



November & December 2025 Newsletter

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Minister's Letter

Hi Friends!

As I write this, a few golden leaves are still hanging on outside my window—bright and determined, refusing to let go. Yet the weather forecast says the first snow may fall in just a few days! It's that gentle, in-between moment when autumn and winter meet, and the changing seasons remind us that we are entering a special and sacred time of year.

Our church calendar for the weeks ahead is filled with opportunities to gather in gratitude, anticipation, and joy. I encourage you to read through this newsletter carefully and make note of all that's coming up.

We'll begin with **Thanksgiving Sunday on November 23**, a time to lift our hearts in gratitude for God's many blessings. Then, on **Sunday, November 30**, we will enter the holy season of **Advent**, lighting the first candle and beginning our journey toward Bethlehem, where hope is born anew. In the afternoon of **Sunday, December 7**, the sanctuary will be filled with music and celebration during the **FPCP Christmas Concert**, where the musical talents of the Chancel Choir, the Joyful Ringers, and our Upper Room musicians, Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips, will invite us to join together and enjoy the sounds of the season.

Later, on **Sunday, December 21**, we'll pause for **The Longest Night Service**, a quiet, contemplative time of worship for those seeking peace and comfort amid the season's busyness. And finally, on **Christmas Eve**, we will gather for three special services—at **5:00, 8:00, and 11:00 p.m.**—to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Light of the World.

But before we jump into the hustle and bustle of this extended holiday season, I invite you to take some time this month to pause and reflect on all that God has done and continues to do in your own life. Where do you see signs of God's greatness? How are you and your family engaging in praise? May this season—between falling leaves and first snow—be one of both deep reflection and joyful expectation.

Grace and Peace.

Ashley

FPCP Church Closures for the Holidays

The FPCP Church Office is Closed on the Following Days During Upcoming Holiday Seasons

Wednesday, November 26th

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Friday, November 28, 2025

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 (office closed, building opens at 3pm)

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Friday, December 26, 2025

Wednesday, December 31 (1/2-day, Church is open 8 am-noon)

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Friday, January 2, 2026

November 2025 Worship Schedule

Sanctuary worship begins at 9:30 am; Upper Room (UR) worship begins at 11:15 am

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November 2, 2025 St. Andrew's Sunday; Communion Sunday

Music provided by Chancel Choir and David Martin, bagpiper, Sanctuary

Music provided by Chris DuPont, Kylee Phillips, and **Brad Philipps on violin** in UR

Rev. Campbell is preaching at both services based on Acts chs. 13 -14

Daylight Savings Time ends. Clocks roll back 1 hour.

November 9, 2025 Baptism Sunday

Music provided by Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary, Baptism at 9:30 am .

Music provided by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips in the UR

Rev. Ashley is preaching at both services based on Acts chs. 15 -18.

November 16, 2025

Music provided by **Chris DuPont, Kylee Phillips, and Carole Moon in Sanctuary**

Music provided by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips at 11:15 am in the UR

Rev. Campbell is preaching at both services based on Acts Chs. 18-21

November 23, 2025 Thanksgiving Sunday. New Member's Welcome

Music provided by **The Joyful Ringers** in the Sanctuary

Music provided by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips in the UR

Rev. Ashley is preaching at both services based on Ps. 100 and 1 Thess. 5: 16-18

On Nov. 23rd at 4 pm The Community Thanksgiving Handbell Concert will be held at Plymouth First United Methodist Church featuring our own Joyful Ringers.

November 30, 2025 First Sunday in Advent

Music provided by Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

Music provided by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips in the UR

Rev. Ashley kicks off our new sermon series entitled: Promises in the Dark

Sermon Title: The Promise of Hope based on Isaiah 9: 2-7.

December 2025 Worship Schedule

Sanctuary worship begins at 9:30 am; Upper Room (UR) worship begins at 11:15 am

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December 7, 2025 Second Sunday in Advent. Communion Sunday

Music provided by **The Joyful Ringers** in the Sanctuary.

