



FPC Herald

August 2025



Office Hours

Tuesday: 9am - 2pm
Wednesday: 10am - 3pm
Thursday: 10am - 3pm
Friday: 9am - 2pm

3 In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 9:30am

4 Worship and Music Committee, 6pm

10 In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 9:30am.

12 Deacon Meeting, 6pm

17 In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 9:30am.

24 In-Person Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 9:30am

31 In-Person Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall or Watch Live Online, 9:30am

“So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!” (Acts 5:38–39a)



Dear Friends,

A date in our history passed us by without recognition. Did you know that First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Clemens was organized 190 years ago on April 10, 1835. At that time the church had 18 charter members and by 1841, the church had more than 100 members.

Over the years, the church has had its ups and downs. This happens in every faith community, as well as in every aspect of life. You may have felt this in your own life as you face trials and tribulations on a regular basis. We have seasons of abundance and seasons of scarcity.

So, how do we get through those times of scarcity?

What keeps us running the race and fighting the good fight is our belief that we each have a mission and purpose that takes precedent. As the scripture cited above reasons, if it is of God, it will not fail. It does require us to remind ourselves of why we are here and reimagine a way forward when we want to thrive and grow.

When you hit a roadblock, whether in life, family, business, community and more, you must take the time to figure out how you will get through the wilderness to reach the promised land.

It is amazing to think that this church has been doing ministry and mission successfully for 190 years. I may not say it enough, but we have a core of people who have stepped up in wonderful ways to keep going even in the toughest of times.

To be guided by the love of God, inspired by the ministry of Jesus, and encouraged by the power of the Holy Spirit is essential in our plans for a fruitful future.

It may be for this very reason that we spent time this year talking about the Fruit of the Spirit, how to keep the fire burning, and right now taking a deep dive into how our worship feeds our souls, so that we live life in a way that pleases the Lord.

This is why I am deep in the thought of what comes next for us. A friend of the church put a theme in my head months ago that will take shape this fall. And that is how we can be a Force Multiplier. It is about taking what we have and optimizing it for the greatest impact.

An encouraging word for us may be what the apostle Paul talks about in 2 Corinthians 12, when he asks God to remove the thorn from his side. God responds to him in this way, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” Paul decides then that he will boast in his weaknesses so that the power of Christ can dwell in him, and by doing so, in spite of how weaknesses, he will be strong.

We may feel that we have challenges we must face in life and in community, but if we lean on the power of God, we can be victorious.

For the time being, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and come back refreshed, renewed, and ready for what God has planned for us this fall.

I thank God for you,
Pastor Kathy Nealand



Vacation Bible Was a Great Success

Thanks to all the Volunteers that made this week one full of fun, fellowship and learning about trusting God will go with us!



Mark Your Calendars for September 13th!

On Saturday September 13th from 2-5pm we will have a Church picnic. A hot dog lunch will be provided and there will be a bounce house and games for the kids!

Please join us for food and fellowship!



The Deacon Corner

If you have any questions or need assistance during service please see that morning's Deacon in Charge.

The Deacons

Celebrating Membership

Below is a list of current members who have joined our church in August's past.

Rose Ambe 8/10/2018
 Diana Byks 8/25/2015
 Sara Byks 8/25/2015
 Cecil Dixon 8/6/2006
 Joe Moore 8/2/1970
 Kathlyn Nealand 8/1/2022



ATTENDANCE

July Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
July 6 - 60	13
July 13 - 62	9
July 20 - 74	17
July 27 - 50	7



Our Service Men & Women

Stephanie Dixon, Army
 Crestview FL

Michelle Dixon, Army
 Colorado

Ashley Dixon, Army
 Puerto Rico
 Daughters of Glenn and Pam Dixon

Sam Heaton, ANG
 Reservist at Selfridge
 Son of Pastor Dan and Kim Heaton

Sean Heffernan, CG
 Grandson of Sue Heffernan

Prayer List

Please keep the people listed in your daily thoughts, and remember them with a card, phone call and prayers of encouragement.

