

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- DECEMBER

Dec. 6th- Bob Stewart
Dec. 13- Tarina Macklem
Dec. 20th- Paul Hershberger
Dec. 24th- Rev. Susan Reichenberg
Dec. 27- Mary Farwell

COUNTERS- DECEMBER

Dennis Farwell
Pete Metters
Carol Ludlow

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

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.

faith and
finances

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

****Monthly Needs for 2020 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 : ****

OCTOBER 2020 INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME AND DONATIONS: \$7,729.46

PAYMENTS AND PAYROLL: \$13,189.17

Weekly giving~

11/1- \$2770.50
11/8- \$2487.73
11/15- \$2365.73
11/22- \$1685.50

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 new friends of Coldwater First Presbyterian Church,

What a joy it is to serve our Lord with you. You have been so warm and welcoming. I am truly grateful! Also, I'm very proud of you for fulfilling our commitment on the cake mixes for the Food Pantry. Not only did we make our goal of 1,200 cake mixes but actually surpassed it with 1,285! WOW! You are terrific!

What a WONDERFUL way to begin the season of Advent: a season of giving, and hoping and believing and longing and generosity!

This Advent is the first for us together so I thought I'd share some plans with you. For the Sundays of Advent I plan to preach on the theme of "Welcoming the Savior".

To that end,
12/6/20 will be "The Welcoming Committee: John the Baptist"

12/13/20 will be "The Welcoming Committee: God"

12/20/20 will be "The Welcoming Committee: Us"

and Christmas Eve will be a service of Lessons and Carols. My plan is that these are heartwarming and inspiring reminders of the REAL Reason for the Season--not Santa Claus, reindeer, elves, ice princesses, and so on (though they are fun.) The real reason we celebrate is Jesus' birth so that He can save us from our sins and we can love Him and God and live with them eternally someday. Jesus is the reason we have for joy. Jesus is the gift that never goes out of style. Jesus is the LOVE that came down at Christmas and enfolds us in arms of peace and assurance of our belovedness. Jesus is the King of Kings, Lord of lords, the Prince of Peace, the Almighty, the Alpha and Omega, the First and Last, the Beginning and the End.

When we are clear on these things the problems of the world and our own struggles fall into perspective. We have this One with us in all things, all times, all season, even COVID. Jesus will never leave us or forsake us so this Christmas season we can rejoice with renewed enthusiasm, even though the world looks dark. . . have faith--Jesus is the Light of the world, and He loves you and me eternally!

May God of eternity bless each of us to full measure.
These are my wishes for a blessed Advent and Christmas season for each of you!

Susan



Merry Christmas



Thank You From Your



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dear FPC Family,

We want to begin by simply saying thank you. Your leadership in generosity contributes to the long standing success of our community of faith. Because of your commitment to the ministry of this congregation, we are an ever increasing effective witness to Jesus Christ. We are so grateful for you, and for the example you set for each of us on what it means to be a faithful steward.

Giving to others is such a joy. Being a partner in movements that change the lives of individuals and enrich our community is so satisfying. Our financial gifts do remarkable things when they are transformed into ministry and mission. We are especially proud of how things were handled at the church starting in March 2020. Because of your giving the church was able to still function even though the doors were closed. We were able to continue to meet the financial needs of keeping the physical demands on the building up to date, i.e. heat, water, electric, phone bill and cleaning. We were able to stay current on payroll. We were kept updated on the ever continuous changes. The church phone was answered, the mail was picked up twice a week, donations and deposits were taken care of weekly. Our spiritual needs came to us through recorded Sunday services and presented on Facebook Live and our church website every Sunday. We were invited to several Zoom coffee hours and Adult Sunday School continued running on Zoom. Each Wednesday on Facebook live we were blessed with 30 minutes of prayers, readings and songs. A drainage field was placed in the parking lot to stop the flooding of Calvin Hall and new sidewalks were put in around the church.

Through all of this the PNC presented us with a Pastoral Candidate, Rev. Susan Reichenberg, who is now the pastor of our church.

Even now that we are back in the church with in-person worship, the re-launch committee is taking ever measure to keep us safe. God is differently at work here at FPC!

Again, we thank you for your support. Giving in the manner that you do does not simply happen – it is the result of faith, trust, intentional choices, and a life of discipline. Giving is where we find the true meaning and purpose for our lives, a discovery you had already made.