Music provided by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips in the UR

Rev. Campbell is preaching on Micah 5: 2-5

In the afternoon of December 7th, we are holding a community Christmas event entitled All Things Christmas.

This includes an open house from 1-3 pm to view the Festival of Tables.

At 3 pm in the sanctuary, there will be a Christmas Concert with Chancel Choir, The Joyful Ringers, and Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips.

December 14, 2025 Third Sunday in Advent

Our Children will star in our Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary 9:30 am

Our Young Instrumentalists begin playing at 9: 15 am so please come early!

Music provided by **Johannes Stauffer** in the UR

Rev. Ashley preaching 9:30 am; Rev. Campbell 11:15 am on Luke 1: 39-56

December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Chancel Choir will lead worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am

as they present their Christmas Concert: Selections from The Messiah

Music provided by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips in the UR

Rev. Campbell preaching 9:30 am; Rev. Ashley 11: 15 am on 1 John 4: 7-12

At 7 pm in the Sanctuary on December 21st, we will be holding our Longest Night Service.

This service is for anyone missing a loved one at Christmas. The Sacrament of Communion will be served at this service. Rev. Campbell will deliver a homily. Music by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips.

Christmas Eve is Wednesday, December 24, 2025

On this day, we will have three worship services: 5 pm, 8 pm, and 11 pm

All 3 worship services will be held in the sanctuary;

Rev. Campbell will preach at all three services.

5 pm music by the Brass Quintet, Carole Moon, Chris DuPont, Kylee Phillips

8 pm music by the Brass Quintet and the Chancel Choir

11 pm music by Chris DuPont, Kylee Phillips, and friends

December 28, 2025 One on-line service only

This brand-new service will be available to watch beginning at 9:30 am

You can view this worship service via our church website at www.fpcp.net

You can also view this video through Facebook or YouTube by searching for First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth in their search engines.



Thanksgiving Bell Festival

Sunday, November 23
4:00 pm

The Handbell Choirs from First Presbyterian,
Our Lady of Good Counsel, and
First United Methodist

Admission Free We will be collecting non-perishable
food for the food bank

First United Methodist Church
45201 N Territorial Rd. Plymouth
734.453.5280



USHER HELP NEEDED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Volunteer With Us

Christmas Eve will be here before we know it and we could use your help!

December 24th we will need ushers at all 3 services; 5pm, 8pm and 11pm.

No experience necessary! Just bring a friendly smile to welcome people into our sanctuary and you are guaranteed to work with great people!

Please let me know if you can help or interested. lisa.benages@gmail.com
or 734-718-5936.





THE CHANCEL CHOIR *presents*

MESSENAH CHOIR CONCERT

December 21st

in the

9:30AM Sanctuary Service

At:

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
701 Church St. Plymouth, MI

Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 21, 2025

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

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.



Wednesday, December 24th is Christmas Eve.

*We invite you to join us to celebrate
the birth of Jesus Christ.*

**5:00 pm Candlelight Service with Soloists and
Brass Quintet**

**8:00 pm Candlelight Service with the Chancel Choir
and Brass Quintet**

**11:00 pm Candlelight Service with the Upper Room
Praise Team**

All services are being held in our sanctuary.

Nursery care is provided during our 11 am and 5 pm services.

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 the church business manager.

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

Name		\$25.00	
Address		# of Poinsettias	
		Flower Fund:	
Email		Total Enclosed:	

Please return form with check made payable to FPCP by Sunday, December 10, 2025.

Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 pm service on 12/24

NEW DIRECTORY INCOMING

We have a new directory coming to FPCP. If you are a member and have moved, changed your phone number, or gotten a new email address since mid 2023 please update that information with us!

To update your information, please email those changes to membership@fpcp.net by November 23, 2025.

SALVATION ARMY 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 16th.
- 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 14th.



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 in front of the Downtown Plymouth Starbucks.

