



JUNE/JULY 2026
Newsletter

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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

As we turn the page to summer, many of us do so with a sense of anticipation. The schedules that have kept us moving from one activity to the next begin to loosen. School years conclude, vacations are planned, and longer days invite us outdoors. Yet even as summer arrives, many of us carry with us the weariness of a busy and demanding year.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "There is more to life than merely increasing its speed." His words remind us that life is not measured by how much we accomplish or how quickly we move, but by our ability to pause and appreciate the gifts God places before us each day. Summer offers us a sacred opportunity to do just that.

Jesus understood our need for rest and renewal. He extends a beautiful invitation to each of us: "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29). These words are not simply an invitation to take a break; they are an invitation to draw near to God and discover the deep peace that only Christ can provide.

This summer, I encourage you to rest in the beauty of God's creation. Take time to enjoy the garden (and not just work in it). Walk along a trail, watch the sunset, listen to the song of the birds as they call forth a new day. Let the wind lift your own prayers to God. In those moments of peace, you may discover that God has been speaking all along, patiently waiting for us to slow down enough to listen.

I also invite you to join us for worship throughout the summer months. Worship helps us re-center our lives and fix our focus on God's goodness over the grievances of our world. Through prayer, worship, fellowship, and service, we are reminded that none of us walk this journey alone. We belong to Christ, and we belong to one another.

May this summer be more for you than a season of recreation. May it become a season of restoration. May you find strength for your journey, renewal for your spirit, and joy in God's presence. And may you discover that true rest is found not simply in changing our pace, but in resting in the loving embrace of God.

Wishing you that deep peace which God alone can offer,

Emily

June/ July 2026 Worship Schedule

We have two services on offer every Sunday:
9:30 am Sanctuary Traditional Service; 11:15 am Garden Service (June -August)
The summer sermon series is *Walking with God: Finding Faith in Everyday Life*

June 7, 2026 **Communion Sunday**

9:30 am Sanctuary service with special music by Ellis and Delaney Stelma
11: 15 am Garden Service begins with music by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips
Rev. Campbell will be preaching on A Faithful Beginning

June 14, 2026 9:30 am Sanctuary Service with special music by The Joyful Ringers
11:15 am Garden Service with special music by Geff Phillips
Rev. Campbell will be preaching on Trusting the Guide

June 21, 2026 **Father's Day.**

9:30 am Sanctuary service with special music by Kim Swan
11:15 Garden Service with special music by Nate Zeulig
Rev. Campbell will be preaching The Gift of Rest

June 28, 2026 **Vacation Bible School Celebration**

9:30 am Sanctuary service with special music by Shannon Abernathy
*11:15 Upper Room Service with music by Johannes Stauffer
Patrick Tyrrell, our Director of Youth Ministry will be preaching

Sundays in July

July 5, 2026 **ONE SERVICE ONLY at 11: 15 am in the church garden. Communion Sunday**

Music by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips;
Rev. Campbell is preaching on Small Things, Great Growth

July 12, 2026 **Art in the Park Weekend. Family Mission Trip Commissioning**

9:30 am Sanctuary service with special music by Karen Danke (Cello solo)
11:15 Garden Service with music by Nate Veldhoff
Rev. Ashley is preaching on Neighbors Along the Way

July 19, 2026 9:30 am Sanctuary service with special music by Lisa Meyer
11:15 Garden Service with music by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips
Rev. Campbell is preaching on Bread for the Journey

July 26, 2026 9:30 am Sanctuary service with special music by Peggy McKinley and Kim Swan
11:15 Garden Service with music by Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips
Rev. Ashley is preaching Finding God in Unexpected Places

*The Garden service will be held indoors in the Upper Room due to tech needs for that day.



**11:15 a.m. Service Held in FPCP Garden
June 7 - August 23**



Volunteers Needed!

**Scan below to select
a date to help!**



**Chairs are limited - bringing your own is
encouraged (optional).**



**Do you like to sing in a Choir? Then we need YOU!
The Chancel Choir is looking for new members for
next Season! If interested, please contact Kim Swan,
Sanctuary Coordinator at fpcpmusic@fpcp.net.**



VBS 2026 Mission Project

This year the VBS mission project will be collecting items for Colina De Luz.

The items we are looking for are:

Boys "boxer brief" style underwear in all sizes from toddler to adult XL

Girls "hipster" style underwear in all sizes from toddler to adult XL

Adult "trainer / ankle socks" in all adult sizes

Starting June 1st there will be bins in the narthex if you would like to donate for our VBS mission project.