Respectfully,
First Presbyterian Finance Committee

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PRAYERS AND PRAISES

PRAYERS:

- † *Betty Gleason*, Lamar Livenspager's friend -surgery 11/17 & 11/19 and her recovery.
- † *Bob Jackson's* family and friends as they grieve his death.
- † *Joe Metters*, Pete Metter's brother, eye surgery
- † *Carol Nakoneczny*, Pastor Susan's friend, knee replacement 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 has been placed in Hospice.
- † *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.
- † *Galend Eichorn*, Luella's great grandson's Joe's great grandfather, many health issues.
- † *Paxton Jameson*, Marsha Sansom's grandson, tour of duty in Afghanistan.
- † *Julie Dunlap*, cancer, Marsha Sansom's friend, health issue
- † *Darlene Loetz*, cancer, Marsha Sansom's friend, health issue
- † *Darlene Mier*, Marsha DeGroot's friend, health issue
- † *Gladys Hershberger*, Paul Hershberger's mom

PRAISES:

11-1

- † All the loved ones that have gone before us.
- † Staying healthy!!
- † Settling in!

11-8

- † The outreach to the community through the Free Medical Clinic, the Diaper Pantry, Naomi Davis House, the Branch County Food Pantry and Trunk or Treat.
- † Technology.

11-15

- † The beautiful weather!
- † Volunteers!
- † Much appreciated FPC staff.

11-22

- † The outstanding response to the cake mix challenge.
- † Celebrating Thanksgiving, even this year of new celebrations, like FaceTime, Sykpe or a Zoom family gathering and thanking God for technology!
- † Staying healthy

11-29

- † Safe travels
- † P.W. Bake sale 2020 style!
- † All leadership positions here at FPC, past, present and the future.



December – Deacon in Charge:

With the new Relaunch guidelines we need 6 Ushers each Sunday, so if this is a ministry that you would like to be a part of please call the church office. Please consider volunteering!

USHERS & GREETERS:

December 6th Tarina Macklem and Jan Corey (Sanctuary Doors), Cheryl and Peter Metters (Elevator Doors), Bob and Linda Stewart (Calvin Hall Entrance)

December 13th Dean and Lois Williams (Sanctuary Doors), Jan Corey and Joe Best (Calvin Hall Entrance), Cheryl and Pete Metters (Elevator Doors)

December 20th Bruce and Nancy Gregory (Calvin Hall Entrance), Tarina Macklem and Jan Breckenridge (Sanctuary Doors), Cheryl and Pete Metters (Elevator Doors)

Christmas Eve Pete and Cheryl Metters (Elevator Doors), Bob and Beth Montgomery (Sanctuary Doors) Lisa and Mike Renshaw (Calvin Hall Entrance)

December 27th Jeff Paarlberg and family (Calvin Hall Entrance and Sanctuary Doors), Cheryl and Pete Metters (Elevator Doors)

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



Merry Christmas
From your Staff

Pastor Susan

Rita
Adult Bell Director

Velma
Treasurer

Cathy
Office assistant

Cindy
Administrative Assistant

Rob
Custodian

Eunice
Know your Color's Bell Director

FPC's Outreach Report

The Diaper Pantry

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 clients order to them. No need for the clients to come into the church. It is recommended that all volunteers wear face masks.

Holiday Hours: Closed Dec. 24th and 31st

DIAPER PANTRY WORK SCHEDULE

December

Dec. 3rd- Beth and Rita

Dec. 10th- Jan C. and Sue P.

Dec. 17th- Cindy and Ashlyn

Dec. 24th- Closed

Dec. 31st- Closed

-Cake Mix challenge was completed! 1283 cake mixes were delivered to the Branch County Food Pantry
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Beth's van loaded with the last of the cake mixes

We had 9 volunteers from the church volunteer to work on assembling the Holiday Boxes on Saturday November 22, 2020. The Branch County Food Pantry supplied approximately 853 families with a holiday meal.

Thank you for supporting those in need in our community!

FPC Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's Pre-Order Drive Thru Bake Sale~ 2020 Style!

Select the item you wish to purchase, then on Saturday December 5th.

Call Jan at 517-278-6068, between 9:00 am -12:00 pm and 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm to place your order. **(First Come Basis)**

On Saturday December 12th you can pick up your order in a drive through fashion in the church parking lot, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Your order will be brought to your car, and payment will be collect at that time.

Pay with **check** or **exact cash**.

(To avoid unnecessary contact, change will not be made.)

Pies

Black Walnut- \$18.00
Pecan \$15.00

\$12.00 Pies

Cherry
Shoofly
Cherry Cheesecake
Key Lime
Buttermilk Chess
Maple Sugar
Baked Coconut
Mini (mason) 6- jar lids
Strawberry & Raspberry

Brownies-\$6.00

Turtle
Chocolate

Bread \$6.00 Large Loaves

Cranberry Almond
Pumpkin Date
Pumpkin Nut
Zucchini

Cookies \$6.00 a Doz. or \$3.00 1/2 Doz

Snickerdoodles
Peanut Butter w/ Chocolate kisses
Oatmeal
Gluten Free Peanut Butter
Decorated Christmas
Red Velvet Sandwiches

Cakes \$8.00

Carrot w/nuts 8x8
Lemon Loaf Cake

Holiday Snack Mixes \$5.00

Chex Mix
White Chocolate mix, gluten free

Candy \$5.00

Peanut Brittle
Quart bags Carmel Corn

The Presbyterian Woman would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Deborah Circle - Will not be meeting in December. They resume in January 2021

Sarah Circle They will not meet in December 2020, January, February or March 2021. April 13th, 2021 at 7:00 pm they resume their monthly meetings.