FPCP is responsible for 1-2 hour blocks per bell ringer.

Volunteer bell ringers needed on the following dates: Saturdays 11/22 and 11/29 from 2-8pm and Saturdays 12/6, 12/13 and 12/20 from 12-6pm.

Sign up signs will be available beginning Sunday November 2nd in the Narthex. Please consider participating in this worthwhile project to support our community.

If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Simescu at dorothysimescy@gmail.com or 734-634-3280(cell).

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

From December 1–24, we invite you to share in a new tradition of service with this Reverse Advent Calendar. It works much like a traditional advent calendar, but each day there is an item to donate to local mission partners, a prayer request, or an act of kindness! You may use the FPCP Thrift Shop bags found in the Narthex to collect your items, or have children decorate a box to keep in your home. Mark each one off the calendar, then bring your items to church on one of the following days: Dec 29-30 (building open full day), Dec 31 (morning only), or Star Sunday (Jan 5). Questions: Dana Stonerook (248)-802-3622



First Presbyterian Church invites you to the

ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS Festival

Sunday, December 7, 2024

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

701 Church St.

Plymouth, MI 48170

From 1:00 to 3:00p.m. View the gorgeous and unique tables decorated for our Festival of Tables event. All are welcome to the viewing on Sunday afternoon.

At 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of our church, there will be a free community Christmas Concert. Come and listen to the songs of the season performed by our Chancel Choir, handbells, organ, piano and guitar.

At 4:00 p.m., we welcome you to enjoy free Christmas hospitality.



**The Nursery will be open during
the 3pm Christmas Concert on
December 7th**

**Questions? Please contact Laura
Craig, Lauracraig@fpcp.net or call
734.453.6464, ext 110**

toy and clothing drive

OCT 26 - NOV 30

**Help Youth Haven provide Christmas
to the needy children they serve!**

Deposit your donations in the chimney box in the narthex.

TOYS

Sports balls/Nerf balls
Art sets or craft kits
Board games
Coloring/activity books
DIY project kits for boys
Legos
Fleece blankets
Puzzles
Remote control cars
Stuffed animals
Backpacks

BOYS AND GIRLS NEW CLOTHING

Sizes 6/7 Youth up to Adult Large

Elastic waist shorts (modest length)
Elastic waist sweatpants
Appropriate T-shirts and sweatshirts
Underwear and socks
Tennis shoes

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

Youth Haven Amazon Wish List:

<https://a.co/fY8Vy4L>



FESTIVAL OF TABLES 2025

Schedule for Hostesses for this Year's Festival of Tables:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00am-1:00pm

We will need help decorating Fellowship Hall on this morning. Anyone who is interested in assisting us is welcome. Hostesses may also begin decorating their tables.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00am-3:00pm

Hostesses will be able to decorate their tables. All tables would need to be decorated on this day during this time.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:00pm-3:00pm

Festival of Tables Open House. You (or your chosen representative) need to be present at your table as we open the church to our members and the community to showcase our tables. We will serve all hostesses a quick lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. **Conveniently, immediately after the Open House on Sunday afternoon, the choir will have their Christmas Concert starting at 3:00 p.m.**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

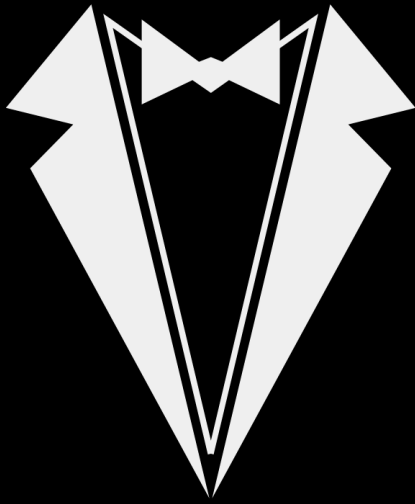
7:00pm-9:00pm

for those attending the event. The event will run as normal with a program, table viewing and dessert. If you wish to purchase a ticket (\$10.00) please see Peggy Kmiecik or contact one of the hostesses listed on the Presbyterian Women bulletin board.

