

In Touch with FPCR

Update . . . Where Are We Now?

Your Session, Clerk of Session, Clerk of Session Emeritus, and other members of the FPCR family have been busy this past month. Here's what's new and updated:

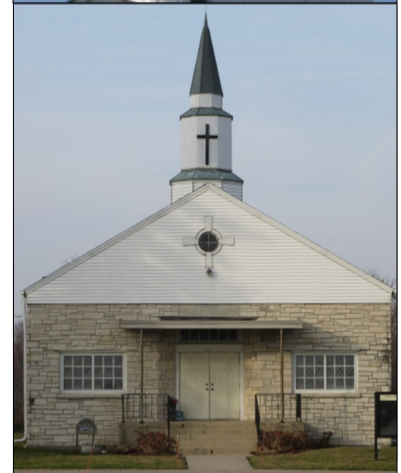
Services are booked! Sundays, from September 1 through December 28, are completely filled by pulpit supply pastors. A big thanks to **Cathy Romanski** and all the ministers helping out!

Outdoor cleanup projects are “in the works” by **Rick Romanski** and **Allen Schoeni** who are preparing to do more cleaning, stump removal, fence work, and brush clearing. If you're looking for a project or an excuse to spend some time outdoors, chat with either or both of them.

The Visioning Committee met! Work by the *updated* Visioning Committee (see page 3 for more information) continues. Completion of Action Plans and updates of various “started ideas/projects” continues.

Slinger Food Pantry drop offs continue! Please drop your food items in the narthex for delivery and your cash donations in the collection plate. If you are making a monetary donation, be sure to note “SFP” in the Memo section on your check. If you are submitting cash, use one of the designated Slinger Food Pantry envelopes and place it in the collection plate any Sunday.

A growing, giving family, relevant to the community
where all are welcome to come and worship God.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

The **FPCR website** contains up-to-date announcements. Check it if you have questions about a service or deadline.
www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

**All are welcome
for the
10 am
Sunday Service as
follows:**

**SEPTEMBER 7
COMMUNION SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 14

SEPTEMBER 21

SEPTEMBER 28

Stay updated . . .
Check the website
or contact
FirstPresbyofRichfield@
gmail.com

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Clerk of Session

Cathy Romanski

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Elaine Schmidt



SFP Volunteers Were Waiting at the Door!

The last time the Romanskis delivered your donations to the Slinger Food Pantry, they were met at the door with excitement and thanks for bringing the “load” of non-perishables. The Pantry was out of cereal and were also hoping for a box of Jean Schoeni’s soap. The Romanskis, along with grandson Michael, were able to accommodate their needs.

On top of the delivery, the trio did not miss out on the fact that cereal was in very short supply; in fact, there was none on the shelf! So, they put together a plan. During the same week, they went to the grocery store, purchased additional boxes of cereal, and dropped them off! It is no wonder the pantry appreciates their friends at FPCR!

Now that school is back in session, the needs continue and were updated to include Back-to-School/ Lunch Box items. Think fruit cups, juice boxes, as well as individually wrapped items such as Lil’ Debbie snack cakes.

Back-to-School Food/Lunch Box Items

(fruit cups, juice boxes, individually wrapped snacks, etc.)

Coffee and Juice

Chunky Soups

Cereal

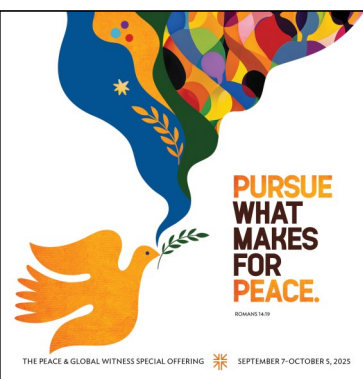
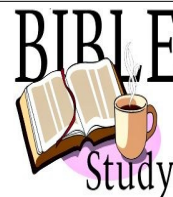
Personal Hygiene Products

Hair Conditioner

Any Non-Perishables you wish to donate.

Summer Break Over for FPCR’s Bible Study

This group will meet on **Wednesday, September 17**, to begin their study titled, *Meeting God*. The group will meet via **Zoom** at **6 pm**. You will want a study book and the Zoom link to participate, so please contact Elaine Schmidt for more information.



Help Promote Peace Locally and Globally

“Pursue What Makes for Peace” is the theme of this year’s Peace and Global Witness offering to promote peace locally and globally. At FPCR, this offering will be accepted on September 28 and October 5 and is one of the four special offerings sponsored by PC(USA).

FPCR retains 25% (gifted to the Slinger Food Pantry) to support peacemaking efforts locally; 25% is sent to the Synod of Lakes and Prairies for peacemaking efforts at the regional level; and 50% is sent to Presbyterian Church (USA)/Presbyterian Mission

to support peacemaking, reconciliation, and global witness. Special envelopes will be available in the narthex for your gifts.

