



October 2023
FPCP Newsletter

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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

Churches around the world have changed dramatically since the onset of COVID-19. One change that we have to acknowledge is that a person's first visit to our church will probably not be on a Sunday morning but will happen virtually through our church's website.

Because this first point of contact is so important, we have spent the last year working with an IT/ Marketing Company to create our church's new website.

I'm very pleased to say that we are almost done. I'm also pleased to introduce to you our new church logo which will become official* at the time that our new website is launched.

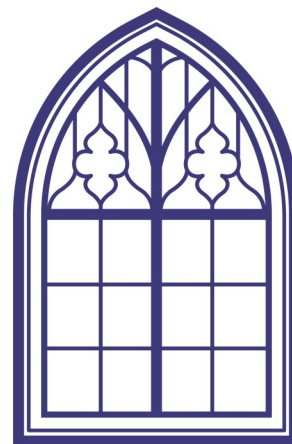
This new design is a near replica of the shape of many of our church's historic windows. For the person outside of our church, who knows nothing about us or even what church is about—the logo is an identifying feature. We are the historic church within downtown Plymouth. For those within the church—this logo represents a deeper call to allow the light of Christ to shine through us so that our lives and this church serve as a reflection of God's Kingdom at work in the world today.

It is our hope that this logo serves as an open invitation to everyone to look in and see all that our church has to offer.

Thank you for inviting the light of Christ to shine through you,

Emily

*Please see the back page of this newsletter for a reflection on our current church logo.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH *of* PLYMOUTH

Important Church Staff Update

Dear Friends,

This month, we will celebrate and thank God for the faithful ministry of Stu Dodge, our Church Business Manager. Stu gave notice of his plans to retire effective October 6, 2023.

Stu has been an outstanding employee and a truly wonderful servant of God over the past ten years. He has helped to see our church through many trials and transitions including COVID-19.

During the pandemic, Stu was instrumental in securing a PPP (*Paycheck Protection Plan*) *Loan for our church on the first day that it was offered. Through his actions, our church was able to keep its staff employed throughout the pandemic without issue.*

Throughout that time, Stu was also the one staff member who was consistently present in our church building working alongside our amazing Building and Grounds Team allowing workers to access our church so that our congregation would benefit from a new or renewed HVAC, Fire Suppression, Security, and Live Streaming systems.

Stu also oversees three of our church staff as well as oversees all the onboarding and offboarding of all church employees. He has recently helped our church switch banks following a check fraud issue. Stu additionally offers a pastoral presence to families purchasing columbarium niches. He gently reminds us to fulfill our pledge commitments to the church.

Stu is very simply a blessing to our congregation. We will celebrate Stu's faithful service to God on Sunday, October 1st within both of our worship services. There will be a reception held in Stu's honor between the services on that day.

I'm pleased to say that Stu and Sandy have every intention of maintaining an active presence in the church moving forward. Stu has graciously offered his assistance through the upcoming transition and with training for his successor.

The HR Committee has been working hard to update Stu's job description and are beginning their search. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this full time Business Manager Position, please let me or Kurt Wilder, our HR Elder, know. Please also keep Stu and Sandy and our entire church family in your prayers during this time of transition.

Thanking God for the gift and blessing of Stu Dodge,

Emily

Stop by the Thrift Shop!

The Presbyterian Thrift Shop has some beautiful merchandise you may be interested in! The proceeds from Thrift Shop sales go to the mission outreach of our church.

The Thrift Shop hours are:

Sunday Closed

Monday Closed

Tuesday 10 AM–2 PM

Wednesday 6–8 PM

Thursday 10 AM–2 PM

Friday Closed

Saturday 10 AM–3 PM

Hurry over ... these items and much, much more won't be available long!



Fifth Sunday

Please consider helping your Deacons continue to serve needs in our country, our community, and the congregation with a donation on 5th Sunday, October 29th. 5th Sundays during the year provide the only revenue for the Deacon Fund. Special envelopes for this purpose can be found in the pews and in the chair pockets in the Upper Room that day. Donations can also be sent directly to Stu Dodge with notations that it is for the Deacon Fund. The Deacons have recently used funds to purchase a gift for our Unsung Hero, chicken for the August church wide potluck and The Daily Bread booklets.

Thank you for your support.

