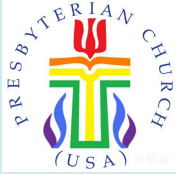


April 17, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLETTER



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

Pastor: Reverend Natalie Handley, M.Div.

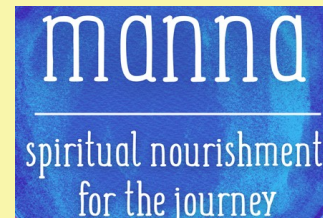
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 19, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.

SERMON: This Promise is for You
Rev. Natalie Handley
Liturgist: Diane Poe
Click [HERE](#) to see the bulletin!

MANNA WORSHIP SERVICE and COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us on **May 10 at 4:30 pm** for a modern and informal style worship. It is followed by a **free community dinner at 5:30 pm**. Bring your friends & neighbors!



The Session has called the **Annual Congregational Meeting** for **Sunday, April 19** immediately following worship to review the Annual Report, elect new elders and deacons, and elect a new Nominating Committee for 2026-27. Copies of the Annual Report are in the hallway and narthex.

Deacons, Class of 2029

Dan Larson
Maribeth Larson
Amanda Kline
Lisa Potvin
Simon Jaklin
Carolyn McDonald (2nd term)
Jan Rebers (2nd term)

Elders, Class of 2029

Karen Blake
Garry Koehn
Dan Barrington
Amanda Gobert (2nd term)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children's Sunday School during worship has resumed with the session: "Care for Creation" from the PC(USA) Follow Me curriculum. ALL AGES are invited to come to the next **Intergenerational Sunday School Class at 9am on May 3** (and every 1st Sunday) in the couch room.



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

SENIOR SOCIAL TIME

Join us weekly on **Mondays from 10:00 - 11:30am** at First Presbyterian Church in the parlors for a Social Hour! This is a wonderful time to visit with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee, and relax. Feel free to start a card game, bring a puzzle to work on, or simply enjoy the great company of fellow church members.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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!



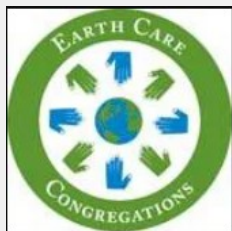
Please pardon our "cleaning in progress". Leadership has worked out a cleaning schedule with a contractor, while preparing to post the custodian position and find the right person to fill it. We appreciate your patience!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- SAVE THE DATE: July 13 - 16, 5:15 - 7:30 p.m.

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 April is Jan Rebers and she can be reached at 250-7023.

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!



First Presbyterian Church is a certified
PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation!

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

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:



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*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!*

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.

1) Presbyterians turn out in droves to learn more about Christian Nationalism: Learn more about what the term means and why faith leaders are concerned about its growing presence in the United States. You can also learn from this PC(USA) document by [clicking here](#).

2) PC(USA) Celebrates 70 YEARS of WOMEN clergy!

3) Recovery begins in Hawaii after worst flooding in decades - Presbyterians can help survivors rebound from torrential rains and severe damage to homes, infrastructure, roads and various buildings

4) [Presbyterians Urge Congress to oppose additional Iran war funding](#): Office of Public Witness joins other faith groups in opposing money for 'illegal and reckless' conflict

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!

AAUW - MARQUETTE BRANCH is asking our generous community members to **donate gently read books by April 21** (and CDs, DVDs, games & puzzles) for the American Association of University Women's Spring Book Sale! Please drop off at First Presbyterian Church in the entryway.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE AAUW BOOK SALE AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH APRIL 23 - 25!**

Proceeds from the sale will support AAUW's mission for advancing gender equity for women & girls.

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](#)!

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:

Safe travels for Mike & Connie as they head home
O'Neill's garage roof collapsed and damaged cars
Healing for Mary Ellen Eckler's foot wounds
Alice Harbin has a faulty heart valve
Laura recovering from arm surgery and awaiting biopsy results
Someone who had a sudden foot amputation but is keeping a good attitude
Marquette Choral Society traveling to NYC to give concert at Carnegie Hall
Healing for Lori's arm and wrist - now undergoing an MRI
Jenn Klipp as she is treated for breast cancer
Continue to lift up Faye Bowers' son Pete in his healing process
Jennifer Bruggink's Aunt Margie passed away
Everyone who guided and supported high school graduates
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**

Monday, April 20

AAUW Book Sale Setup
9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
10:00 a.m. - Knitting Group
5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, April 21

AAUW Book Sale Setup
9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
1:00 p.m. - Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 22

AAUW Book Sale Setup
12:00 p.m. - Solace in the Sanctuary
6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 23

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. AAUW Book Sale
7:00 p.m. - GA & GAM-Anon

Friday, April 24

9:00am - 6:00 p.m. AAUW Book Sale

Saturday, April 25

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. AAUW Book Sale
10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - 4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary - Rev. Natalie Handley
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour - Simon Jaklin Eagle Scout Honor
11:30 a.m. - AAUW Free Books

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.

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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