VBS Food and Supply Donation

There will be a VBS donation board in the narthex starting May 17th. Please take a slip of the item you would like to donate. Thank you for donating for VBS this year! If you have any questions please reach out to Laura Craig. lauracraig@fpcp.net or call 734.453.6464, ex 110

Please bring in Perishable items by June 21st. Please put in downstairs kitchen- Label VBS please.

- 10 bags of shredded lettuce**
- 10- 8 oz. bags of shredded cheddar cheese**
- 6 -16 oz. tubs sour cream**

Please bring in these items by June 14th (Please put in Narthex bin under VBS Donation board).

- 500 plastic cups**
- 300 napkins**
- 27.3 oz. box Goldfish colors**
- 10 cans diced tomatoes**
- 10 cans black beans**
- 6 jars Mild salsa**
- 2- 16 oz. bottles Italian dressing**
- 4- 16 oz. bottles ranch dressing**

Supply List- Please bring in by June 14th. Please put in Narthex VBS bin.

- 100 Toilet paper rolls**
- 20 glue sticks (Any Brand)**
- 20 bottles of glue (Any brand)**
- 5 boxes of Markers (Any brand)**
- 10 old white bed sheets (This will be painted on and used for decorations- Need by June 1st)**

Kid's Ministry Summer Events

Dairy King- July 19th- 12:30-1:30pm- We will meet over at Dairy King.

Splash Bash- August 2nd- 12:20-1:20pm- Outside on the lawn. If it rains the back up day will be August 9th.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women of Retirement Age Breakfast

Summer breakfasts will be on Tuesday, June 16th, Tuesday, July 21st and Tuesday, August 18th. Hope you can join us at Red Olive on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth for one or all. We meet at 8:30 a.m. for good food and good conversation.

Questions or comments, please contact Lisa Benages at Lisa.benages@gmail.com or Marge Silvis at mlynch516828@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you!



FPCP *Youth Ministry*

TO STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL OF FPCP
YOUTH MINISTRY'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND
EVENTS SIGN UP TO BE ON OUR EMAIL LIST.
SCAN QR CODE BELOW TO JOIN!

ANY QUESTIONS?
CONTACT PATRICK AT:
PATRICKTYRRELL@FPCP.NET
OR 734-453-6464 X120



Class of 2026



CALLISTA SAWICKI



After graduating from Livonia Stevenson high school, I will be furthering my education at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, with a major in applied exercise science. I am plan to pursue my doctorate degree in physical therapy with a special focus on the pediatric population.

I am proud to be graduating summa cum laude and maintaining a 4.4 gpa all throughout high school. Additionally, I am a member of the National Honor Society and hold a leadership position in SADD (students against destructive decisions). I am excited to see what the future holds and where the Lords journey leads me.



THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO ALL OF
THE MENTORS FOR THE
2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR



Bird Elementary School:

Denny Devine, Bev Girard, Jessie Hollingsworth, Susan Johnson, Lori Kuhn, Christine Reynolds, Karen Stemberger, Patrick Tyrrell,

Waiting for a match:

Frank Benages

At West Middle School:

Bryn Gerich

Prayer Partners: Teresa Bailey, Kris Black, Patti Devine, Sue Kage, Kathleen Meldrum, Sharon Smith, Jane Weaver, Tom Weaver

Your support helped a student feel loved and valued. Your time and prayers made a difference in a young life. Thank you for answering the call to reflect God's love.





YOUNG ADULTS

Happy Hour

A casual evening to connect, have faithful conversation, and enjoy small plates and drinks. Please feel free to bring a friend along, all are welcome!



JUNE 16th, 7:00PM



The Bernard's House

1050 Penniman Ave, Plymouth's

*parking available in the driveway off Church St, on Blunk St or in the parking lot at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth



Jessica Bernard, 248-207-7464

Presbyterian Women Coffee Project

You will have the opportunity to purchase Fair Trade coffee, tea & chocolate on JUNE 7th between and after services in the Narthex.

PLEASE NOTE FOR JULY AND AUGUST, WE WILL NOT BE SELLING INDOORS. IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A PURCHASE PLEASE CONTACT AILSA BLUNK AT LEMONBLUNK@GMAIL OR MARGE SILVIS AT MLYNCH516828@GMAIL.COM. WE WILL ASSEMBLE THE ORDER AND GET IT TO YOU ON A SUNDAY AT CHURCH.

