

November 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

November 1 - 10 am
Communion Service

November 8 - 10 am

November 15 - 10 am
Lin McCracken, Worship Leader

November 22 - 10 am

November 29 - 10 am

Day of Giving Kept FPCR Smiling



Everyone in the FPCR family who participated in the Day of Giving by distributing gift cards agreed that it was an activity worth repeating.

Handing out the cards was fun and gratifying. The individual responses from all of you were overwhelmingly positive. The recipients generally smiled, responded graciously, and/or asked questions about the church. Reactions ranged from "You are the best!" and "You want to give that to me?" to a chorus of heartfelt

thank-yous. One person even said, "I'm going to buy something to remember your church!" FPCR's goal of brightening someone's day was certainly accomplished. The Visioning Committee is grateful to everyone who took one or more cards with enclosed information to share throughout the community. And, if you see a new face in one of the pews, it just may be one of the individuals who received a card!

Session Meeting Planned for November 15



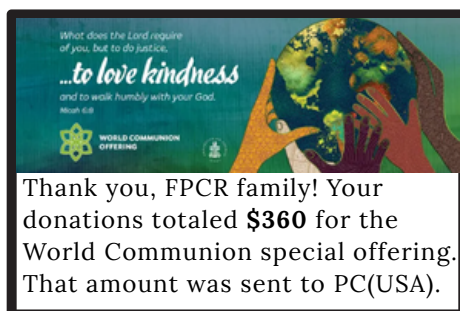
A session meeting is being planned for Sunday, November 15 after the service. Please speak with one of the session members (**Cathy Romanski**, **Allen Schoeni**, or **Cheryl Weber**) prior to the meeting with any concerns or questions you may have.

Chunky Soup
Spaghetti Sauce
Hygiene Items:
Toothpaste
Shampoo
Conditioner
Body Wash

Go FPCR! Applause for Rick!

The Slinger Food Pantry volunteer was so excited to see Rick Romanski arrive with your food donations that she applauded! On October 14, he delivered **269 items**—a welcome contribution because the shelves were bare!

The most-needed items are listed to the left. Additional non-perishable items and monetary contributions are also always appreciated.



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.

Visioning Project Update from October

A gift card, a crocheted turkey, a familiar song—small gestures addressing FPCR's vision statement are at the heart of the present outreach plans. At its October 20 meeting, the committee heard positive feedback on gift-card outreach, with respondents willing to take part again.

Looking toward Christmas, the committee is exploring sing-alongs at Serenity Village and Pavilion at Glacial Valley. The proposed 30 to 40-minute visits could feature bells, simple percussion, and plenty of participation. Around 20 volunteers, including the FPCR family and others, would make a welcome group. Dates are still being discussed; announcements are planned to begin by November 8.

Crocheted leaves are available on the narthex table to give away, and Elaine Schmidt is working on Thanksgiving turkeys. A proposed bookmark project has also drawn interest from the Slinger and Hartford libraries, whose directors are willing to review a sample design. Additional information, including design details remains open.

Meanwhile, cleaning of the cemetery stones was completed October 18 by the Boy Scouts. Food-pantry celebration kits are on hold, and a Halloween outreach has been deferred until next year to allow more planning time. Watch for Christmas sing-along updates—and consider joining in when plans are confirmed.

The next committee meeting is November 3 at 6 pm. Please contact Keith to be added to the group or with questions/ideas.



The Lord is King October's Study Lesson 10

What happens when a powerful king discovers he is not truly in control? That question sparked reflection and laughter in our recent, sometimes challenging study of Daniel 4.

The Lord Is King

King Nebuchadnezzar had wealth and authority but mistook those blessings for proof of his greatness. Daniel interpreted his troubling dream as a warning: the king would be humbled until he recognized that heaven rules.

The lesson still applies: pride grows when we forget the source of our gifts, while humility begins when we admit that God is in control.

Humility Without Humiliation

The group explored the difference between humiliation and humility. Mistakes may make us feel small, but godly humility reveals truth and invites us to slow down, ask questions, and extend grace.

Nebuchadnezzar's story is both warning and encouragement: God confronts pride but also restores. When the king looked toward heaven, he praised the Most High and acknowledged God's enduring kingdom.

Faith Is Trusting

The evening closed with a reminder: faith is not wishing; faith is trusting. It trusts God's plan and gives us courage when the way forward is unclear.

**Let your faith be
bigger than your fear.**

What's Next

Mark your calendar for Lesson 11 on **Wednesday, November 11, 6 pm**; and Lesson 12 on Wednesday, December 9, 6 pm.

Two lessons remain in the present study book. The group is considering *Angels* for its next study. See **Elaine Schmidt** for more information or to join the group on November 11.

Happy Anniversary to the following couples who will celebrate in November. Your FPCR family prays that God will bless you with many more wonderful years together.

1 - Rick and Cathy Romanski

20 - Ken and Elaine Schmidt



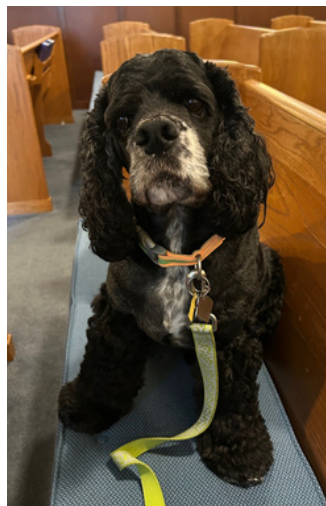
Change for Change Moving Along

FPCR continues to move toward our goal of covering the \$5,300 for the retaining wall on the cemetery. To date, \$732.92 of that goal has been met. That is approximately 14% of the way to the goal!

Thank you, everyone, for your spare change and for supporting the goal of cleaning up the cemetery.



Where are the People?



Many members of the FPCR family spend time in the building during the week for a variety of reasons. Since the building can feel a little quiet and eerie at times, it's nice to have a friend along! Tucker loves coming to church when Rick and/or Cathy Romanski set up for Sunday services. He keeps an eye on things and provides quality control!

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A Technology Upgrade for FPCR

Elaine Schmidt steps from the pew to the front of the church, picks up the microphone, and turns to the congregation, just as she has Sunday after Sunday for years. This time, though, she wears a huge smile as she shares some exciting news with the FPCR family: she has a wireless microphone in her hand! Giving the weekly Ministry News used to mean dealing with an extra-long microphone cord without tripping. **Ron Grunke** thoughtfully upgraded the tripod-mounted

microphone to a wireless one that Elaine can simply pick up from the chair and begin speaking.

The new microphone delivers excellent sound throughout the sanctuary and is easy to turn on and off. Thank you to **Allen Schoeni** for setting up the equipment and surprising Elaine with news of the "gift" before the church service on October 4.

Interestingly, in August, Jean Schoeni and Alice Schmitz submitted a grant application to replace some of the church's technology, including the microphones used during Sunday services. They learned in August that the application had not been approved. So, thank you Ron and Allen for solving one of FPCR's technology concerns!

True or False? Mobile phones and cordless phones are safe to use during a thunderstorm?

True! Mobile phones and cordless phones are safe to use during a thunderstorm **if** they are not connected to an outlet through a charger. Do not use corded phones.

From: <https://www.cdc.gov/lightning/safety/index.html>

A Friday Funny from Jean Zeller

