

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 2024 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 : ****

SEPTEMBER 2024 INCOME AND EXPENSES
PAYMENTS AND PAYROLL: \$18,888.12
INCOME AND DONATIONS: \$6,594.29

Sept. 1st- \$2437.29
 Sept. 8th-\$2025
 Sept. 15th-\$1477
 Sept. 22nd-\$655

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.

OCTOBER LITURGISTS
 Oct 6th- Lisa Renshaw
 Oct 13th- Pete Metters
 Oct 20th- Tarina Macklem
 Oct 27th- Lorie Hershberger

OCTOBER COUNTERS
 Bob Stewart
 Beth Montgomery
 Jan Breckenridge

NOVEMBER LITURGISTS
 Nov. 3rd- Lorie Hershberger
 Nov. 10th- Tarina Macklem
 Nov. 17th- Lisa Renshaw
 Nov. 24th- Linda Stewart

NOVEMBER COUNTERS
 Julie Lewis
 Tarina Macklem
 Linda Parr



Dear Church Friends,

Yes, Summer is behind us and we are entering into a most beautiful season in Michigan—FALL! Unlike many other parts of the world we have vibrant colors and textures to show us dramatically the change of seasons. This is part of God's glorious creation and plan for us in Michigan---to WONDER at the extravagance of God just for our enjoyment. Many other parts of the world do not have a change of colors (though God loves them too). But we have been especially blessed to see God-in-action throughout the 4 seasons here in Michigan like very few other places on earth. How astounding to think that God loves us so much that God wants to pull us in to relationship with Him through color, music, textures, taste, smell and so many other ways. We are incredibly blessed and God wants us to see it, so we can “fall in love with God” also. What a concept.

God doesn't NEED our love, but God WANTS our love. How extraordinary! The God of the universe wants a relationship with you and me—and it's important to Him.

I have a little exercise to suggest to you to draw us nearer to this loving God of ours. Please try it several days in a row and see if it doesn't make a difference in your day.

Centering Prayer:

“Breathe in and invite the Spirit of Wisdom to fill your soul.

Breathe out recalling the Spirit of Love that connects you with all God's children.”
(REPEAT)

Please let me know how this works for your relationship together.

Blessings,

Susan

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SUSAN

Pause

Close your eyes, take a deep breath.

Prepare your mind and heart for what God wants to give you today.

What might that be? Overflowing love, generous blessings, contentment, well-being, joy! All of these things are what God wants to give you today! To receive them we just put God first and strive to follow Christ.

Enjoy your day in God, my friends, there's no better way to live!

~DEACON & SESSION INFORMATION~

OCTOBER DEACON IN CHARGE

Lorie Hershberger

OCTOBER USHERS

Communion Dates

October 6th

MEETINGS:

~ Next Deacon Meeting October 6th following the worship service, during Communion clean up.

~ Next Session Meeting October 17th at 6:00 pm

~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

~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

Lisa Renshaw 517-278-8070

Peter Metters 313-244-1570

Carol Ludlow 517-279-9407



Love. Grow. Serve.



- † Bruce Gregory's family, as they mourn his sister Virginia Bell (9-24-24)
 - † Dorothy, friend of Pastor Susan(9-24-24)
 - † Robert, friend of Kate Simpson(9-24-24)
 - † Linda Gardner, health issues(9-17-24)
 - † Rita Snyder & family, as they mourn her son Peter 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)
 - † Julie Guether's family, as they mourn her passing(8-28-24)
 - † Sara Semmelroth's family, as they mourn her passing(8-1-24)
 - † Dick & Lois Merkle, Ruby Merkles brother and sister in law.
 - † John Boller, 11 broken ribs (7-18-24)
 - † The family of Elizabeth Mettler-Garner in her passing on 7/3/24
 - † Jeff Glone, cancer & diabetes(7-9-24)
 - † Jill and Dave Shuyter, who are recovering from being hit by a car while walking(7-2-24)
 - † Gale Fisher, Jessica's grandpa, diagnosed with brain, bone and kidney cancer. (6-13-24)
 - † Ukraine, Israel, Palestine
 - † 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.**

PRÄISE

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- †All our Elders who participated in the boundary training
- †All our Family Promise volunteers
- †All of the diaper doantions brought in by the Eichorn's
- †The Rain in Wyoming Sunday & Monday

9-8

- †The seasons
- †Cooler temp's

9-15

- †Our guest *Dr. Nancy Weatherwax*

9-22

- †All of the diaper donations from the Eichorn's

9-29

- †Delicious food and lovely friends during the Annual Cookout
- †Rain

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COLDWATER
STATED MEETING OF SESSION THURSDAY AUGUST 22, 2024

Present: Jan Breckinridge, Chris Doll, Bruce Gregory, Pete Metters, Carol Ludlow, Lisa Renshaw and Linda Stewart.

Excused: Paul Hershberger

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 Chris Doll, supported by Carol Ludlow.