FAITH COMMUNITIES COALITION ON FOSTER CARE

Western Wayne Oakland County Region

Saba Gebrai and Foster Youth will join us

On October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. virtually

Foster youth have the lowest graduation rate at 40% compared to 80% of the general population.

Foster youth are working to change that statistic!!! They will share with us the work they are doing that will help ensure a consistent and complete educational experience and explain what we can do to help.





October 29, 2023

FPCP “Super” Sunday.

Celebrating:

1. Reformation Sunday
2. Distribution of Children’s Bibles to 2nd Graders
1. New Members Welcome
2. Stewardship Sunday “Responding in Faith”

Combined Single Service: 9:30 AM–10:45 AM
Potluck: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

LEE’S CHICKEN AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED

Last names beginning with A-E bring a dessert to share
Last names beginning with F-Z bring a salad or side to share



The Chancel Choir's Annual Gospel Concert

The Chancel Choir will be singing a concert of beloved Gospel favorites on October 8th at the 9:30am service. Come and enjoy these heartfelt selections featuring special guest soloist Debbie Hart.



*You're Invited
Sue Scott
and
Friends Concert*

*Celebrating 40 years of musical service
to the Lord
at First Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday, October 22, 2023
at two o'clock in the afternoon*

*Concert features:
Karen Danke, Cheryl Lindberg,
Wanda Monks, Eileen Page, Jim Stolt
and The Joyful Ringers*

OCTOBER 2023 UPDATE - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

At FPCP the Partners in Earth Care recycle several household items regularly. We ask that you bring these to church on the first Sunday of the month, year-round. These include:

- Household alkaline batteries (hearing aid batteries, too)
- Ink cartridges from home printers

This article's purpose is to enable you to recycle those items as well as others on your own when that works best for you.

- Alkaline batteries: Target and Ikea accept household batteries. Both stores have recycle areas inside their stores.
- Ink cartridges: Target accepts these in the same recycle areas.
- Arts and crafts materials: The Scrap Box on Washtenaw in Ann Arbor accepts these materials, but so does our own Thrift Shop.
- Styrofoam: This hard to recycle material has one local site for drop-off. It's Recycle Ann Arbor on Ellsworth Road in Ann Arbor. This location also takes electronics as well as 'string lights' (Christmas lights) and many other items.
- Rechargeable batteries: Lowe's and Home Depot accept these.
- CFL light bulbs: Lowe's accepts these
- Plastic bags (grocery bags): Kroger, Meijer, Lowe's, Ikea, Target. Don't put these in your home recycling bin-they get caught in the recycling machinery.
- Plastic plant pots: Lowe's accepts these in the garden department. Even if they are marked with a number accepted in your municipal recycle program, plant pot material has to be dealt with separately.

**Car seats: Target has a program that recycles outgrown car seats. It operates twice a year and the next opportunity is April 2024. You receive a coupon for 20% off of another car seat or other prescribed baby gear.

We know this list is not exhaustive and that you may need to check with a business's website to confirm any changes that occur. We hope you find this helpful.



Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate will be available for purchase on Sunday, October 1st, between services.

**WE WILL ALSO BE
COLLECTING BATTERIES
AND INK CARTRIDGES
FOR RECYCLING IN THE
NARTHEX BETWEEN
SERVICES.**

Presbyterian Women "Festival of Tables"

Save the date! The Presbyterian Women Annual Festival of Tables will take place on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Ticket information will be forthcoming as we recruit hostesses.

HOSTESSES NEEDED: We are currently recruiting hostesses for the Festival of Tables. If you would be interested in hosting a table please let us know. From the very simple to the more lavish, from whimsical to meaningful, all tables are unique and personal. Contact Sue Kage at skage@comcast.net or Ailsa Blunk at lemonblunk@gmail.com.

This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Irene Skimins.



MEMBER CONNECT

FALL MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION CLASS

*Do you have questions about what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth?

*Would you like to know more about the history and current programs of FPCP and the denomination, while meeting friendly people and enjoying sweet snacks?

Member Connect, Rev. Ashley and Rev. Campbell invite you to attend an informational class, either in-person or via zoom:

Sunday, October 8 (in-person) 1-3 pm OR
Sunday, October 22 (on-line) 7 – 8 pm.