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

Presbyterian Women Lunch and a Book

Please join our "Lunch and a Book" group the first Wednesday of each month for a casual and relaxing hour of book discussions.

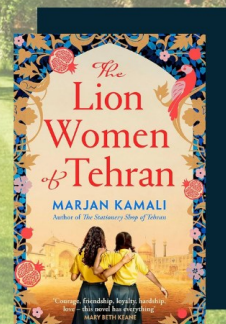
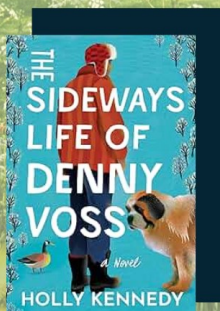
Bring a lunch and your book.

Questions? Contact Audrey Williams awilliam1@msn.com

"The Sideways Life of Denny Voss"

by Holly Kennedy

July 1, 2026



"The Lion Women of Tehran"

by Marjan Kamali

August 5



COME & JOIN US FOR PRAYER WALK & GARDEN TOUR

PRESENTED BY YOUR
PARTNERS IN EARTH CARE

By the time you read this, the Partners in Earth Care team will have completed their Prayer Walk & Garden Tour brochure which will be available in the Narthex and in a box in the garden island as you enter the parking lot

WE HAVE UPDATED THIS BROCHURE TO INCLUDE A CREATION SCRIPTURE TO REFLECT ON AS YOU WALK THE DIFFERENT GARDEN STATIONS THROUGHOUT OUR CHURCH GROUNDS. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO EMBRACE THE QUIETNESS AND STILLNESS OF NATURE AND APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT GOD HAS CREATED.

The owners of each of these beds have also provided a short narrative on what is growing in their garden.

In addition, for Earth Day Sunday our team distributed Native Plant bookmarks to the congregation. Photos and names have been “planted” in garden beds around the church showing these plants in their native environment.

Additional bookmarks are available in the hanging box outside the back church doors.

Look for these plants “in person” as they bloom throughout the summer in the church gardens.



With school out for the summer, Local Mission is organizing a cereal drive to help fill the pantries at Northville Civic Concern, Hope Clinic, and Salvation Army.

JUNE 7-12

New, unopened boxes may be dropped off in the "Chimney Box" in the lower Narthex

JUNE 13

Pull up to the parking lot doors from 10 am-12 noon - you don't even need to get out of your car!



HOPE CLINIC



Northville Civic Concern

11th Annual FPCP Backpack/School Supply Drive

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth is collecting school supplies for Second Mile Center and for children living in foster care. Our goal this year is 600 backpacks.



When: Saturday, July 18 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 19 from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m.

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

701 Church St. Plymouth.



What: Please bring supplies presorted (spiral notebooks in one bag, markers in one bag etc.) to make packing easier.

Volunteers needed. Families are welcome to help.

Contact: Peggy Fisher- Kmiecik at 734-953-1044 or 313 550 8116 or peggyfkmiecik@gmail.com for info

or to help volunteer to sort and pack that day.

Brand New This Year

For easy shopping get your items delivered here to the church by ordering off of our Amazon Wish List. Use the QR code to the right.

If you would like to buy your own items to build a backpack of your own, the needs of each age group are listed below:



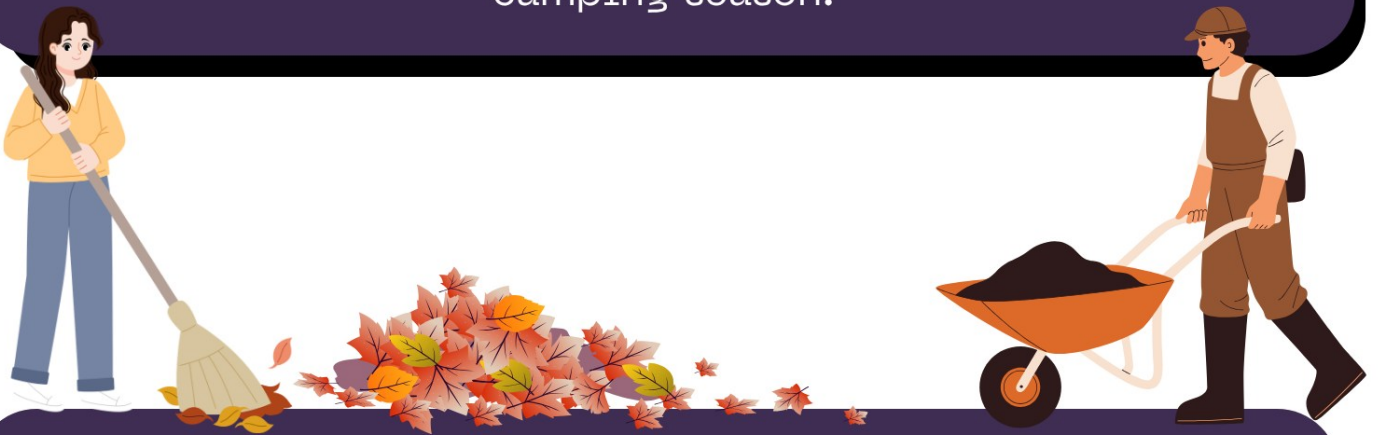
K through 2nd grade	3rd through 5th grade	6th through 8th grade	9th through 12th grade	Wayne State Students
• Five #2 pencils • Pencil sharpener • Two glue sticks • Package of wide markers • Hand sanitizer • Pink eraser • Zippered pencil pouch • Two pocket folders • One primary composition notebook • Fisker scissors • Twenty four box of crayola crayons • One spiral wide ruled notebook • Headphones	• Six #2 pencils • Pencil sharpener • Two glue sticks • Package of thin markers • Hand sanitizer • Pink eraser • Zippered pencil pouch • Four pocket folders • One primary composition notebook • Fisker scissors • Crayola colored pencils • Two spiral college ruled notebook • Earbuds • Four black pens • Two red pens • Two highlighters	• Ten #2 pencils • Pencil sharpener • Two glue sticks • Package of thin markers • Hand sanitizer • Pink eraser • Zippered pencil pouch • Four pocket folders • Crayola colored pencils • Four spiral college ruled notebook • Four black pens • Two red pens • Two highlighters	• One glue sticks • Package of thin markers • Hand sanitizer • Pink eraser • Zippered pencil pouch • Four pocket folders • Crayola colored pencils • Four spiral college ruled notebook • Sticky notes • Scientific Calculator • Five mechanical pencils/refills • Four black pens • Two red pens • Two highlighters	• Package of thin markers • Hand sanitizer • Pink eraser • Zippered pencil pouch • \$25 gift card to Meijer, Target, Barnes & Noble, or Amazon • Four spiral college ruled notebook • Sticky notes • Five mechanical pencils/refills • Four black pens • Two red pens • Two highlighters



Youth Haven



On Saturday, May 16, FPCP Youth Leaders participated in the "Youth Haven Clean Up Day," helping prepare the Lions Den—our church-sponsored cabin—for the upcoming summer camping season.



Their hard work cleaning and getting the cabin ready will help create a welcoming place for campers to grow, connect, and experience God's love this summer. We are deeply grateful for their time, energy, and servant hearts!

LOCAL MISSION NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- June 29: Serve dinner at Hope Clinic
- July 9: Serve lunch at Crossroads
- July 18-19: Backpack drive for Faith Community Coalition
- July 27-31: Second Mile Center Makeover
- August 31: Serve dinner at Hope Clinic
- September 19: Second Mile Center Golf Outing
- November 30: Serve dinner at Hope Clinic

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH OUT WITH HEARTS AND HANDS TO THOSE IN NEED RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

CROSSROADS

FPCP will participate in the Crossroads summer lunch program for students again this year on Thursday, July 9th. We need to arrive by 10 am and will be finished and ready to leave by 2 pm. Crossroads will provide the menu and food. Between 6 to 10 volunteers are needed to prepare and serve this meal, as well as handle the cleanup. Please sign up using the sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Hodge at chodge@comcast.net or (313) 938-1124.



HOPE CLINIC

Hope Clinic provides food and other basic needs, in addition to medical, dental, and behavioral assistance to those in need, at no cost. They welcome volunteers in any of these areas to provide care.

Additionally, they serve hot meals six nights a week and offer sack lunches.

Currently, our Local Mission Committee serves a hot meal on the fifth Monday of each month for approximately 125 Hope Clinic clients. Volunteers are needed for our remaining 2026 dates: June 29, August 31, and November 30. The hours are 3-6:30 pm. If you are interested in serving, or would like more information, please contact Valerie McKinley at (734) 812-4653 or valerie@jvmckinley.com.

LOCAL MISSION NEWSLETTER

SECOND MILE CENTER NEEDS A MAKEOVER

A group of approximately five adults and 20-25 students from Maine High School in Park Ridge, Illinois will be making their way to the Detroit area the last week in July. The group will stay at Lakeshore Presbyterian Church in St. Clair Shores and will work on various projects at the Second Mile Center.

