

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth



November 2022 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the November Newsletter!

As a busy church it can be difficult at times to share all that is taking place within our fellowship. This monthly newsletter has been created in an effort to streamline our weekly bulletin and provide a monthly overview of organized events to help you and our church committees plan ahead as we communicate our plans with one another.

Recognizing that the Christmas season is the one season where we all plan ahead, this particular edition of our monthly newsletter covers the events taking place both in November and December. Going forward, this newsletter will simply cover the events of each month.

For your convenience, this newsletter is available for collection throughout the month of November in baskets located in our church's narthex, tower room, and near the front entrance of the sanctuary (by the Church Street doors). Additionally, it can be found in digital form on the home page of our church's current website. It is further accessible through a QR code found in our weekly worship bulletin. Please note that this link will be improving to better fit your phone in early 2023.

As a church, we are constantly seeking new ways to improve our communication. This is a step in that direction. We recognize that it is not a perfect step but one that we hope over time helps to improve communication within our church. Other steps are being made to improve our communication including the creation a new church website which will be launched in January 2023.

Please note that if you wish to contribute an article for a future newsletter, the deadline for that submission is on the 20th of the previous month. All submissions should be sent to our Information Administrator at jenniferhollebrands@fpcp.net.

It is my hope that this newsletter will be a blessing to you as you plan in advance your participation in all upcoming worship services, service opportunities and events.

I pray that you would know the blessing of God's gift of fellowship this month and always,

Emily

NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH is ST. ANDREWS SUNDAY

and COMMUNION SUNDAY. We will be celebrating our Scottish heritage all over the church on this day. The bagpipes will be present in the sanctuary with the Chancel Choir. A violin and mandolin player will be present in the Upper Room with Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips. **Please note that this is also Daylight-Saving Sunday.** Rev. Ashley is preaching on our *Core Values: We Are Cultivating Community*.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH is our CELEBRATION OF

GIFTS. On this Stewardship Sunday, we will have **one service only from 9:30 am-10:45 in the sanctuary** with music in this service provided by both the Chancel Choir and by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips. Rev. Campbell is preaching on our final *Core Values: We Are Serving Out of Strengths*. **Immediately following this service there will be a church-wide potluck. If your last name begins with A-E, please bring a dessert. If your last name begins with F-Z, bring a side or salad to share.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH is THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY. The Joyful Ringers will be helping to lead worship in the sanctuary. Rev. Campbell will be preaching. **The Hanging of the Greens** is taking place immediately after our second service.

At 4 pm on this Sunday, there is a combined Thanksgiving Service at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth featuring the ministers and the combined choirs of our churches featuring both our Chancel Choir and our Joyful Ringers.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH is the FIRST SUNDAY IN

ADVENT. On this Sunday, we are beginning a new sermon series: *The Songs of Christmas*: Today's song is: "Come, Thou Long Expectant Jesus." Rev. Campbell is preaching.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH is the SECOND SUNDAY IN

ADVENT and COMMUNION SUNDAY. The Joyful Ringers will be playing in the Sanctuary. In our series *The Songs of Christmas*, we will be focusing on: "What Child Is This?" Rev. Ashley is preaching.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH is the THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. This is also OUR SPECIAL SERVICE SUNDAY:

At 9:30 am in the Sanctuary is our annual Christmas Choir Concert. Homily by Rev. Campbell on *The Songs of Christmas: "Angels We Have Heard on High."*

At 11: 15 am the Children's Christmas Pageant will be held in the Upper Room. This year's theme is Angels.

At 7:00 pm the Longest Night Service will be held in the sanctuary. Rev. Ashley is preaching on *The Songs of Christmas: "In the Bleak Midwinter/ Silent Night"* The music will be provided by: Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH is the FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. Rev. Ashley is preaching on *The Songs of Christmas: "O Little Town of Bethlehem."*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH IS CHRISTMAS EVE.

At 3:00 pm in the Upper Room with Chris DuPont, Kylee Phillips, and Friends. Rev. Campbell is preaching on *The Songs of Christmas: "O Holy Night and Joy to the World."*

At 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary with The Smith Family Singers. Rev. Campbell is preaching on: *The Songs of Christmas: "O Holy Night and Joy to the World."*

At 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary with the Chancel Choir. Rev. Campbell is preaching on: *Songs of Christmas: "O Holy Night and Joy to the World."*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH (CHRISTMAS DAY).