We are looking for a few more hostesses for this year's event. If you are interested please contact Ailsa Blunk at lemonblunk@gmail.com.



MEN IN BLACK Needed for Festival of Tables, Monday, December 8, 2025.



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 26, 2025. Thank you!



Nominations Sought for the 2025 "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 2024 "Carol Dodge" award will be accepted through November 23, 2025.

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 8, 2025. Thank you!

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

ADVENT - A NEW STUDY FOR THIS SEASON

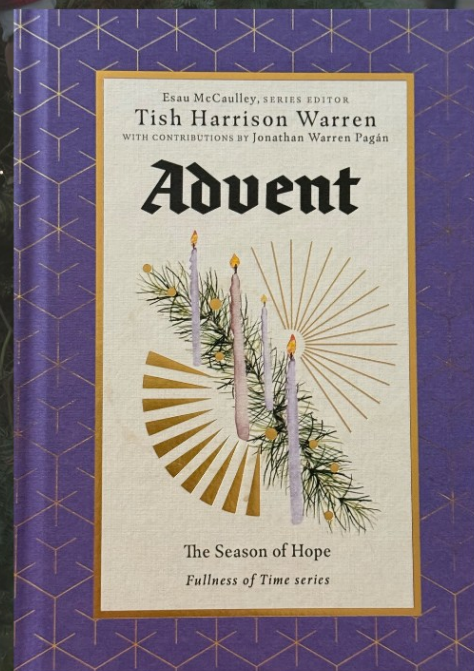
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT STUDY, STARTING NOVEMBER 15 - WE'LL BE READING A BRIEF BOOK "ADVENT - THE SEASON OF HOPE" BY TISH HARRISON WARREN. THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, THE CHURCH HAS OBSERVED ADVENT AS A PREPARATION FOR THE COMING OF JESUS. WE'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS SEASON, ITS THEMES, PRAYERS, AND PRACTICES. COME, AND BE ENRICHED THROUGH THIS STUDY WITH A GROUP OF MEN.

DATES:
NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 20
(EXCL. THANKSGIVING WEEKEND)

TIME: 7:45-9:15AM,
SATURDAY MORNINGS

LOCATION: HEARTH ROOM, ALSO
VIA ZOOM BOOK TITLE: ADVENT,
BY TISH HARRISON WARREN

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE
CONTACT TOM WEAVER AT TTW@COMCAST.NET





November/December Children's Ministry Events



November Events:

**11/2-- Christmas Pageant
Practice in the Sanctuary- 12:30-
1:30pm**

**11/9- Christmas Pageant Practice
in the Sanctuary- 11am-12pm**

**11/9-Grateful Gathering in
Fellowship Hall- 12:30-1:30pm**

11/19- Kid Connection-6-7:30pm

**11/16- Christmas Pageant Practice
in the Sanctuary- 12:30-1:30pm**

**11/23- Children in worship -
Parents please drop your child
off in room 134 at 9:30am.
Teachers will bring children into
worship. After we will go back to
the Sunday School classroom.**

**11/23- Christmas Pageant
Practice in the Sanctuary- 12:30-
1:30pm**

**11/30- No Sunday School-
Thanksgiving break**

December Events:

**12/7- Sunday School Christmas
Party- 9:30am**

**12/7-Christmas Pageant Practice
in the Sanctuary- 11am-12:30pm**

**12/14- Christmas Pageant at
9:30am (There is No Sunday
School at 9:30am)**

**Anyone with a solo or speaking
part please arrive by 9am to
practice before the pageant.**

**12/17- Kid Konnection Christmas
Party- 6-7:30pm**

12/21- No Sunday School

12/28- No Sunday school



Grateful Gathering

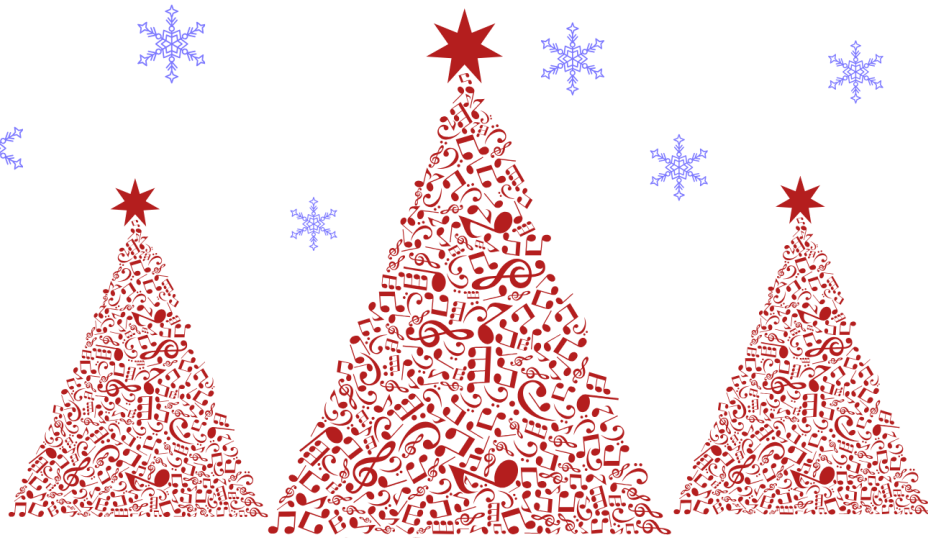
Kids come join us for a fun Thanksgiving event. There will be snacks and fun activities.

November 9th- 12:30-1:30pm in the Dining Hall and Fellowship Hall.



Come join us for this years Christmas Pageant!

December 14th at 9:30am



YOUNG INSTRUMENTALISTS

Young people who play a musical instrument are invited to participate in the prelude for the 9am Children's service on Sunday December 14th. We will gather at the piano in the Sanctuary at 9:00 so that we can begin the Prelude at exactly 9:15.

Please be prompt!

Any questions please call or e-mail Sue Scott 734-718-3491 cell -
suecscott@comcast.net

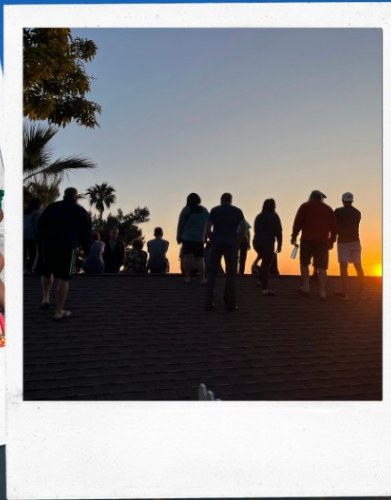


FPCP YOUTH MINISTRY DECEMBER EVENTS DEC

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 5
CHRISTMAS PARTY 7-9 PM**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 14
CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT 6-8 PM**

Winter Retreat to Spring Hill Feb 13-15



FPCP Youth Mission Trip **COLINA**

JULY 16-22 2026

Informational meeting 12:30 PM

January 11th, 2026 Upper Room

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

patricktyrrell@FPCP.net or
734-453-6464 x120

2025 ADULT MEXICO MISSION TRIP TO
 COLINA de LUZ
CHRISTIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

APRIL 10 - 16, 2025

Please consider joining us on the next trip which is open to adults 21+, or 18+ if you've been to Colina before or attend with a parent/guardian.
The visit will be filled with a combination of projects, activities with the children, devotions, and worship.

**For more information, reach out to Jim Bernard at
jimbernard905@gmail.com or 248.880.8680**

Deadline to commit is November 16, 2024.



2024 Adult Mission Team



comfort care kits

Have a friend or neighbor going through difficult times? Someone you would like to give a boost of love or comfort to?

