November 6, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLETTER

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Email: firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com **Website**: firstpresbyterianmarquette.com
Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 10am - 3pm
Pastor: Reverend Natalie Handley, M.Div.

24th Sunday after Pentecost - November 8, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Something's Coming"
Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP

Liturgist: Diane Poe

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PRE-THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8!
Join us in the social hall after worship for turkey and all the fixings. Sign up sheets will be provided next Sunday.

Sadly, Charles "Pete" Bersinger passed away on Friday, October 30 at Mill Creek Assisted Living. A funeral service was held November 5 at Silver Creek Church.

PASTOR NATALIE'S 2027 TERMS OF CALL WERE APPROVED AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 1.

PASTOR NATALIE will be away **November 8-12**. Please contact Andy Poe for pastoral care concerns or the Deacon on Call.

NEW STAFF! We are pleased to announce two positions have been filled:
Organist/Music Administrator: Lucas Wickstrom will begin on November 2 to carry the music forward! His role also includes three new areas: Children/Youth music (parents, spread the word!); Organ Scholars program (mentoring 1-2 budding organists); and organizing a Concert Series.
Interim Director of Spiritual Formation and Outreach: Kelsey Nordengren is back on staff in this full-time role that dedicates 15 hours to Campus Ministry at NMU. The remainder of the role covers Christian Formation for all ages in the church, as well as outreach events and communication. *(Note: This is an interim position and the permanent search remains open with the next round of applicants reviewed in January.)*



NEXT MANNA WORSHIP - NOVEMBER 19: 5:30pm community meal followed by an informal worship service, primarily song and scripture, follows at 6:30pm. invite your friends to one or both!
Volunteer Meal Coordinators are needed \e are seeking coordinator(s) for simple meals at 5:30 p.m. prior to each Manna worship service. The church covers meal expenses. Please contact the church office if you are interested or seek more information. 226-6587 or firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com.

THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST WEEKLY BOOK DISCUSSION starts **Monday, November 2 at 4:30 p.m**. in the couch room downstairs. *On November 9, chapters 3-4 will be discussed. It's not too late to join! If you wish to join virtually, here is the link: https://meet.google.com/meet/fff-zkoy-iqy*

CALLING ALL BAKERS...the Youth will be baking cookies for the December 6 sale and needs cookie dough. If you are willing to make dough for us or purchase supplies that is greatly appreciated. Contact Kelsey Nordengren or Lynnea Hosey.

HELP US SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER to 100 active-duty Air Force members serving overseas in Turkey! We are collecting goodies, snacks, and small gifts to fill stockings with love and a little taste of home. **Have leftover Halloween candy?** Don't let it go to waste - donate it to our troop stockings (drop box in hallway) and help sweeten someone's holiday! Together, we can remind these service members that they are appreciated, remembered, and prayed for this Christmas season!

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.

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 November is Cathy Crimmins: 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!

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

pastornataliehandley@gmail.com.

PROCEDURE FOR BUILDING ISSUES:

If you encounter something in the church building or property that needs attention, please contact an Elder or a Building & Grounds Committee member.

Looking ahead at upgrades to our audio/visual system, we also plan on moving our live streaming to YouTube. We need to reach 50 subscribers on YouTube to do so. Please subscribe! Scan the QR code or go to youtube.com/@fpcmarquette and click the Subscribe button. Thank you!

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Please scan the code below for online giving and to set up your recurring gift.

Pledges for 2027 are still being accepted and can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church at your convenience.

THE PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT AMOUNT is $42.00 for 2026 and $44.00 for upcoming 2027. The 2026 church giving statements with your current balances have been mailed. The final 2026 giving statements will be mailed in January, 2027.

Dave Kurtz, Treasurer.

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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!*

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!

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:

♥ Chip O'Neill's sister is battling two cancers
♥ Kelsey - healing of bike accident injuries
♥ Dan & Maribeth Larson - Shelly passed away, prayers for all her loved ones
♥ Lori's nephew Scot who is putting up a good fight against throat cancer
♥ Continued prayers for Sarah Poe who is at MediLodge in Munising for rehab care
♥ God's strength & healing for Paul & Lisa Hein, and her mother, Edna Dyer, who suffered a femoral-head break
♥ All communities during these election times
♥ Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Ukraine and people caught up in wars
♥ All people battling anxiety from global instability and uncertainty
♥ Victims of a building collapse in Nairobi, Kenya and others suffering world tragedies

HALLOWEEN....a day when we get it right! Strangers come to us, beautiful, ugly, off or scary, and we accept them all without question, compliment them,
treat them kindly, and give them good things. Why don't we live like that?

- Steve Garnaas-Holms (from Carolyn McDonald)

Monday, November 9
9:15am & 5:30pm- Jazzercise
10:00 a.m. - Knitting
4:30 p.m. - UC Book Discussion
Tuesday, November 10
9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
10:00 a.m. - Rachel Circle
3:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
5:30 p.m. - Jazzercize
6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting
Wednesday, November 11
9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise training
6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 12
4:00 p.m. - Membership Committee
5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
7:00 p.m. - GA & GAM-ANON
7:00 p.m. - Rebecca Circle

Friday, November 13
9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

Saturday, November 14
8:00 a.m. - Sanctuary Cleaning
9:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

SUNDAY, November 15 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost - Rev. Natalie Handley
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 15 - Troop Stockings
December 5 - Christmas at Church / Play Practice
December 6 - Christmas Play / Cookie Sale
December 21 - Christmas Caroling

See the bulletin board for more information!



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

THE MARQUETTE MALE CHORUS WILL PRESENT A FALL CONCERT

"A Song for America" on **November 13 at 7:30pm** at Messiah Lutheran Church in celebration of America's 250th anniversary! Suggested donation of $10 at the door. For more info, contact Wayne Hanmer 458-1739.

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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