

THE BEACON

A WEEKLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HARBOR SPRINGS



For the Week of Thursday, October 01, 2026

A weekly e-newsletter for the members and friends of FPCHS



SUNDAY SCHEDULE For October 04

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Our most significant mission is the gift of worship we offer together on Sunday morning. Our schedule is:

10:00am Worship - Sanctuary
Reverend Hanna Richards

11:00am Fellowship Hour - Gathering Place

Thank You to the Board of Deacons for sharing Hospitality.

Worship God with Us!

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

The Presbyterian Church USA World Communion Offering will be taken on this Sunday, October 4th. Let us be in prayerful consideration of how God would direct us to participate in sharing His blessings.



What does the Lord
require of you,
but to do justice,

...to love kindness

and to walk
humbly with
your God.
Micah 6:8

LEADER'S GUIDE

Reconciling God's people at
the Table of Grace through
ministries of justice.



**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**

PDF 10/10/20 2:00 PM



Text **GIVEWCO** to **41444** to support ministries of justice or visit pcusa.org/wco.



Minute for *mission*

"What does the Lord require of you ... to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God ..." Micah 6:8

Loving kindness is one of the most beautiful threads woven throughout the Old Testament. Again and again, we are reminded that the people we meet are not strangers or enemies but beloved children of God. The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome and to make room at the table for all God's children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment.

It means making sure there is a place for everyone at Christ's communion table, at the tables in our homes, among our friends and families, and here in our life together as a church. Loving kindness is the work of making sure every person is seen, every person knows they are loved by God, and every person has what they need to flourish — because that is what God desires for all of us.

This year marks the first time congregations across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited to receive the World Communion Offering. Through this new Offering, we join with other congregations in supporting the wider church in the work of racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet.

As we enter a Season of Preparation leading up to the Offering, we will learn how our gifts make a difference in answering the prophets' call to love kindness. We will also deepen our understanding of the sacrament of communion as it is celebrated across cultures and traditions. Through learning, fellowship, and worship, we will prepare ourselves for World Communion Sunday, when we will gather at Christ's table and receive this Offering.

We join siblings in Christ across the globe in God's mission of welcome, justice and hope. We step beyond the boundaries of our neighborhood and into the life of the worldwide church, learning to see God's image more clearly in one another. I invite you to take part fully in this season and in this Offering, as together we celebrate what it means to belong to a global, connected church shaped by God's endless love.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

At FPCHS, we love our young people and welcome them into our worship service! Each Sunday morning, there is a brief time of spiritual instruction especially for our young ones. They are invited to join Reverend Hanna Richards on the steps near the altar to receive a Scripture lesson and blessing. The congregation follows along, encouraging them and delighting to watch them as they grow. What a blessing each young disciple is to our church!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GROUP

Presbyterian Women Group

Are you interested in having a **Presbyterian Women** group at FPCHS?

PW PURPOSE • to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, • to support the mission of the church worldwide, • to work for justice and peace, and • to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. With more choices in how to live and serve in the world, PW provides a network where participants can come together for discussion, discernment, and for creating bonds of community, compassion and love.

All women are invited to a gathering on **Sunday, October 11, 11:20 am**, after the worship service to discuss the possibilities of beginning a PW group. Bring your coffee and cookie to the Meeting Place (formerly the Nursery). Many of you have participated in a PW group before, perhaps with another congregation. Share your experiences with us, and what you would like to see happen for PW at our church! Sponsored by the Christian Education Team.



OCTOBER FOOD OF THE MONTH

FPCHS is a proud mission partner of the Harbor Springs Community Food Pantry. Each month we collect a specific food item for them; this month is COOKING OIL. We invite you to place your contributions in the shopping cart located in the Narthex to be delivered at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity!



SPECIAL DONATION REQUEST

The Harbor Springs Community Food Pantry is asking for a special donation of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss for both children and adults. Please put any dental care contributions in the food cart in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous giving!



LAST CALL FOR GROUNDS CLEAN UP DAY



The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers to help clean up and maintain the church grounds. On Sunday, October 04, we will have a grounds clean up day directly after church worship and fellowship hour.

Bring all available STRING TRIMMERS, RAKES LOPPING SHEARS, PRUNERS and TARPS!

Because the church does not have a landscaping service (only a lawn service), the Building and Grounds Committee has decided to launch **Adopt a Spot!** as a new approach to maintain and care for the church grounds.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 04!



