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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLETTER



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

Pastor: Reverend Natalie Handley, M.Div.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 15, 2026
WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.

SERMON: Preparing for Armageddon
Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP
Liturgist: Diane Poe

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

PASTOR NATALIE is away March 3 - 17 with one week dedicated to Continuing Ed and one week of PTO. Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP will preach on March 15 and will be available for any pastoral needs by calling 236-2867, as will the Deacon on Call.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FISH BANKS are available on the hallway table. This special offering goes to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People. Please return them by Easter Sunday. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: *Come to the Intergenerational Sunday School Class every 1st Sunday of the month!* Children's class occurs during worship most other Sundays. The curriculum is "Forgive" from the Follow Me series.

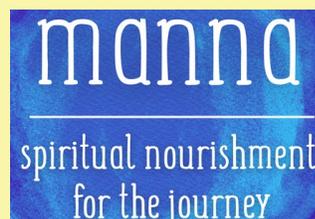
MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2 - 5:30pm soup supper and 6:30pm worship service.

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY: We join with other churches here in our sanctuary for the **Ecumenical Worship Service at 6:30pm.**

MANNA WORSHIP SERVICE and COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us at **4:30pm on March 22** for a modern and informal style worship - the theme is "Do Not Fear".

It is followed by a **free community dinner at 5:30 pm.** with spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert.



Bring your friends & neighbors!

PALM CROSS WEAVING will take place on **Saturday, March 28 at 10am** in the parlors. Please join us, and bring your own scissors...thanks!



NEW! SOLACE IN THE SANCTUARY: The sanctuary will be open on Wednesdays from noon - 1 pm for prayer and reflection. Both Blaker Street doors will be open. All are welcome.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is beginning its search for candidates for Session and Deacons for election at our annual meeting. If you have interest in serving on Session or as Deacon, or would like to find out more about these opportunities to serve the church, please contact a member of the committee: George Carnahan, Vivian Lasich, Lisa Potvin, Ryan Redmond, Bonnie Swanson, or Pastor Natalie.

CE SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Volunteers are needed for leading Sunday School and the nursery. Please contact Lynnea Hosey, CE Chair. 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!



Please pardon our "cleaning in progress". The church custodian recently took a new position. Leadership is in the process of working out a cleaning schedule with a contractor, while preparing to post the custodian position and find the right person to fill it. We appreciate your patience!

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 March is Cathy Crimmins and she can be reached at 869-2555.

What is the Compassion Fund? The Deacons' Compassion Fund has been formed in place of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This *confidential* fund is in place specifically for FPC members and friends of members with financial need. *You may apply for yourself or on behalf of a friend by speaking with the Pastor or the Deacon Moderator, Judy Baldwin, who will provide a form.* Half of the 1st Sunday donations to Deacons support the Compassion Fund. The Deacons also support the broader community with regular donations to the Community Assistance Fund and St. Vincent of DePaul with the other half of your offerings. Thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING clothing, household items, furniture, and other usable items to St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. They play a vital role in our community helping those less fortunate. SVdP is hoping to establish a more steady flow of donations to continue meeting the growing needs in our area.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS! If you are interested in becoming a member of First

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.

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!**

Huron Mountain Bakery
Econo Foods
Holiday Gas
Border Grill
Downwind Sports
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.

Scam Alert - please always be on guard against scammers. Pastor Natalie will never ask you for money directly via text or email. Nor should any staff member, elder or deacon. Requests for donations will always be asked to be sent to the Church directly.

**ROOM AT THE INN AWARENESS EVENT
Saturday, April 4 - 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Music from 8 - 11pm

Marquette homelessness is at an all-time high and our local shelter needs support.

Join for an evening of education, Q&A, and music to deepen your community knowledge and connection.

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**. 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.

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](#)!

TO READ THE LATEST PRESBYTERY OF MACKINAC NEWSLETTER (Issue 52) CLICK [HERE](#)

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 Trenton Massey who disappeared February 22

Joy for Simon Jaklin earning his Eagle Scout

Joy for Ryan Redmond's sister expecting a baby boy

Dave Payant - healing and lifting spirits of Craig who broke his back

Alex Gencheff - sister's fiance tore ACL and uncle diagnosed with cancer

Onyx McCombie is having a kidney transplant

Chelsea Travis' grandmother facing health issues

Christine Pesola has a friend facing end of life

Jenn Klipp as she is treated for breast cancer

Continue to lift up Faye Bowers' son Pete in his healing process

Terry O'Neill's sister Gina and his brother Jeff passed away

Vivian Lasich's nephew Bill's wife passed away, and his sister Laura Leigh is facing cancer

Jennifer Bruggink - gratitude for all the wonderful people surrounding Aunt Margie as she is starting to fade

Those affected by the conflict in Iran

Those struggling with addictions and their loved ones

Those who can't make it to church - may they feel God's embrace



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

Monday, March 16

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, March 17

9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
1:00 p.m. - Finance Committee
4:45 p.m. - Jazzercise
7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 a.m. & 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
11:30 a.m. - PEO Chapter DU
12:00 p.m. - Solace in the Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. - Manna Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 19

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - GA & GAM-Anon

Friday, March 20

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

Saturday, March 7

9:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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.

BABY ITEMS NEEDED!

CAAM is preparing for the next **Community Baby Shower** on May 15. You can help by providing new baby items or a monetary donation. All donations can be dropped off at:
CAAM - ATTN: Accounting, 1125 Commerce Drive, Marquette MI
For more info: Barbie Dupras, 228-6522 ext. 253, or bdupras@communityactionam.org

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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