DEACON'S REPORT: No report.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Minutes of the July 18, 2024 Session Meeting were approved with changes on a motion by Linda Stewart, supported by Lisa Renshaw.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Susan reported on the use of her time. She handed out a new book called The Ten Dumbest Things Christians Do, and asked Session members to read the first chapter and be prepared to discuss at next month's meeting.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

July 31, 2024

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BANK \$13,628.82
MINUS DESIGNATED FUNDS (\$13,958.78)
EQUALS GENERAL FUND BALANCE (\$329.96)
AMORTIZED ANNUAL GIFT BALANCE (\$8,750.00)
CURRENT ACCOUNT (\$9,079.96)

MEMORIAL INTEREST EARNED \$20.74
VANTAGE POINTE MONEY MARKET \$1.25
VANTAGE POINTE MUTUAL FUND \$16,166.54
BRINKER CAPITAL \$3,268.16

The Treasurer's Report was gratefully received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds. Bruce Gregory reported on the criminal charges against one of the vandals that destroyed the Ring camera. He's been through a program where is will receive counseling and be supervised. There won't be any restitution.

Bruce contracted with Akers to have the boilers cleaned and prepared for winter. He called Jepsen to

replace the lights in the hall. Jan Breckinridge said we need clocks for the lounge and diaper pantry.

Christian Education. Sunday school is going well.

Stewardship. The Stewardship campaign will begin next month.

Fellowship. The annual cookout at Pete Metters's house will be at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 22nd.

OLD BUSINESS

Pete Metters reported on his August 1 meeting with Annamarie Groenenboom. She approved the 2023 Session minutes. She said all Ruling Elders must attend boundaries training by the end of 2024. LeaderWise has been the recommended program, but its sessions are booked for the rest of the year. Annamarie suggested the Safe Gatherings program as an alternative and also said we could ask someone from the community who has taught boundaries training before to teach a session. We'll ask Kim Hemker if she can.

CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT: Jan Breckenridge made a motion, supported by Chris Doll, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Pastor Susan closed the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer.

F.P.C. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Both Sarah and Deborah Circles are meeting this October to continue our Bible studies. Deborah circle meets on the second Monday of the month at 10am. Sarah Circle meets the second Tuesday at 3:00pm. You can always join us for Bible study and fellowship.

As we swing into fall, there are a lot of things going on. We are again, going to be working on ideas for our Dessert Christmas Tea. We are open to suggestions and ideas. We will be having our Boutique during the Christmas Tea. We are always looking for ideas to make and sell. Let one of the Presbyterian Women know if you're interested in helping in any way.

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 working on the Holiday Box for November. As usual, we will be working on providing cake mixes for the Holiday Boxes for the food pantry. You can begin brining those to the church any time.

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

~F.P.C. OUTREACH REPORT~

DIAPER PANTRY WORK SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 3rd- Chris & Jan C.
Oct. 10th- Bob & Linda
Oct. 17th- Lois & Dean
Oct. 24th- Rita & Beth
Oct. 31st- Sue P. & Mary

<p>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!</p>

~The Diaper Pantry continues to serve our community in need. In 2024, we have handed out 1131 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

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

-**Food Pantry** Items needed for October 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!

**October 6th from
10am-1pm St. Paul
Lutheran Church
will be having a
Nelson's BBQ
Chicken Dinner
for \$15. Half of
our Proceeds go to
The Presbyterian
Health Clinic.**

Birthdays

Sarah Doll	10/3
Julia Schade	10/7
Julie Lewis	10/26
Eunice Williams	10/26
Bob Montgomery	10/31

Anniversaries

Chuck & Jan Corey	10/1
Ken & Cindy Fickle	10/14

LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY:

Oct. 6th- *Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26;
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16*

Oct. 13th- *Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15;
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31*

Oct. 20th- *Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c;
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45*

Oct. 27th- *Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22);
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52*

Carrot Fritters

Crispy and mild-flavored, this fun finger food always gets snatched up quickly. If there are any leftovers, they reheat well for a snack the next day.

—Susan Witt, Fairbury, NE

Takes: 30 min. • Makes: 20 fritters

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- ½ cup 2% milk

- 1 tsp. canola oil
- 3 cups shredded carrots
- Canola oil for frying
- Optional: Chervil or chopped parsley, and ranch salad dressing or sour cream

1. In a large bowl, combine flour, salt and baking powder. Whisk eggs, milk and oil; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in carrots.
2. In a large cast-iron or other heavy skillet, heat ¼ in. frying oil over medium heat. Working in batches,

drop batter by 2 tablespoonfuls into hot oil. Press lightly to flatten. Fry until golden brown, 1-2 minutes on each side, carefully turning once. Drain on paper towels. If desired, top with chervil or chopped parsley and serve with ranch dressing or sour cream.

2 FRITTERS 204 cal., 15g fat (2g sat. fat), 38mg chol., 326mg sod., 13g carb. (2g sugars, 1g fiber), 3g pro.



Asparagus & Green Beans with Tarragon Lemon Dip



Tarragon balances the tangy flavor from lemon in the creamy sauce covering vibrant asparagus

and green beans. I serve this as a side dish as well as an appetizer.