JOIN US FOR THE INSTALLATION OF

Rev. Hanna Richards

AS MINISTER OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HARBOR SPRING, MI

Friday November 6th | 5:30 p.m.
7940 Cemetery Rd. Harbor Springs, MI 49740

With a light meal to follow.



MILLSTONE MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR A FREE LECTURE AND LUNCH



**A COMMUNITY EQUIPPED
FOR A SAFER TOMORROW**

EDUCATE | EQUIP | EMPOWER

FRI. OCT. 9TH

6:00PM - 9:00PM



**YOUTH
MOVIE
& PIZZA
NIGHT**

RING OF SILENCE

Q and A panel following the movie



**MOVIE NIGHT
EVENT LOCATION:**

8220 CLAYTON RD
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

SAT. OCT. 10TH

10:00AM - 3:00PM

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING
EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITY**

- ✓ Keeping children safe
- ✓ Forms of human trafficking
- ✓ Red flags
- ✓ What to do if you suspect a HT victim
- ✓ Grooming
- ✓ Internet safety
- ✓ CE credit certificates available



**LECTURE AND LUNCH
EVENT LOCATION:**

8333 CLAYTON RD
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740



EMAIL YOUR RSVP TO CLAIRE AT
younglife.claire@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!



WORLD COMMUNION PRAYER

VERSE OF THE WEEK

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Holy God, accompany us as we prepare to receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation on World Communion Sunday. Embolden us to understand the wideness of your mercy and the vastness of your realm on Earth. Give us the grace to understand another's culture and show us how we might be more faithful as we proclaim your saving death through our actions, Amen.

FPCHS WEEKLY CALENDAR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE

Friday, October 02

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

12noon Alanon Meeting - *Gathering Place*

Saturday, October 03

8:00am AA Meeting - *Lower Level*

Sunday, October 04

10:00am Worship - *Sanctuary*

World Communion Offering

11:00am Fellowship Hour - *Gathering Place*

11:30am Grounds Clean Up Day

Monday, October 05

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

Tuesday, October 06

8:00am Men's Bible Fellowship (Phil. 3:1-14) - *Gathering Place*

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

9:00am Women in the Word - *Nursery*

10:00am Women's Bible Fellowship - *Gathering Place*

3:30pm Deacons' Meeting - *Nursery*

7:00pm AA - *Lower Level*

Wednesday, October 07

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

Thursday, October 08

8:30am Men's Bible Study - *Gathering Place*

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

Friday, October 09

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

12noon Alanon Meeting - *Gathering Place*

Saturday, October 10

8:00am AA Meeting - *Lower Level*

Sunday, October 11

10:00am Worship - *Sanctuary*

11:00am Fellowship Hour - *Gathering Place*

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

There are several opportunities for Christian spiritual formation at FPCHS. You are encouraged to visit one or more of them.

Tuesdays:

Women of the Word meets every Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Nursery Room.

Women's Bible Study Fellowship meets at 10:00am. They are studying the book of Romans following the devotional "Guilt to Grace." If any ladies are interested in joining, please feel free to contact Sue Stackhouse at (231) 526-7896.

Men's Bible Fellowship is a lectionary-based discussion and prayer group that provides support to men and their spiritual formation and faith journey. The sustenance of Christian community is an integral part of this group that meets at 8:00am in the Gathering Place.

Wednesdays:

Community Bible Study meets in the upstairs Community Room at Perry Farm Village on Wednesday at 2:30pm. This is a delightful ecumenical group of Christ-followers praying, studying, and reflecting on the truth of Scripture and its intersection with life today.

Thursdays:

Men's Bible Study is a small group of devotees who enjoy studying the Scriptures. Men are welcome to join them at 8:30am in the Gathering Place on Thursday morning.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND STAFF HOURS

Please note that the Church Office hours for 2026 are:

9:00am-1:00pm Monday through Friday

The office hours for **Rev. Hanna Richards, Senior Pastor**, vary due to meetings and visits. Her email address is pastor@fpchs.org.

On Mondays, the office is staffed by **Tisha Cone, Finance Manager**. Her email address is contact@fpchs.org.

On Tuesdays through Fridays, the office is staffed by **Tiera Morse, Office Administrator**. The church office email is office@fpchs.org.

On Sundays and on Wednesday afternoons you can find **Sara Creutz, Youth Ministry Leader**, onsite. Her email address is youth@fpchs.org.

Cleaning Service – Available on Fridays only, other than that we can all chip in to help tidy up.

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