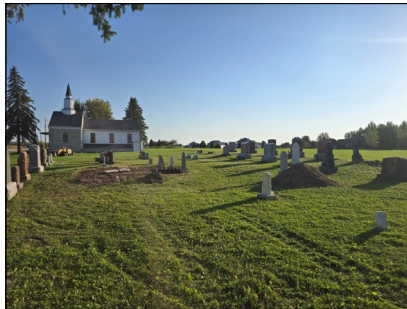


In Touch with FPCR

Wow! Check Out the Clean-Up Projects!



Amazing . . . After working September 27, the cemetery had a new look.
View more pictures on the website for the opposite view.

You may remember that a phenomenal group of the FPCR church family (**Daryl Schmidt** and co-worker **Devon, Ken Schmidt, Allen Schoeni, and Rick Romanski**) spent September 27 working on projects to clean up FPCR's grounds. It made a huge difference and opened up the area! Reactions to the project went from "WOW!" to "I just stood and looked . . . It is so beautiful—the church, the cemetery, and the land beyond!" to "It brought tears to my eyes".

But, the story continues . . .



Allen Schoeni checks the equipment for the October 18 workday.

On October 18, another ambitious group from FPCR—**Keith Clark, Rick Romanski, Allen Schoeni, and Elaine Schoeni**—spent another long day working. The goal this time was to spray the present lawn with a weed killer and to replant grass where it had been disturbed by the "renovation" three weeks before. The weed killing application was completed and the dirt was prepared for the grass seed. MANY stones were "picked". It was a tedious job and turned into a day-long project. The group didn't get to plant the grass seed so made plans to work the next week, October 25.

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CHECK THE WEBSITE

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

To quickly access the church's website, point your phone's camera at the QR code and then tap to open the site.



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

NOVEMBER SERVICES

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

NOVEMBER 2

COMMUNION SERVICE
COFFEE-SNACKS-CHATS
FOLLOWS SERVICE

NOVEMBER 9

GINGERBREAD HOUSE
OFFERING

NOVEMBER 16

GINGERBREAD HOUSE
OFFERING

NOVEMBER 23

NOVEMBER 30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

Elders

Debbie Heppe
Cathy Romanski
Cheryl Weber

Clerk of Session

Cathy Romanski

Deacons

Rick Romanski
Jean Schoeni

Clerk of Session

Emeritus

Elaine Schmidt

Slinger Food Pantry Updates

On **October 29, 162** items were delivered to the Pantry. **Cathy and Rick Romanski** reported that the waiting line to enter the Pantry was the longest they have observed. So, thank you once again for your donations whether they were non-perishables or cash!

At this time the following are being requested:

Soup (any kind)

Cereal

Soap

Toothpaste

Toilet Paper

**Kleenex
(Facial Tissue)**

Shampoo

Body Wash

Conditioner

**Any Non-Perishables
you wish to donate**



An FPCR Christmas Tradition

Supporting the Gingerbread House is one of FPCR's Christmas traditions. The goal of this program is to create a memorable Christmas

for Washington County families. Based on past support, FPCR is likely to be assigned two area families.

FPCR will collect your monetary donations for this gift program on **November 9** and **16**. Additional information will be announced at upcoming services and on the website including more about the families being covered by you. **Cathy Romanski** is completing plans for this project and, with the help of others, will likely purchase and wrap the gifts for delivery in early December. Stay tuned! Contact Cathy if you wish to assist in any way.

If you are unable to make a donation during a service but would like to help a local family, checks may be mailed **by November 20** to FPCR, PO Box 22, Richfield, WI 53076. Please be sure to designate "GB House" in the memo section.

Christmas Carols to be Sung During Advent

Make sure **Eric** and **Melody** include your favorites carols during December.

Email or contact Alice Schmitz with suggestions. Hymns are presently being scheduled.



Easy Access to FPCR Website

Just point your phone's **camera** to QR code on the left. It will either open up to the church's site OR it will give you a link to tap to move there without typing the URL. (You must have internet access on your phone.)



Hello

Thank you to those who acted as greeters before services this year. It is nice to see a friendly face when entering the church building!

How Does God Reveal Himself?

This lesson centered on Moses's meeting God from Exodus 33:12 through 34:9.

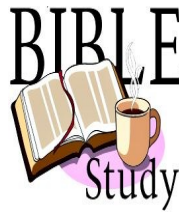
At one point, Moses had overwhelming responsibilities. He prayed for reassurance and certainty of God's presence, but he also wanted to see God, to make sure he was real. To fulfill this request, God asked Moses to chisel out two new stone tablets (you may remember that Moses broke the first ones) and bring them to the mountains so God could write on them. This was one of God's ways of communicating his expectations for his people. God then revealed his glory by passing in front of Moses, allowing Moses to see his back, but not his face. In the group discussion, the members felt Moses must have been amazed, awed, and grateful for this event. Imagine Moses recounting this to his people!