Assisted Living or Long-Term Care

Irma Black
 Bruce Smith
 Mary Murphy

Those we are keeping in Our Prayers

Nancy Ventimiglia
 Claren Bannow
 Fred Binning
 Jeanne Ledingham

August Birthdays



2	Quinn Ball
3	Cheryl Focht
3	Julia Geer
3	Kenny Jung
4	Karen Mundt
5	Ben Leitch
6	Maria Gonzalez
6	Hope Jasmund
6	Jonathan Ferri
8	Carter Brasch
11	Chris Bouwman
12	Jason Joseph
13	Gordon McHugh
15	Glenn Dixon
17	Art Edmiston
20	Evelyn McKenzie
23	Martha Delargey
25	Barb Jung
29	Kay Lauer

Weekly Announcements

Sunday Worship Details

In-Person Worship and Live-Streamed Services on Sundays at 9:30am. To watch online, key in fpcmtclemens.com, click the worship tab, then live stream .

This Sunday we continue our sermons series on worship focusing this week on communion with "Mysterious Signs -Acts."

—Tables and chairs will be set up in the back of the sanctuary for more casual seating. Hot beverages are available in the hallway before and after service, or you may bring in your own. Please use a lid.

Donate Hygiene Items



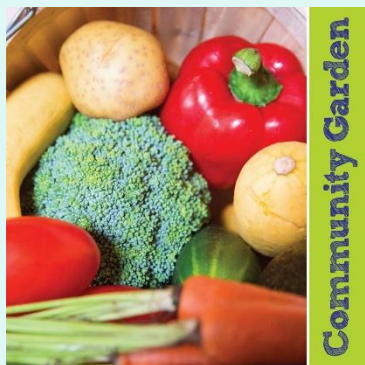
Please consider, as you are looking at your closets, to donate clean, good condition summer clothing for men and women to distribute on the third Sunday of the month when our Feed the Hungry team serves meals to our homeless/low income neighbors in the Mt. Clemens community. A box is in the hallway for donations.

Also, consider purchasing personal hygiene items such as sunscreen, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, disposable razors, handi wipes and small bottles of hand sanitizer. Again, a box is provided in the hallway.



Calling all Musicians!

While choir and bells get some time off for the summer, we still want a special touch of music in our Sunday morning worship. If you sing or play an instrument and would be interested in sharing that gift for worship, please contact Sara Ball. Even if you are unsure what to do, or don't want to do it alone, let Sara know and she can help arrange something for you.



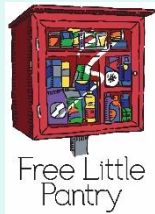
The FPC Community Garden is blooming!! Come take a look, and you can even pull out a weed or two and grab some green beans! Special thanks go out to our dynamic FPC Ignite and Impact Youth Groups along with Barb Jung's classes for doing all of the initial shoveling, tilling, raking, troweling, and painting to prep our three boxes. Thanks also to all FPC church members who purchased and donated garden supplies and plants and to those who planted the garden on Thursday and Friday. The Mission Outreach Committee is looking forward to having fresh vegetables for the nearby community to pick and eat again this fall!!

Fridays 9am



Every Friday!!

Every Friday morning, the men of FPC get together in the parlor to talk about what's happening in the church, what's going on in their lives, and solve the world's problems. Other church men are welcomed to join them at nine!



Our Free Little Pantry is always in need of restocking! You can help by donating food, toiletries, even socks are needed. For food donations please bring items that do not need extra ingredients and are easy to open. Many of those who are blessed by this food do not have access to can openers and extra ingredients.

Our Free Pantry was built and decorated by our wonderful youth and kids. There is a box located by the north door where you can drop off your donations



Our Church Elders



Our Church Deacons

Session Class of 2025

- Ann Guldemon, CE
- Judy Landuyt, CE
- Daryl Martin, Nominating

Session Class of 2026

- Mike Ball, Building, Property & Technology
- Martha Fisher, Personnel
- Patty Lange, Memorial

Session Class of 2027

- Becky Ball, Worship and Music
- Gary Cynowa, Mission
- Ken Schmidt, Finance

Clerk of Session: Jane Ethier

Deacon Class of 2025

- Mary Jane Marino
- Jon Ansley
- Matt Sims

Deacon Class of 2026

- Pam Kurtz
- Kyra Hickey
- Beth Orrin

Deacon Class of 2027

- Judi Armstrong
- Gloria Cynowa
- Evelyn McKenzie

Deacon Moderators

- Beth Orrin
- Judi Armstrong