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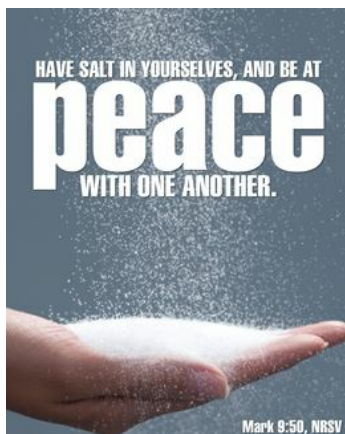
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLETTER



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Church Office Hours: Mon - Thurs: 9am - 3pm, Friday: 9am - 2pm



18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 a.m.

"Sunday Morning"

Rev. Gary I. Stevens

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Liturgist: Diane Poe
Organist: Anne Perket

Click here to view the complete bulletin: [Sept 26 Bulletin](#)

Those not planning to attend in person may watch the service on our website or Facebook page!

Visit our Website

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 3! This celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us we



are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful of our relationship to all our brothers & sisters in Christ. This is also the time we receive the **Peace and Global Witness Offering** as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers & sisters in need. This offering will be collected Oct. 3. Consider a donation - \$30 can provide supplies for displaced students, \$50 provides food baskets for refugees, \$85 provides teacher training. Special envelopes will be in the pews. Questions? Call Crystal 225-0595.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

SESSION ELDERS: Barb Bennett, George Carnahan, Mary Craik, Laura Farnsworth, Jeff Jaklin, Nathan Mann, Kelsey Nordengren, Christine Pesola, Andy Poe, Ryan Redmond.

BOARD OF DEACONS: Dan Barrington, Susan Payant, Connie Kuzak, Mike Kuzak, David Payant.

To watch a past sermon, just go to our website and click on Sermons, then on the name of the preacher to bring up a list to choose from.

FPC SAFETY GUIDELINES UPDATE

THE SESSION MET ON SEPTEMBER 21 AND ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING AMENDED SAFETY GUIDELINES:

[Click Here to Read Guidelines](#)



A Memorial Service for Krista Small will be held on Tuesday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m. A private interment will take place at a later time.



MARQUETTE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK - OCTOBER 10, 2021.

Registration at 1:30 pm, Walk Begins at 2:00 pm. Marquette Hope Connection at 927 W. Fair Ave. will host! Please sign up to walk or collect money. See Crystal Swanson or Ryan Redmond for collection

envelopes. 25% stays local. The money raised will be split between St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank and NMU Food Bank. Check out the showcase in the back hall of the church. Questions? Please call Crystal at 225-0595.

THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER IS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK!

Please help raise awareness and destigmatize mental illness.

Visit pcusa.org/mentalhealth

A WORD FROM CARON CHRISTOPHERSON, CLERK OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ISHPEMING... I was recently contacted by the Presbytery Council Chairperson to help find candidates from the U.P. for the upcoming election for Presbytery Committee Members. It is important to have representation on these committees from each of our 39 congregations. These committees primarily hold their meetings via Zoom. Some meet monthly, others less frequently. Committees with vacancies are:

- Budget and Finance
- Education and Leadership
- Committee on Ministry
- Mission
- Personnel
- Session Records
- Worshiping Communities
- There is also the Presbytery Point Camp Board of Directors, if you are interested in being a leader and

supporter of our camp.

--Elder Commissioner to the Synod

I have served on Presbytery committees and found that my time was well spent. I learned about the many wonderful happenings at the Presbytery level and was blessed to meet, get to know, and build strong connections with others from congregations across the miles. I would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested in serving. If you have a passion or skill that fits any of these committees, please give me a call at **906-869-2266**. May God's grace and peace be with you!



PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP FALL WORK CAMP - OCTOBER 8-10 WEEKEND, 10-6PM DAILY.

All ages welcome. Prep buildings & grounds and enjoy the fall colors for a day or the weekend. Email Jenna at director@presbyterypoint.org to let us know!

CHURCH DEACONS are needed! If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact the church office.

IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE THE CHURCH IN ANOTHER WAY,

please call and make an appointment to talk with Pastor Gary!

Al-Anon meets on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Ministry has resumed meeting on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Campus Ministry now meets on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Women's AA meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays at Noon.

Bell Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

GA meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday AA Big Book will only meet via Zoom at this time due to COVID

CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time to start updating the Church Directory! If you have had any changes in name, address, phone number, email address...please email the church office at firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com or drop a note in the mailbox outside of the church office. Thank you!

FROM THE PRESBYTERY...

Dear God, be with our siblings in Haiti and Afghanistan. Let us answer with our prayers.

Let us answer with generous gifts. Let us join together, an international community of healing, to rebuild, restore and in time, rejoice. Remind us that in a world that suffers, light still shines, and darkness and dust shall not overcome it. AMEN.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Margaret Spawr who is suffering from heart problems

Family & friends of James Christopherson who passed away at home on 8/31/21

Family & friends of Krista Small who passed away on 8/14/21

Miriam Hilton is under hospice care at Brookridge Heights.