FPCP has a comfort kit available for you to give them.

Just reach out to one of our deacons and they can help you choose from the cupboard whatever you wish to give. Pass some caring to those who could use it.





Presbyterian Women

Women of Retirement Age Breakfast

Women Of Retirement Age will be meeting for breakfast this month at Red Olive on Ann Arbor Road Tuesday, November 18th at 8:30 a.m. Come join us for a fun morning of fellowship and conversation.

Please let Lisa and/or Marge know if you are joining us! Lisa at lisa.benages@gmail.com and/or Marge at mlynch516828@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!



Presbyterian Women

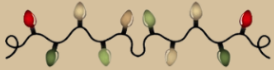
Women of Retirement Age Breakfast

We will be meeting for breakfast at Red Olive on Ann Arbor Road on Tuesday, December 16th at 8:30 a.m.

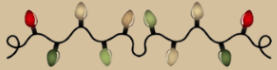
Please let us know if you plan on joining us. Lisa at Lisa.benages@gmail.com or Marge at mlynch516828@gmail.com.



REDUCE, REUSE, REJOICE...



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RECYCLING



When those bulbs don't work, or the string is frayed, the color's wrong, or it's time to replace: Don't toss those old strings of lights!

Bring them to church. We'll collect them and drop them off for recycling. This offer extends from Sunday, November 30th through

Sunday, December 28th. You can also drop lights off yourself for recycling at your local Lowe's store. Please note that lights may be

recycled throughout the year at Ann Arbor Recycling, 2950 E Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor. Christmas lights/string lights that are broken and not repairable are accepted for recycling as e-waste at the Drop-Off Station.

Some wrapping paper can be recycled. The wrapping paper that cannot be recycled is glossy foil or even if it has just a small amount of foil in it. The reason being that the paper dissolves during the recycling process, but the foil remains in threads that gum up the machines. Newspaper is always recyclable.

Tissue paper cannot be recycled because the paper fibers are too short. Ribbon and bows also cannot be recycled.

Real Christmas trees can be put out at the curb as is, without a bag. The boughs can be useful as mulch in your own backyard. Poinsettias usually will continue to grow long after Christmas or can be put out with your Christmas tree.

Please help your trash collectors by following these guidelines when putting your trash out to the curb.

Merry Christmas!!!!



Presbyterian Women Coffee Project

Fair Trade is a way of doing business that ultimately aims to keep small farmers an active part of the world marketplace and aims to empower consumers to make purchases that support their values.

You can taste this coffee yourself on the first Sunday of each month as part of the Hospitality Team's refreshments.

You will have the opportunity to purchase Fair Trade coffee and tea on

Sunday, November 2, 2025 and
Sunday, December 7, 2025

We have a variety of fresh coffees teas and organic candy bars to choose from including decaf, ground, flavored and whole bean.

Great Stocking Stuffers!!!!

Easy Teacher, Hairdresser, Mailman or Neighbor Gifts

We will also be collecting batteries and ink cartridges for recycling in the Narthex between services on those days.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEWS

Beginning in November. Prayer Shawl will be meeting during the day! Find us on the first Monday at 1:00 in the Hearth Room. We will meet in November and then January thru June (no meeting in December).

Come and enjoy the calming fellowship of knitting and crocheting together as we create shawls that will wrap people with warmth and prayers. Want to learn how to knit or crochet? We can teach you. Need yarn? We have lots. Can't make the meeting? Zoom with us.

Have questions or want the zoom link? Contact Corinne Kee at cegkee@gmail.com or 734-612-1927.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Your generosity of time, talent and treasures is making a real difference in our local communities!

Second Mile Center of Detroit – Golf Outing

FPCP sponsors, donors and golfers helped SMC raise over \$30,000 to support those in need!