At 11:15 am there will be one service only in the Sanctuary. This is an all-age service. The dress is casual. Rev. Ashley is preaching on the theme of *The Songs of Christmas: "O Come All Ye Faithful."*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST AND **JANUARY 8TH, 2023.**

January 1st is a 30 min on-line service only. There is no in-person service at the church on this day. The recorded service includes music by The Chancel Choir and by Chris DuPont. Rev. Campbell is preaching. Many special guests are featured. Not to be missed!

January 8th is Epiphany Sunday/ Star Sunday/ Communion Sunday. Worship services resume at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary and at 11: 15 am in the Upper Room. Rev. Ashley is preaching.

THE SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

November is the one month out of the year where each of us is invited to dive deeply into the practice of gratitude. On Sunday, November 13th, we will offer our gratitude towards God through the Celebration of Gifts. In this celebration, we will recognize that each of us have gifts to bring in terms of the offering of our time, talent, and treasure which help to strengthen our church and witness. November 13th is Stewardship Sunday. On this Sunday, we will dedicate all of our gifts to God as well as our planned giving to God for 2023. Following this, we will celebrate the sharing of our gifts in a church-wide potluck.

On Sunday, November 20th we will join our voices in grateful thanks to God as we hold our Thanksgiving Services. Part of our Thanksgiving celebration will take place in our two morning worship services, but the remaining part of our celebration will be shared in community as we join for worship with our brothers and sisters at Plymouth First United Methodist Church at 4 pm. We hope you will join us!



Celebration of gifts

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13, 2022
11:00AM – 12:30 PM
AFTER ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
FROM 9:30-10:45 AM

POTLUCK
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
Signup sheet is in the Narthex

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH



Thanksgiving Choir Festival
Sunday, November 20
4:00 pm

Adult Choirs Handbell Choirs
Organ Brass Quintet

Audience sing-along of Thanksgiving Hymns

Admission Free a free-will offering will be received
to benefit the Salvation Army

First United Methodist Church
45201 N Territorial Rd. Plymouth
734.453.5280

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE

the Miracle of Christmas

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

As we prepare for Christmas together with our partner church in Malawi, join us in reading a new Advent Devotional Guide that members of FPCP and Mtenthera CCAP have jointly prepared.

Paper copies will be available on November 13th. If you would like to receive the devotions via email, please send a request to Kathy Bernard at bernardfamily2@gmail.com



Hanging of the Greens

The Deacons will be working with the Worship Committee and the Building & Grounds committee to adorn the church building and surroundings with Advent and Christmas decorations. Each area will have the trees already set up and the decorations in the room. All are invited to help **Sunday, November 20 after the 9:30 service, until completed.** Breakfast “finger foods” will be served.

A sign up sheet will be located in the Narthex.

Operation Christmas Child

**HAVE YOU EVER SHARED A TOOTHBRUSH...WITH 25 OTHER PEOPLE?
THIS YOUNG GIRL WON'T HAVE TO IF HER CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX
INCLUDES A TOOTHBRUSH!**



For over 10 years FPCP has participated in Operation Christmas Child by packing Shoebox Christmas Gifts for underserved children around the world. Shoeboxes reach children in over 100 countries and are given to children regardless of their gender, ethnicity, or faith.

**Through this sharing of Christ's love,
their lives can be changed.**

**EMPTY SHOESBOXES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.
FILLED SHOESBOXES MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE COLLECTION BOX
AT THE PARKING LOT ENTRANCE BY NOVEMBER 20TH.**

Salvation Army Angel Tree



**Share the joy of Christ's birth
this Christmas.
Adopt a Salvation Army Angel.**



ANGEL TREE

**The Deacons are partnering with
the Salvation Army Adopt-an-Angel Tree program
to help ensure our community's families in need
have a blessed Christmas this year.**

To participate:

