

October 2026

In Touch with FPCR

First Presbyterian Church of Richfield

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



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Upcoming Services

October 4 - 10 am
World Communion

October 11 - 10 am

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October 25 - 10 am

Day of Giving - Your Help is Essential!

Our **Day of Giving** is coming up! After the service on October 4, please pick up a gift card in the narthex and give it to someone in the community before the October 11 church service. Choose a card for Piggly Wiggly, Starbucks, Java Dancer, Kwik Trip, or Culver's. This simple, discreet gesture is intended to brighten someone's day on behalf of FPCR and let them know that FPCR is open and engaged in the community. It is a way to show love and compassion to others.

Before giving the card, do you need to:

- decide whether someone needs a gift card . . . NO!
- verify that they visit the business listed on the card . . . NO!
- ask their name or where they are from . . . NO!
- have a conversation with them . . . NO!
- brighten their day . . . YES!

A few more things to know:

- The small plastic bag you will be giving contains a gift card, FPCR business card, and short note wishing them a good day.
- Try to "gift" the card before the October 11 church service.
- You will be asked to provide brief, anonymous feedback that will help determine whether the Day of Giving should be offered again in the future.
- Feel free to direct questions to Elaine Schoeni or Alice Schmitz.
- HAVE FUN sharing this simple act of kindness.

We know this small gesture will not bring a large group of people flocking to FPCR, but that is not its purpose. Day of Giving supports our mission of being relevant to the community and is one of the action initiatives being undertaken. To see this one and other action plans, visit the left column of the visioning webpage: <https://www.firstpresbyofrichfield.com/s-projects-basic>

Slinger FOOD PANTRY



FPCR Helps Fill the Shelves!

What Does the Pantry Need?

Cereal (with sugar for kids)
Chunky Soup
Peanut Butter/Grape Jelly
Creamed Corn
Flour and Sugar
Shampoo and Conditioner
Sanitary Supplies
Toothbrushes

The September 2 Food Pantry delivery included **337** items. They were very happy to see **Jean Schoeni's** soap and someone's donation of 144 individually packaged toothbrushes. They were out of both. The next Food Pantry delivery is presently planned for the first week in October.

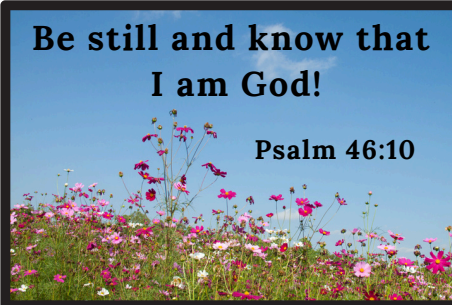
Additionally, your cash donations this past quarter totaled **\$478**. Thank you so much for your kindness and support of the SFP.

**Welcome
 Lin
 McCracken,
 our newly
 assigned
 Moderator!**



**Be still and know that
 I am God!**

Psalm 46:10



Fall Back . . .



November 1 at 2 am

ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

Elders

Cathy Romanski
 Allen Schoeni
 Cheryl Weber

Clerk of Session

Cathy Romanski

Deacons

Rick Romanski
 Jean Schoeni

Clerk of Session Emeritus

Elaine Schmidt

Note: Term of Office for the Elders and Deacons begins after the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers.

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World Communion Day is October 4

On October 4, FPCR will celebrate World Communion Day with a communion service at 10 am. On this day all of God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ no matter where they are located in the world. The day is also earmarked for the second of three special collections by PC(USA).

Special collections are the single largest way Presbyterians join together to make a lasting impact in the world. The World Communion collection now merges with the Peace and Global Witness collection to "cultivate reconciliation by supporting racial and gender justice, peacemaking efforts, global witness, and nurturing ecumenical and interfaith relations."

FPCR will accept this collection on both October 4 and October 11. All money will be forwarded to PC(USA) after October 11. There are special envelopes available in the narthex.



PC(USA) encourages us to "experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this offering."



The Lord is King Study Lesson 10

The next Bible Study is scheduled for **October 13 at 6 pm** via Zoom. The group will complete Lesson 10, *The Lord is King*, covering Daniel 4. The study of Lesson 10 was canceled on September 8, so we hope all are able to join on this upcoming evening.

With only Lesson 10, 11, and 12 to be completed in the present study book, Elaine Schmidt would appreciate your thoughts on the next study. Please review the list on the back of your study guide and talk, email, or text your ideas to Elaine.

