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Dear Members and Friends of FPCHS,

Earlier this year you had the opportunity to respond to the survey the church sent out as part of working with the Center Consulting Group. Then in late June Dave Winner, from the Center, met with Session, staff, and the congregation to look at some of the results. I and the rest of the Session want to thank you for engaging in this process.!

So, what are we doing with all this? Dave Winner has compiled the results of the Saturday brainstorming that took place during his visit to aid in developing a priority action plan. Session is working on filling in more detail on this plan to look at how we do outreach to our community, help members and others to be more connected with our church family, and how to better reach young families and new residents in our community, while continuing to care for those who are here. The result will be a three-year plan that takes in the results of the survey. With your help in working on this plan, we will make our church healthier and more vibrant so that more people will experience the love of Christ.

Although this is a three-year process, we have already begun to move forward on some parts. We have hired Reneé Morris who brings new ideas and excitement to working with children and youth, we have formed a team to study and make recommendations on ways to improve our Sunday morning services, and we are reconnecting with each other through hands-on projects like our recent Playground Pitstop that the Building and Grounds team organized to improve our outdoor play areas. After the worship service on September 28, you'll be able to see some of the ways you can be involved during a ministry fair in the Gathering Place and to sign up in areas that call to you.

This is an exciting time for us and for me. In addition to working with you and your session on the three-year plan, I look forward to growing in my leadership and pastoring skills and to seeing where God is leading us all in our deepening journey of following Jesus. We have so many wonderful people in this church and so much potential to serve God's kingdom and our community. Thank you for the ongoing opportunity to serve you as your pastor. I am excited to work together with all of you and with our Session and Deacons strive to make First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs a shining city on a hill.

God bless,

Your Session At Work

On Tuesday, July 19, Session held its Stated Meeting in the Gathering Place.

The following committee reports were heard:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Kathleen Serra introduced our new Christian Education Director, Reneé Morris.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Kenny Stewart reported on the Playground Pitstop, Sunday, August 14 from 1:30 to 3 when volunteers will spruce up the playground.

FELLOWSHIP: Kathleen Serra addressed the need for volunteers on Fellowship.

CLERK OF SESSION: Sue Blevins reported that she had met with Session Clerks from the East Jordan, Boyne City and Petoskey Presbyterian Churches to complete the annual records review.

The Your Voice Counts Survey was discussed and the following actions were taken:

- 1.) A subcommittee was formed to include the current Worship Committee and Elders David Crouse and Fran Borchers to study the Sunday worship service for possible revision.
- 2.) It was agreed upon that Session Members provide more Minutes for Mission to let the congregation know who they are and what their committees are doing.
- 3.) In order to inform the congregation of what the Session is doing, the Clerk of Session will write a summary of the Session Minutes to be included in the newsletter each month.
- 4.) It was decided that 30 to 45 minutes of each future Session meeting will be spent at work on our Priority Based Action Plan.
- 5.) Noted that David Winner from The Center Consulting Group will meet with the Session via Zoom at our next meeting on August 16.

Sue Blevins, Clerk of Session



Living the Legacy ~ Stewardship 2022

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4

When Teresa and I were looking for a “home church” after moving permanently to Northern Michigan in 2002 several of the primary reasons we joined First Presbyterian Church in 2002 was the welcoming feel we felt the moment we stepped into the church, plus the music, and of course the sermons.

One of the very first persons to greet us on that warm and sunny September day were Jim and Fran Kochensparger. Their warmth and hospitality were a welcome relief from other churches we had been sampling since arriving that summer. From that very first day Teresa and I, along with our children Bill and Alexandra, have felt at home here. The friendships formed here rival any church we’ve ever attended.

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Through the years a number of our church friends have gone on before us and will be waiting when we cross the river into eternal morning. I think of seeing Larry and Nancy Beck riding a mower in front of the church mowing the entire property as they did for years, or Randy Hagerman transporting members to church who could no longer drive just so they could be with their church family. They not only gave of their resources but also their time and talent. These are just two examples but there are countless others who have made this church welcoming and important in our lives.