RECIPES

Easy Skillet Chicken or Turkey Pot Pie

4 cups seasoned roaster chicken(6 lbs.)
2 tbsp.butter or olive oil
2 mediumcarrots, thinly sliced (1 1/2 cups)
2 celery stalks, sliced (3/4 cup)
1 mediumpotato, cut in 1/2 inch cubes, (1 3/4 cups)
1/2 cupchopped onion

3/4 tsp.dried thyme, or 1 1/2 tsp. fresh
2 tbsp.all-purpose flour
1 can(14.5 oz.) reduced sodium chicken broth
1/2 cupfrozen peas
1 sheet(about 8 oz.) frozen puff pastry, thawed
1 egg, beaten with 2 tsp. water
Salt and pepper, to taste

Remove leftover roasted chicken and skin from bones; shred or tear into bite-size pieces. Set aside.

In a 10-inch oven-proof skillet, over medium heat, melt butter. Add carrots, celery, potato, onion and thyme. Cook over medium heat 5 minutes until onion is softened and vegetables lightly browned.

Stir in flour until evenly absorbed. Stir in broth, cover and cook 10 minutes until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Add chicken and peas and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Preheat oven to 400°F. If needed, lightly roll puff pastry to diameter of skillet, leaving pastry in a square. Cut into 1-inch wide strips. Crisscross or weave strips on top of skillet ingredients. Brush pastry with beaten egg.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes until pastry is puffed and golden brown. Serve warm.

Pumpkin Love Cake

Unsalted butter or cooking spray, for the baking pan

One 16.5-ounce box spice cake mix (plus ingredients called for on the box)

32 ounces part-skim ricotta

16 ounces mascarpone

3/4 cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

4 eggs

1 small box (3.4 ounces) pumpkin spice instant pudding

1 cup whole milk

mascarpone substitute

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese.

1/4 cup heavy whipping cream.

2 1/2 tablespoons sour cream.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a 9-by-13-inch baking pan.

Prepare the cake batter according to the package directions. Spoon evenly into the prepared pan. Set aside.

Combine the ricotta, 4 ounces of the mascarpone, sugar, vanilla and eggs in a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Beat until smooth. Gently scoop the filling onto the batter and spread so the top is completely white.

Bake until a skewer inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean and the spice cake layer has risen to the top, 50 to 60 minutes. Let cool completely in the pan on a cooling rack.

Combine the instant pudding, milk and the rest of the mascarpone in a stand mixer. Beat until thick and smooth. Spread the frosting evenly over the entire cake.



FROM THE CHURCH:

The lights continue to be left on in the church after the last person leaves. Please be considerate and make sure all doors are locked and the lights and fans are turned off. These are safety features for anyone entering the building and the building itself.

Tuesday December 1st, at 9:00 am has been set aside for decorating the Sanctuary. Volunteers are needed for this project!

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 at this time.

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

Holiday Hours: Closed Dec. 24th and 31st

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:

Dec. 6th- Isa. 40:1-11, Ps. 85:1-2,8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

Dec. 13- Isa. 61:1-4,8-11, Ps 126, Luke 1:46b-55, 1 Thess. 5:16-24, John 1:6-8,19-28

Dec. 20- 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16, Luke 1:46b-55, Ps. 89:1-4,19-26, Rom. 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 24th- Isa. 9:2-7, Ps. 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Dec. 25th- Dawn: Isa. 62:6-12, Ps. 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:1-20 **Day:** Isa. 52:7-0, Ps. 98, Heb. 1:1-12, John 1:1-14

Dec. 27 Isa. 61:10-62:3, Ps. 148, Gal. 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40



