



FPC Herald

November 2025



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

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

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

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

11 Deacon Meeting, 6pm

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

18 Session Meeting, 7pm

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

27-28 Happy Thanksgiving, Office Closed

30 First Sunday in Advent In-Person Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am



“Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you,
a light to the nations, “(Isaiah 42:5-6 NRSVYE)

Dear Friends,

Change is often uncomfortable. This weekend’s shift to standard time—setting clocks back one hour—may seem minor, but it reminds us how even small disruptions can unsettle us. Greater changes, such as the loss of a loved one or health challenges, can be far more difficult.

However, being a changemaker means choosing to respond intentionally and compassionately to the needs around us. Last week, we reflected on the parable of the Good Samaritan. While others passed by a wounded man, one person stopped, offered care, and ensured his recovery. This story challenges us to act rather than observe

Many have experienced moments of helplessness, hoping someone would intervene. Sadly, the “Bystander Effect”—where individuals are less likely to help when others are present—remains prevalent. This phenomenon contradicts God’s vision for humanity. Isaiah speaks of being a light to the nations, a calling echoed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

As followers of Christ, we are called to seek justice, show compassion, and take action. We must not be passive spectators but active participants in healing and hope. By working together, thinking creatively, and empowering one another, we can make meaningful change. This mission is foundational to our church, and it’s why I continue to support it—so we remain a beacon of service in our community.

My hope is that you will consider being a changemaker through your pledge of time, talents, and treasures, so that FPC of Mt Clemens can continue to be that beacon of light in the darkness.

I

thank God for you,
Pastor Kathy Nealand

Upcoming Concert Series!

Join us for an afternoon recital on November 16th at 4pm featuring William Fishwick, tenor, as well as your very own musicians, Sara Ball and Wes Fishwick. The concert will be a free-will offering, with money going towards the Fine Arts Series

Mark Your Calendar for December 6th, 3pm!

Come and get in the Holiday Spirit with Cantata Academy Chorale as you hear new and old favorites. Free will offering



Raise Right Holiday Gift Card

The Holidays are quickly approaching! Get your gift cards through the Youth Group and help raise money for Work Camp. We will be

placing an order for physical gift cards, no app download needed. Just contact Tammy Henderson or Sara in the office to place your order. Orders and payments are due by Nov. 24th

Work Camp Sunday Nov. 9th!

Join us for Worship on Sunday November 9th as the Youth share their Work Camp experience. Come hear about the wonderful impact they made in Omaha this summer!



Celebrating Membership

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

Kent Anderson 11/15/2020

Arlene David 11/2/1992

Bill Herhila 11/18/2008

Carol Herhila 11/18/2008

Joe Kindt 11/15/2020

Logan Leitch 11/15/2020

Diana Lozen 11/21/2023

Jay Lozen 11/21/2023

Evelyn McKenzie 11/18/2008

Rick McKenzie 11/18/2008

Aireona Medley 11/15/2020

Ethan Ngwa 11/15/2020

John Page 11/18/2008

John Remejes 11/3/2024

Staci Remejes 11/3/2024

Matt Sims 11/27/2005

Marguerite Ullrich 11/24/1968

Barbara Wray 11/24/1985



ATTENDANCE

October Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
October 5 - 57	36
October 12 - 62	14
October 19 - 38	22
October 26 - 59	21



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

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

November Birthdays



1	Fred Eveningred
3	Becky Ball
3	Preston Brasch
7	Joanna Ansted
8	Kent Anderson
13	Isaac Ball
15	Joe Moore
18	Ken Schmidt
19	Emma Baker
19	Terrie Hadel
19	Matthew Hopson
20	Pam Kurtz
20	Loretta Martin
21	Linda Silvonen
29	Dorothy Leach
30	Kim Heaton
30	Kyra Hickey
30	Gary Henderson
30	Matt Sims

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 .



Youth Bottle and Can Drive

Through the month of November, our youth groups will be collecting returnable cans and bottles to raise money for their Holiday Christmas Shopping. They will be shopping for Macomb Foster Closet, helping youth in the foster system feel the love and blessings of the Christmas season.