This September we are honoring our members with *Living the Legacy*. This is also the 2023 stewardship campaign. This theme is designed to not only celebrate the legacy of past members, but to inspire us to embrace that legacy as a gateway to the future.

You'll hear several talks on Living the Legacy as well as a sermon from Pastor Kip. Material will be mailed to you in early September asking you to prayerfully consider your support for our church in the coming year. On September 25 we will celebrate *Living the Legacy* with cake and refreshments after the service. We will also celebrate with a Mission Fair that morning. There will be booths and tables set up highlighting the various small group and missional outreach opportunities available to all members.

We are all in this together supporting this church and our community.

God speed,

David Crouse, Stewardship Team

Children, Youth & Family **Reneé Morris, CE Director**

Kids Club is kicking off September 21!! Every Wednesday we will be providing a weekly craft, snack and games for our children in the community. Ages K-5th are welcomed!!! We also need VOLUNTEERS!! If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please contact Renee' at 231-526-7332 ext204 or email renee@fpchs.org.



Mission Team Volunteer Opportunities:

- Sept 10th Habitat for Humanity 9am-2pm, contact Miranda@northwestmihabitat.org 231-348-6926 or 231-420-1178
- Sept 18th the Fiesta picnic at Genesis, signup to help serve, bring dessert, or help fund the catered meal. Contact person Karen, ksbgolfr1@gmail.com
- Sept 21 Hillside social hour 1pm Tea, cookies and sing-a-long.
- Nehemiah House, homeless shelter, needs both men and women volunteers. Shifts are 5-9pm or 9pm to 8am. Call: 231.347.0363.

Deacon News



On August 7, during service Sharon Van Buren, Marinda Miller, and Roy Tipton were ordained. Sharon and Marinda were installed as Deacons, and Roy was installed as an Elder on our Session. We are so grateful for their call to service and look forward to having them share their faith with all of us.

Hopefully, most of you are aware of the **Shepherds program** that the deacons offer. Each deacon has a group of families that they connect with periodically to build supportive relationships. We are currently updating each deacons list of families to insure that all individuals, in our church directory, will have a deacon with whom they are connected. It would be most helpful, if you believe that you don't have a deacon at this time, that you please connect with **Sue Stackhouse (517-937-2287)**. As we build relationships with each other, we have support, compassion and understanding in place when life deals inevitable challenges. In serving our Lord, Deacons may help with finding rides, meals, cards, cleaning, visits and prayers that confidentially support each other in times of need.



Lastly, your deacons are praying each day for our Elders, Pastor Kip, Monica, and Renee as they process and implement programs and strategies for the church today and into the future. May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide them! And may the Holy Spirit lead each of us do what we can, to kindly the support their efforts .

Caregiver & Grief Support Group Returns to Meeting at FPCHS

We are a support group for these life changing experiences that include death. If you find yourself in this setting as both a care giver and trying to find that new normal after death has occurred, you are invited to meet with us for this supportive time. We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the Nursery at FPCHS. **The Next meeting is Sept. 13 at 5:30pm.** Please join us.

Wonderful Support at Walk for the Poor!

We were blessed with a beautiful day and an increase of church representation from previous years!



Playground Pitstop Completed!

Thank you all for offering your time and talents to the Playground Pitstop on Sunday. There were thirteen of us (counting the person that missed the photo and the other who took the picture). I gotta say, it was an awesome success. We got everything done that was planned, we finished on time and it looks great! What a difference. It was a great day, thank you all so much.

Peace,

Kenny Stewart, Building and Grounds Team Chair



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20th Annual C.S. Lewis Festival

For more information on church and community reading groups please visit
cslewisfestival.org

20th Annual C.S. Lewis Festival ~ Calendar of Events

Film Night

Thursday, September 15, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The Most Reluctant Convent

C.S. Lewis' journey from hard-boiled atheist to 'the most reluctant convert in all England'. Max McLean's performance brings Lewis' story of grief, loss and redemption to life on screen.
Harbor Springs Lyric Theatre
275 E. Main St, Harbor Springs
Free Will Donation

Book Signing

Friday, September 16, 2022
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Book Signing - Ann Voskamp



Come meet Ann Voskamp, author of 4 NYTimes best sellers and get your signed copies of her titles.
McLean & Eakin Booksellers
307 E. Lake Street
Petoskey

Manthei Speaker Series

Friday, September 16, 2022
6:00 p.m.

