



FPC Herald

January 2026



Office Hours

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

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

6 Mission Committee, 6pm
Worship and Music Committee, 7pm
Buildings and Properties, 7pm

9-11 Youth Groups to Spring Hill

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

13 Deacon Meeting, 6pm

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

21 Session Meeting, 7pm

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

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And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you. Exodus 3:14

Dear Friends

Happy New Year! I hope God kept you safe wherever you were this New Years'. I personally was glad that John and I decided to stay close to home because of the snow and high winds that swept through Mt. Clemens the past week.

During the past week I started watching a show "The Equalizer." It is about a former CIA agent who decides to level the playing field between good and evil. The agent takes on hopeless cases of injustice so that justice can win out.

It seems to me that there are people who try to bring God down to our own level, to in a sense, level the playing field, by believing that human beings can do what God does and maybe even better. There are those who think that they are capable of eradicating whatever injustices are present in our world, and so they take matters into their own hands.

That was not the case for Moses. Moses was being called to do something that would be most challenging. He would be the one to free the people from slavery. He may have understood that it needed to be done, but it was not something he thought of doing on his own. He would not have considered himself to be an Equalizer. When God came to him and charged him to this task, he doubted his abilities to carry out this mission. Just in case he got resistance from the Israelites, he wanted to be able to tell them who it was that had sent him. God responds "I am that I am." God says this to signify The Lord's eternal, self-existent, and unchanging nature—He is Being itself, the source of all existence, independent of anything else, and the same yesterday, today, and forever, a name Jesus also claimed to identify with His divine, timeless identity. The name shows God cannot be fully defined or contained by human understanding; He simply is. It assures people of The Lord's constant presence and faithfulness to The Lord's promises, as God is the "I AM" who sent Moses, as well as the same Lord that sends us out.

How do we talk about God?
How does God interact with our own lives?

Over the next month and a half, we will be exploring the different aspects of God through the worship series "God is Like..."

As we begin a new year, may we be assured of God's presence in our own lives, recalling all the way God is manifested in our own lives. God with us now and forever.

I thank God for you, Pastor Kathy Nealand



Help us take down the Christmas Decorations this Sunday after church. Many hands make light work, so if you are able, please stay after to help!

Celebrating Membership

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

Cheryl Blair 1/29/2013
Mark Blair 1/29/2013
Martha Delargey 1/29/2013
Debra Doherty 1/29/2013
Martha Fisher 1/30/2000
Tom Fisher 1/30/2000
Sue Heffernan 1/16/1996
Jim Huttenlocher 1/24/1999
Dorothy Joseph 1/29/2013



December Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
December 7 - 81	9
December 14 - 78	13
December 21 - 66	18
December 28 - 36	34



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

Loretta Martin
Lou Emerick
Gary Henderson
Nancy Ventimiglia
Claren Bannow
Fred Binning
Jeanne Ledingham

January Birthdays



- 1 Molly Sims
- 3 Jay Lozen
- 10 Beth Baker
- 11 Tammy Henderson
- 15 David Ansted
- 15 Ron Medley
- 20 Zach Fuller
- 23 Judy Landuyt
- 23 Grace Hopson
- 24 Nancy Ventimiglia
- 25 Terry Capen
- 27 Wendy Kahler
- 27 Cheryl Blair
- 29 John Ansley
- 29 Jake Landuyt
- 29 Sara Ball
- 31 James Hopson

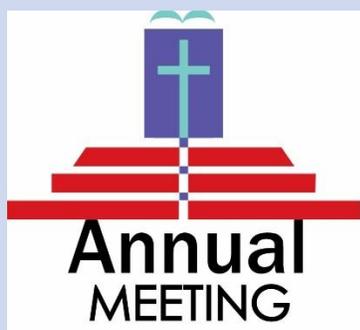
Weekly Announcements

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 or click here: [Live Video Stream \(mtclemensfirstpresbyterianchurch.com\)](http://mtclemensfirstpresbyterianchurch.com)

This Sunday we begin a new sermon series: "God is like....."
This week is "God is Like Bread." Communion will be served.

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



Annual Congregational Meeting

The session of FPC Mt Clemens has called for the annual congregational meeting for Sunday, January 18 immediately following worship for the purpose of approving the pastor's Terms of Call, receive reports from the committees, affirm the budget for 2026, and any other business that comes before the body.



Please join us This Sunday for Wes's last service with us

We are sad to share the news that our wonderful pianist and organist, Wes Fishwick has resigned from his position. His last Sunday will be January 4th. Please join us after service that day for a small reception as we wish him well.



Pledge Envelopes are now available

If you asked for pledge envelopes they are now available in the Narthex. If you would like envelopes but didn't get any, please let Kim 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



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