- Choose an Angel tag from the Angel Tree which will be located in the Narthex beginning November 20th.
- Gift suggestions are listed on each tag. It is not necessary to purchase exactly what is listed, nor is it necessary to purchase everything on the list.
- Secure the Angel tag to the top of your gift purchases.
- Bring your new, unwrapped gift(s) back to the Angel Tree no later than **Sunday, December 11th.**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Again this year, FPCP will assist the Salvation Army with their annual Red Bucket Fundraiser to support area children and families this holiday season. Participants will ring at the Greek Island Coney Island Restaurant in downtown Plymouth. PCP is responsible for the dates listed below:

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| • Friday, November 25 | 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| • Saturday, November 26 | 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| • Friday, December 2 | 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| • Saturday, December 3 | Noon - 8:00 p.m. |
| • Friday, December 9 | 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| • Saturday, December 10 | 10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. |

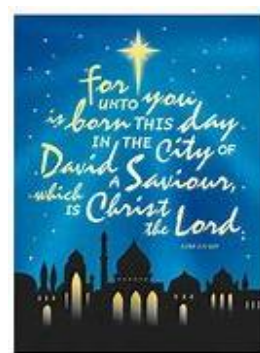
Sign-up signs will be available beginning **Sunday, November 13** in the Narthex. Please consider participating in this worthwhile project to support our community. If you have any questions, please contact either of the Deacons: Marilyn Bingamen at 313 378-9775 or Sandy Marulis at 734-455-6604.

Christmas Card Tree

The FPCP Deacons invite members to give a Christmas greeting to their church family by posting a card on the FPCP Christmas Card Display Board in the Narthex.

Traditionally members of the congregation donate to the Deacons Christmas Card Fund a dollar amount, large or small, that they might have spent on sending cards to other members of the congregation. We will have Christmas cards available to use in the Narthex and a Deacon available to post your card and take your donation next to the display board.

Please consider sharing your Christmas joy with members of our Church Family.



Kellogg Park's "Walk of Trees"

All Church members are invited to add an ornament to our tree. Ornaments may be added to the tree starting November 18, 2022 and should be finished by November 25th.

Ornaments:

- may be purchased or handmade but must be able to stand up to all types of weather
- made of cardboard or paper are discouraged, unless laminated
- designed to feed wildlife are not allowed
- MUST be tied or wired securely to the tree
- can be secured with pipe cleaners but regular ornament hangers do NOT work
- business cards and brochures are not allowed in any form

Ornaments must be retrieved by January 4, 2023 so the City can dispose of the trees properly. Please call Carol Duncan at 734-812-6260 with any questions.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Would you like to order a poinsettia for Christmas to decorate the church for the season? This can be in **honor** or in **memory** of a loved one or friend. Contributions can also be made to the flower fund. Please fill out the form below and include your payment and return in an envelope to Stu Dodge.

In **Memory of**: _____ In **Honor of**: _____

Name	_____	\$22.00
Address	_____	# of Poinsettias _____
	_____	Flower Fund: _____
Email	_____	Total Enclosed: _____

Please return form with check made payable to FPCP by Sunday, December 3, 2022.

Plants may be picked up after the 8:00 pm service on 12/24 or on 12/25.

Youth Ministry

what's happening this month for youth?

HSN
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

when?

- meeting sundays, nov 6, 13, 20 (not meeting nov 27 - thanksgiving)
- 12:15 - 1:45 pm in the youth room
- lunch is provided
- mission outreach on sat dec 3: serving Christmas dinner at Youth Haven

discussion topics?

- we're tackling tough questions we face as we live our faith in today's world

when?

- meeting wednesdays, nov 9, 16, 30, & dec 7 (not meeting nov 23)
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the youth room
- dinner is provided

discussion topics?

- we're looking at how all of scripture is ONESTORY by checking out stories from genesis to revelation

MSM
MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

questions?

contact doug kee at
jdkee1002@gmail.com

Upcoming
**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
GROUP OUTREACH**

We're serving Christmas dinner
to disadvantaged children at


youthhaven.org

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 2022
3-8 PM**

10-12 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Rives Junction, MI
(about an hour drive from FPCP)

Interested students contact Kathy Bernard
at bernardfamily2@gmail.com

Festival of Tables

Every December FPCP hosts a special evening for women only. It is a time for us to enjoy the true meaning of the holiday. We enjoy a church service with the bell choir, music, guest speaker and some special traditions.