Christmas Decorations

If you wish to donate for poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones, please contact Sara in the office. A printed form will also be available in the bulletin announcements on Sundays. Donations are due by December 14th

Thanksgiving Donations



Thanksgiving Gift Card Donations Needed.

FPC has worked over several years with the Good Shepherd Coalition to help provide food for a nice Thanksgiving dinner for needy families here in Macomb County. The last few years, instead of purchasing food ourselves, our Mission Committee has received the names of needy families for which we have supplied grocery gift cards. This year, on the first three Sundays in November, we are asking for dollar or check donations to help purchase ten \$50 grocery gift-cards. If you can help, we would appreciate you taking an envelope and marking it "Thanksgiving" with your donation and dropping it in the collection tray at church during the offering. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Be a Changemaker

Stewardship season is upon us. Stewardship letters have been mailed.. Please return you pledge forms by November 2! Forms can be turned into Kim or placed in the offering plates or lock box next to the sound system in the sanctuary.

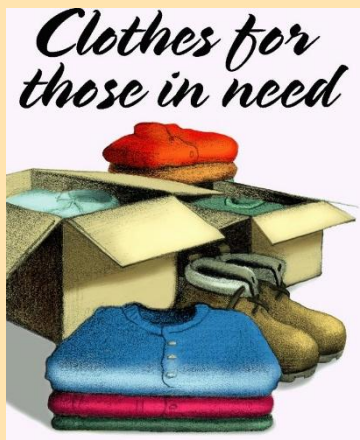


\$ Third quarter financial update \$

The good news is that our offerings and other revenues are on track to be at least as much as we budgeted for at the beginning of the year. Thank you for your continuing financial support.

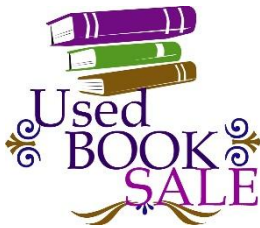
The not so good news is that our expenses for the year look to exceed our revenues by about \$5000 if things continue as they are with no more unexpected expenses. This is less than the original budget called for, but only because the people in charge of most areas are minimizing their expenditures whenever possible.

So if you are able to make an extra year-end donation to help reduce our deficit, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again for your support



As the weather is turning from hot summer days to the crisp days of fall, our homeless neighbors have different clothing needs. Again, as you are looking through your closets and dresser drawers, please consider donating mens' and womens' long sleeved casual cotton shirts, lightweight jackets, sweatshirts, sweatpants and jeans. Some people have been requesting socks and underwear, which I think should be new and not used. Anything you can give is greatly appreciated.

Personal hygiene items have been requested as well. Please place any items in the boxes in the hallway and they will be taken to the Sunday Feed the Hungry meal. Thank you so very much for helping those in our community who are less fortunate.



Book Sale

The following is an announcement to all book lovers: With Fall and Winter coming upon us quickly (yes, it's that time of year!), a selection of books has been placed in the back of the church parlor for your enjoyment. (Those books are primarily of the fiction category. and are arranged alphabetically by the author's last name.) I've also set out some books in the Narthex on the tables that are FREE! There are some books upstairs in the library on the table near the windows on the left side of the window wall. The books upstairs include inspirational, non-fiction, and a few fiction books. Envelopes are provided both upstairs and in the parlor for your donations and are to be turned in to the office. Hard cover books are \$1.00 and paperbacks are fifty cents. I will be adding more books as they become available. There is no definite end-date for the sale right now.

This is also a good time of the year to bring in books you would like to donate for the sale. Please leave those books under the display table and I will make sure they will be added to the selection of goodies.

Thank you for all your contributions!



Quilting Group

Our quilting group has returned and our making quilts for Friends of Foster Kids.

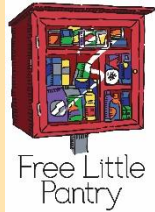
No sewing experience required! If you are interest in helping, join the group in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 10am-noon

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