t. He comes to move the stones you can’t budge. Stones are no match for God. Not then and not now. He still moves stones.”

This is the truth. Try it on for size and see how you and God together can make your life sweeter and the lives of others more meaningful. And if you have a spare moment, pick up one of my Max Lucado books and read it for yourself. It’s all about faith that with God you can do anything good for this world.

Blessing dear people,  
*Susan*

# From Your Session...

## SESSION MEETING SUMMARY, JUNE 17, 2021

We met in Fellowship Hall at 6 PM with a quorum of 8 in attendance.

Moderator Reichenberg opened with prayer at 6:05 then continued with the book review on chapter 4.

The minutes of the April 15th Session Meeting and from the Annual meeting of May 2nd were approved.

Velma Cole gave the Treasurers report.

Cheryl Meters reported on the Deacons. They are back and ready to work organizing Ushers and Greeters and check in on our Shut Ins.

### Pastors Report:

Susan is looking forward to getting a choir organized. She would like to organize a “Grands” Sunday where the congregation brings in their grandkids setting up special treats and surprises for them.

She will be out of the office September 13-17th attending a Stewardship Kaleidoscope.

With summer weather happening she is suggesting we begin having services in Fellowship Hall.

Bruce Gregory came in to explain the repair work to be done to the base board heating system which caused the flood in Pastor Reinchenberg's office April 3. Akers will begin checking and replacing expansion joints in the pipes. The ceiling tiles have been replaced and painted in Pastor's office and she will be able to put her office back together.

Bruce also reported on possible work to be done on the parking lot. This was brought up in a wish list by Pastor Susan to make parking more accessible to guests and handicap parking. He was able to give us three proposals on this job, which will include replacing part of the sidewalk along and in front of the church.

Bob Montgomery was in attendance to go over a new phone system for the Church. We have been having issues with it the past few weeks. Star 2 Star came in and did a walk through with Cindy and Bob. They gave him three proposals and we will move forward on this important project.

It is with regret that we have approved the phasing out of Cindy and phasing in of a new Administrative Assistant as Cindy plans for her retirement by January 2023. We are grateful for all Cindy has done for First Presbyterian Church and its church family.

The portion of the Pentecost offering of \$366.00 will be given to Foster Closet.

Our next Session meeting will be July 22,

Julie Lewis

Clerk of Session



### **SESSION BOARD MEMBERS**

#### Class 2022

Chris Doll	517-278-5259
Dennis Farwell	517-767-4251
Peter Metters	313-244-1570

#### Class 2023

Paul Hershberger	903-767-3332
Velma Cole	517-639-7272
Linda Stewart	517-617-1399

#### Class 2024

Jan Breckenridge	517-317-2554
Cliff Parr	517-639-4827
Julie Lewis	517-278-2647

### **CORPORATE BOARD**

President- Linda Stewart  
Treasurer- Velma Cole  
Secretary- Julie Lewis

### **CORPORATE TRUSTEE**

Dennis Farwell  
Paul Hershberger  
Chris Doll

### **DEACON BOARD MEMBERS**

#### Class 2022

Cheryl Metters	517-736-4040
Bob Stewart	517-617-0626

#### Class 2023

Bob Montgomery	517-278-5028
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#### Class 2024

Karen Maxson	248-496-9413
Sue Paarlberg	517-279-7731
Lisa Renshaw	517-278-8070

## **Church News**

### **- Cookie Sheets have been posted:**

Exciting News... Coffee Hour is back! Now we need volunteers to sign up to bring cookies for the coffee hour! The Sign up sheet is in the hall right outside of the kitchen. Please check it out!

...**And** check out the flower sign up at the same time!

**-Monday July 5th** the church office will be closed in observance of the July 4th holiday.

**July 24-** is our 2¢ A Meal Offering. 100% of this offering goes to our Diaper Pantry.



**Taize worship** (a quiet, meditative service with candles and lots of singing) is July 21, Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm. This is a short 45 minute service that is very peaceful.