The Beatitudes . . . A Gift from God

At FPCR recently reviewed the Beatitudes. A set of blessings spoken by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, they describe characteristics of those who are blessed by God and include: **Blessed are the poor in spirit; Blessed are those who mourn; Blessed are the meek; Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; Blessed are the merciful; Blessed are the pure in heart; Blessed are the peacemakers; and Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness.**

The full text may be found in The Bible, *Matthew 5:3-10*.



Thank you, Rev. Dottie Halverson

We welcome and thank **Rev. Dottie Halverson** for making the trip to FPCR as a Pulpit Supply. She already provided a couple of services in August, and we will be seeing more of her over the next few months.

We are fortunate that there are Pulpit Supply ministers and elders available for us to “call on” during this time of transition. Of course, the number of individuals and their availability is limited, so our Clerk of Session, **Cathy Romanski**, works hard to “stay ahead of the game” and slot these very capable worship leaders into the FPCR schedule!

From the Presbytery of Milwaukee

Once again, the Presbytery office has been made aware that congregation members are being targeted by scammers. **Please be wary of any email that looks like it could be from your church, clergy, or Presbytery staff asking for an immediate reply or financial/gift card help.** (Similar to the one several of the FPCR family received last June from Ann Gibbs SUPPOSEDLY.) Examine unfamiliar email carefully before responding!

To view the entire message from the Presbytery of Milwaukee, [CLICK HERE](#) or navigate to the *Fresh Impressions* newsletter (www.pbymilwaukee.org. Use the pull down for Newsletter & Meetings. Select eNewsletter: Fresh Impressions and then August 27, 2025.)

Visioning Committee Reorganizes

At the August 17 meeting, the Visioning Committee refocused and put together a plan to move forward. Two ideas were proposed and accepted:

1. The group agreed to focus on projects which can be accomplished by the end of 2025.
2. Teams were combined from four to two and membership was adjusted to ensure there were sufficient “hands on deck” to accomplish the tasks earmarked.

Outreach/Growth

Team members: Debbie Heppe, Cathy Romanski, Elaine Schmidt, and Elaine Schoeni.

What tasks are presently being worked on:

- Developing and distributing a church pamphlet
- Revising and improving the website
- Revising the current process for greeting arrivals to each service (this includes materials and ways to engage visitors and show them all FPCR has to offer)

Building/Finance

Team members: Rick Romanski, Alice Schmitz, Allen Schoeni, Jean Schoeni, and Jean Zeller.

What potential projects are on the to-do list?

- Building Improvement
- Grant Writing Process and Recommendations
- The Script Program
- A Milk Bucket Bonanza!

Please know that the teams are flexible and that you are welcome to join (or switch if you are on a team) at any point. If you have suggestions, resources, or ideas that might help with any of the topics delineated under either committee, please see one of the team members or speak with **Keith Clark**.

Visioning Committee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following individuals with birthdays in **September**. We wish you many years of God's blessings.

26—Deanna Wojcieszak

27—Alice Schmitz

On August 24, 2025, the FPCR family enjoyed greeting and worshipping with BOTH

Jim and Carol Frank
on the day
of their
51st Anniversary

The FPCR family is grateful for the wonderful example of love, kindness, and friendship God has given us in Jim and Carol.

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET ...

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Gather Your Books and Lunch

Yes . . . it is THAT time again. It is September, and the students are back in school! That includes "our students" **Kate Kujawa, Melody Li, Cora Schmidt, Jayden Schmidt, and Eric Zhang**. FPCR wishes each of you a wonderful school year full of new learning, fun with friends, and all those activities in which each participates to keep their mind and body moving and involved!

Do You Have a Favorite Hymn?

What's your favorite hymn? Has there been an opportunity to sing it recently? If you would like to sing a hymn that hasn't been selected recently, please let **Alice Schmitz** know. The keyboard musicians' "calendar" is presently being filled for mid-September through the end of 2025. There is certainly a "slot" for your request, and **Eric** and **Melody** would love to add it to the upcoming selections.



*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heaven.*

Ecclesiastes 3, Verse 1



A New Feather Flag for FPCR

Thank you **Melissa Kujawa** for providing a new Welcome flag which is displayed along Highway 164. It makes FPCR look so much more inviting!



Decorating for Fall

Thank you to **Jean Schoeni** and **Keith Clark** for providing mum plants to decorate the church sign/front of the church for the fall season. They are beautiful, will bloom soon, and add color to the FPCR landscape!

Unfortunately, during the past week, one of the plants went missing! They were heavy, so it couldn't have been the storms! Hmmm . . . Really? Guess we will enjoy the one left behind!

Horseman Romanski

Rick Romanski may have a new hobby! He is presently assisting his grandson's Boy Scout troop in earning a new badge.

For the next five weeks Adult Leader Rick and the group are learning about the care and feeding of horses as well as riding at a local horse ranch.

Please excuse Rick if he doesn't pop up immediately when the hymns are announced. And, we are going to need a real picture of **you** atop that horse!



Thank you, Jean Zeller

Our "Sharing Table" has been put to good use as **Jean Zeller** shares her summer garden produce. It is always a treat. Everyone at FPCR appreciates your green thumb, Jean!