Another important part of this revelation by God was that Moses proclaimed things that God does for all believers: In Exodus 34:6-7, Moses points out that God is "gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love and graciousness. God maintains His love to thousands and forgives wickedness, rebellion, and sin." The verses include that He does not leave the guilty unpunished.

The group discussed how comforting it is that God knows us personally. He thinks about us a lot. The group was awed by all that He does for us. We need to worship and praise Him for who He is and for his various attributes.

The Lord is always with us . . . He will never forget us!

Please plan to join the group for the next study, *The Father and the Son* (Lesson 3 in the Study Guide). See **Elaine Schmidt** for additional information.



Happy Anniversary to the following couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversary in **November**.

May the Lord bless you and keep you for many more years to come!

1 - Rick and Cathy Romanski

20 - Ken and Elaine Schmidt

Special Wishes to
Ken and Elaine Schmidt



as they celebrate
their
60th Wedding Anniversary!



**Coffee-Snacks-Chats
Social Time**

November 2 , 2025
All are welcome.

Coffee and a treat
available after worship.
Stay and visit OR
take yours "to go".

Another FPCR Project is Underway

On October 23 **Richard Snyder** of 1 Glass Impressions arrived at FPCR to remove, restore, and replace the worst of the stained glass windows in the building. This restoration will be a memorial in honor of Richard Schmidt.

While removing the window sounded simple, it took three hours. The window was carefully removed—in two parts. It was then secured to a piece of plywood to be transported to Snyder's workshop in Janesville. When he has completed the restoration, he will bring the window back to the church, replace it in the present opening, and add a storm window which will not only protect the window but also provide needed ventilation for the window in the future.



Snyder is a stained glass restoration artist as well as a furniture restoration craftsman. To learn more about his skills and projects, visit: <https://www.iglassimpressions.com>.

Find additional pictures/videos (shared by **Keith Clark, Rick/Cathy Romanski, Elaine Schoeni, and Allen Schoeni**) on the FPCR website.

Top Left: Mr. Snyder and Assistant (on ladder) removing the top portion of the window. **Bottom Right:** The window's top is secured and ready to move to the workshop.



Roof Flashing Work Completed on Storage Shed

To solve water stains and bowing on the wall board behind the pulpit's curtain, **Rick Romanski** and a contractor checked the storage shed behind the building. Repairs were made to the roof flashing. The storage shed is Action Plan No. 3 on the Building/Finance subcommittee's list. More discussion will be needed about the shed before this item is closed.

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET ...

REQUEST AN ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Please email **FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com** with your preferred email address so we are able to send you an electronic copy of this newsletter rather than a paper copy.

Additional Pictures

Please see additional pictures on the topics in this issue using this shortened link:

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OR

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More Clean-Up Work Tackled

After a week of rainy, windy days and much indecision, **Keith Clark, Rick Romanski** and **Allen Schoeni** did plant grass seed on October 25. It was a muddy day for the project, and all the work they planned could not be completed, but it is wonderful to have that portion of the yard completed. Keith and Rick are planning a day to add the straw covering.

The work that has been done around the church definitely "takes a village." So many from the church family contributed in several different ways including support, planning, financial, equipment, time, and labor. The entire FPCR family is grateful **to all of the individuals** who took a part in this clean-up project and to the **session** for their input and positive vote. Two separate Action Plans from the Visioning Committee's Building/Finance subcommittee were affected by the work: *Cleaning Up the Church Grounds*—Priority 1, and *Stained Glass Window Restoration*—Priority 2. There is additional work to be completed on both action plans before these two plans will be deemed "completed." The Building/Finance subcommittee includes: **Rick Romanski, Alice Schmitz, Allen Schoeni, Jean Schoeni, and Jean Zeller**. To date six action plans have been written by the group.



Top Left: Much debris and many stones were picked up to prepare for seeding the areas.

Top Right: Thank you to **Cathy Romanski** for always providing lunch for the group. Picture from October 18 workday.

Bottom Left: **Rick Romanski** tilling the ground to be planted
Bottom Right: **Rick** applying weed killer to the church yard.



**THE LORD HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS FOR US;
WE ARE GLAD.**

Psalm 126:3, *The Bible, Revised Standard Version*

Another Busy Subcommittee

The **Outreach/Growth** Subcommittee has been working on several items over the past couple of months. Those include: a pamphlet to hand others describing FPCR and its church family, assuring there are greeters at the door prior to services, cards to members/friends as needed, and coffee hours after the first service of the month.

Committee members are: **Debbie Heppe, Melissa Kujawa, Cathy Romanski, Elaine Schmidt, and Elaine Schoeni**.

Action Plans are being developed around these ideas along with a few others the committee is researching.

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