—Bonnie Hawkins, Elkhorn, WI

Takes: 20 min. • Makes: 10 servings

- 1 lb. fresh asparagus, trimmed
- 1 lb. fresh green beans, trimmed
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 1 shallot, finely chopped

- 2 Tbsp. minced fresh tarragon or 2 tsp. dried tarragon
- 2 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley or 2 tsp. dried parsley flakes
- 2 tsp. grated lemon zest
- Dash pepper

1. Place 1 in. water in a Dutch oven; add asparagus and beans. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 3-5 minutes or until crisp-tender.

2. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Drain vegetables; transfer to a serving platter. Drizzle with dip.

1 SERVING 183 cal., 18g fat (2g sat. fat), 8mg chol., 126mg sod., 5g carb. (2g sugars, 2g fiber), 1g pro.

Lemony Mushroom Lasagna Roll-Ups

I love a classic lasagna, but I wanted to try something new: lasagna with a lemon ricotta filling. So I went to work in the kitchen and was happy with the results. I love making these roll-ups because they are easy to assemble.

CC—Debbie Glasscock, Conway, AR

Prep: 70 min.

Bake: 45 min. + standing

Makes: 6 servings

- 12 lasagna noodles
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms, finely chopped
- ¼ cup dry white wine
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1 carton (15 oz.) whole-milk ricotta cheese
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided

- 4 green onions, chopped
- 1 tsp. grated lemon zest
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. kosher salt, divided
- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 3 cups whole milk
- Dash ground nutmeg
- Chopped fresh parsley, optional

1. Cook noodles according to package directions; drain and pat dry. Preheat oven to 350°.

2. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat; add mushrooms. Cook and stir until mushrooms are tender and liquid is evaporated, 6-8 minutes. Add wine, stirring to loosen browned bits. Cook and stir until liquid is evaporated.

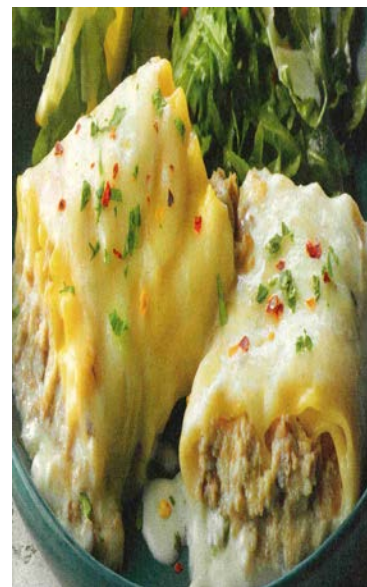
3. In a large bowl, combine egg, 1 cup mozzarella cheese, ricotta cheese, ¼ cup Parmesan cheese, green onions, lemon zest, lemon juice, ½ tsp. salt and mushrooms.

4. In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour until blended; cook and stir until golden brown 4-5 minutes (do not burn). Gradually whisk in milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened, 2-3 minutes. Stir in remaining ¼ cup Parmesan cheese, remaining ½ tsp. salt and the nutmeg.

5. Spread about ¼ cup ricotta mixture on each noodle. Carefully roll up and place in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish, seam side down. Pour sauce over top.

6. Cover and bake for 35 minutes. Uncover; sprinkle with remaining 1 cup mozzarella cheese. Bake, uncovered, until cheese is melted, 8-10 minutes. Let stand 15 minutes before serving. If desired, sprinkle with parsley.

2 ROLL-UPS 645 cal., 33g fat (18g sat. fat), 122mg chol., 879mg sod., 55g carb. (14g sugars, 3g fiber), 33g pro.





FALL SCATTERGORIES



YOU HAVE 5 MINUTES TO FILL OUT ANSWERS THAT START WITH EACH LETTER! YOU GET A POINT FOR ANSWERS NO ONE ELSE HAS SO BE UNIQUE!

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Football Teams

Fall Activities

Horror Movies

Thanksgiving Foods

I'm Grateful For...

Tailgate Foods

Warm Drinks


Fall Colors

Travel Destinations

Something Orange



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pastor Susan Away	2 Pastor Susan Away	3 4-6pm D.P. & Clinic Pastor Susan Away	4 Pastor Susan Away	5 Pastor Susan Away
6 Peace Offering World Communion Sunday Deacon Mtg. Guest Pastor/ Pastor Susan Away	7 Pastor Susan Away	8 3pm Sarah Circle Clinic Mtg Pastor Susan Away	9 Pastor Susan Away	10 4-6pm D.P. & Clinic Pastor Susan Away	11 Pastor Susan Away	12 Pastor Susan Away
13	14 10am Deborah Circle	15	16 10:30-12pm Book Group	17 4-6pm D.P. & Clinic 6pm Session	18	19
20 2cents meal offering- (Food Pantry)	21	22	23 10:30-12pm Book Group	24 4-6pm D.P. & Clinic	25	26
27 Stewardship Sunday	28 10am P.W. Mtg 10am Family Promise	29	30 10:30-12pm Book Group	31 4-6pm D.P. & Clinic 		

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
52 MARSHALL STREET
COLDWATER, MI 49036

October 2024 NEWSLETTER



HELLO

October

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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