



FPC Herald

March 2026



Office Hours

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

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

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

8 Youth Led SpringHill Sunday In-Person Worship in the Fellowship Hall or Watch Live Online, 10am
Gemini Family Concert, 4pm

10 Deacon Meeting, 6pm

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

17 Session Meeting, 7pm

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

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

“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call in distress.
He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.”
Psalm 145:18-19 (NRSVUE)

Dear Friends,

It seems that prayer has gotten a bad rap lately. Whenever something terrible happens in our world, when we say that we will pray, there are some who will see prayer does no good.

The Bible though is full of references about prayer.

The Bible teaches that prayer is a vital, relational communication with God, meant to be sincere, persistent, and rooted in faith.

Practical Guidance:

- 1. Pray consistently and without anxiety, presenting requests with thanksgiving. See Philippians 4:6-7.**
- 2. Pray privately and with sincerity, focusing on relationships rather than performance. See Matthew 6:6.**
- 3. Include intercession for others and worship in your prayers. See James 5:16.**
- 4. Trust God’s timing and wisdom, remaining patient and hopeful. See Romans 12:12.**

In summary, the Bible presents prayer as a **lifelong, relational practice** that nurtures faith, aligns believers with God’s will, and provides spiritual strength, comfort, and guidance in all circumstances.

So, where do we begin?

I know there are people out there who have prayed all your life. However, there are those amongst us, who may need assistance, like young Christians. I am recommending that we put into practice the “Five Finger Prayer” as a resource for us to follow and especially teach to our children. See the image on the blog for more information.

How can we put this into practice?

I recently saw a video from the Ann arbor Presbyterian Church where during the Prayers of People, they had a young person and an adult praying together. So, I am proposing that we try this during Family and Youth Sundays. It might be interesting for us to hear what our young people are praying for while at the same time giving them the opportunity to develop their own prayer life that will sustain them into adulthood.

Whether you have been praying all your life, or want to revitalize your own prayers, feel free to give this method a try.

As we head into spring and continue our journey through Lent, may we be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in, around, and through us.

I thank God for you, Pastor Kathy Nealand



Mark your calendars for March 8th! Next Sunday!! Gemini returns to FPC!

GEMINI, twin brother musicians Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits, will be performing "Good Mischief—A Musical Celebration for Children and the Whole Family", on Sunday March 8th at 3pm right here at FPC. The concert will feature Gemini's uncannily matched voices, their up-beat flair for sparking audience participation, a stage

full of instruments, and award-winning songs which capture the warmth and humor of family life. Bring the whole family for this one! This is part of our concert series and will be a free will offering.

Celebrating Membership

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



Bill Bittner 3/18/2008
 Alexandra Blair 3/29/2015
 Mike Ethier 3/20/2018
 Bruce Focht 3/24/1991
 Cheryl Focht 3/24/1991
 Connie Fuller 3/18/2014
 Helayna Fuller 3/15/2016
 Jeff Fuller 3/18/2014
 Julia Geer 3/20/2018
 Brendon Haithcock 3/29/2015
 Laura Henderson 3/30/1980
 Justin Huttenlocher 3/29/2015
 Olivia Huttenlocher 3/20/2018
 Jason Joseph 3/29/2015
 Ann Kelley 3/18/2014
 Bill Kelley 3/18/2014
 Amy Kindt 3/18/2014
 Andrew Kindt 3/18/2014
 Jeff Kindt 3/29/2015
 Lorenzo LaFata 3/20/2018
 Patricia Lange 3/23/2010

Dorothy Leach 3/10/1968
 Norbert Leach 3/10/1968
 Jeanne Ledingham 3/30/1980
 Gracie McHugh 3/15/2016
 Sue Moore 3/1/1980
 John Nealand 3/21/2023
 Ellen Ormsby 3/21/2023
 Beth Orrin 3/21/2023
 Arlene Rood 3/17/2015
 Debra Schmidt 3/21/2023
 Kenneth Schmidt 3/21/2023
 Lynn Siegel 3/11/2018
 Tim Siegel 3/11/2018
 Linda Silvonen 3/7/2004
 Calia Wheaton 3/29/2015



ATTENDANCE

February Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
February 1- 65	14
February 8- 71	11
February 15- 53	22
February 22- 55	20



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
Mary Murphy

Those we are keeping in Our Prayers

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

March Birthdays



- 1 Gillian McHugh
- 3 Mary Anderson
- 6 Griffin Abouelseoud
- 8 Daphne Dubs
- 13 Tim Duggan
- 13 Beth Leitch
- 14 Julie Huttenlocher
- 16 Martha Fisher
- 16 Beth Deuel
- 20 Nicholas Surdenik
- 21 Nan Schildgen
- 21 Sarah Surdenik
- 23 Jane Ethier
- 23 Jeanne Purvis
- 25 Colin Orrin
- 26 Ashley Armstrong
- 29 Judi Armstrong
- 29 Evelyn Henderson
- 31 Tom Davies

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.

This Sunday we continue our Lenten series on "I am" statements of Jesus with "I am the Light." Communion will be served.



Lenten Daily Devotional

Contact the office to access the next week of our Lenten Daily Devotional that goes along with our Lenten sermon series on "I am" statements of Jesus. Thank you to Deb Schmidt for helping put this together.



New Children's Mission Project for March

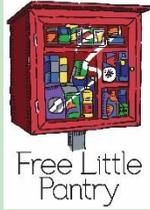
In March, the Angels in Training program will focus on creating busy bags for children in the hospital as our monthly mission project. These small activity bags are designed to provide comfort, creativity, and a welcome distraction for young patients.

We are seeking donations of coloring books, crayons, fidget toys, stickers, small toys, children's books, and other craft supplies to help us assemble these bags. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Per Capita due

Per capita fee in the Presbyterian Church USA and its groups like the Synod, Presbytery of Detroit and our church this year is \$41.00 per member. You will find a special envelope in your offering box marked for this per capita donation. For more information about the Presbyterian Church USA Per Capita visit this website: [PC\(USA\) OGA \(pcusa.org\)](http://PC(USA) OGA (pcusa.org))



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

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 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