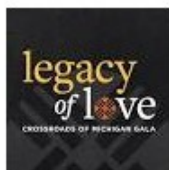


Kids Coalition Against Hunger Event

- ➔ 40,000 meals packaged
- ➔ Over 200 volunteers
- ➔ \$14,000 in funds raised

Salvation Army of Plymouth

- Provided funding for 150 turkeys for thanksgiving meals
- Funded and purchased 15 new winter coats



Crossroads of Michigan – Legacy of Love Event

FPCP sponsorship of this event will help to provide meals, clothing and services to Detroit people in need!

Hope Clinic – Evening of Hope

FPCP Sponsorship will support those in need in Wayne and Washtenaw counties



Second Mile Center of Detroit

Your generosity provides 20 internship scholarships!

First Step – Gala Event

FPCP Sponsorship will help victims of domestic violence



✦ Local Mission Newsletter ✦

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

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

- 11/4 Local Mission meeting 5:15-7 pm on Zoom
- 11/7 Evening of Hope Gala 6:00 pm
- 11/18 Salvation Army Plymouth Thanksgiving Meal Packing 9:30-11:30 am
- 12/2 Local Mission meeting 5:15-7 pm on Zoom
- 12/8 Serve dinner at Hope Clinic 3:00-6:30 pm
- 12/17 Salvation Army Plymouth Toy Distribution 8:30-12/1-4pm
- 12/29 Serve dinner at Hope Clinic 3:00-6:30 pm

LOCAL MISSION MEETINGS

Please consider joining our Local Mission team. We meet once a month on Zoom from 5:15-7pm and occasionally meet in-person to work on a service project. There are several volunteer opportunities if you would like to get involved. If you are interested in learning more about this committee, please contact Dana Stonerook at dstonerook@aol.com or 248-802-3622.



Kids Hope Mentors Needed

Kids Hope USA is seeking two more mentors for at-risk children at Bird Elementary School this Fall.

To learn more about becoming a mentor, please contact Susan Johnson at Susani.johnson86@gmail.com or 734-751-9334.



SALVATION ARMY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Salvation Army Plymouth has some upcoming volunteer opportunities. On November 18 from 10 am to approximately 12 noon volunteers will be putting together bags of groceries for their families in need for Thanksgiving. Local Mission has purchased 150 turkeys for this. On December 17th, they need help with toy distribution from 8:30 am - 12 noon and 1-4 pm. Please consider donating your time at The Salvation Army, 9451 S Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170.



If you would like more information please contact Cathy McKinstry at kdmcmc@yahoo.com or 734-751-8707.

THRIFT SHOP

Many hands make light work. We are in need of volunteers a couple of hours a week or a month. If you are interested, please contact Linda Luke at Lindaluke2018@gmail.com or 734-812-4516.

The Thrift Shop will be closed Wednesday night, November 26, and Thursday, November 27 in honor of Thanksgiving day. We will be open on Saturday, November 29, as usual from 10 am to 3 pm.

And in December we will be closed Wednesday night, December 24 and Wednesday night December 31, so our last Wednesday night will be Wednesday night December 17, 2025. We will reopen on Wednesday nights in March 2026. We will also be closed Christmas Day, December 25 and New Year's Day January 1, 2026. We will be open Saturday, December 27 and Saturday, January 3, 2026.

We wish everyone blessed holidays.



Come share your Thanksgiving Day with us!

November 27, 2025 11:30am until 3:00 pm

43rd Annual

Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the Community

Westminster Presbyterian

Church of Detroit

17567 Hubbell @ W. Outer Drive

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NIMC Newsletter

November/December



Marion Medical Mission Update

MMM's first team has installed over 1,800 wells in three weeks before heading home on October 12th. The second team arrived the same day and began installing wells for the next three weeks in Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, and Mozambique. Work has been proceeding well, despite continuing fuel shortages. Total goal for the year is 4,100 new well installations. We were very excited to follow Pat Murphy's bike ride and fundraiser and thank God for the more than 50 wells his project has funded. We also were visited by TV reporter Jeremy Hubbard from Denver for the first week of team one. Jeremy produced some wonderful videos of well installations in central Malawi which tell the human stories of MMM's ministry. You can watch for yourself by clicking on the link below. Please pray for the entire MMM mission as so many rural villages still struggle day by day without safe drinking water. They ask us at almost every well: "Please come back next year and help our neighbors!"

