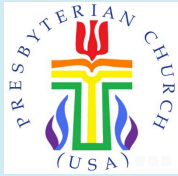


January 23, 2026

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLETTER



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**Church Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday: 10am - 3pm

**Pastor:** Reverend Natalie Handley, M.Div.

### 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

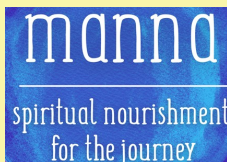
**WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.**

**SERMON:** Leave Your Nets Behind

Rev. Natalie Handley

Liturgist: Karen Blake

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



### **MANNA WORSHIP SERVICE & COMMUNITY DINNER**

Join us at **4:30 pm on February 8** and every second Sunday for a modern and informal style worship followed by a **free community dinner at 5:30 pm**. Bring your friends and neighbors! **NOTE: Manna in March has been rescheduled to March 22.**



**LENT:** Ash Wednesday, February 18 we will begin the season of Lent with a **soup supper at 5:30 pm** and worship in the Sanctuary at **6:30 pm**. Maundy Thursday, April 2 will be the same format, and an **ecumenical Good Friday service, April 3** is planned for 6:30 pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Come to the Intergenerational Sunday School Class at 9:00 am every first Sunday of the month. Children's class occurs during worship most other Sundays. The curriculum is "Forgive" from the Follow Me series.

***Here's a BIG THANK YOU for writing postcards*** to refugee children last Sunday! We will make them available one more Sunday before mailing them. Please help us fill ALL of the postcards with love and welcome to the children enduring so much. We will mail them out through the organization Any Refugee which was started by a 9 year-old boy in 2014. Learn more [HERE](#)

***FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:*** Please consider volunteering at your church. We need volunteers to help greet and to provide goodies for coffee hour. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlors. Live out a new life in Christ by volunteering at your church.

***CE SPIRITUAL FORMATION:*** Volunteers are needed for leading Sunday School and the nursery. Please contact Lynnea Hosey, CE Director. The Personnel Committee is working on next steps for the hiring of a CE Director. Questions/input may be directed to co-chairs Jennifer Bruggink,

Christine Pesola, Session elders and/or Pastor. Please pray for the next person God is calling to FPC!

**2026 CHURCH ENVELOPES** are available on the hallway table for your pickup.

The 2026 **per capita** amount is **\$42.00**.

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 15!**

Please email your report(s) in Word format to the church office.



**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING FOOD PANTRY**

**ITEMS!** Hundreds of people in our community (and millions around the nation) are facing **food insecurity**, and pantries are in very low supply. Please drop off non-perishable, non-expired food items in the donation bin in the church hallway, and the Deacons will take the items to the Salvation Army's food pantry.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY:** The Rachel Circle 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.

**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 January is Bonnie Swanson and she can be reached at 250-4198.

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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



**SCRIP GIFT CARDS MAKE WONDERFUL GIFTS & HELP YOUR CHURCH!**

**WE HAVE A GREAT VARIETY OF PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS.  
CARDS COME IN A VARIETY OF \$\$ VALUES!**

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Babycakes Muffin Co.  
Art U.P. Style  
Marquette Food Coop  
Pasta Shop  
Snowbound Books  
Vangos

*There is nothing to lose...you get full face value...BUT **the church gets 3-10%**, and all profits go into the Reserve Fund! Scrip forms are on the hallway table at the church, or call Jan Rebers at **228-3617**. Thank you!*

To view FPC's **Committees and other groups**, click [HERE](#)

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

- Our local church FB page is “**First Presbyterian Church of Marquette**” where **worship services are livestreamed**, and events & updates are regularly posted!
- 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.

### **BULLETIN & E-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

If you have anything that needs to be placed in the Sunday bulletin or weekly E-News, please **submit it to the church office by 10am on Wednesday**.  
Send submissions to: firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com. Thank you!

The Presbyterian Office of Public Witness released a statement on their concerns for the **safety and well-being of refugees** last week. Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

Curious about innovative ministries in the PC(USA)? Here's an uplifting story about a **coffee shop** opening the door to community! Click [HERE](#) to read it.