To register for class, follow the link below, or call Jenn Hollebrands, Information Administrator, (734.453.6464 ext.115)

<https://forms.gle/Yt8orsmT6YoSiBEPA>



That New Member Class is now called:
"Membership Exploration Class"

The Membership Exploration Class is designed to assist you in exploring what membership means and equipping you with the information you need to make a decision about whether you feel called to become a deeper part of the community at First Pres Plymouth (FPCP). This is an opportunity for exploration and there is no obligation to join at the completion of the class.

FPCP Mission Opportunities Completed in August 2023

If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please contact Ailsa Blunk at lemonblunk@gmail.com.

Date	Sponsor	Benefitting Organization	Event	Monetary, Material Goods, Service	Frequency	Results
August 14, 2023	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	Hope Clinic	Prepare & serve meals	Service	Monthly	Served 184 meals, had 7 volunteers, served 3 hours
August 24, 2023	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	Hope Clinic	Prepare & serve meals	Service	Monthly	Served 145 meals, had 5 volunteers, served 3 hours
8/10/23 & 08/24/23	Local Mission	Fort St. Open Door Mission	Service in the Clothing Room	Service	as needed	Chuck Hodge went 2 times in August for a total of 4 hrs. service
8/27/2023 - 9/10/23	NIMC	Wilfred Kamanga / MMM	Fundraiser for funds to sponsor Wilfred Kamanga, a Field Officer for Marion Medical, who installs wells	Monetary	Once	Approx. \$8,700 raised so far
August	Presbyterian Women	Kids' Hope	Made contact with potential mentors for fall, called references, program administration, learning about new training requirements.	Service	as needed	Approx. 10 hours - by Director, Susan Johnson
August	FPCP Partners in Earth Care	First Step Domestic Violence Shelter	Plant and maintain raised garden beds throughout summer to provide clients with fresh produce.	Service, Monetary	Every 2 weeks throughout summer	Debra MacGregor weeded and harvested, served 2 hours
August	Threads to Heal the Heart Quilt & Prayer Shawl Ministries	Those in Need, Babies Baptized, etc.	Sew quilts and crochet/knit prayer shawls, pocket prayer squares, quilts	Service/ Goods	as needed	Baptismal quilts were given out (2 child and 1 adult)
August	NIMC	Mtentera CCAP	Doug Kee traveled to Malawi and spent three days worshiping and visiting with members of our partner church, Mtentera CCAP.	Service	as needed	Activities included: preaching and leading Sunday English service, meeting with Session to review current issues, visiting and praying with shut in members at their homes, & dedicating a new pray house site (Mkokota 2).

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August	Local Mission / Thrift Shop	FPCP & Community	Store operates to receive donations and resell to community. Money raised goes to our church's mission partners.	ALL	all year	approx. 288 volunteer hrs. provided each month
August	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	Samaritas	Meet with new refugee families at the Thrift Shop so new families can get needed items for new home.	Goods/Service	as needed	Kiki Farrow met with several refugee families at the Thrift Shop to facilitate their visit.
August	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	St. John's Home for New Americans	Painting of home to get ready to receive refugee family end of September.	Service	Once	Fred Bertsch spent two days painting at the home.
August	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	St. John's Home for New Americans	Cleaning of home in preparation for family's arrival	Service	Once	Sharon Holcomb & Kiki Farrow spent three hours each cleaning.
August	B&G	FPCP Members in Need	Handyman Initiative	Service	as needed	Completed 3 requests
August	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	St. John's Home for New Americans	Bible Study group provided new bedding for home (sheets, pillows, mattress covers, etc.)	Goods	Once	Provided bedding for 5 beds.
August	Threads to Heal the Heart Quilt & Prayer Shawl Ministries & Presbyterian Women	St. John's Home for New Americans	4 twin-size and 1 queen-size quilts are made and being donated to St. John Episcopal home for incoming refugee family	Service/ Goods	as needed	Getting date for them to be delivered.
July	NIMC	Marion Medical	Worked on volunteer training, fall trip preparation and leadership succession projects	Service	as needed	Doug Kee worked approx. 12 hours
July	Local Mission / Thrift Shop	FPCP & Community	Store operates to receive donations and resell to community. Money raised goes to our church's mission partners.	ALL	all year	approx. 100 volunteer hrs. provided each month

OCTOBER 2023 UPDATE

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL MISSION

TIME FOR A CHANGE

After supporting Operation Christmas Child for over two decades, FPCP is focusing on deepening our partnership with **Youth Haven**, a compassionate, Christian organization that loves and supports underserved children in the Jackson, MI area. This year, rather than filling a shoebox, consider providing Christmas to these children by purchasing from the list below. Shopping lists are available on the mission bulletin board at the bottom of the Upper Room stairs.



CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & TOY DRIVE OCTOBER 15 - 30

Youth Haven collection bin will be in the narthex.

Boys and Girls Clothing:

Sizes 6/7 Youth up to Adult Large

Elastic waist shorts (modest length)

Elastic waist sweatpants

Appropriate t-shirts & sweatshirts

Underwear & socks

Tennis shoes

Please no flip flops, 2-piece bathing suits, or tank tops

Toys:

Art sets or craft kits

Baby dolls (all ethnicities)

Backpacks (boys and girls)

Board games

Bracelet/jewelry-making kits

Card games (UNO, Go Fish, Skip-Bo, etc.)

Cars (Hot Wheels, Matchbox) and trucks

Coloring & activity books

DIY project kits for boys

Fleece blankets

Legos

Puzzles

Remote control cars

School supplies

Sport balls/NERF balls

Stuffed animals (small needed most)

You can also order directly from YH's Amazon Wish List at <https://a.co/fY8Vy4L>

PLEASE PRAY FOR DOUG KEE

Doug has been in Malawi, Africa since Aug 28th and returns Oct 23rd. He visited our partner church, Mtenthera CCAP, in late August and has been serving with Marion Medical Mission since.



WILFRED KAMANGA FUNDRAISER

Wilfred is responsible for providing over 25,000 people with clean water. Please help us raise the **\$2,586** to reach our goal. See Stu Dodge to support this clean water ministry.



GOAL \$10,000

Water is Life!

2024 ADULT MEXICO MISSION TRIP TO COLINA DE LUZ CHRISTIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN



APRIL 3 - 9, 2024

For more Information, contact
Jim Bernard at 248.880.8680 or
jimbernard905@gmail.com

Deadline to commit October 23, 2023

OCTOBER 2023 UPDATE

LOCAL MISSION

There are lots of opportunities to reach out with hearts and hands to those in need right here in our own community.



**DON'T MISS THE
2023 YOU ARE THE LIGHT
FIRST STEP GALA**

OCT 6 6:30-11:30 PM

Laurel Manor

**For more information and registration, go
to firststep-mi.org**



OCTOBER AT THE THRIFT SHOP

- Staff will be in costume on Oct 28th!
- Looking for additional help every Monday morning, cleaning, sorting & restocking for the new week
- Remaining open Wed evenings thru December 31st



As a Kroger Plus Card shopper, a percentage of every dollar you spend at a Kroger store can be donated to FPCP's benevolence fund. To participate in this FREE program, go to kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards to designate FPCP as your recipient organization.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE A MEAL TO THOSE IN NEED ON OCTOBER 30TH

For more information and to volunteer
at either or both meals, contact
Val McKinley at
valerie@jvmckinley.com or
734.812.4653



Serve Breakfast
at First United
Methodist Church in
Plymouth
6-8 AM



HOPE CLINIC

Serve Dinner
at Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti
3-6:30 PM

Join us for an

Evening of HOPE

Friday, November 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Saint John's Resort, Grand Ballroom
44045 Five Mile Rd. Plymouth, MI

Reception with Hope Clinic's new CEO Ross Weener
Dinner and Program with Rev. George W. Waddles Jr.

Please RSVP before October 20th; seating is limited.
Register online by scanning the QR code below
with your smartphone.



Direct questions to Patti Radzik
734.484.2989 x208 or pradzic@thehopeclinic.org

Carve out a
new tradition.

Give Blood!



**American
Red Cross**



Blood Drive

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

701 Church Street

Thursday, October 19, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment, please log onto RedCrossBlood.org
(sponsor code: fpcp) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health
history questions on the day of your appointment.



