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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLETTER



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### 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 28, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Natalie Handley

*Vision Expanded:*

*Spiritual Formation that is Holistic and Rooted in Scripture*

Liturgist: Dani Jaklin

Click [HERE](#) to see the bulletin!



#### **NEW WORSHIP SERVICE & COMMUNITY DINNER!**

Join us **October 12** and every **2nd Sunday of the month** for worship at

**4:30pm** in a modern and informal style followed by a **community dinner at 5:30pm**. Invite your friends and neighbors to come to one or both! We hope to reach out to the community and are trusting the

Spirit's guidance for this initiative. Please be in prayer for these services/dinners AND plan to attend yourself to extend gracious hospitality to those who will dawn our doorstep.

*(This is in addition to our usual 10am worship service.)*

**CE SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASSES:** Join us for these sessions entitled "**Welcome All**" from the Follow Me curriculum. Adult classes held at 9am in Room B. Children and Youth meet during the 2nd half of worship, except on 1st Sundays when we stay together for communion. New this year on the 1st Sunday of each month, we will have an intergenerational class on October 5 for all ages at 9am (the first one is October 5).

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY** has begun. We have the Rachel Circle that meets the second Tuesday of the month in the church library at 10am. The Rebecca Circle meets the second Thursday of the month in the church library at 7pm. Please consider joining a circle! Questions? Call Crystal Swanson at (906) 225-0595 or Chip O'Neill at (906) 249-4573.

**THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING** will be collected on October 5. This is one of three special offerings that we collect during the year. 25% stays local, 25% regional, and 50% global. Please support this special offering. Questions? Call Crystal Swanson at 225-0595.



**THE MARQUETTE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK** will be held on October 12. Hosting the walk is Marquette Hope Connection Center at 927 W. Fair Ave. Registration is at 1:30pm, walk begins at 2:00pm. For pledge envelopes, see Crystal. This year the 25% will go to the NMU Food Bank and Feeding America (sponsored by Silver Creek

Church). Please join us in helping feed the hungry people in Marquette County. Our church goal is **\$900!** Questions? Call Crystal at 225-0595.

***THE VISION TEAM has completed FPC's Vision Statement!***

Click [HERE](#) to read it.

*Hard copies are available on the hallway table and in the narthex at the church.*

*A big thank you to the team for all their work on this!*



THE FALL BAZAAR is looking for crafters interested in renting a space.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please speak to Peggy or Amanda Gobert, or email [fpcbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:fpcbazaar@gmail.com) for an application.

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS!** If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please contact Pastor Natalie at: [pastornataliehandley@gmail.com](mailto:pastornataliehandley@gmail.com).

**MONTHLY DEACON ON CALL:** *"It is the duty of Deacons, first of all, to minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith."* **PC(USA) Book of Order.**

As part of our pastoral care ministries, the Deacons designates a monthly Deacon on Call. Please contact the Deacon on Call if you or someone you know needs prayer, home visits, or assistance with food and/or financial needs. Inquiries will be held confidential as requested. The Deacon on Call for September is **Jan Rebers**, and she can be reached at 250-7023 or [jrebers@alumni.nmu.edu](mailto:jrebers@alumni.nmu.edu). The Deacon on Call for October is **Abi Schloegel** and she can be reached at 362-0412 or [ajschlay@gmail.com](mailto:ajschlay@gmail.com).

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Please scan this code for online giving and to set up your recurring gift:



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***DO YOU SHOP AT ANY OF THESE BUSINESSES....***

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Snowbound Books  
Vangos

***Please consider buying Scrip to help your church!***

There is nothing to lose...you get full face value...**BUT the church gets 3-10%**,  
and all profits go into the Reserve Fund!

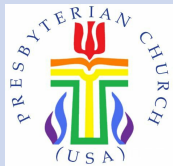
Pink scrip forms are on the hallway table at the church,  
or call Jan Rebers at 228-3617. Thank you!

### **STAY CONNECTED TO THE WIDER CHURCH VIA FACEBOOK (FB):**

- Our local church FB page is "**First Presbyterian Church of Marquette**" where we regularly post updates and events, as well as live-stream our worship services.
- The national level church FB page is "**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**" where you can receive news and updates on the church, including general assembly, mission, and more.
- The "**Presbyterian church (U.S.A.) Washington Office**" FB page is the public policy information and advocacy office of the PC(USA), which regularly issues Calls to Action and the importance of our faith in conversation with the world.