Potential projects (weather dependent) include:

- Scraping, power washing, caulking, and painting the entire exterior of the center
- Scraping, repairing, painting and applying slip resistant material to the handicap ramp near the parking lot entrance.
- Cleaning and repairing gutters and downspouts
- Grading and adding fill near the building in the playground area to help eliminate water ingress to the building
- Prepping, painting and replacing some fixtures in the two main bathrooms on the first floor
- Repair and painting of the parking lot entrance door/frame
- Replacing the suspended ceiling (grid and panels) in the men's bathroom on the basement level
- Window repair in the basement bathrooms
- Prepping and painting in the sanctuary which will likely require rental of scaffolding
- Oiling of pews and panels in the sanctuary
- Revamping of the main office – shelving, storage, painting, clean-up

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will have opportunities to participate by:

- Contributing funds (if approved by session)
- Supervising student teams
- Providing lunch for the work crew(s) for one of the days during the work week

Watch the Friday e-mail newsletters for more information to come!

LOCAL MISSION COMMITTEE

Are you interested in joining a "worth your time and gratifying" committee? If so, please consider Local Mission. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month on Zoom from 5:15-6:45 pm and occasionally in-person if there is a service project. There are several volunteer opportunities if you would like to get involved.

We will pause our meetings from the summer, and restart on September 1, 2026. If you would like more information, please contact Dana Stonerook at dstonerook@aol.com or (248) 802-3622.



FPCP FITNESS IN CHRIST

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.
3 John 1:2



it's a pickleball wrap!

We had a great pickleball season playing on Saturdays from Nov - May and celebrated our season and the new friendships made with an end-of-season party. To top it all off, we raised \$140 for Marion Medical Mission shallow well ministry!

We are breaking for the summer and will return in October. We hope to see more new faces in the fall!



2026 PER CAPITA

Our Goal: **\$41.00**
PER MEMBER

In the PC(USA), we are a connectional church. Your Per Capita gift supports the shared work of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, funding vital ministries like pastor search, ordination and theological guidance. It's the "ecclesiastical glue" that holds us together.

YOUR IMPACT



Empowers our pastors & leaders



Funds mission & outreach



Frees up our local budget



WHY THE INCREASE?

The Presbytery of Detroit is addressing a "catch-up" year for essential support costs with fewer members sharing the costs across our region

HOW TO GIVE: Find Per Capita info under "GIVE" at FPCP.NET, call our Business Office at (734) 453-6464, or use the Per Capita envelopes located in your pew.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 18, 2026, SESSION MEETING

Clerk Marulis presented the following items for information and vote: The Nominating Committee has gotten Acceptances for 5 Deacons and 4 Elders. We need 1 more Deacon and 3 more Elders. Letters are out and new letters will be sent this week.

Minister's Comments: Reverend Campbell reported that a recognition event for Thrift Shop workers is scheduled for May 19, 2026. Many of these workers are not members of FPCP.

Building and Grounds: Elevator maintenance quotes have been under \$200 per month which is a great savings over the current contract, \$470 per month.

Finance/Endowment: Elder DeLoy reported that the scholarship amount has been increased by 10% and the process to review candidates is being updated.

Human Resources:

We have a new procedure, all outside doors except the Narthex entrance from the parking lot are being locked (from outside entry) after Service begins. Signs will be placed on the outside of the doors to ask people to come around to the parking lot entrance.

National/International Mission: A Mexican Fiesta event and fundraiser for the upcoming Colina trip is being held on May 31, from 5:00 – 7:00.

Stewardship: Elder Marentette thanked people for their input and encouraged more information for the planned communication to the congregation of how their contributions benefit the congregation, local community and local and international missions.

Worship: B&G has installed crosses in the Columbarium.
Volunteers are needed for the outdoor services this summer.



THANK YOU

On May 19th, the Local Mission and National/International Mission Committees collaborated to celebrate our Thrift Shop Volunteers. We celebrated with over seventy of our volunteers with a dinner and recognition of all of them, even the twenty-plus who could not join us. New friends were made and much fun was had by all! Again, we extend a big THANK YOU to all of our Thrift Shop volunteers for their service.

Christmas in July! For the whole month of July, everything in the Christmas area of the shop is 50% off. Check out "The Thrift Shop On Main" on Facebook for other specials, and share the page with your friends.