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Liminal Space

Dear Friends,

Do you know that space between sleeping and waking? Or that twilight time between day and night? These are liminal spaces—times when you are at a transition between one thing and another. Liminal spaces are magical in many ways. You might have a glimpse of what is next, but just barely. They are full of as-yet-unfulfilled potential.

On the other hand, liminal spaces can be challenging. Liminal spaces are often disorienting. They can even be frightening because we aren't sure what's next and liminal spaces remind us that we are not in control. Liminal spaces are often fluid, and we can find ourselves having to be more adaptable than we might like.

First Presbyterian is in a liminal space now. As Lee and I prepare to head to Iowa, the church is in that transition between what has been and what will be. Like all liminal spaces, it can be a time of anxiety but also a time of expectation for what is coming next. It is a time in which one can be anxious or hopeful—or even at the same time.

I remember when I was little and was taking swimming lessons. I was being taught to float on my back and I remember being scared. But the instructor supported my head and my back and told me to just relax, and as I did so I found that I was floating even after the instructor took their hands away. It was the beginning of learning a wonderful new skill that opened up a lifetime of being able to play in the water.

Just as I had to trust my swim instructor and learn to relax in order to float, we have the chance to learn to trust God and relax into whatever comes next. We don't know the future and we don't control it. But we know the one who does both and it is my prayer that knowing and trusting God will enable everyone not only to not be anxious, but to even enjoy this time in anticipation of the wonderful things God has planned.

Love and God bless,

Kip

Summer Worship Schedule

Sharing TWO Worship Services:

Café Church
8:00 am
Sunday Service
10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour
11:00 a.m.

Dates of Interest:

Summer Kids Choir July 18

School Supply Drive July 10

Congregation Meeting July 23

Upcoming Events

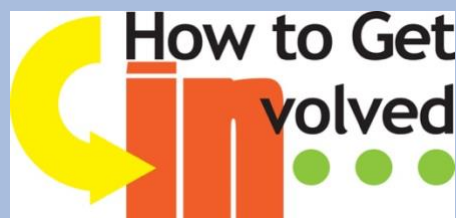
School Supply Drive

July 10-Aug 17. Please drop off supplies to office

Family Field Day

August 12 1pm-3pm

Bring your family and friends to our family field day. Games, Snacks and fellowship provided.



How Can You Serve FPC KIDS

If you're interested in getting involved with Kids Ministry here are some ways you can get involved.

Join our CYF Committee

Join the Children, Youth and Family Committee. Help in guiding the committee with new ideas, volunteering, and support of our elementary and youth.

Volunteering Sundays

Sundays are a great way to get to know our littlest members. We use a great curriculum ready to go, so you can provide a fun and engaging lesson with our kids here at FPCHS.

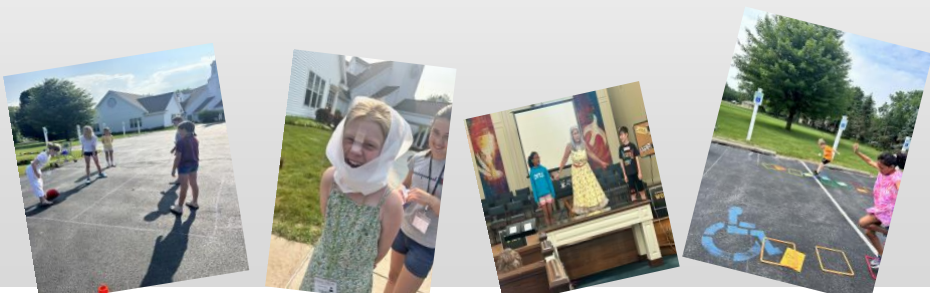
Invite your neighbors, kids, and grandkids this summer.

Invite your neighbors, kids, and grandkids to Sunday Service. Make God a priority for 1 hour a week for your most treasured possession, your kids. To often we make other obligations a priority over our time with God. Let's start setting a new trend with our younger generation of spending time with God on Sundays with family, friends, and neighbors.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

What an Amazing VBS we had this year. Our theme was On the Case and to help solve these Parable mysteries we had 24 registered kids with 20 kids at VBS daily. The kids with the help of our amazing Volunteers had fun singing, playing games, crafts, and snacks.

