

September 11, 2026

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLETTER



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

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

### 16th Sunday after Pentecost - September 13, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: Getting the Band Back Together

Rev. Natalie Handley

Liturgist: Connie Kuzak

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

**Please come early to hear Adagio for the Strings to remember  
the 25th anniversary of 9/11 before worship!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF PICNIC! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:** Join the Christian Education Committee for a picnic following worship downstairs in the social hall and on the south lawn. Grilled burgers, hot dogs, side dishes, and fun games for all ages!

**BRING YOUR BACKPACKS ON SEPTEMBER 13 FOR A BLESSING!** All students (any age) as well as teachers, administrators, and others serving in education are invited to bring their backpacks (or briefcases, etc) to worship to be blessed at the beginning of this new school year.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETS at 11:30am  
on Sunday, **September 20.**

**LUNCH BUNCH – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 11:30 a.m.** The menu is chicken pot pie, salad, and dessert. To sign up, please fill out the inserted form by Sunday, September 20.

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LUNCH BUNCH ON SEPTEMBER 22, all seniors are warmly invited** to a time of fellowship from **1:00 - 3:00pm.** Join us in the parlors for games, hot coffee, and snacks. Invite friends!



**PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP FALL CLEAN UP - OCTOBER 2-4, 2026**

Big cleaning day is Saturday! Join us for one day or all three!

Please RSVP to Brenda at [reelscream@gmail.com](mailto:reelscream@gmail.com) if you need a bunk for the night.

**SENIOR EXCURSION – HARVEST DINNER AT PRESBYTERIAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH IN BIG BAY - Saturday, October 3, 4:30**

**p.m.** Turkey dinner with all the trimmings!

Tickets and transportation will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jan Rebers at 250-7023. We plan to meet at FPC at **3:30 p.m.** on October 3 to carpool to Big Bay.



**MANNA WORSHIP UPDATE - SAVE THE DATE:** Starts **October 15** on the **3rd Thursday** of each month with a simple meal at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m.

**We are seeking coordinator(s) for simple meals** at 5:30 p.m. prior to each Manna worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested or seek more information. 226-6587 or firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL BAZAAR!** **Saturday, October 24, 2026, 9am - 2pm.** If you are interested in being a vendor, please see Peggy or Amanda Gobert for an application. We will also seek donations of baked goods & crafted items for the church table as we near the event.



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

In a recent 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 are held confidential. The **Deacon on Call** for September is **Jan Rebers: 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!

**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.

**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).

**THE MARQUETTE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK** will be virtual this year. Even though we are not walking as a group, please give to this need in our community!

Questions on how to give? Call Crystal Swanson at (906) 225-0595. First Presbyterian will host the Crop Hunger Walk in 2027!

**Rebecca Circle & Rachel Circle** start meeting in September. Rachel meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10am. Rebecca meets the second Thursday at 7pm.

**PW study books have arrived** for the Rachel and Rebecca Circles. The cost is \$15.40, payable to First Presbyterian Church. Any questions, call Crystal at 225-0595.

#### **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!***

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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.

### **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](mailto: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:***

Loved ones of long-time member and friend Loren Clifford who passed away September 5

Joy for Sam Elder gives thanks for news that his heart is healthy and cancer cleared

Dan Richards - gratitude for good health report; prayers for Nepal during mudslides

Alice Harbin had a picture of heart taken, first step toward procedures

Jim Robb hoping for surgery

Jennifer Bruggink for friend Laura (Aunt's caregiver) for guidance and good decisions with her multiple

myeloma diagnosis

Jenn Klipp and Susan Manson for continued good health

Diane Poe for safety for those living in tropical storm paths; family in Florida and Puerto Rico

Maribeth Larson's friend, Shelly, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and starting chemo



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

#### **Monday, September 14**

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

10:00 a.m. - Knitting

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

#### **Tuesday, September 15**

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

1:00 p.m. - Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

**Wednesday, September 16**

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

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

5:30 p.m. - Organ Restoration Task Force

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 17**

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

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

7:00 p.m. - Rebecca Circle

**Friday, September 18**

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

**Saturday, September 19**

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

10:00 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

**SUNDAY, September 20 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost - Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP**

9:00 a.m. - All Ages Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour

**LAKE SUPERIOR LIFE CARE & HOSPICE**

**JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Presque Isle Pavilion

Gather in remembrance of loved ones who have passed. This special service is open to all and will include readings of names, reflective music, and light refreshments.

If you would like to have your loved one's name read, please call us at 225-7760.

We are also offering a virtual "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" Workshop.

Call Jamie Barbieri at 225-7760 for more information.

**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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