**July Deacon in Charge:** Lisa Renshaw

**USHERS & GREETERS:**

**July 4th-** Rita Snyder and Sue Paarlberg (Sanctuary), Bruce Gregory, (Main Entrance), Cheryl Metters (Calvin Hall Sanctuary Entrance)

**July 11th-** Eunice Williams and Lamar Livensparger (Sanctuary) Beth Montgomery (Main Entrance), Jan Corey (Calvin Hall Sanctuary Entrance)

**July 18th-** Lisa and Mike Renshaw (Sanctuary), Tarina Macklem (Calvin Hall Sanctuary Entrance), Bob Stewart (Main Entrance)

**July 25th-** Lois and Dean Williams (Sanctuary), Linda Parr (Calvin Hall Sanctuary Entrance), Cheryl Metters (Main Entrance)

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

**RETURNING BACK TO THE CHURCH:**

No masks, unless someone prefers to wear one. No temperature taking. We will continue to have hand sanitizer at the doors

We will also begin passing the offertory plate again, so all 4 are needed for that. We'll do a little refresher Sunday morning so everyone remembers how!

We will also begin normal communion (more detail to come on that later), but for July it will be July 11th, instead of July 4th.

\*As an added bonus, the Fellowship Hall will be opening back up after church for coffee and cookies on June 27th! A sign-up sheet for cookies for coffee hour has been posted

## Presbyterian Women's

July 2021

The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team has taken a short break the month of July. The following contains the many things we are working on for August:

Prayer Shawls are always needed. We have given out over 50 of these prayer shawls so far. What a blessing this ministry has become! We also need yarn donations. 4 or more skeins of yarn are most welcomed! See Beth Montgomery, Linda Stewart, Jan Corey or the office to give your donation of yarn

We continue to be of service to our congregation. As always, you may join either of our Circles. Deborah Circle meets at 10:00 with Lunch the first Monday of the month, September through June. Deborah circle will be meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:am to finish their study of Max Lucado's, He still moves stones, led by Pastor Susan. Our first regular meeting is Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. From September through June, excluding December, we will be studying, What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus, by Merryl Blair. We invite any woman from our congregation to join us if you are not already involved with a circle and would like to be. Please see Lind Stewart for more information if you are interested in joining us.

Sarah Circle meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, September through June. Currently, we are studying, The 25 Women of the Bible. We will be meeting once a month throughout the summer and into the fall.

The Presbyterian Coordinating Team: Jan Corey, Chris Doll, Beth Montgomery, Sue Paarlberg, and Linda Stewart.

# PRAYERS AND PRAISES

## PRAYERS FOR:

- † *Anthony Snowend*, Betty Gleason's 20 year old nephew, having heart health issues.
- † *Pam Walker*, Cheryl Metters' sister, recovering from surgery on May 12, 2021.
- † *Danny DeGroot*, (a client's husband of Cheryl Metters) chemo treatment for esophageal and stomach cancer.
- † *Lucas Smith*, (11 year old 5th grader) Betty Gleason's great grandson, friend of Lamar Livenspiger, is in treatment for stage 3 cancer.
- † *Nancy Corwin*, knee problems, and heart issues.
- † *Colleen Hoffman*, a good friend of the Metters, was just diagnosed with MS.
- † *Nancy Burkeen*, coworker of Dennis Farwell, continues stage 4 cancer treatments with mixed results.
- † *Bethany Stob*, Metter's niece, that her new treatment for Myasthenia Gravis works.
- † *Gladys Hershberger*, Paul Hershberger's mom, weight loss concerns
- † *Carolyn (Susie) Smith*, Kara Bercaw's mother continues with Hospice care.

## PRAISES FOR:

### 6-6-2021

- † Technology wisdom and learning new things
- † Moving forward
- † Officers training!

### 6-13-2021

- † All the educators, past and present, and their dedication to our youth.
- † Our "*Be Still*" moments
- † Summer fun!

### 6-20-2021

- † For all our fathers and the men who are like fathers to us.
- † Times of reflection
- † Worshiping together
- † Faith, hope and love.