The kids learned of the Parables, The Sower, The Bags of Gold, The Good Samaritan, The Lost Coin, Sheep and Son. The favorite song from VBS was definitely "My God is SO Big" and favorite snack was provided by Martha Cook, the chocolate coins! Our special magical guess Jania Taylor was praised by the kids. We'll definitely have to have her back again to show us how magical Jesus can be in our lives.



4th of July Parade

This year our kids from Kids Club got to participate in the Harbor Springs 4th of July Parade. They had fun handing out goodies to overseers in the crowds. It was a scorcher that day so by time we made it to Johan's our little ones were tucked out and just wanted to enjoy the rest of the parade from the sidelines. They were able to get candy and goodies as well. It was so much fun watching them help promote our Kids Ministry and our Patriotic Day!



School Supply Drive

From July 10th- August 18th we will be having a school supply drive here at FPCHS. Please bring in as much school supplies as you can to help get kids in need a great start to their 2023-24 school year. Supplies will also be distributed to kids residing at the Nehemiah Housing. Look for the Supply list in the front of the Church and then bring supplies to the front office between M-Thurs 9am-3pm.

Thanks for your continued support!

Questions? Contact Renee Morris email@renee@fpchs.org 231.526.7332

MISSION News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Some of you were in church on Sunday, May 21st and heard about sponsoring orphans and widows at Echoes of Mercy School in Kenya. Several children were sponsored! There are still more children and widows that need to be sponsored. There are more profiles which will be on the welcoming table for the next few Sundays. Many of you may not want to sponsor a child or widow. I have a suggestion that you could send a check every quarter for the operation of the school.

Echoes of Mercy has made a huge difference in the community. There is much less drug, alcohol, and sexual abuse. Widows are so happy to have new roofs to replace the leaky one. They also have planted 20 new churches in their area of Kenya. When the children take their national tests they are the top scoring school in their region and one of the top scoring schools in the country. The children have big dreams of attending college. They will make a difference in their country!

If you want to donate to Fruit of the Vine, please send your checks to

Fruit of the Vine, PO Box 68, Charlevoix,
MI, 49720

Fruit of the Vine is a 501 c 3 organization. Please attach a sticky note to your check telling where you want to direct the money (school needs or widows) 100 % of the money you donate will be sent to Echoes of Mercy.

Thank you,
Your Mission Team
Carolyn Whittle, contact person.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to our congregation for providing over 60 picnic bags to our patrons on July 3rd at the Harbor Springs community food pantry. What a blessing it was to see the joy in our patrons' eyes as they received the picnic goodies you provided.

Thank you Allison Brainard, Emily Rich and Lisa Ervin for helping distribute bags to the patrons.

Mission committee.



OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT HNF



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As a supporter of our Student Sponsorship Program, I am happy to share with First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs some photos and stories from our student ambassadors for the 2022-23 academic year. These are students who rely on financial aid to attend FSIL, support which YOUR CONGREGATION helped make possible! (In all, 75 FSIL students received financial aid during the 2022-23 academic year.

The past couple of years, I have often been asked, "Is the situation in Haiti as bad as it sounds?" We are in touch with our Haitian partners weekly, and the past few years have brought unprecedented challenges from political turmoil, social unrest, and violence, plus all the secondary effects of such catastrophe. And yet, FSIL has just completed its 18th year of operation with a full campus of students. So many students, in fact, that we are helping the nursing school rent the adjacent guest house owned by the local hospital to use for additional student housing. FSIL remains a solid place of hope for many young people in Haiti. And the nursing school will soon start preparing for another academic year. We are not deterred in our mission.

There are so many reasons one can find not to give to Haiti. I hope these shared students and stories will rekindle the reason that your congregation does give. Thank-you.