Jacob Heather is undergoing treatment at Mayo Clinic (Thom & Christine Ault's son-in-law)

Lainey Stevens

Rev. Stevens' & Lainey's grandson

Superior Housing Solutions' staff and population they serve

Tina Robb as she recuperates at Norlite Nursing Center

David Payant as he recovers from spine surgery

Dee Heard

Gratitude for Cody's success!

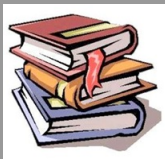
Peace in our time, and peace & love amongst the congregation of First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church, Trout Lake

All people affected by the wildfires and hurricanes, and all relief workers

All people and communities affected by the COVID Delta variant

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REACH OUT TO KAY TAYLOR, whose son Kit was killed in the Pentagon 9/11, please drop a card off at the church office.



AAUW BOOK SALE DOWNSTAIRS IN SOCIAL HALL

(masks required)

Friday, Sept. 24: 10-6pm

Saturday, Sept. 25: 10 - 5pm

***Free "leftover" books will be available for pick up after the
Worship Service on Sunday, Sept. 26!***

Note from Crystal Swanson...below is Max's address at boot camp. He is there until 10/25/21 and can receive letters or postcards only:

**E1 Swanson, Maxwell
Echo Co 4th Plt
3-60 IN BN 193rd IN BDE
5500 Marion Ave
Ft Jackson SC 29207**

HINT: if you put a yellow line on the right side of the envelope it gets to him faster...thank you!

LET'S HELP THE CHURCH FINANCIALLY WITH ONLINE GIVING!

The church continues to need financial support for its continuing operations through the pandemic and the COVID Delta variant. You have at least four ways to give financially:

- 1) through donations to the church plate offerings collected for in person services, or, the blue "offering" box on the wall on the pulpit side of the sanctuary.
- 2) through donations sent in the US Mail
- 3) through dropping off your donation in person to the church office
- 4) THROUGH ONLINE GIVING BY CLICKING ON "GIVE NOW" BELOW! This link will take you directly to the Presbyterian Foundation giving set up so you can choose your method of online giving via bank account, credit card and whether you want the donation to be recurring etc. The Foundation will send your donations to our church on a monthly basis.

GIVE NOW

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery for the areas in Haiti impacted by the earthquake through their established local partners and in collaboration with ACT Alliance. **GIVE:** Gifts can be made online,

by phone (800) 872-3283, or by check mailed to Presbyterian Church (USA), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. **ACT:** Stay informed through Facebook. **PRAY:** Pray that the affected communities and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met, and be reminded of the hope found in God!

***PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING SCRIP TO HELP YOUR CHURCH
IF YOU FREQUENT ANY OF THESE BUSINESSES:***

**Huron Mountain Bakery
Econo Foods
Holiday Gas
Border Grill
Downwind Sports
Babycakes Muffin Co.
Art U.P. Style
Marquette Food Coop
Pasta Shop
Vangos**

You get full face value, and the church gets 3-10%, and all profits go to the Reserve Fund!

Click here to print an order form [Scrip Order Form](#)
or call the church office at 226-6587.



"What can I do to help Superior Housing Solutions and the Church with the Matthew 25 mission in our community?"



You may click here to make a donation to SHS: [Make A Donation](#)

For more information, please contact Ryan Redmond at superiorhousingsolutions906@gmail.com or at 248-563-9988.

Please visit our website at www.superiorhousingsolutions.org to learn more about our mission or click here: [SHS Website](#)



***PLEASE BE REMINDED TO DROP OFF
YOUR ECONO FOODS RECEIPTS
in the basket by the mail center.
Thank you!***

THE FREE STORE IS OPEN AND STILL LOCATED at 1420 M-28 EAST!

The Free Store is an interfaith non-profit group supporting people who express a need for free clothing, linens, hygiene and cleaning supplies in the greater Marquette area.

SHOPPING HOURS: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesdays from 12-4 p.m.

4th Monday from 6-8 p.m.

What church members can do to help:

- Give a one time financial donation, or become a sustaining donor and give annually
- Thrivent Financial members can direct Thrivent choice dollars to the store, or can host a Thrivent action team to conduct a fund raiser
- Volunteer at the store, or volunteers are needed to haul returnable cans & bottles to

grocery store

- Share The Free Store mission with friends and family
- Donate cleaning and hygiene products

CONTACT Judy Kitchen at jkitchenmqt@gmail.com or 362-3733.

***THE COFFEE STAND IS OPEN...
PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR
YOUTH PROGRAM!***

Also..\$1 coffee pillow packs, almonds, cashews & dried mango!

Your purchase helps our youth, empowers women, supports fair trade coffee growers around the world, and protects lands in Central America.

MISSION STATEMENT OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In gratitude to God,

Empowered by the Spirit,

We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives.

As a community of faith,

We commit to know, grow and show Christ's love to all
through worship, education and service.