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# 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

**September 6 - 10 am**  
**Communion**

**September 13 - 10 am**

**September 20 - 10 am**

(Watch for further information  
about this service.)

**September 27 - 10 am**

## An Enjoyable FPCR Brunch at the Forge



On August 2, the FPCR family enjoyed lunch after the service at The Forge on Highway 164 in Pleasant Hill. Good company, enjoyable food, and attentive service made for a fun gathering—and perhaps an informative one, too.

Conversations (not always in agreement) ranged from everyday practical matters to seasonal interests, community connections, and sports. Some of the topics heard during the luncheon included:

- gardening, pumpkins, refrigerator pickles, mosquitoes, Christmas versus Easter cacti, the rising price of groceries, toilet paper,
- cataract surgery and eye lens choices, crop dusting, the EAA in Oshkosh, draft horses, and Lisbon Presbyterian damage progress,
- football, the Brewers, and the World Series.



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The one item on which everyone agreed, however, was finding an opportunity to “do this again!”



## *Slinger* FOOD PANTRY

### Thanks Rick and Brynn for FPCR's Delivery

On August 5, **Rick Romanski** and granddaughter, **Brynn**, delivered FPCR's donations to the Slinger Food Pantry.

They dropped off 105 assorted non-perishable items. The pantry also shared its current list of needed items. That list includes:

**Cereal (with sugar for kids)**  
**Chunky Soup**  
**Peanut Butter**  
**Shampoo and Conditioner**  
**Sanitary Supplies**  
**Toothbrushes**

The Food Pantry is always grateful for the food items and cash donations generously given by the FPCR family.



### 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.

### Needed: Your Smile!

Slots are available to sign up as a "Greeter." Be the friendly face of FPCR. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table.



Look who guards the cemetery when the FPCR family is away!

You may remember hearing that **Jean Schoeni** and **Alice Schmitz** submitted a \$5,000 grant request to the Presbyterian Foundation to replace or update some of FPCR's technology. Unfortunately, FPCR was not selected for the grant, but the committee will apply when another opportunity presents itself.

### Visioning Committee News

The Vision Committee met via Zoom on Tuesday, August 25. The Action Plan groups provided the following updates:

**Have a Blessed Day** (ongoing) — Elaine Schmidt/Melissa Kujawa: Twelve fall leaves have been crocheted and will be given to Melissa for packaging and distribution.

**Day of Giving** (week of October 3) — Elaine Schoeni/Alice Schmitz: Most of the gift cards have been purchased for distribution. Elaine and Alice will prepare explanations, to the church family, packaging, and follow-up.

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## Pleasing God Study Lesson 9

Bible Study was held on August 4 and focused on Matthew 6: 1-18, in a chapter titled *Pleasing God*. **Elaine Schmidt** opened the study with prayer and shared several simple tips for praying: **keep it simple**, **avoid repeating** the same words, **get to the point**, and **simply be with God**. We were reminded that God knows our needs before we ask and that prayer calls us to express faith and trust in Him.

A few key points from the study included:

1. What we do quietly and without seeking recognition is truly pleasing to God.
2. As the head of the family, God is often referred to as Our Father. As Our Father, He has the final say.
3. Hypocrisy was discussed, including giving in order to receive public recognition or personal benefit. An example: having one's name attached to a building or athletic facility. The group also reflected on Matthew 6:3: "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."
4. Effective prayer does not follow a formula; it is heartfelt communication with God.
5. Forgiveness was discussed and summarized this way: if we do not forgive others, we cannot fully receive God's forgiveness.
6. We should never run out of hope.
7. People need encouragement and rewards. God gives the reward that matters most: one day, we will meet Him.
8. We need to pray more—and pray that our lives will be pleasing to God.

The next Bible Study is scheduled for September 8 at 6 pm via Zoom and covers Lesson 10, *The Lord is King*, covering Daniel 4. You will receive an email with the link on September 7. To join for the first time, please see **Elaine Schmidt**. The group would be happy to welcome you!

Happy Birthday to Alice  
**Schmitz** on her upcoming  
September 27 birthday.  
**God's blessings** for many  
years to come.



**Thank you  
for Your  
Generosity!**



## Visioning Committee Report

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**Christmas Carol Concert** — Keith Clark: Work on this project will begin in earnest in September. One suggestion was raised . . . would anyone in the FPCR family, or any friends, be interested in caroling in the community? We may need to hire a song leader.

Other items discussed included:

Jean Schoeni shared that she removed the **stain from the communion tablecloth** and purchased a blotter to place on the tablecloth going forward.

Jean Schoeni also reported that a **thermometer** will be posted so progress toward paying off the retaining wall through the Change-for-Change can will be easy to visualize.

Keith thanked Cathy for the **list of area churches**. FPCR would like to begin building partnerships to support future community projects.

Committee members were reminded that projects should have an **Action Plan on file** to be posted on the website.

The next meeting will be on September 22, 6 pm.

**When you cannot see God's hand, trust His heart. He is always present.**

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## Cemetery Headstone Cleaning Effort

On August 2, Eagle Scout candidate **Jacob Dohman** joined additional Scouts, adult leaders, family members and friends to assist **Rick Romanski** in beginning the cemetery headstone cleaning effort.

The team used an enzyme-based cleaner designed to help prevent moss from returning to the markers for up to five years. Rick personally cleaned the older sandstone markers, which are softer and more delicate than the granite markers. Together, the group helped preserve the headstones while refreshing their appearance and supporting their long-term care. There will be another "cleaning event" to complete the headstones the group was unable to clean at this time. When that is announced, you may wish to help or stop by to thank the group. If so, see Rick for information.

The next time you have a few extra minutes while at FPCR, take a walk through the cemetery. Thanks to the work completed by many over the past year, it has a noticeably refreshed appearance.

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*But be doers of the word and not merely hearers  
who deceive themselves.*

*James 1:22*