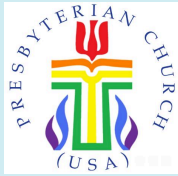


October 2, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLETTER



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

Pastor: Reverend Natalie Handley, M.Div.

19th Sunday after Pentecost - October 4, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.
w / COMMUNION

Sermon: From Generation to Generation: Where We Stand

Rev. Natalie Handley

Liturgist: Kelsey Nordengren

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A MEMORIAL SERVICE for long-time member and friend **Loren R. Clifford**, will be held at First Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, October 3** with visitation **10:00am-12:00pm** and the service at **12:00pm**. Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP and Pastor Natalie Handley will officiate. A reception lunch will follow in the social hall.

NEXT WEEK IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY! Please plan to return your pledge cards on October 11 during a special time in worship. Pledge cards are available on the entry tables. Thank you for your generosity!



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 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.



SOUP MAKING - OCTOBER 4: Please join the Deacons in soup-making immediately following worship downstairs in the social hall kitchen.

The soup will be served at the Manna Community Dinner, and remaining soup will be frozen for home deliveries.



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.

CULTIVATING THE GIFT OF PREACHING MINI-CONFERENCE: A ministry of the Synod of the Covenant, will hold a “pop-up” event at FPC **October 16-17** (Fri evening - early Sat afternoon) for lay preachers, CREs and others wishing to hone preaching skills. The event includes worship and preaching workshops. All costs covered: Housing (at a local hotel), meals, and mileage reimbursed. If you wish to attend or have questions, please contact CGPI Director Dr. Matthew Aragon Bruce (matt@synodofthecovenant.org/609-712-4258) by October 10 to guarantee housing.

ON OCTOBER 18, WE WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER & MUSICIAN, MIKAH MEYER, a Lutheran travel writer, Christian LGBTQ+ advocate, and former National Cathedral vocalist. Mikah set a world record visiting America's 400+ National Park Service Sites. He is in town for his award-winning short films being shown at Marquette's Fresh Coast Film Festival.

PASTOR NATALIE will be on Continuing Ed leave **October 20-27** for the CREDO Conference.



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!

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

A BIG THANK YOU to Jill White, David Ray, Carolyn McDonald, and
Crystal Swanson for caring for our flowers and lawn!



SOLACE IN THE SANCTUARY continues throughout Sept. 30.

The sanctuary is 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 October is Lisa Potvin: 414-630-8180.

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.

THE MARQUETTE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK is 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 Church will host the Crop Hunger Walk in 2027!

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.

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:

Pastor Natalie - gratitude for funding approval by Presbytery for the Director of Spiritual Formation

position; she is now Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery

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

Cheryl Kuzak - friend Cori's mother in law passed away; prayers for loved ones

Jim Robb - anniversary of the Sunday preaching without notes; God was with him

Paul Hein - strength for Edna Dyer who is recovering from a femoral-head break

Vivian Lasich - niece Laura Lee is going through more treatment but in good spirits

Dwight & Sherri Johnson for the loss of Greyson Sweval

Diane Poe - new medication causes dizziness; prayers for less side effects

Dan Larson - update on Shelly who is at home under hospice care

Lucas Wickstrom - joy of playing the organ after the restorative work

Jenn Klipp and Susan Manson for continued good health



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

Monday, October 5

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

10:00 a.m. - Knitting

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 6

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

6:00 p.m. - Mqt Genealogical Society

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 7

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

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

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise Training

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 8

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise Training

4:00 p.m. - Membership Committee

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, October 9

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise Training

7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

Saturday, October 10

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

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

12:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

SUNDAY, October 11 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost - Rev. Natalie Handley

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

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour

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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