

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders

Class of 2024

J. Michael Hall
Pete Wendel

Class of 2025

Lew Burchard
Bill Cundiff

Class of 2026

Robert Smith

Deacons

Class of 2024

Sonja Stormo
John Kauffman

Class of 2025

Linda Cogswell
Kim Edinger

Class of 2026

George Pica
Jo Ann Hartzell

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Fairplain Presbyterian Church, rejoice in God's grace and redeeming love through Jesus Christ. We believe we have been called as God's children to create an open and welcoming community, to worship and praise God, and to nurture and support each other. We are called to develop our God-given gifts and to equip ourselves to reach out to the world in love and compassion. Thus prepared, we will share our faith, preach the gospel, feed the hungry, and be peacemakers according to God's will.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

October 20 - 27

TODAY:

8:30 am & 10:30 am – Choir Rehearsals
9:30 am – Worship
Pulpit Supply – The Rev. Mark Pawlowski
Congregational Meeting
Food Delivery

TUESDAY:

7:00 pm – Session Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY:

11 am – 12:30 pm – Food Pantry

SUNDAY:

9:30 am – Worship
Pulpit Supply – Marlene Smith (sermon written
by Leslie Gilreath, Reformation Sunday
Session & Deacon's Joint Meeting (CE Office)

Prayer Requests & Joys: If you have prayer requests that you would like to leave as a voicemail to be played on Sunday morning, you can call 269-506.4859 to leave a message, and we will play it on Sunday morning.

October 20

Liturgist: Branka Slavujevic
Director of Music: Vladimir Slavujevic
Sound Technician: J. Michael Hall
Video Technician: Bill Cundiff
Nursery: Jody Pauley

October 27

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Janet Spicer passed away Oct. 10 and visitation will be 1-2 pm and service @ 2 pm, on Fri., Nov. 1, at Heritage Chapel, 8747 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, with Rev. Scott Paul-Bonham officiating.

Greg Powell Memorial Service will not be held until the following month on Saturday, November 9 at 1:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church (475 Green Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022). Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Cycle-Re-Cycle of Benton Harbor, or the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. Please feel free to share a memory with the family online at www.starks-menching.com.

PRAYERS (10/13/24): Jerry Reutlinger, recent fall; victims of both hurricanes.

PRAYERS (10/6/24): Pat Smith, recuperating from Covid; Janet Spicer, hospitalized but back at the Willows.

PRAYERS: (9/29): Vicki Born & family, recent passing of Greg Powell; Chris Corbitt's brother-in-law, David, successful jaw surgery; Leslie Gilreath, new chemo victims of hurricane Helene and emergency workers; passing of Robert Smith's uncle, Brad Smith. JOY: Robert Smith's sister, Sandy, successful move to a new farm/transporting her goats.

PRAYERS (9/8/24): Sympathy for Jerry Reutlinger's sister, Nancy's passing.

ONGOING PRAYERS: Ann Cundiff; Jill Wendel's brother, Eric Bauer, transition for job in Saudi Arabia and hope to have family there and Tisha Junk. Danielle Prince, friend of Ernie Lewis, diagnosed with breast cancer; Nan Meyer, Ramona Contreras; left arm in cast; Ernie Lewis, diagnosis of Parkinson's; John Kauffman's son, Robert; Jerry Reutlinger; People of Israel, Palestine and Ukraine; Bill and Ann Cundiff; Candi Keschull.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We have scheduled a Congregational meeting after worship today, October 20. Please plan to attend as we need a quorum (16) There are two purposes of the Congregational meeting: to seek nominations for the Deacons and the Elders, and to decide if we will have a Stewardship

campaign. The meeting will be moderated by the pastor who is filling the pulpit that Sunday; Rev. Mark Pawlowski.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: The deadline for articles for the November newsletter is no later than Thursday, October 24. Thanks – Linda Cogswell.

Rev. Mark Pawlowski served FPC Three Rivers-Centreville for 8 years from 1980-1988. He then was Vice President of the American Youth Foundation and Director of the Miniwanca Camp and Conference Center north of Muskegon for 10 years. Then, for 13 years, he was CEO of Planned Parenthood of South-Central Michigan and retired in 2011. Since ministering outside the bounds of the traditional church structures, Mark has volunteered in the Presbytery of Lake Michigan as a session moderator, Commission Chairperson, interim counselor, C.O.M. member and pulpit supply. An avid fisherman, Mark lives on the St. Joseph River outside Three Rivers with his wife Jeanne. They are proud grandparents of a 12 and 16 year girl and boy living in Atlanta who spend summers with them.

Pastoral Care is probably the most important job of a pastor, other than a weekly sermon. If you are admitted to the hospital, having surgery, or someone in your family has died, then you need Pastoral Care. Those are jobs that the Deacons and Elders are not trained to administer.

Rev. Scott-Paul Bonham, who was an interim pastor at First Presbyterian in BH a few years back, has agreed to be our pastoral care in the coming months. Pastor Scott and his wife have planned a trip to Africa for Sept. 20 - Oct 4, and on weekends he preaches in Hesperia, MI.

If you need **Pastoral Care** on a weekend or during Pastor Scott's trip, **Rev. Sheth LaRue**, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Benton Harbor has agreed to cover during those times.

Please notify Linda in the church office or Marlene Smith first and then they will make a contact to Pastor Scott Paul-Bonham or Pastor Sheth LaRue.