



FPC Herald

August 2026



Office Hours

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

2 Sunday In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

**4 Mission Committee Meeting, 6pm
Worship and Music Meeting, 7pm**

9 Sunday In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

11 Deacon Meeting, 7pm

16 In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

23 Hymn Sing Sunday In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

30 In-Person Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall or Watch Live Online, 10am

“I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?” Psalm 121:1

Dear Friends,

This is a wonderful congregation! I do not say this lightly. I knew when I came here four years ago, this church had much going for it. It is not just the buildings and grounds; it is the people. Over these past years people have come and people have gone. This is the normal cycle of life. Still when those who have become our friends and family leave us for whatever reason, their departure leaves an open place in our hearts.

There are those who remember the good old days when we had lots of people filling our sanctuary and classrooms. It is true that we are not great in numbers as we used to be, but our heart and our desire to serve is bigger than life itself. What assures me is that if we plant and water, there is always the hope that God will bring the growth.

In the meantime, we keep on keeping on, knowing that God will provide.

A telling sign of God’s provision were the people who made Vacation Bible school possible this year. We had just what we needed to make this a successful eve for our children. Yet it was bittersweet because one of our families is leaving for Alaska.

Christian, Mary, Isaac, and Quinn are taking a road trip of their own to start a new adventure. Of course, we wish them well and look forward to hearing about how this new journey is going for them. And from time to time, they will visit us. Our door will always be open.

During VBS, we sang about how God is always with us. A long time ago a pastor thought that was a scary thing to tell children. When we know that God is also watching us, it could make us a bit uncomfortable. Remember, God already knows us inside and out and so nothing we might do or say should surprise God in anyway. Even Jesus promises us that he will be with us until the end of time. And so, our faith assures us that whether we are traveling during the summer or making a new home in a far-off place, God goes with us.

We wish all those traveling safe journey, knowing that when they return, we will be waiting to greet them.

I want to close this with the rest of Psalm 121. Something I hope that all those traveling and relocating will recite as they go out:

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.



May God watch over us in all our comings and goings.
I thank God for you, Pastor Kathy

VBS FUN!!



I want to thank you all for the thoughts, cards and prayers that have come my way during my trip/fall recovery. They have meant so much to me and have helped to keep my spirits up. I am currently in at home physical therapy but still have my left leg in a brace. Hopefully after weeks of home therapy, I will be able to drive, return to church and outpatient therapy. I know that your thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, and personal assistance has helped tremendously!



Thank you again for keeping my spirits up during this very stressful time!
Blessings to you all, Pam

Attention Committee Leaders and Members:

Be sure to plan your calendars for the 2026-2027 year. On September 13 after the church service, we will have a church calendar planning meeting.



Vote now for your favorite hymns and songs!

On August 23rd we will have our annual Hymn Sing Sunday. Voting forms will be available in the bulletin or you can click the button below to fill out the form with your top 3 favorite songs!



*Welcome to our
New Organist*

Meet our New Organist, Rebecca McTaggart!

We are pleased to welcome our new church accompanist to our music ministry. A lifelong lover of sacred music, Rebecca is honored to serve our congregation through music that enriches worship and inspires praise. With a deep appreciation for the organ and piano's role in leading hymns and supporting the liturgy, Rebecca looks forward to sharing this ministry with the church family.

Outside of church, Rebecca enjoys spending time with her husband Mike and two boys, Owen (13) and Tommy (10). Her boys keep her busy with a variety of activities from rock bands to baseball!

Rebecca retired last year after 26 years as a music educator. Now she teaches piano and voice during the week and loves to share music with students of all ages. She is grateful for the warm welcome received from the congregation and looks forward to getting to know everyone in the months ahead.

Celebrating Membership

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

Rose Ambe 8/10/2018

Cecil Dixon 8/6/2006

Joe Moore 8/2/1970

Kathlyn Nealand 8/1/2022



July Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
July 5- 39	10
July 12- 62	17
July 19 - 49	8
July 26 - 58	10



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
On Deployment
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
Mary Murphy

Those we are keeping in Our Prayers

Mike Ethier
Martha Fisher
Gary Cynowa
Loretta Martin
Lou Emerick
Nancy Ventimiglia
Claren Bannow
Jeanne Ledingham

August Birthdays



2	Quinn Ball
3	Cheryl Focht
3	Kenny Jung
4	Karen Mundt
5	Ben Leitch
6	Hope Jasmund
12	Jason Joseph
13	Gordon McHugh
15	Glenn Dixon
20	Evelyn McKenzie
23	Martha Delargey
25	Barb Jung
28	Angela Soper
29	Kay Lauer

Weekly Announcements

Sunday Worship Details

In-Person Worship and Live-Streamed Services on Sundays at 10am. To watch online, key in fpcmtclemens.com, click the worship tab, then live stream.



Thanks to all who participated in weeding and tilling the boxes, planting the vegetables, and/or donating supplies and plants in the last two weeks of May.

If you would like to help with weeding control or putting up plant cages, please let Gary Cynowa know.

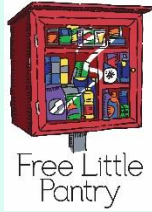
Fridays 9am

**Men's
Coffee &
Conversation**



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



Stay in the know on what's happening

To see events happening in the church and Family life center, you can view the Church Calendar via our website. If you have any questions, contact the office at 586-465-0461, or email office@fpcmtclemens.com.



Our Church Elders



Our Church Deacons

Session Class of 2026

- Mike Ball, Building, Property & Technology
- Martha Fisher, Personnel
- Patty Lange, Memorial
- Kenny Jung, Worship & Music

Session Class of 2027

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

Session Class of 2028

- Kristen Abouelseoud, CE
- Barb Jung, CE
- Steven Thebo, Technology

Clerk of Session: Jane Ethier

Deacon Class of 2026

- Pam Kurtz
- Kyra Hickey
- Beth Orrin

Deacon Class of 2027

- Judi Armstrong
- Gloria Cynowa
- Evelyn McKenzie

Deacon Class of 2028

- Mary Jane Marino-Bratke
- Diana Lozen
- Jay Lozen

Deacon Moderators

- Beth Orrin
- Judi Armstrong