Fall into giving blood Oct 1 thru 20 get \$15
Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See
rcblood.org/together



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Children's Ministry

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Upcoming Events:

**10/15- Pumpkin Bash- Outside
from 12:30pm-1:45pm**

**10/22-Family Group in room
38-10:30am-11:10am**

**Christmas Pageant practice in
the Upper
Room-12:15pm-1:30pm**

**10/29- Reformation Sunday-
2nd Graders receive Bibles.**

Nursery:

**The Nursery will be open for
Sue Scott's 40th Anniversary
Concert on Sunday, October
22nd.**

Christmas Pageant:

**The First Christmas Pageant
practice will take place Sunday,
October 22nd in the Upper
Room from 12:15pm-1:30pm.**

**Children who are in Pre-K to
5th grade can participate.
The Pageant will take place on
Christmas Eve this year.**

Reformation Sunday:

**Is your child in 2nd grade this
year or did not receive a Bible
as a 2nd grader last year?
Please contact Laura Craig in
order to receive a Bible on
Reformation Sunday. Please
include your child's First,
Middle and Last name for their
Bible.**

**If you have any questions please contact Laura Craig at
lauracraig@fpcp.net or ex 110**

FPCP

Youth Ministry

October

Middle school and High school will meet regularly on Sun at 12:15 pm in the Youth Room unless noted otherwise.

Listed below are our special events for the fall.

October

10/8 Breakfast Game Night
(5-8 pm)

10/29 Three Cedars
(5:30-9:30 pm)

Save the Date

Winter Retreat to Spring Hill
2/2 to 2/4

Contact Patrick
patricktyrrell@fpcp.net
734-453-6464 x120

FPCP Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to provide meals on Sundays for our Middle School and High School students. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway outside of the sanctuary or you can talk with Patrick for more information.

Pumpkin Bash



Sunday, October 15th
from 12:30pm-1:45pm Outside
Families come enjoy treats and
decorate a pumpkin.
There will be a contest for best
decorated pumpkin!

FPCP Fall 2023 Worship Schedule

Sanctuary Service 9:30 am; Upper Room Service 11: 15 am
(unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, October 1st Worldwide Communion Sunday.

Rev Ashley is preaching on *A Call to Prayer: "Give us This Day, our Daily Bread"* Recognition of the retirement of Stu Dodge, Church Business Manager at all services.

Sunday, October 8th

Sanctuary: Gospel Choir Concert led by The Chancel Choir

Upper Room Service only: Rev. Campbell is preaching on: *A Call to Prayer: "Forgive us our Debts"*

Sunday, October 15th Rev Ashley is preaching on: *A Call to Prayer: "Forgive us our Debts as we Forgive..."*

Sunday, October 22nd 40th Anniversary of Sue Scott's Music Ministry

Rev Campbell is preaching on *A Call to Prayer: "Lead us and Deliver Us..."*

Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers leading sanctuary worship together.

Extra Worship Opportunity: On Sunday, October 22nd
at 2:00 pm --Sue Scott's 40th Anniversary Concert

Sunday, October 29th from 9:30 am -10:45 am

ONE COMBINED EXTENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev Campbell is preaching on: *A Call to Prayer: "Responding In Faith and Praise"*

Music by The Chancel Choir & Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips

We will be celebrating Reformation Sunday as we present Bibles to 2nd Graders

We will be Welcoming New Membership into the fellowship of our church

We will be Celebrating the opportunity we have to partner with God in the Building up of His Kingdom as we dedicate our Stewardship Offerings

All of this will be followed by a Church-Wide Celebration Potluck (held in our Church's Dining Room and Fellowship Hall)

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Sunday Nov. 5th St. Andrew's Sunday and Communion Sunday.

Rev Campbell is preaching on *"Encounters of Grace: A Sinner's Party"* (Mark 2: 13-17)

David Martin, bagpiper in Sanctuary with the Chancel Choir

Mark Phillips, violin in Upper Room with Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips.

Session Highlights

Highlights from the September 18th Session meeting.

Received reports from our Ministers, Clerk, Committees, Deacons, and PW.

WELCOME TO THE NEW ELDERS! Mike Andridge, Mike Dean, Dale DeLoy, Amy D'Urso, Wayne Krupin, Pat Murphy, Dana Stonerook, Jen Van Hala, and Steve Marulis-Clerk

Approved all standing committees, Church Treasurer and Clerk of Session positions.

Minister's report:

- Stu Dodge, Church Business Manager, will be retiring in October. Session thanked him for his time of employment. Elders expressed their appreciation for Stu's service.
- Thanked Kathy Bernard for all the work she's done on the church website.
- Reported that there will not be Presbytery meetings for a while as the Presbytery is going through many changes.

