



FPC Herald

September 2025



Office Hours

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

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

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

9 Deacon Meeting, 6pm

13 Church Picnic, 2-5pm

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

16-17 Picture Directory Photos, 2:30-8pm

16 Session Meeting, pm

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

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

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“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.” (Isaiah 26:3)

Dear Friends,

Welcome back! I hope that you had an enjoyable summer, whether you visited family, went to the beach, traveled around the country, or stayed close to home.

September brings much excitement to our lives. Newness is in the air. New classrooms, new teachers, new friends, new clothes, new books, etc. dominate the thoughts of parents, young adults, and children. Expectations are running high.

In the same way, September brings uncertainty. Will our loved ones be safe, will they like their teachers and classes, or many such concerns run through our minds. It does not help to hear of the shooting that took place this week at a Roman Catholic Church in Minneapolis. My prayers go out to the families that endured such a tragedy in the place where they believed they would be safe.

As adults we face uncertainties regularly. If we are starting a new job or moving to a new neighborhood, we have uncertainties. Parents facing “empty nests” have uncertainties. People awaiting test results or visits to the doctor, face uncertainties. New leaders taking on more responsibility at work or in church have uncertainties.

And I am sure there is both excitement and uncertainty swirling around on what it will be like to come back to church, start up Sunday school, and do youth programs, etc. In fact, this September we have Tammy and Dave Henderson stepping up to take over for Beth and Ben Leitch as they retire as youth leaders.

When uncertainties dominate our thoughts, they turn quickly into an unrealized fear of the unknown. So, what do we do in those times?

As the scriptures tell us, when we trust in God, we will find our peace amongst the uncertainties of the day. I believe that to live with this idea, we must have blind faith. I have a T Shirt that says, “I walk by faith, not by sight.” Even though this statement has truth for me, there are moments in my life when I realize that it is easier to say than do. Let us face it, we have fears of the unknown. And most times our fears are much bigger than the actual event or situation. That notion, though, does not help when we are experiencing panic. It is during these times when fear takes hold of us, we either fight or flee. We might hope that our faith in God will cause us to fight the instinct to run away, but instead our desire is to get away from the situation as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, that is not always possible, eventually we will come face-to-face with that situation again.

Think about the Israelites in the wilderness. When the situation became difficult, when food and water were at a minimum, their instinct was to run back to a place where they had all that they needed. In those times, God stepped in to assure them that the Lord would not let them perish, if they believed. When I speak to people who are homeless, I am surprised by their faith and hope that their situation will improve. What I realize is that the even the little bit of help we give them has the power to lift their spirits and encourages them in their efforts to get back on their feet. Even during their own uncertainties, they find peace in knowing that someone cares about them. It might be true that fear longs to be conquered.

Like you, I want to find that place where I have perfect peace that comes through my belief in Jesus Christ. There are uncertainties from the moment we wake in the morning, till we lay down to sleep in the evening, yet I hope that our faith in Jesus Christ will give us the courage to face our fears with a strength that keeps us moving forward, fighting the good fight each day.

May we look forward to the newness of each day we have in this life, as we push away our fears to rejoice and give thanks for all the wonderful things God is planning to do in and around us this September and beyond. To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I thank God for you,
Pastor Kathy Nealand



Mark Your Calendars for September 13th!

On Saturday September 13th from 2-5pm we will have a Church picnic. A hot dog lunch will be provided and there will be a bounce house and games for the kids! Please join us for food and fellowship!



Service Time Moves back to 10am on September 7

Please note that we will return to our normal 10am service time the first Sunday after Labor Day, which is September 7th.

Children's Thursday Night Program return Thursday September 11th. Children ages pre-k through 5th grade are invited for music, fellowship and learning about God and Jesus



**JOIN THE
YOUTH
GROUP!**



Youth Groups begin Sunday September 14th at 6pm. Youth grades 6th through 12th are invited to spend time in fellowship and growing in faith each Sunday evening for Ignite and Impact Youth Groups

Celebrating Membership

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

Kimberly Cameron 9/21/2010
 Terrie Hadel 9/19/2017
 Judy Jacobs 9/20/2009
 Betsy Peters 9/30/2007
 Ed Peters 9/30/2007
 Bruce Smith 9/19/2017
 Michael Spier 9/21/2010
 Nancy Ventimiglia 9/21/2010



August Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
August 3 - 62	41
August 10 - 57	11
August 17 - 49	9
August 24 - 48	5



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

September Birthdays



1	Glenn Fuhs
3	Laura Henderson
3	Kathy Donohue
7	Laura Cole
8	John Remejes
10	Kathy Nealand
11	Paul Ferri
12	Laura Wray
13	Jenny Emerick
15	Aireona Medley
20	Jerry Hilton
20	Larry Huntington
21	Wyatt Holland
21	Diane Lozen
21	Deb Schmidt
22	Kimberly Cameron
23	Tracy Gonzalez
25	Pat Costas
27	Diana DuChene
27	Gavin McHugh
29	Katie Baker
29	Carol Cook
29	Ethan Ngwa
30	Jeanette Armstrong

Weekly Announcements



Sign-up now for Directory Pictures!

We are getting a new photo directory this year!

Picture dates are September 16-17 To sign up for a time slot contact Sara in the office.



Chancel Choir and Handbells Start This Thursday, September 4th

If you have ever been interested in playing handbells or singing with the choir, come give it a try this coming Thursday, September 4th.

Handbells begins at 6pm

Choir begins at 7pm. All are welcome!



Confirmation Class

If you have a child or grandchild who is ready for confirmation please contact Jeanette Armstrong either by email or phone. We would like to start the class this fall so please contact Jeanette by August 31.

Donate Hygiene Items



Please consider, as you are looking at your closets, to donate clean, good condition summer clothing for men and women to distribute on the third Sunday of the month when our Feed the Hungry team serves meals to our homeless/low income neighbors in the Mt. Clemens community. A box is in the hallway for donations.

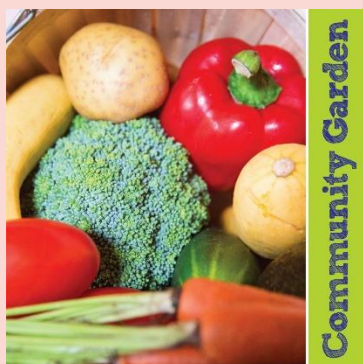
Also, consider purchasing personal hygiene items such as sunscreen, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, disposable razors, handi wipes and small bottles of hand sanitizer. Again, a box is provided in the hallway.



Children & Youth Volunteer Training

If you are currently a volunteer with youth or children the presbytery requires abuse prevention training. This can be completed online or in person. If you would like to complete the training online and have not received a link by email contact Jeanette Armstrong.

In person abuse prevention training for volunteers with children and youth will take place Wednesday September 24 at 7 PM or Sunday following worship September 21st.



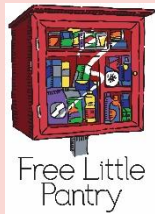
The FPC Community Garden is blooming!! Come take a look, and you can even pull out a weed or two and grab some green beans or tomatoes! Special thanks go out to our dynamic FPC Ignite and Impact Youth Groups along with Barb Jung's classes for doing all of the initial shoveling, tilling, raking, troweling, and painting to prep our three boxes. Thanks also to all

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