Riding with Faith and Gratitude



From September 10th to October 7th, I completed a lifelong dream: riding my bike 2,935 miles across the US from San Diego, CA, to Tybee Island, GA. Averaging almost 105 miles a day for 28 days was a challenge, and a lot had to go right each day for the ride to be successful. I never felt alone, though, thanks to the prayers and encouragement of our church family.

I am deeply grateful for your support. Every mile felt lighter knowing you were lifting me up in spirit and helping raise funds for Marion Medical Mission. At the time of this writing, the donations raised are enough to fund Field Officer Wilfred Kamanga's salary for 1 year and 56 wells, each of which will provide clean, safe water for over 100 people for years to come—a tangible difference in people's lives!

Above all, I thank God for giving me the strength, safety, and perseverance to complete this journey. You can read more about the ride and follow my reflections on my blog at patrickpedals.com. This ride reminded me that with faith, preparation, and community, even the biggest challenges can be met.

Blessings, Patrick Murphy

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2025 STATED SESSION MEETING

Minister's Comments:

The Children's Minister position which was changed from half time to full time has had a positive effect in 3 areas:

Community: Increased attendance in VBS and kids connection.

Creativity: More time is available to review and Improve events and add new initiatives. The Trunk or Treat event is a good example and 50 children came to the event last year.

Collaboration: Working with Session committees CE, NIMC and Local Mission.

Building and Grounds: The handicap ramp from the parking lot to the Narthex is completed and was designed by a former FPCP Youth group member Noah Posthuma. Noah found a way to get the ramp into limited space.

Finance/Endowment: Our revenue is going well and on track with budget. The Thrift shop is again doing very well and it funds NIMC, Local Mission and CE.

Local Mission: Thanks to all for pulling off the Kids Coalition with generous donations coming in a short time. Plans are being made to do this activity again in 2027 and possibly share with other churches.

Member Connect: New Member Exploration classes are planned in November

National/International Mission: Donations are being collected for school supplies in Malawi.

Jim Drake (Founder of the Colina Mexico home for orphans) had a warm welcome for his visit to FPCP. Collections for Christmas in Colina are going well.

Stewardship: The post card went out to the congregation, detailing our FPCP activities and asking for 2026 pledges to allow budgeting of future plans.

Worship: Large print Bibles and song sheets are in place for Services.

Worship made 2 Motions:

MOTION: The worship committee requests approval for the baptism of Matilda Louise Taylor McHugh, daughter of Timothy Richard McHugh (5640) and Madeline Jean McHugh, on November 9th, 2025, officiated by Rev. Emily Campbell.
The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: The worship committee requests approval for the wedding of Emily Tyrell (sister of Patrick Tyrell) in the sanctuary on August 15, 2026.
The motion passed unanimously.



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Gracious and Generous God, we give you thanks for all that you have first done for us—for your steadfast love that claims us, your mercy that renews us, and your Spirit that moves among us with life and purpose. You call us by name, inviting us to join in the work of your kingdom—to serve, to share, to love as we have been loved. When you ask, “Whom shall I send?” may our hearts answer again and again, “Here I am, Lord. Send me.”

We thank you for the many gifts and callings you have placed within this congregation, and for the joy of seeing them celebrated at our Share Fair. For every ministry represented, every story shared, and every new spark of inspiration—we give you thanks. We are especially grateful for all who made this event possible—for the volunteers who planned, prepared, decorated, and welcomed—their energy, creativity, and faithfulness reflect your own generous heart. May the connections formed and commitments made bear fruit in the days to come, that all we do might bring glory to your name and life to your world. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.