An Evening with Ann Voskamp

Author, Speaker, and Blogger
VIP Reception with Ann Voskamp.
Strolling hors d'oeuvres and cash bar 6:00 p.m. in community room. \$50 per person (includes a copy of her newest bestseller, *WayMaker: Finding the way to the life you've always dreamed of*)
Purchase tickets at cslewisfestival.org
Great Lakes Center for the Arts
800 Bay Harbor Drive
Bay Harbor
Sponsors include: Manthei Group, Gayle Harlow and Kern, Mary Ellen Stroh, and Lois and Greg Presley

Friday, September 16, 2022
7:30 p.m.

Ann Voskamp - Keynote Address

How does Lewis speak to the heart and mind and faith of a 21st century woman?

Sarah Arthur, Festival co-founder will interview Ann as part of the evening. Free and open to the public.
Tickets are required and are available at cslewisfestival.org.
Great Lakes Center for the Arts
800 Bay Harbor Drive
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Saturday Seminar

Saturday, September 17, 2022
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Women and C.S. Lewis

FEATURING:

Ann Voskamp, Author, Speaker, and Blogger
Carolyn Curtis: Author and Lecturer
Sarah Arthur: Author and Festival Co-Founder

SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

8:30 a.m.

Registration and Welcome

9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

SESSION ONE: Ann Voskamp

Reflections and Women and C.S. Lewis

10:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

SESSION TWO: Carolyn Curtis

Women and C.S. Lewis: What his life and literature reveal for today's culture

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

SESSION THREE: Sarah Arthur

Not Today, Jack: How to argue lovingly with your favorite (dead) author

1:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Break

1:45 to 2:45 p.m.

Session FOUR: ROUND TABLE

Moderator Sarah Arthur. Scholars will reflect on today's topic and also take questions from seminar participants.

2:45 to 3:00 p.m.

Wrap up and announcements about C.S. Lewis Festival 2023

Great Lakes Center for The Arts, Community Room
800 Bay Harbor Drive
Bay Harbor

\$60 full day ~ \$30 half day ~ \$20 student rate

Register at cslewisfestival.org

Saturday Seminar Underwriters: Pete and Carrie Mogavero

Book Discussions

September 27 - October 25, 2022
Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

with coffee and dessert to follow

One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are by Ann Voskamp, festival keynote speaker

Pastor Sherry McGuffin will lead the discussion.
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
1450 E. Mitchell
Petoskey
crossofchristpetoskey.com



Sermon Series

Sunday, September 18, 2022
10:00 a.m.

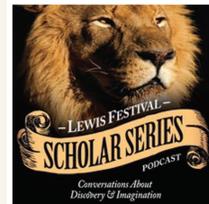
Sarah Arthur, Author, Lecturer

First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs
7940 Cemetery Road
Harbor Springs

Inklings Writing Contest

More information and how to submit your entry at the website.

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Our Mission: To provide an enriching cultural experience for all people that explores the life and work of C. S. Lewis through collaborations by the arts, education, and faith communities.

September 2022 - FPCHS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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: Communion -10:00 AM: Sunday School -10:00 AM: Worship -11:00 AM: Fellowship Hour -6:00 PM: Cleaning		-8:00 AM: Men's Fellowship -8:30 AM: Women's Study Group -10:00 AM: Bible Study Fellowship -11:00 AM: Personnel Meeting -4:30 PM: Deacons -7:00 PM: AA	-2:00 PM: Community Bible Study at Perry Farm -4:30 PM: Chancel Choir Rehearsal -6:15 PM: Kirk Ringers	-8:30 AM: Men's Bible Study	-12:00 PM: Al-Anon -12:00 PM: Building & Grounds Team -2:00 PM: Cleaning	-8:00 AM: AA
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