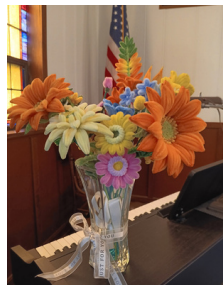
All present study group members will receive an email with the link on October 12. If you wish to join for the first time, please see Elaine Schmidt. The group would be happy to welcome you!



Rev. Ann Gibbs celebrated the 25th anniversary of her ordination in September. Congratulations, Ann, and thank you for all you do for the churches in the Presbytery of Milwaukee!

Beautiful Flowers

FPCR has been the recipient of the beautiful flowers shown on the right. **Zhige Meng**, Melody Li's mom, added her handmade creation to the sanctuary for our enjoyment. We are SO fortunate!



Change for Change Moving Along



\$602.23 of \$5,300 to date.

FPCR is moving along. We have collected **11.5%** of the funds required to pay for the retaining wall. Thank you, everyone, for your spare change and for supporting the goal of cleaning up the cemetery. Coin by coin we will get to the goal!!

Happy Birthday to the following ladies during **October**. The FPCR family wishes you both **God's blessings** for many years to come.

12 - Cathy Romanski

25 - Kathleen Schmidt



Vision Committee Report

The Vision Committee met September 22 and reviewed these project reports:

Day of Giving – Gift card pickup is set for October 4. Details are on the front page.

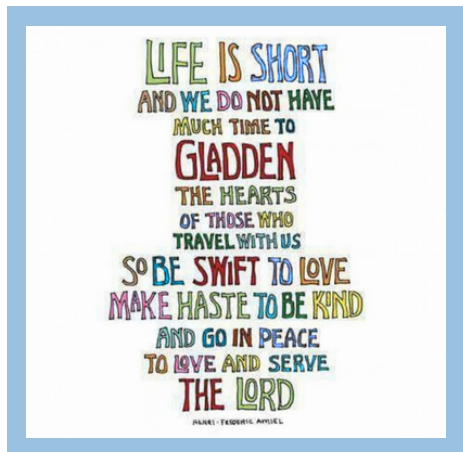
Change for Change – A narthex thermometer will track progress toward our goals as we collect spare change in the milk can.

Food Pantry Cake Project – The Slinger Food Pantry is excited to receive birthday cake kits containing cake mix, soda, icing, candles, and decorations in a baking pan. Plans are underway. Watch for a sample of a finished project after church in the next few weeks.

Crocheted Leaves – The completed leaves will be distributed this fall.

Cemetery Work – The Boy Scouts and Rick will return October 18 to finish cleaning the monuments. Miller

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Vision Committee Update

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Monument will straighten and repair older headstones. Keith Jaggard's grave will have fill added, the weeds pulled and grass planted. Thank you to everyone who maintained the plantings and grass on the church property this summer. FPCR looks great!

Trunk or Treat – We are exploring local events or the possibility of hosting one in the subdivision next to the church. Contact Jean Schoeni with ideas, to help, or to participate. Grandchildren seeking volunteer hours may enjoy the experience. Costume required.

Christmas Carol Outreach – The group is considering a Christmas carol event on December 13. If you know a guitarist or song leader, contact Keith Clark. Discussion will continue.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 6, at 6 pm. All are welcome to join the discussion. Please see Keith Clark for a Zoom link to that meeting.



Faith UCC Pasta Dinner

Saturday, October 17, 2026 (4 to 7 pm)

Proceeds to the Slinger and Hartford Food Pantries

2895 Slinger Road (corner of Highway E and Slinger Road)

\$10 adults; \$5 kids

For more information, see the flyer on the narthex bulletin board.



**Oh!
Melissa!**



Look at the smile on **Melissa Kujawa's** face as a result of her "find" while on a recent family vacation to Crivitz, Wisconsin! That hanging basket certainly gives us all something to work toward as we plan for next spring and think of our own hanging baskets!

**Need an ark to save two of every animal??
I Noah guy.**

Each Friday **Jean Zeller** electronically shares "Friday Funnies" with her family. It could be a joke, comic, or a simple humorous "something". The goal is a smile! A couple of weeks ago, she also shared one of her "Friday Funnies" with the FPCR family (see above). We hope her sweet family tradition makes you smile, too! Thank you, Jean!