### 6-27-2021

- † Returning to the church 100%
- † Spending time with family!



## FPC's Outreach Report

Food Pantry food donations to date equals 475 pounds.

July's item of the month is condiments, mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt or pepper.

### DIAPER PANTRY

The Diaper pantry has been opened all of 2021 with COVID protocols, but plans to re-open without restrictions. The clients will enter the church and go to the diaper pantry to pick up their needs.

The DP has provided 231 children packages of diapers and wipes and 19 adult diaper packages in 2021

On July 25th we will be collecting the 2 ¢ A Meal offering and a 100% of the this offering will be going to the Diaper Pantry.

### WORK SCHEDULE

July 1st- Jan C. and Linda P

July 8th- Chris and Jan B

July 15th- Beth and Sue P

July 22nd- Bob and Linda S

July 29th- Cindy and Ashlyn

### LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY:

**July 4th-** 2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-10, Ps. 48, Ezek. 2:1-5, Ps. 123, 2 Cor 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

**July 11th-** 2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19, Ps. 24, Amos. 7:7-15, Ps. 85:8-13, Eph. 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

**July 18th-** 2 Sam 7:1-14a, Ps. 24, Amos 7:7-15, Ps. 85:8-13, Eph. 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

**July 25th-** 2 Sam 11:1-15, Ps. 14:10-18, Eph. 3:14-21, John 6:1-21



### BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Corwin	07/04
Carol Rufenacht	07/05
Peter Metters	07/05
Ruby Merkle	07/06
Mary Daniels	07/10
Suzanna Paarlberg	07/11
Claire Sexton	07/13
Jan Corey	07/14
Nancy Gregory	07/14
Jacqueline Werkman	07/17
Sally Whitten	07/22
Holly Eichorn	07/26
Jan Swanson	07/27
Lois Swanson	07/27

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Mary Farwell	07/05
Donald & Suzanna Paarlberg	07/09

# Summertime Recipes

## Summer Pea Salad

### Ingredients

#### Salad:

2 (6 ounce) packages frozen peas, thawed  
1 pound cooked bacon, chopped  
1 cup golden raisins  
1 (8 ounce) package shredded Cheddar cheese  
1 sweet onion, chopped  
½ cup sunflower seeds

#### Dressing:

1 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons wine vinegar  
¼ teaspoon white sugar, or to taste

### Directions

#### Step 1

Toss peas, bacon, raisins, Cheddar cheese, onion, and sunflower seeds together in a large bowl. Stir mayonnaise, vinegar, and sugar together in a small bowl; drizzle over the salad and toss to coat.

#### Step 2

Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.

## Chicken and Spinach Pasta Salad

### Ingredients

8 ounces uncooked whole wheat rotini  
½ cup hummus  
3 tablespoons Italian salad dressing  
¼ teaspoon salt  
⅛ teaspoon pepper  
4 cups fresh baby spinach  
1 cup cubed cooked chicken breast  
2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved  
1 can (2-¼ ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained  
¼ cup crumbled feta cheese

### Directions

Cook pasta according to package directions for al dente. Drain and rinse with cold water.

