

Happenings at FPCHS

Sunday Worship

- Join us this Sunday at Marina Park, June 18, at 10am for Sunday service with Kip speaking on “The Last Laugh.”

A Letter from Pastor Kip

Dear Friends and Members of First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs,

For the last eight years it has been my joy to serve here as pastor. I have been privileged to hear your stories, to walk with you through the dying of loved ones and the pain of loss, to rejoice with you at births and weddings, to laugh and cry with you, and I have striven to share God’s Word with you and to show how the love and grace of God in Jesus makes all the difference in our lives.

The last eight years have been deeply meaningful to me and Lee, but we have discerned that it is time for us to move into the next chapter in our lives. I have accepted a call to be the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Mason City, Iowa beginning late this summer. Lee and I have lived away from family for these eight years, and, in the last year, we have been blessed with two granddaughters. It has been challenging not being able to be with family and this call will place us much closer to our Iowa children. Mason City is about two hours from our son and his family in Pella, Iowa and about ninety minutes from our daughter in Des Moines. Mason City will also present an opportunity for different ministry as it is a small city while our first two calls were in small towns.

Leaving a congregation you have served for years is extremely difficult. It means leaving people you have grown to love and care for and a community in which you have built a life. For pastors it also carries a responsibility to separate yourself from the future life of the church. After we leave, we will maintain friendships, but I may not serve pastorally to

people in this congregation. This is necessary to allow the next person to step fully into their role as your pastor.

Your session will soon be selecting a Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee to walk with you through these changes and the Presbytery will be working closely with you along the way. I will continue to serve as your pastor until August 20th, which will be my last Sunday here.

I am confident in God's plans for your future and that he will continue to use First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs in growing disciples and serving the Kingdom. Please know that you will remain in my heart and prayers no matter where God takes us.

God bless,
Kip

Summer Office Hours

Starting June 12, we will have summer office hours for FPCHS.

Monday- 12:30pm- 3:30pm

Tuesday – 9:00am-3:30pm

Wednesday- 12:30pm-3:30pm

Thursday 9:00am-3:30pm

Friday & Saturday – Closed

Sunday- 8:30-12:00pm

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Please Check Pastor Kip and Music Director Monica Pavel doors for their hours as well. Thank you and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

VBS- June 20-23

VBS begins this week Tues June 20- Fri June 23 9am-12pm. VBS will be using the entire Church this week for groups, crafts, games, snacks, and bible stories. If you have a group that meets during this time, please contact Renee at the office so we can plan to move your time to later in the day or move your group to the Lower Level during that time. We are excited to already have 20 kids registered for VBS and a multitude of volunteers to help. Please pray for our volunteers to have the wisdom, the endurance, and the graciousness to guide these little ones for those four days of VBS.

VBS Sunday Picnic

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Annual Church Picnic on Vacation Bible School Sunday

Immediately following church June 25th in the Gathering Place.

Chicken, grilled hot dogs, veggie burgers, baked beans, potato salad, chips, cole slaw, watermelon, beverages, and dessert. Bring your family and friends and join us for lunch and the opportunity to visit with those you worship with.

A Session Sponsored Event

Fourth of July Parade

Our Sunday School/Kids Club kids will be in the Fourth of July in downtown Harbor Springs this year. We are looking for an individual who will be willing to drive us through the parade with their truck and trailer. Some of our kids are too small to walk the entire parade, so this would be really helpful if we could secure this for the safety and enjoyment of all kids. Please contact Renee if you can volunteer. Renee@fpchs.org

**Café Church- THERE WILL BE NO CAFÉ CHURCH
SUNDAY JUNE 18.**

Café Church will begin June 11, 2023, please join us at 8:00 am starting Sunday June 11 for coffee and bagels with an early morning sermon with Pastor Kip.

Crop Walk 2023

This year marks the 19th annual Little Traverse Crop Hunger Walk, and participants will once again raise money to help feed food-challenged families from Emmett Co. (through Manna Food Project which supports several local food pantries) and around the world. Little Traverse Crop Hunger Walk 2023 will kick off at 8:30 a.m., June 24 in front of Evelyn Hall on the Bay View Association Campus, with registration and opening ceremonies. The walk will begin at 9 a.m.

Please Join Us! Team "First Presbyterian Harbor Springs" is going to participate in the The Little Traverse CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, June 24th, at 9:00 am in Bay View. The proceeds from this walk help feed the hungry both throughout the world and in our community by aiding Manna, The Harbor Springs Food Pantry, and Brother Dan's Food Pantry. Join our church's team as a walker, rocker (cheering from a rocking chair on the porch by the start), or donor. This can be done by contacting Kevin LaPorte or Tracy Beckley. On Sunday there will be a poster at church where you can indicate interest as well. More info at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/petoskeymi>.

Families: Bring your little ones with you. It is a long walk but there is a fun park nearby that you and your littles can stop and take a fun break if need. Make it a fun family event in helping to ensure another family has plenty to eat.

Youth: Are strongly encouraged to join in the Crop Walk. What an amazing way to get a youth involved in helping their community. So, encourage your Youth to put on some air pods and walk to help end hunger. To have your youth join please contact Kevin or Tracy!

Picnic Drive

ITS PICNIC SEASON... and once again your mission committee is organizing a Picnic Drive to support the patrons who come to the Harbor Springs Community Pantry with all the food items needed for a family picnic. Would you like to provide a picnic for a family? If so, pick up a bag from the church, fill it with the items listed on the grocery bag and return it to the church on or before July 2nd. Your mission committee will bring the bags to the pantry for distribution on July 3rd. Our goal is to provide 50 families with picnic goodies!!

Events Happening This Coming Week

Sun. June 18:

- Worship Service at 10:00am at the Marina Park downtown Harbor Springs. Pastor Kip's sermon "The Last Laugh"

Mon. June 19:

- Kids Zone Playgroup at 10:00am.

Tue. June 20:

- VBS 9am-12pm
- Caregiver and Grief support 5:30 in Nursery
- Session 6:30pm in the Gathering Place
- AA at 7:00pm in the lower level.

Wed. June 21:

- VBS 9am-12pm
- Community Bible Study 2:00pm- Perry Farm

Thu. June 22:

- VBS 9am-12pm

Fri. 23:

- VBS 9am-12pm
- Alanon at 12:00pm in the Lower Level.

Sat. June 24:

- AA 8:00 am in the Lower Level
- Crop Walk 9:00am- Boyne City