It means much to us to have you as a partner, and we hope you will continue to contribute to this amazing work.

[Student Sponsorship — Haiti Nursing Foundation](#)

Ruth Gar, a third-year student, is originally from Port-au-Prince. When she made the decision to come and study at FSIL, her family wondered if she would be up to the challenge and if it was the right choice. Now, after three years at FSIL, she feels that she was born to become a nurse. She states, "I chose nursing in order to make changes in the lives of my patients, show them that they have someone to support them and whatever their illnesses they are still human and important. I also want to make changes in the way I administer care so that many more lives are saved while meeting the standards of my "FSIL" pride." Ruth credits FSIL for making her a stronger person and for giving her the desire to move forward. She states, "I thought that when I got there, I was only going to focus on nursing sciences, but no! I learned to live in a community. I learned to express myself without being afraid of what others might think and share my opinion, to name a few." Ruth wants to pursue a master's degree in midwifery and anesthesiology. She also hopes to build an orphanage to help poor children on the streets so that they can become successful members of society. Ruth would also like to get married and start a family. She states, "FSIL has been able to train me for all possible situations and all the problems that I will have to encounter during my career through its mode of learning,

regulations, and the concepts learned. The best way to help Haiti is to contribute to the success of young people who have not had the chance to study like me, and to offer them opportunities so that they can learn and succeed in their lives.”

Gracy Maëva Gauthier is from Pétion-Ville and is a first-year student. Her family feels that it is a great opportunity for her to attend FSIL and that upon completing her four years she will be a competent and independent nurse. Gracy is inspired by her mother who she says helps people however she can. She states, “I watched her little by little and I understood how much she dedicated herself to see me succeed, and she always tells me: "In the course of your life, never forget to help others". She influenced me to do everything possible to become someone good, independent, and present for others.” Gracy feels that as a nurse she will be able to take better care of others and help them overcome their physical and mental problems. Although all subjects are important at FSIL, she really likes Medical Terminology. She states, “I had a wonderful experience at FSIL. When I entered, I received a warm welcome. Before my integration, I was stressed but gradually the stress disappeared, and I felt like part of a family. I not only learned notions of nursing sciences, but I also learned to live better with others and to take care of myself in order to become better.” After her career at FSIL, she would like to work in pediatrics and would like to be placed in a political framework in order to be able to establish essential conditions for the opening of nursing schools in the country stating, “Thus, we will have many more nurses worthy of the name. FSIL prepares us for a future in which we will be autonomous, attentive, benevolent, and empathetic. And also, we will provide equitable care to all and advocate on behalf of patients. The best way to help Haiti is to properly train young people with the aim of changing the country's educational, political, and health system because young people are the future of the country.”

If you would like to hear/see more, please call me. I am always excited to share my love of Haiti and its people with you. Thank you, thank you for all the support you have provided and the hope and encouragement it supplies.

Shalom,

Nancy Rondel



New Church Directory Photos

Picture Days are July 9, 16, and 23

The Church is updating our Directory so everyone can stay in touch. As part of that on-going process, for three Sundays in a row this month, Kenny Stewart will be taking photos of anyone who would like an updated picture for the Directory.



Where: In the Gathering Place

When: Sunday July 9, 16, and 23. After Café Church and before and after the 10am service.

How: Just show up and Kenny will have everything to take the picture and submit it into the new Directory. If you prefer to send us an existing digital photo, you may email that to the church office at any time.

Finally, if you have not yet provided us with any new updates to your addresses, emails, etc. this would be a great time to let us get things all updated for you.



Save the Date!! Aug 12th 1pm-3pm for Family Fun Day at First Presbyterian Church.

We will be hosting our Family Fun Day on Aug 12. We will have volleyball, croquet, corn hole, grab and go snacks and loads of fun. For the kids we will have sidewalk chalk, a bubble station, water balloons, and water soakers to enjoy and access to our playground. Please join us for a fun afternoon of family fun for all ages. For questions or to see how you can help please contact Chuck Huebner or Renee Morris. Chuck email: charles.huebner@att.net, Renee email: renee@fpchs.org.