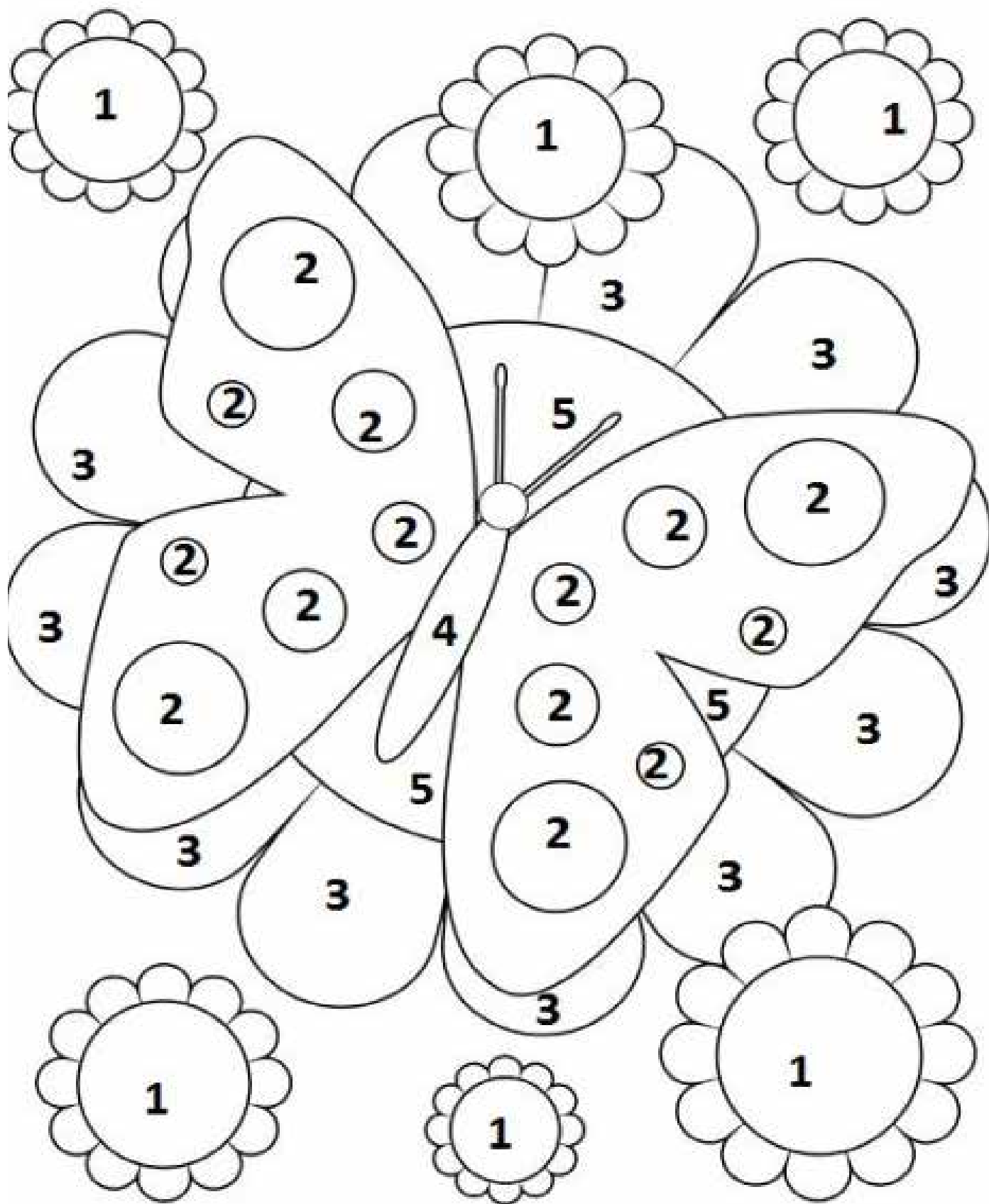
Combine hummus, salad dressing, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Add pasta; toss to coat. Stir in spinach, chicken, tomatoes and olives. Sprinkle with feta. Serve immediately.

