



FPC Herald

October 2025



Office Hours

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

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

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

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

14 Deacon Meeting, 6pm

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

21 Session Meeting, pm

25 Boo Bash!

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

“What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. For we are God’s coworkers, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building. 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 NRSVUE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



This October is a special month for me. On October 9th, I will be celebrating 20 years of ordained ministry. Twenty-three years ago, I collaborated with a pastor, the Rev. Jim Burton during supervised ministry. When he agreed to support me, he said, “I will help you to get ‘Reverend’ in front of your name, if you will help me to become a better pastor.” The first goal was achieved, but I am not sure about the second goal.

During that time, though, a young woman in the youth group observed this about pastors, “When a pastor comes to a church, they are like a stone moving through a river. As they move across the embedded stones, all the stones experience change.” It is like when a jeweler takes a polishing cloth to a precious stone.

I can honestly say that I have found this statement to be true. I may believe that I come to a church at a particular time, in a particular place, for a particular people, and for a particular purpose; but in my heart, I know that the people I have encountered over the years have changed me for the better. This includes the good people here in Mt. Clemens. I have always enjoyed the challenges, and the adventure of being a pastor to every community

In all cases, it involved working together as a team, where we encourage and challenge one another to be the best that we can be. The Scriptures are clear that each of us have spiritual gifts that each person needs to explore and use for the glory of God. This is true for our children, youth, and adults. Throughout our work, we must always remember that we can plant seeds, and others may water them, but only God makes it grow. I

am blessed to see so many good things that have taken root in the people I have served.

Yet I also am humble enough to realize that none of this has been possible without the influence and power of God’s Holy Spirit.

If we are to be force

multipliers for Christ, then each of us needs to embrace our own gifts and talents. For me, it is about discovering our passions and giving permission to let our passions guide us in all that we do and say throughout our days.

“Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NRSVUE

There is a quote that is so true: “Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.” This is true when we use our gifts and talents in our service to the Church of Jesus Christ. When we are doing what we love for the Lord, the way we teach, preach, sing, care, and serve are much more glorious. I believe that the happier we are about what we are doing in our lives, the greater our generosity to support the institutions that make it possible for us to bear good fruit.

It is why I tithe to the church because I know my life has gotten better since I have accepted the call to ministry.

I hope you will consider this when you feel called to be part of a church community, and to use your gifts, talents, and treasures to support what you love.

To God be the glory forever and ever...and all God's people said...AMEN!

I thank God for you,
Pastor Kathy Nealand





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 October's past.

Gary Cynowa 10/21/2014
 Gloria Cynowa 10/21/2014
 Beth Deuel 10/29/1978
 Kathy Donohue 10/23/1994
 Pam Kurtz 10/28/2001
 Judy Landuyt 10/19/1997
 Mary Marino-Bratke 10/21/2014
 Jerrilyn Portlance 10/21/2014



September Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
September 7 - 46	9
September 14 - 51	23
September 21 - 47	11
September 28 - 56	19



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

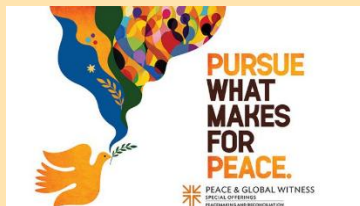
Lou Emerick
Gary Henderson
Nancy Ventimiglia
Claren Bannow
Fred Binning
Jeanne Ledingham

October Birthdays



8	Patricia Lange
10	Alex Landuyt
11	Quinn Gasparovich
12	Ann Guldemon
12	Jim Lauer
13	Bruce Smith
15	Gary Cynowa
18	Ellen Ormsby
18	Karen Wilson
21	Lou Emerick
22	John Nealand
28	Steve Slocum
29	Sam Heaton
31	Gabrielle McHugh

Weekly Announcements



The first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday. On that day you will find envelopes for the Peace and Global Witness offering. This Presbyterian Church USA offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

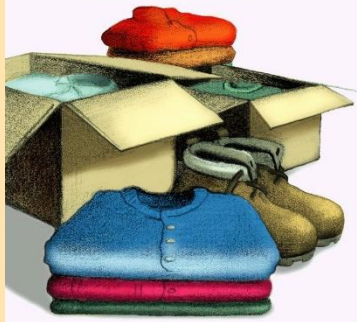
Children's Missions



Children's Mission Project

The kids of First Presbyterian Church are on a mission to make the world a better place. Throughout this year we will be completing missions and we need your help! From now through the end of October we will be collecting socks to donate. Please consider donating some to the cause. There will be a box in the narthex beginning on Sunday.

Clothes for those in need



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.

Boo Bash Help and Donations Needed

Treat Donations Needed

The Boo Bash is happening this month and we are looking for donations of nut free candy or other Halloween treats and prizes. Please leave in the office or give to Jeanette by October 20th.



Quilting Group

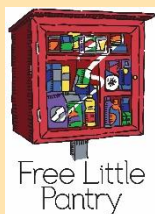
Our quilting group has returned and our making quilts for Friends of Foster Kids.

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



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