BIRTHDAYS

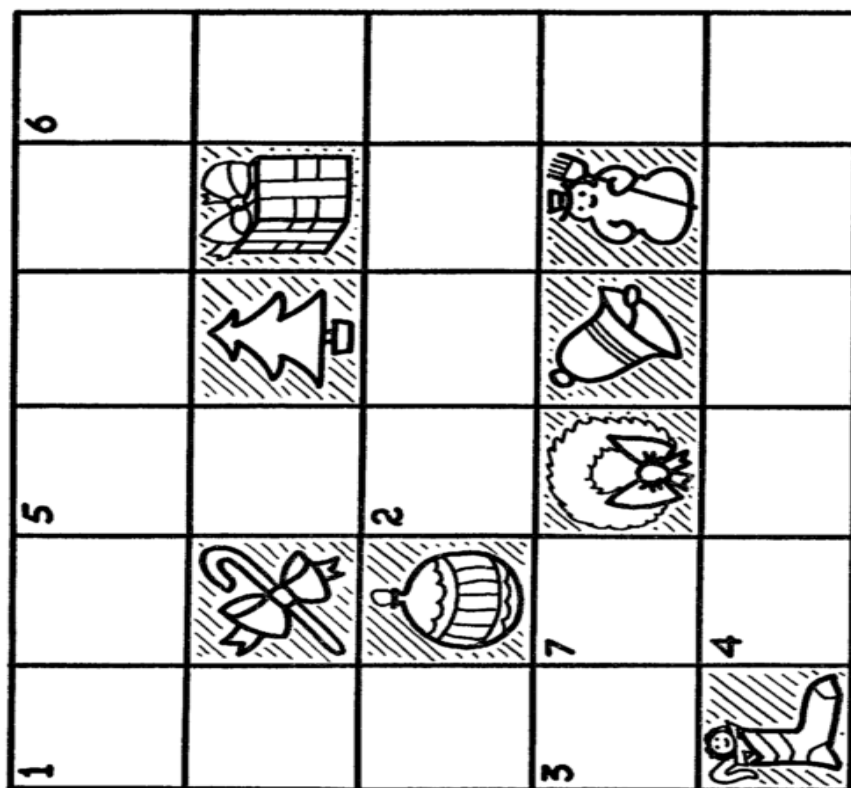
Claude Coleman	12/02
Marilyn Miller	12/19
Jay Cole	12/19
Peter Rufenacht	12/20
Randy Zorn	12/22
Christine Doll	12/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Karen Maxson	12/19	21
John & Lois Swanson Sr.	12/23	70
Dean & Lois Williams	12/23	59

Kids Connection...

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



DOWN

ACROSS

- 1- Make a -----
 5- Santa's helper
 6- Boughs of -----
 7- --- Goody!
- 1- A holly -----
 2- --- the stockings
 3- Santa's laugh, ho, --
 4- --- New Year

Coloring & Activity Pages by: HonkingDonkey.com



Christmas Word Search



S	N	O	W	M	E	N	P	G	I	G	Y
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SANTA
 SNOWMEN
 CHRISTMAS
 PRESENTS
 ORNAMENTS
 TREE
 LIGHTS
 WREATH
 REINDEER
 SLEDDING
 SNOW
 CHIMNEY
 ELVES
 CAROLS
 CANDYCANE

Christmas Poinsettias

Each year,

the Poinsettias in our sanctuary are a beautiful
tribute to those we honor, whether as a memorial,
or an opportunity to say “we love you”
to our family and friends.

These beautiful poinsettias are purchased through
Neitzert's Greenhouse
and the cost of each poinsettia is \$9.00

Please return order form(on the back side) to Cindy by
December 13th and make checks payable to the
First Presbyterian Church.

Why the Poinsettia?

*The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a
symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The
red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves
represent his purity.*

The poinsettia should be called the plant of HOPE!

Name: _____

I will: ☐ take mine home

I will: ☐ leave mine to be distributed.

(Deacons will deliver to some of our more restricted friends, those unable to get out and about.)

Check the box for either Memory or Honor

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Cash _____ Or Check (#) _____

Total amount enclosed _____



December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am Decorating the Sanctuary... Volunteers needed!	2 Noon Prayers with Pastor Susan	3 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry	4 Office closed	5 Call in your Bake Sale orders! 9am- 12 pm 2pm- 4pm Pastor Susan is back
6 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship & Communion	7	8 No Sarah Circle	9 Noon Prayers with Pastor Susan	10 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry	11 Office Closed	12 10am- 3pm Pick up your Preordered Bake Sale Items 2020 style Drive through
13 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Rev. Reichenberg	14 No Deborah Circle	15	16 Noon Prayers with Pastor Susan	17 4-6:00 pm Clinic 4-6pm- Diaper Pantry 6:00 pm Session Mtg	18 Office Closed	19
20 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Rev. Reichenberg	21	22	23 Noon Prayers with Pastor Susan	24 Christmas Eve No Clinic No Diaper Pantry	25 Christmas 	26
27 10:30 Worship Rev. Reichenberg 4 pm- Pastor Susan's installation	28 Church office closed	29	30 Noon Prayers with Pastor Susan	31 New Year's Eve No Clinic No Diaper Pantry		

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
52 MARSHALL STREET
COLDWATER, MI 49036
December 2020
NEWSLETTER



Come Join Us On Sunday

9:30 Adult Sunday School
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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