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## The Good News Continues

Throughout the season of Lent, we heard about Good News from several people in our church in the Good News Café interviews conducted by David Crouse. People shared about how God was with them in various situations in their lives including medical emergencies, worries about children and grandchildren, and the joy of pregnancies. Many members expressed how much they appreciated hearing of other people's life and faith.

This practice of sharing our testimonies has always been a part Christian life. Think about how often Paul shares stories from his life in the epistles! Hearing others share about what God is doing in their lives helps us to get to know one another, builds us up in our faith, and encourages us to reflect on God's faithfulness in our own lives.



Sometimes sharing our testimony can be about big or miraculous things God has done. Other times, it's about God showing up in the ordinariness of our lives. Both are significant. Again, I think about how often Paul shares about ordinary things in his life towards the end of his letters and how encouraging it is to be reminded that God is faithful even if I haven't had a Damascus Road experience and that God cares about the little things too.

As we head into the rest of 2022, we would like to continue sharing about the Good News in the lives of our congregation. This won't be something we do every week as we did in Lent, but once or month or so depending on how many people feel called to share about a time they were waiting for good news, what the news was, and how it impacted their life and their relationship with God.

We would love to hear from you! If you have a story to share, I would invite you to contact me ([pastorkip@fpchs.org](mailto:pastorkip@fpchs.org)) or David Crouse ([david@crouseentertainment.com](mailto:david@crouseentertainment.com)). I think you'll be surprised at how God can use you in the Good News Café.



## Upcoming Sermons:

April 24	John 20:19-31	"Time to Process"
May 1	Acts 9:1-20	"Still Processing"
May 8	Acts 9:36-43	"Mothering Love"
May 15		Guest Preacher (Ed Blews)
May 22		Guest Preacher
May 29	Ephesians 1:15-23	"Turn the Page" (Ascension Sunday)
June 5	John 14:8-17	"In the Spirit" (Pentecost)

## Art & Music Ministry **Monica Pavel Kissinger, Director**

Summer is right around the corner, and we better make the most of it because before you know it, it's Christmas again! I'm planning to put together the Summer Choir Camp for Children this summer. We took a 2-year break due to the pandemic, but I think it's time to bring back the summer activities. I am planning to have the camp on June 21-23, from 1-3pm. The program will include singing, learning about basic music theory, a brief introduction to music history and listening to the classics, ringing bells, and playing musical games. In the past, the children sang for the Sunday service as their final performance which worked out well. This year the children will sing for the service on June 26.



I will start promoting the program very soon. I would like to ask for your help to spread the word around and let any kids in your family or friends know about it.

It seems that other artistic activities are picking up again for the summer. Kathy McCreight and Kris Hall will be participating in Week of Bells which will take place on August 15-18.

The Bayview Music Festival is bringing back all its programs and concerts, including the Friday Vespers.

GLCO is holding many events over the summer months as well. You can find out more information about their events on their posters or on their website.

Along with the community musical entertainment, we will also enjoy a variety of musicians and their musical offerings in our worship services.

I would like to invite anyone that has sung in a choir and misses singing to join our choir. We are very grateful to have many of our singers back after the pandemic, and many did not come back. We are a friendly group and are welcoming new members! We especially need a tenor section ;) Please contact me if you are thinking of joining choir or if you have any questions.

Gratefully  
Monica Pavel-Kissinger

# Your Voice Counts

What are the traits of a healthy church? This is a question with no shortage of answers and opinions.

Proverbs 15 states that wise people including church leaders seek guidance. No matter what we ultimately discern to be the right direction, one thing is clear. All voices and people need to be heard!

As First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs seeks to improve the health and effectiveness of its ministries, the session has chosen to partner with The Center Consulting Group, a premiere non-profit firm serving faith-based organizations to develop a completely anonymous church-wide survey.

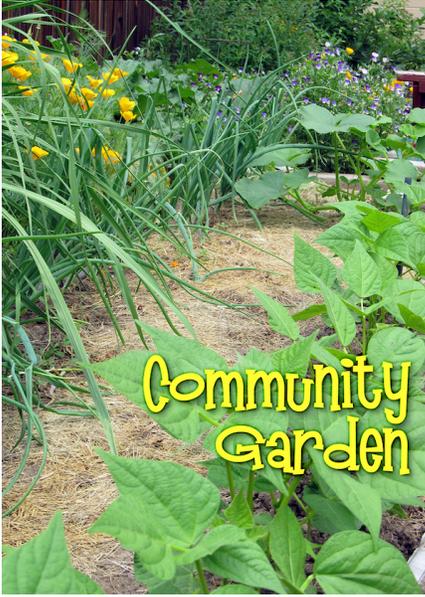
In order to listen, learn, and understand the heart of the people and the will of God, we need everyone's input regardless of membership status, and whether you worship with us regularly, occasionally, or even not at all.

The survey will be sent out via email on May 2 and will be available online until May 16. Please be on the lookout for this email, click on the link, and respond with honest and thoughtful responses as to the status of our church's spiritual health and the direction we might head in the future to best serve our congregation and community at large.

These responses will go back to The Center and will not be tallied by anyone other than them. The results of the report they prepare will be presented to us in person on the weekend of June 24-26.

This is an exciting time of discernment for FPCHS. Throughout this process, please feel free to contact the church's leadership with any questions you might have. Also, please pray for FPCHS and The Center as God guides us in the assessment of the church's spiritual health and ministry direction.





## It's Gardening Time

Sign up for a garden bed in the FPCHS Community Garden. The beds are located next to the FPCHS parking lot with fencing and soil ready to be tended. Beds come in three sizes 6'x8', 5'x12' and 5'x14' and will cost \$25 each.

If interested, simply click on this link to send Linda O'Dell [linda@fpchs.org](mailto:linda@fpchs.org) a note to let us know you are interested with your name, phone number and email. It will cost you nothing to get on this list.

We will first honor interest from our returning gardeners and then all others will be contacted on a first come first served basis to discuss which beds are still available, collect the fee and guarantee your reservation. The dirt is calling!

## Stephen Ministry

"I thank God every day for leading me to my Stephen Minister. When we began our caring relationship, I was slowly coming out of the numbness I felt after the shattering of my marriage. Her patience, her listening ear, and her willingness to serve have completely changed the trajectory of my life. Without a doubt, accepting care from my church's Stephen Ministry has been the best decision of my life. Everyone should be able to have a Stephen Minister when they need one- it's an amazing model of how the body of Christ can work. God is truly being glorified through their service everywhere!"



*~ Stephen Ministry Care Receiver*

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## May 2022 - FPCHS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Communion</b> -10:00 AM: Sunday School -10:00 AM: Worship -11:00 AM: Fellowship Hour -4:00 PM: GLCO Concert -6:00 PM: Cleaning	<b>SURVEY OUT</b> -9:00 AM: PEO Group	-8:00 AM: Men's Fellowship -9:30 AM: Women in the Word -4:30 PM: Deacons -7:00 PM: AA	-2:00 PM: Community Bible Study at Perry Farm -4:30 PM: Women's Chorus -5:30 PM: Kirk Ringers	-8:30 AM: Men's Bible Study -3:30 PM: Worship Team	-10:00 AM: Cleaning -12:00 PM: AI-Anon	-8:00 AM: AA
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