12 years Strong



Young Life Little Traverse Bay is celebrating 12 years of ministry in Charlevoix, Harbor Springs, and Petoskey! Active in Harbor Springs High School, Charlevoix Middle High School, and Petoskey High School we are investing in the lives of over 200 students in our community. In 2020 we launched two new focus groups for Young Life: Capernaum (students with disabilities) and Young *Lives* (teen moms). Both of these groups are growing and meeting a unique role within our communities. We see God's hand in this.

FPCHS is a financial partner with Young Life Little Traverse Bay, and we are so grateful because your financial partnership gives our staff more time to focus on the main thing: introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith.





YOUR SESSION AT WORK JUNE 13, 2023

The Session held a Special Meeting at 6:30 pm on June 13, 2023, to hear a report from Pastor Kip Murphy on his acceptance of a new pastoral call.

In addition to the Session Members, guests present were Ewen Holmes, Stated Clerk of Mackinac Presbytery and Joe Leach, COM Representative.

After calling the meeting to order and opening with prayer, Pastor Kip announced that he had received and accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church of Mason City, Iowa. This relocation will put him and Lee in closer proximity to two of their three children. August 20 will be his final day in our pulpit.

Moved by Kathy, seconded by Jerry to call a Congregational Meeting on July 23 to request the Presbytery of Mackinac dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Kenneth Murphy and First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs. Motion carried.

Appreciation and best wish to Kip were expressed.

After Kip left the meeting, Session heard from COM Representative, Joe Leach and Stated Clerk, Ewen Holmes regarding the transition process and the help available to the church through Mackinac Presbytery. Lois Aroian will be our COM Representative available to guide us through the process. It was recommended that Session select a three-person Transitional Team to begin this work.

Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee:

At a regular Stated Meeting in the Gathering Place at 6:30 pm on June 20, motion was made and passed naming Kathy Bodzick, Jerry Root and Sue Blevins to the Transitional Nominating Committee to begin the process of determining the direction of the church.

Sue Blevins, Clerk of Session

PRAYER

list...

Please honor the confidentiality of this list. If you have additional prayer requests, or feel it is time to remove your name or request, please contact the church office.

At Home/Long Term Care:

Shirley Clarke (Dave Clarke)

Michael Baity (Pineview)

Sympathy to the Family and Friends of:

David Heinz (Kaye Frang)

Ciara Raymond (Judy Wilson)

Sharon Thorton

Doug Brautigam

Marion Lamy (Laurie Ford)

Jerry Kaiser (Sharon Van Buren)

Jim Harp (Melanie Manary)

Bob Brown

Kathy Bultman

Dave Williams

Dave Borchers

Tom Spooner

Ed Stolt

Kabel Sheehan (Karen Bezilla)

Andy Lasley (Debra Root)

General Support

Midge Miller (David and Gail Clarke)

Karen (David and Gail Clarke)

Linda Loepke

Dorothy Litzer

Lizann Donley

Nate Rice
Irene Wehner (David & Sharon Knoodle)
Malcolm & Angid Snyder (Ima Williams)
Travis & Debra Carpenter (Roy Tipton)
Carolyn & Jim Cloutier
Diane Burns (Kathy McCreight)
Ciara Raymond (Judy Wilson)
Jacob Malley (Kathy McCreight)
Carrigan & Christian Warner (Kathy Bodzick)
Gabby Guthrie (Kathy McCreight)
Kabel Sheehan (Karen Bezilla)
Bette Shelton
Truda Kruger
Amy Richardson (Linda Rosenow)
Jamie & Deb Sears (Lizann Donley)
Jessica, Joseph, Jasper, V'en Venohr (Kathy Bodzick)



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First Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE TIMES: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Day: Sunday

Join us for two services from Jun through August. Café Church begins at 8:00 am where we serve coffee and bagels during our early morning service. Also join us for our traditional service at 10:00 am with our fellowship hour following at 11:00 am, where we offer coffee, tea, water, and snacks.

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