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



### **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.

### **The 227th General Assembly (GA) will be held in Milwaukee this June!**

FPC Marquette will be represented! Did you know that Simon Jaklin was elected as Young Adult Advisory Delegate and Jeff Jaklin elected as a Ruling Elder delegate by the Presbytery of Mackinac? PCUSA members are welcome to attend as observers. To learn more about GA, go to the [website](#) or [newsletter](#)!

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*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:**

Loved ones of Bradley Cory who passed away on December 23

Loved ones of Carla Marceau-Smith who passed away

Healing for the Hicks family, as baby Adeline passed away on December 18

Continue to lift up Faye Bowers' son Pete who is undergoing a procedure and needs housing

Maribeth Larson's back surgery went well and she is recovering at home

Terry & Chip O'Neill facing health challenges

George C. - ICE situation in Minneapolis and family in area dealing with the chaos

LouAnn & Jim Jaklin at the loss of close friend, Dick, and his wife Judy, in Florida

Jennifer Bruggink - joy for visiting Aunt Margie and that she will get treatments to put her on the path to real

healing, and prayers for her life and loved ones

Judy Baldwin's sister Chris is undergoing surgery

Carolyn's friend, Bob, at Mayo Clinic

Friend of Bob Wellman facing cancer and awaiting test results

Scott Wilson, friend of the Handleys, is recovering from a major bicycle accident

The world, our nation, and our congregation. Listen, show love, and choose words wisely

Wisdom & temperate spirits for those exercising rights to freedom of speech

Individuals experiencing homelessness; prayers for their safety in the frigid weather

People who feel so disconnected from society and hopeless they find suicide the only option

Those struggling with addictions and their loved ones

Joy for the diversity of humanity



**PLEASE BE REMINDED TO DROP OFF  
YOUR ECONO FOODS RECEIPTS**

***in the basket by the mail center.***

***Thank you!***

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

#### **Monday, January 26**

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

10:00 a.m. - Knitting Group

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise

7:00 p.m. - Big Lake Theatre Co Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

#### **Tuesday, January 27**

9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry

2:00 p.m. - All Staff Meeting

3:00 p.m. - Worship Planning Meeting

4:45 p.m. - Jazzercise

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

#### **Wednesday, January 28**

7:00 a.m. & 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, January 29**

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - GA & GAM-Anon

**Friday, January 30**

9:15 a.m.- Jazzercise

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

**Saturday, January 31**

9:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - Sunday after Epiphany**

9:00 a.m - All Ages Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary - Rev. Natalie Handley, M. Div.

**ROOM AT THE INN** is seeking volunteers to assist with short evening set-up and morning tear-down shifts at the emergency overflow shelter. Volunteer responsibilities include light set-up of sleeping areas, organizing, restoring space for daytime use. Clear instructions and guidance always provided. To learn more or sign up, go to: [SIGN UP](#)

**MARQUETTE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, 270 E. US 41, Negaunee MI**

Dr. Michael and Melanie Quion will be here on Sunday, **January 25 at 2:00 p.m.** for an informative session on naturally strengthening your immune system. The event will feature hands-on demonstrations, including how to prepare charcoal and onion poultices. Additional topics will cover hydrotherapy and massage techniques. Following the program, guests are welcome to enjoy a free vegetarian dinner at 5:00 p.m. and enter for a chance to win a prize. **Please RSVP at 906-475-4488 or [mqtsdachurch@gmail.com](mailto:mqtsdachurch@gmail.com)**

**LAKE SUPERIOR LIFE CARE & HOSPICE**

Many program offerings including Matter of Balance Workshop, Mindful Aging Series, Grief Support Series. Email [jbarbiere@lakesuperiorhospice.org](mailto:jbarbiere@lakesuperiorhospice.org)

**MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, please call 1-800-562-7622 to speak with a crisis worker.  
You are not alone. Treatment is available.

**SUPERIOR CONNECTIONS RCO**

**RECOVERY CONNECTIONS THROUGH TUBING EVENT!**

**Saturday, February 7, 12-5 p.m.**

**Al Quaal in Ishpeming**

Free Community and Substance Free Event!

hot cocoa & snacks provided by Rare Earth Goods Cafe

**CABIN FEVER SETTING IN?** Bromley's Books has several winter events to check out! Go to [www.bromleysbooks.com](http://www.bromleysbooks.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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