### Test Kitchen tips

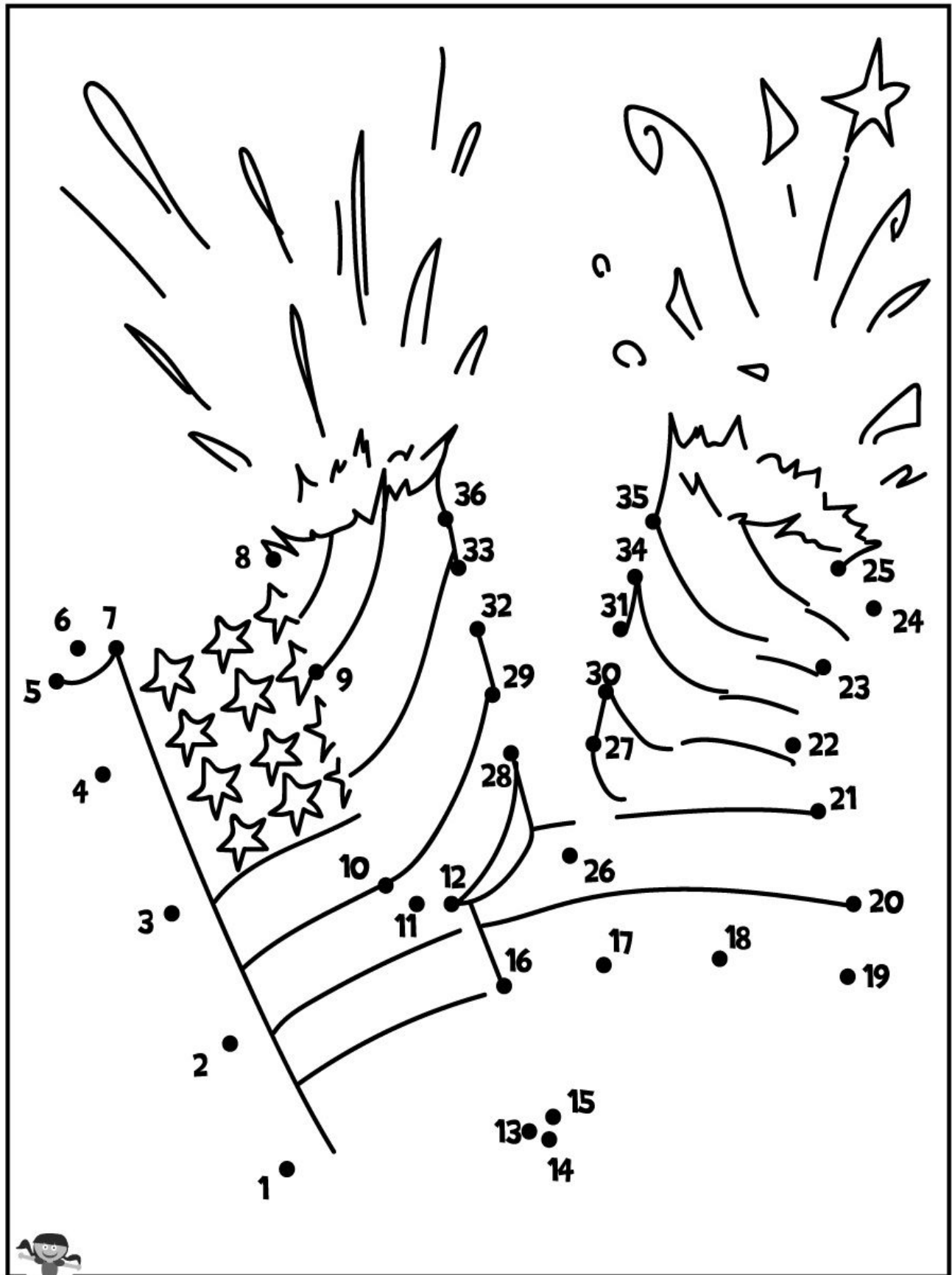
It's OK to chill the salad before serving, but the pasta will absorb some of the dressing. If needed, add more right before serving.

Experiment with different flavors of hummus like roasted red pepper or spicy hummus for a little kick.