Presbyterian Women:

- Sponsoring a community event on "Safety at Home & Away from Home".
- Festival of Tables will be in memory of Irene Skimins.

Local Mission: Reported upcoming collection for First Step/Ark and Second Mile Center golf outing.

Member Connect: Membership Exploration Classes will be held Sunday, October 8, 2023, from 1-3 pm in person and Sunday, and October 22, 2023, from 7-8 pm on-line.

Stewardship: Stewardship Celebration Sunday is October 29, 2023. Will partner with the Worship committee to host a celebratory all church potluck. Stay tuned!

Worship:

- Join us to celebrate Sue Scott's 40th anniversary with FPCP on Sunday, October 22, 2023.
- Approved FPCP hosting the Community Thanksgiving Handbell Concert on Sunday, November 19th.
- Approved on-line service only for Sunday, December 31st.

B & G:

- Discussed increasing the number of niches in the Columbarium.
- Announced upcoming resurfacing of the parking lot.

Human Resources:

- The HR Committee approved acknowledgement of Juneteenth (June 19th) and the Friday, July 5th day after the July 4th holiday at which time the church will be closed.

Christian Nurture:

- The Children and Youth Ministry programs started the year with a "Fall kickoff" to welcome kids and parents back to fellowship.
- A kids' corner has been established in the Upper Room; Laura Craig will be available to work with the kids.

NIMC:

- Continuing support for Wilfred Kamanga and the Marion Medical Mission well project.
- Stay tuned for the Youth Haven toy drive.

Finance:

- The church audit has been completed, thank you, Stu!

A letter from the family of Irene Skimins

To the family of faith at FPCP:

Jim, Gillian, Alyssa, Emma, and I want to send a note of sincere gratitude for those of you who were able to join us honoring Mum, Irene Skimins. It was lovely being able to spend time with so many familiar faces. It was extremely special to see the number of folks join us and take their time to celebrate and honor Mum's life and her time at FPCP.

Also, a special thanks to Sandy, Darlene, and Ailsa for your lovely words capturing Mum so well. You all represented the time both Mum and Dad spent together in the Ministry at FPCP in such a thoughtful, funny, and beautiful way. We know her smile was shining on us during your messages.

Thank you to Emily who found a lovely thread to create a message centered on how Mum was a host, highlighting her welcoming spirit to all who knew her, her steadfastness, and her strong foundation of faith.

Thank you to Sue Scott and Sandy Dodge for your help in planning for the special day. Also, Sue, for sharing your talents on the organ and filling the sanctuary with such praise.

We also appreciate the choir for taking the time to join us to honor Mum through some traditional pieces which mean so much to our family. And a grateful thanks to David Martin for playing the pipes during the service. And to Sierris Smith, thank you for sharing your time and talents to make the service available online and helping coordinate the video montage we shared.

To the group who coordinated, organized, and did all the work for the lunch, thank you! It was a wonderful surprise and tribute to see the beautifully decorated tables and the recreated baked goods from Mum's recipes. We also know how tricky and hard those recipes are. Many batches have landed in the trash bin through the years as we have attempted them ourselves.

We also want to thank you for planning the festival of Tables in Mum's memory. She would be truly humbled and honored. We hope to join you all for the evening.

We are grateful Mum's memory will live on with so many of you. Thank you for helping us honor her on a very special day. With God's faith and love, we will continue to celebrate her as we move forward with this new chapter of our family.

Sincerely, Lesley Skimins on behalf of Jim, Gillian, Alyssa, and Emma

As we introduce our new church logo, we also retire our current logo which has served this church well for the past ten years from 2013-2023.

What you may not know about this logo is that it came to us as the winner of a church-wide competition to design a logo that represents our church's vision statement. I'm extremely grateful to Jan Sockolosky, a long-time and very beloved member of this church, for creating this design. This logo certainly has been a blessing to our congregation and a helpful representation of our church's vision statement.

Moving forward, our church's vision statement will not change as it is the beloved focus of our ministry.



We are a family of faith, called to celebrate God's message of love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Guided by the living Word of God, we nurture one another through worship, prayer, teaching, and fellowship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out with hearts and hands to those in need, seeking to inspire hope in an ever-changing community and world.