To read the latest **Presbytery of Mackinac Newsletter** (Issue 47) click [HERE](#)

**BULLETIN & E-NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:** If you have anything that needs to be placed in the bulletin or E-News, please submit it to the church office by **10am on Wednesday**. Send submissions to: [firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com)  
Thank you!



### **PC(USA) STATEMENT**

IN A LETTER TO THE CHURCH, THE STATED CLERK AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REV. JIHYUN OH, SAYS THE PC(USA) WILL CONTINUE TO STAND WITH AND FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US! CLICK [HERE](#) READ THE ARTICLE.

*If you would like a person named in the congregation's prayers, please first obtain permission from the person to list his/her name in the E-Newsletter. We will list each person for a short time, then the name will be removed. If the person would like to continue to be listed, please call the church.*



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Sam Elder who is recovering from successful open heart surgery, and is fighting prostate cancer

Healing for Marge Spawr who took a fall

Healing for JoAnn Potvin who is now recovering at home

Carolyn McDonald's friend Cathy who lost her husband and now a single parent of three children

Continued healing for Mary Craik who suffered a broken sternum

Comfort for Kelsey who lost her beloved dog, Arrow

Connie Kuzak as she is waiting to hear if she needs chemotherapy or immunotherapy

Bob Wellman's friend with cancer

Joy for our new choir members, Sarah and Ron

Joy over seeing the marvels of nature

Zane Farnsworth for continued healing

Reminder to visit our long term "Friends at Home"

Hope for forums in which people can express political views safely

Our nation following the death of Charlie Kirk and opposing political violence

Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones

***PLEASE BE REMINDED TO DROP OFF***

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, September 29**

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise  
10:00 a.m. - Knitting  
7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

**Tuesday, September 30**

9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry  
4:45 p.m. - Jazzercise

**Wednesday, October 1**

7:00 & 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise  
6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, October 2**

5:00 p.m. - Deacons Meeting  
5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise  
7:00 p.m. - GA/Gam-Anon

**Friday, October 3**

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

**Saturday, October 4**

9:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. - Jazzercise  
10:00 a.m. - Clerk's Review  
10:30 a.m. - AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost / COMMUNION**

9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary - Rev. Handley

**LITTLE BROTHERS FRIENDS OF THE ELDERLY - SENIORS INVITED!**

The National Energy Foundation and UPPCO are partnering with LBFE to educate seniors on low cost ways to save energy and money! Seniors are welcome to attend a short information session and receive a FREE energy efficiency kit valued at \$50.  
Go to the website for details: [www.lbfemichigan.org/energysmart](http://www.lbfemichigan.org/energysmart)

**DINNER WITH THE DOCTOR**

The Marquette Seventh-day Adventist's Dinner with the Doctor program will host clinical psychologist K'dee Crews for a three-day event titled **Finding Freedom from Trauma and Addiction**. The sessions will be held at 270 East US 41 on Friday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 4th at 11:30 a.m., and Sunday, October 5th at 4:00 p.m. Seating is limited, and a complimentary dinner will be provided on Sunday. For seat reservations, call 906-475-4488 or email [mqtsdachurch@gmail.com](mailto:mqtsdachurch@gmail.com).

**UPPER PENINSULA WELLNESS CENTER GRAND OPENING!**

Sunday, October 5, 1-5pm  
Monday, October 6, 2-7pm  
220 W. Washington St, Suite 500

This is open to 1st responders, their families and interested community members.  
Come tour the space, meet the team, enjoy refreshments and activities and learn about their services.

**U.P. WELLNESS TASK FORCE**

**OCTOBER 30, 8:30am - 12:30pm - Breakfast & lunch provided!**  
**MARESA, 321 E. Ohio St, Marquette**

This is an opportunity for community members to collaborate, problem solve, and share updates on topics related to the mental, physical, social, and behavioral wellness of all ages across the U.P.!

A virtual option is also available. For more info. call 226-5121

**MCSOS ADULT STRING REFRESHER**

NOVEMBER 8, 10-4PM, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MARQUETTE

In person registration: October 5, 1:30 - 3:30pm, Fee is \$25 cash only, St. Paul's  
violin, viola, cello and bass  
mqtcountysos@gmail.com

## MISSION STATEMENT OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit to know, grow, and  
show Christ's love to all through worship, education, and service  
in the name of Jesus Christ.*

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