# Kids and Kids alike Corner



1-yellow    2-red    3-green    4-gray    5-blue




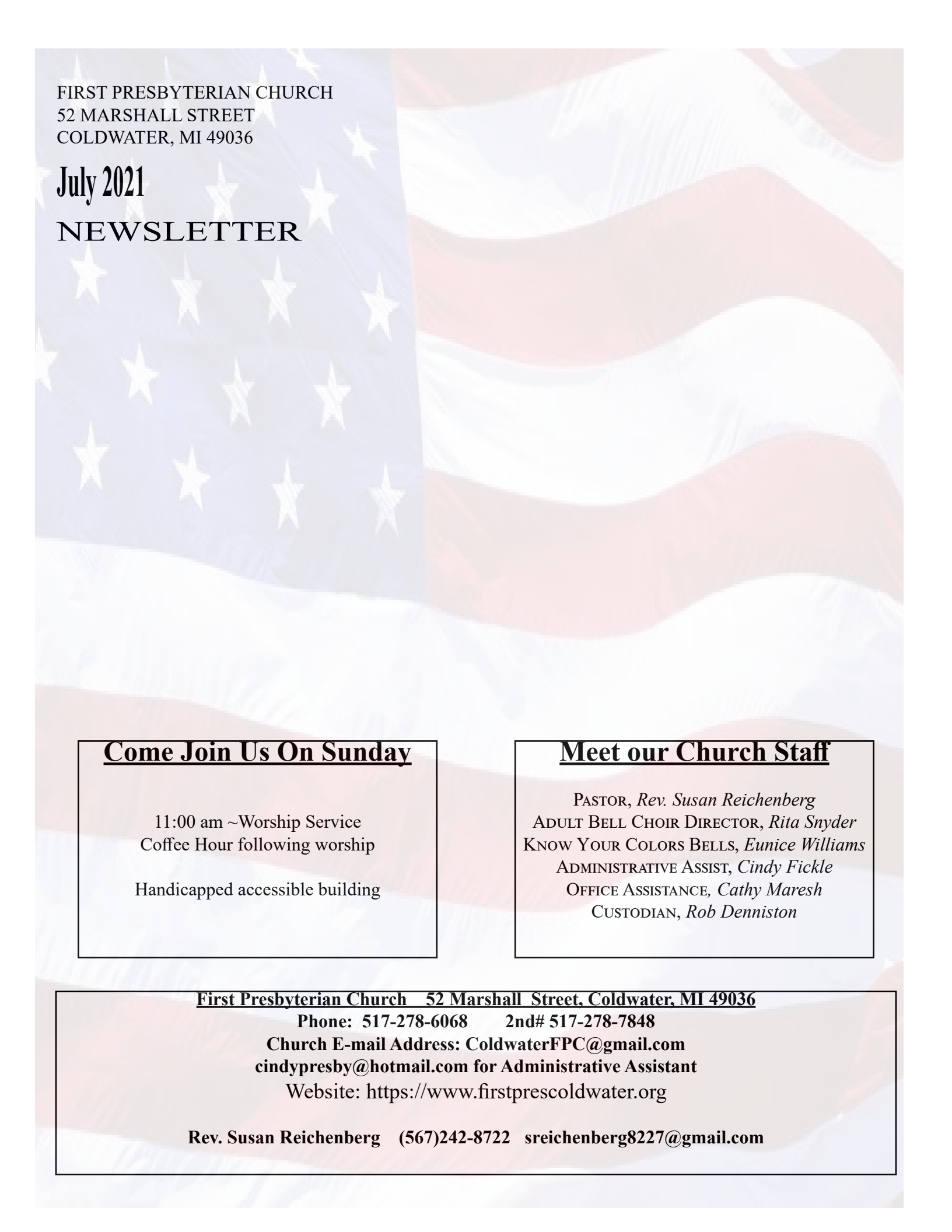
# Sunday SCHEDULE

9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service

12:00 pm Coffee and Fellowship Hour

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry	2 Church office closed	3
4 Rev. Reichenberg Recorded	5 Church office closed	6	7	8 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry	9 Church office closed	10
11 Communion Sunday Rev. Toth	12 10:00 am Deborah Circle	13 7:00 pm Sarah Circle	14	15 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry	16 Church office closed	17
18 Rev. Reichenberg 2:00 pm Luella's Senker's Memorial	19	20	21 7:30 pm Taize Worship Service	22 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry 6:00 pm Session Mtg	23 Church office closed	24
25 2 & A Meal Offering Rev. Reichenberg	26 9:30 am CO-Or team	27	28	29 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry	30 Church office closed	31



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52 MARSHALL STREET  
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July 2021

## NEWSLETTER

### **Come Join Us On Sunday**

11:00 am ~Worship Service  
Coffee Hour following worship

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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