

# Happenings at FPCHS

## Sunday Worship

Join us this Sunday, May 14, at 10am Sunday service with Kip speaking on  
**“The Power of Love.”**

- To access our streamed service, go to our website [fpchs.org](http://fpchs.org) and click the "Live Stream" button on the very top. You can also find a copy of the bulletin on the website under the "This Sunday" button.
- 11:00 am Fellowship in Gathering Place

**Weekly Prayer: You can find the weekly prayer now on our website as well on the top menu bar.**

Dear Lord,

As we come into May, the month of mental health awareness, we pray over those who are battling anxiety, depression, and the many different mental health battles that allow the devil to steal from our lives and our loved ones. Lord, we pray that you give those battling, the strength to reach out to you on their weakest days and praise on their strongest days. Lord, we pray that you give them the courage to call out to you when they feel lost and alone and that you put the right people in their lives to also answer that call when they are feeling all hope is gone. Show them their true purpose God, that they are your beautiful creation and that they are loved beyond measure. Psalm 33 “We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.” May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. **Amen**

## Happy Mother’s Day

**We here at FPCHS would like to honor all mom’s and primary caregivers on this Mother’s Day.**

## **Acknowledge the wide continuum of mothering.**

To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you

To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you.

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – we need you

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you.

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children – we sit with you.

To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – we acknowledge your experience.

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst.

To those who have aborted children – we remember them and you on this day.

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.

To those who step-parent – we walk with you on these complex paths.

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you.

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you.

To those who placed children up for adoption — we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart.

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising –we anticipate with you.

This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you. ~ by [Amy Young](#)

## Water System Replacement on Cemetery Rd.

**UPDATE:** Perry Farms Karen Martin spoke to the city, and this will not be affecting our parking lot nor Perry Farms. This will actually be occurring up the hill closer to the cemetery.

Beginning around May 8 or 15 through July of 2023, West Traverse Township is working to improve the water system in our area. The work involves replacing water mains that run under Cemetery Road. During this time period access to First Presbyterian Church will be affected as well as water restrictions at the church that may occur. We will update you more on this as the time approaches.

## First Presbyterian Directory Update

Kenneth Stewart will be greeting members in the Gathering Place this Sunday after church to get updated address, phone, emails, and names to update our CDM+ and Directory. This will ensure that everyone is getting Newsletters, Blast and other important information provided by church emails.

## VBS SCHOOL and VBS VOLUNTEERS

Vacation Bible School begins June 20-23 from 9am-12pm. This year we are "On the Case" to solve the mystery Parable in the Bible. Each detective will experience song, games, arts, stories and loads of fun this VBS. Sign your little detective up today. Ages 4-12yrs of age welcomed. Contact Renee Morris for more info at [renee@fpchs.org](mailto:renee@fpchs.org).

We also need lead detectives to help our little detectives to be able to solve these mystery Parables. Sign up today for Group Leader, Music leader, Games leader, Art leader, Storytelling leader, snack leader so that we can give our local and surrounding community kids an amazing adventure this summer at VBS! Volunteers must pass our background check and training video and 18+ years of age.

## Mother's Day Walk



### Rescheduled Hike

Join us for a Hike among the Trilliums May 20th at 10:00am meet at church. Going to the Conservancy on Church Road. Signup sheet on Welcome table if interested wear appropriate clothing for weather and also tick repellant is advised. We will be carpooling. Rain date is May 21st at 2Pm.

**616-893-9107**

## Events Happening This Coming Week

### **Sun. May 14:**

- Worship Service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary and Streamed.
- Pastor Kip's sermon "The Power of love"
- Fellowship at 11:00am in the Gathering Place
- Grange 6pm

### **Mon. May 15:**

- Kids Zone Playgroup at 10:00am in the Lower Level.

### **Tue. May 16:**

- Men's Fellowship at 8:00am is now meeting in person in the Gathering Place at FPCHS. To get the more info please email [David@Crouseentertainment.com](mailto:David@Crouseentertainment.com). Scripture- Acts 17:22-31
- Women's Study Group at 9:00am in the Nursery.
- Caregiver and Grief support 5:30pm Lower Level
- Session at 6:00pm in the Gathering Place
- AA at 7:00pm in the lower level.

### **Wed. May 17:**

- Kids Club at 3:30 in the Lower Level
- Chancel Choir at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary.
- Mere Christianity Book Study at 5:00pm in the Gathering Place.
- Kirk Ringers at 6:15pm in the Music Room.

**Thu. May 18:**

- Men's Bible Study at 8:30am in the Gathering Place.
- Worship Team 3:00pm in the Gathering Place

**Fri. May 19:**

- Lunch Bunch 12pm at Peirsons in Harbor Springs
- Alanon at 12:00pm in the Lower Level.

**Sat. May 20:**

- AA 8:00 am in the Lower Level