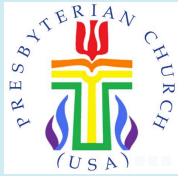


July 31, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLETTER



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

Pastor: Reverend Natalie Handley, M.Div.

10th Sunday after Pentecost - July 26, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: Looking God in the Eye

Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP

Liturgist: Mary Clifford

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

PASTOR NATALIE will be away August 2 - 6 and August 13.

Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP can be called upon for any pastoral care needs:

906-236-2867.

ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:00am in the church library. Our book is "Christianity and Comics" by Blair Davis.

BLUEBERRY FEST DOWNTOWN IS FRIDAY, JULY 31

Please help us be good neighbors! We will have our shade tent up on the south lawn 10am-4pm, give away free ice water, have our restrooms open to the public, and have chairs in the shade for those who may need to rest on their trek up or down the hill. This was much appreciated last year with the hot weather.

Please contact Barb Bennett, 906-399-6510, if you can take a 1 or 2 hour shift to hand out water and greet people. We are here to serve!



SUNDAY WORSHIP AT PRESBYTERY POINT - AUGUST 9, 10:30am

The service will be outside again, weather permitting, or inside if necessary. A potluck meal will be held after worship in the dining hall. A golf cart will be available for those needing assistance to navigate the path to the point. The benches at the point now have backrests! Carpooling will be available. Need a ride, or willing to provide a ride? Please contact the church office. We

will leave the church parking lot at **9:30am** sharp. **There will be no worship service at the church on August 9 - see you back at the church on August 16.**

SEE THE NEW BENCHES BELOW...



PRE-CONCERT PICNIC - AUGUST 12 - 5:30pm: Join us on the lawn before the Concert on the Steps at Peter White Library (6:30pm). Please bring your own food & lawn chairs - some seating will be available. Friends, family & lawn games welcome. After eating, we will move our chairs up the block for the concert. The church that plays together stays together!

ALL SENIORS ARE WARMLY INVITED
to a time of fellowship on
Monday, August 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us in the church parlors for an afternoon of games, hot coffee, and delicious snacks. Invite friends! We look forward to seeing you there!

WE ARE HIRING!

Click the links below for the details:

Director of Spiritual Formation and Outreach: <https://greatlakescallfinder.org/listing/spiritual-formation-and-outreach-director-possibly-including-campus-ministry-for-full-time-work-marquette-michigan/>

Campus Ministry Director: <https://greatlakescallfinder.org/listing/campus-ministry-director-mid-aug-thru-mid-may-marquette-michigan/>

ALSO, PLEASE JOIN US in welcoming our new custodian, **Kevin Goetz**, who has been hired and starts work on August 10!



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

In last Sunday's sermon, Pastor Natalie referenced the ecojustice work the [Presbyterians for Earth Care](#) are doing at the national denominational level. For more information on the items passed at General Assembly, click on their press releases below:

- [Regenerative Farming General Assembly Action](#)
- [The Green Future Endowment Fund](#) (Divestments by 2030)

You are also invited to join the Earth Care Team by speaking with John Rebers or Pastor Natalie.



SOLACE IN THE SANCTUARY continues throughout the summer. The sanctuary will be open on **Wednesdays from Noon - 3pm** for prayer and contemplation. All are welcome.

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 designate 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 the remainder of June is Bonnie Swanson and she can be reached at 250-4198. The Deacon on Call for August is Amanda Kline and she can be reached at 250-0294.

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!

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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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!

To read the Presbytery of Mackinac July Newsletter, 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:

Lynnea for the cause of digestive issues to be identified

Garry & Wilma Koehn's niece, Rachel, with complications from childbirth

George Carnahan for his great granddaughter Mia who has an illness from a tick bite, and daughter Liz

who has the parasite cyclosporiasis and is very ill

LouAnn & Jim Jaklin's niece, Jenny, diagnosed with bladder cancer

Jim Robb's great nephew Tommy, who has a troubled life, is ill and hospitalized

Mike Kuzak for relief from the side effects of his cancer treatments

Bob Wellman's son's friend Lori has healed; continued prayers for friend Rick's granddaughter who had

first chemo; Sarah facing serious health issues

John Bruggink's father, Don, passed away; John and Jennifer are still in Greece

Susan Manson is still hospitalized for recovery from recent surgery

Crystal's friend Karen is battling breast cancer

Military actions U.S. is engaged in, for those who've lost their lives and their families; for leadership to

make wise decisions

Sam Elder in treatment for prostate cancer

Jenn Klipp as she is treated for breast cancer

Caregivers

Those suffering the dangerous heat waves and wildfires



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

Monday, August 3

9:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 5

12:00 - 3:00pm - Solace in the Sanctuary

Thursday, August 6

1:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee

5:00 p.m. - Deacons Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise

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

Friday, August 7

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

Saturday, August 8

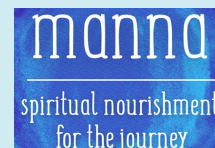
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10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

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AT PRESBYTERY POINT / Potluck in the dining hall following worship

**MANNA WORSHIP SERVICES and
COMMUNITY DINNERS
will resume in September!**



SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 12 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

MARQUETTE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

3RD ANNUAL BARN DANCE AT WILLOW FARM!

5048 US HWY 41 SOUTH, MARQUETTE

Enjoy an evening of square dancing to live music! Cash bar, silent auction,
food trucks.

Tickets are \$25 each...stay tuned for details!

PATHWAYS CMH MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM NOW AVAILABLE!

Pathways CMH now has in person Mobile Response available Monday-Friday 9am-4pm for Marquette County. Our Mobile Crisis Response Team is a specialized, multidisciplinary team that respond to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis wherever they are. Primary goals are to de-escalate crisis, stabilize, provide resources, and reduce unnecessary hospitalizations or arrests.

To access, call Pathways Crisis Line at **1-888-728-4929**.

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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