Afterward we meet in the church fellowship hall to enjoy the many uniquely decorated tables, a holiday dessert and some additional surprises. This year the F.O.T. will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5th. Please contact one of the hostesses by text or email. The list is of hostesses is on the Presbyterian Women bulletin board. *Warning: this event sells out every year.* The cost is only \$10.00. We would love to have you come. Please contact Peggy Fisher-Kmieciak with any questions at Peggyfkmieciak@gmail.com 313.550.8116 text or 734.953.1044 phone message

Nominations

Nominations Sought for the 2022 "Carol Dodge" Award

In recognition of a remarkable woman who attended this church faithfully for over ninety years, Presbyterian Women created the "Carol Dodge" award. This honor has been awarded each year and goes to one woman within FPCP who exemplifies a Christ-like attitude through (1) prayer, (2) Bible study and (3) living out her Christian faith. Nominations for the 2022 "Carol Dodge" award will be accepted through November 16, 2022.

Nominations should list why the person nominated has made a significant impact to the life of FPCP based on the criteria listed above. All nominations will be reviewed, and the final selection will be made by a group selected by the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team. All nominations should be placed in the Presbyterian Women mailbox in a sealed envelope, marked "Nomination."

If you are nominating someone, please place your name on the nomination letter. Further information may be needed.

This award will be presented at the annual "Festival of Tables" which will take place on Monday, December 5, 2022.

MEN IN BLACK

Needed for Festival of Tables, Monday, December 5, 2022.

Men needed to serve at this year's Festival of Tables.



Qualifications: Male, black wardrobe required, willingness to serve dessert, tea, and coffee to the ladies of our church. If you are interested in joining this special event, please contact Sandy Dodge (spdodge@comcast.net) by Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

Our Special Service Sunday is December 11th

Christmas Choir Concert

Sanctuary 9:30

The Songs of Christmas: "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Children's Christmas Pageant

Upper Room at 11:15 Room

This year's theme is Angels.

Children's Pageant rehearsal dates

Sunday, November 13 in the Upper Room - 12:30 – 1:30

Sunday December 4 in the Upper Room - 12:30 – 1:30

Longest Night Service

Sanctuary 7:00

The Songs of Christmas: "In the Bleak Midwinter/ Silent Night"



Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 11, 2022
7:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church
701 Church Street
Plymouth, MI
www.fpcp.net

Christmas is a time of celebration. But it can also be a time filled with feelings of loss as we contemplate Christmas without our loved ones. If you or anyone you know is experiencing pain mixed with the joy of Christmas, we invite you to join us for our Longest Night Service. This will be a time to receive comfort as we share prayers, scripture and communion. Please join us.

Sunday December 11th at 7:00 pm
Music provided by Chris DuPont

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Bible Studies

Sunday

Continuing the Word | 5:30 pm weekly - Hybrid (Chapel & Zoom), Contact: Dana Hearn

Listening to Jesus | 7:00 pm weekly - Zoom Only, Contact: Doug Kee & Nancy Sullivan

Tuesday

Tuesday Evening Bible Study | 7:00 pm weekly - Hybrid (Room 134 & Zoom), Contact: Nancy White

PW Horizons Bible Study | 7:00 pm - 2nd Tuesday of the month -Hybrid (Calvin Room & Zoom),
Contact: Kiki Farrow

Wednesday

Early Word | 7:45 am weekly - Zoom Only, Contact: Sue Kage

Women's Bible Study | 9:45 am weekly - Hybrid (Upper Room/Hearth Room & Zoom),
Contact: Sue Kage

Saturday

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study | 7:45 am weekly - Hybrid (Hearth Room & Zoom),
Contact: Tom Weaver

Book Discussions

Lunch & A Book – Contact: Audrey Williams

November 2 – “The Whistling Season” by Ivan Doig

December 7 – “Miss Benson’s Beetle” by Rachel Joyce

Monday, November 28, Presbyterian Women discuss

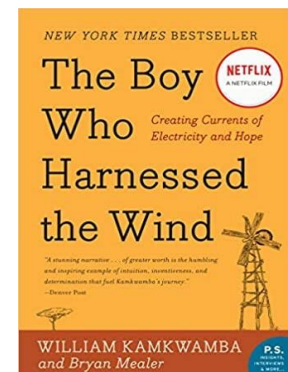
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery. It was also a land withered by drought and hunger. But William had read about windmills, and he dreamed of building one that would bring to his small village a set of luxuries that only 2 percent of Malawians could enjoy: electricity and running water. His neighbors called him misala—crazy—but William refused to let go of his dreams. With a small pile of once-forgotten science textbooks; some scrap metal, tractor parts, and bicycle halves; and an armory of curiosity and determination, he embarked on a daring plan to forge an unlikely contraption and small miracle that would change the lives around him.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind is a remarkable true story about human inventiveness and its power to overcome crippling adversity. It will inspire anyone who doubts the power of one individual's ability to change his community and better the lives of those around him.

This will not be a book discussion like our usual gatherings! We will meet (on Zoom) with FPCP members that have met with William Kamkwamba. Thanks to Sandy Marulis for arranging this special bonus for our meeting on November 28.



This is the second of five evening book discussions by Presbyterian Women in 2022-2023

Please join the discussion, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel on Monday, November 28. Questions? Contact Nancy White at 734-502-2831 (mobile) or nancy.white795@gmail.com. Please contact Nancy, too, if you would like to attend the book discussion on Zoom.

October Session Highlights

Shared our current sermon series is focused on sharing our core values.

Thanked the volunteers working with the confirmation class, middle and high school youth programs. Shared that Rev. Ashley is assisting with the youth programs while we continue to search for a Director of Youth Ministries. Rev. Campbell is sharing some of Rev. Ashley's responsibilities during this time.

Deacons: Deacon's partnering with Member Connect will host a church wide/community Halloween event on Sunday, October 30, 2022, from 12:30- 2:00, Sweet and Spirited Sunday.

Local Mission: Thanked everyone for participating in The Northville Civic Concern food drive on October 23, 2022. The Hope Clinic Fall fundraiser is 11/4/2022. Check their website for more information.

Member Connect: The fall new member classes were held in person and via zoom. We are excited to welcome 16 new members to our church family. Please welcome: Louis and Sandy Wright, Brittany Goodwillie and Erik Ringo, Gretchen and Mike Andridge, Sergio and Carol Kavalhuna, Audrey and Jim Crain, Bill Butler, Teresa Bailey, Kris Crandall, William Brandon, and Sue and Chuck Grant.

Worship: Hanging of the greens to take place on November 20, 2022, (thank you B&G for your assistance). November 20, 2022, our ministers, bell choir and chancel choir will be participating in the joint Thanksgiving service at First Methodist Church of Plymouth. Our new website provider will be filming our services on November 6th, via drone and video for the website.

Building & Grounds: Reminded all groups eating/serving food while using the building to dispose of their trash, in the dumpster as our cleaning service is in the building only on Monday and Thursday.

CN: Search committee is working with HR to fill Youth Ministry position. Thanked all volunteers making lunch for the confirmation class and high school programs on Sunday's.

Finance: Audit review with our CPA was completed for 2021. Favorable report. Thrift Shop continues to be very successful. Thank you!

HR: HR and CN working to fill open position, Director of Youth Ministry.

NIMC: Fund raiser for Mtenthera for food assistance was extremely successful, raised the \$3,000 needed in 4 days. Thank you! Operation Christmas Child (shoebox collection) has been initiated; collection dates are November 14 - 21st, shoeboxes are available in the Narthex. A Mthenthera/FPCP Advent Devotional is being created, will be available to all church members

Stewardship: Stewardship Celebration Sunday is November 13, 2022. Will partner with the Worship committee to host a celebratory all church potluck following the one worship service (9:30-10:45) in the sanctuary.

Elders participated in a Session planning retreat following the monthly Session meeting.



During the fall of 2022, our amazing Building and Grounds Team spent countless hours “renewing” (refinishing and rebuilding) these Tower Room doors. Our church and community have been blessed by their dedicated service. It is with gratitude and love that we thank God for each of them and for the generous gifting of their time and talents.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, as the doors on this month close, we thank you for every blessing in this life. We thank you for every opportunity to grow closer to you through worship, service, study, and fellowship. Like these doors, which have been restored and renewed to shine forth your beauty, may our lives be renewed so we may reflect the light and beauty of your presence in our church, in our home, and throughout our community, nation, and world. Thank you for opening to us the door of renewal through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.