

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 continue to be busy around and about the church. As you probably know:

Services are booked! Sundays, from September 1, 2025, through February 22, 2026, are completely filled by pulpit supply pastors. A huge thanks to **Cathy Romanski** and to all the ministers helping out!

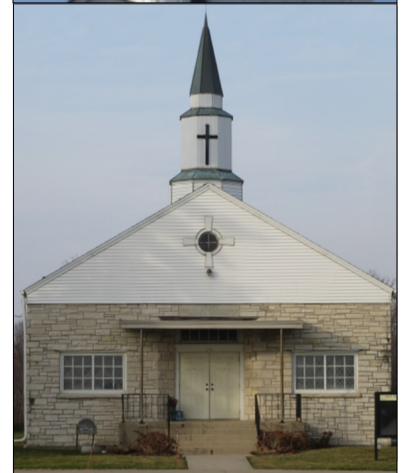
Why do the church grounds look so different? On September 27, a **massive** amount of work was completed around FPCR. You can't miss the improvements! More information on page 4.

Slinger Food Pantry drop-offs continue! Please see page 2 for a report about the last donations dropped off to the Food Pantry. Your items are always welcome. Non-perishable donations may be placed in the narthex for delivery and your cash donations in the collection plate for payment. Add "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.

The Visioning Committee met and continues its work (see page 3 for more information). Completion of Action Plans and updates of various "started ideas/projects" is being worked on. The next meeting will be held after the church service on Sunday, October 5.

Since services and initiatives are once again settling down, you will always find updates in future editions of this newsletter, but they will NOT be grouped together on the front page.

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

OCTOBER SERVICES

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

OCTOBER 5
WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE

OCTOBER 12

OCTOBER 19

OCTOBER 26

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

ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

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Cathy Romanski

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Rick Romanski
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Elaine Schmidt

You Donated 296 Items and \$517!!!

The Slinger Food Pantry thanks you for the **296** total items delivered to the Slinger Food Pantry on September 15 by **Rick and Cathy Romanski**. That total included items left in the narthex plus some delivered individually to the Pantry.

The Food Pantry, again this month, was SO happy to see Rick and Cathy. If you ever have a chance, you ought to “tag” along with them on a delivery. It is both gratifying and heartbreaking. Gratifying to know that so many people in FPCR’s area are benefiting from your generosity; heartbreaking to see how bare the shelves are and to witness the number of people lined up in need of food.

Items requested at this time are:

Soup (any kind)

Cereal

Green Beans

Black Beans

Breakfast Bars

Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Any Non-Perishables

you wish to donate

A check for **\$517** is on the way to the Pantry. It covers your cash donations from June 1 through September 30. Thank you for thinking of the Slinger Food Pantry!!



Help Promote Peace Locally and Globally

If you haven’t had a chance and still wish to donate to the Peace and Global Witness offering, Sunday, October 5 is your final opportunity.

“Pursue What Makes for Peace” is the theme of this year’s campaign to promote peace locally and globally. 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.

This is one of the four special offerings in which the FPCR family participates annually.

Be An Example

Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12
The Bible, New International Version

Favorite Hymn?

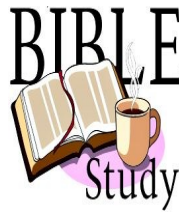


What’s **your** favorite hymn?
Has there been an opportunity to sing it at a service recently? If you would like to sing a hymn that hasn’t been selected recently, please let **Alice Schmitz** know. The keyboard musicians’ “calendar” is presently being filled to the end of 2025. There is certainly a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

Next session meeting is presently scheduled for **October 26** after worship.
Contact an elder (listed to the left) if you have concerns, questions, or comments for the agenda.

Bible Study Kicked Off on September 17

On September 17, Bible Study attendees agreed it was wonderful to be back together again after “summer vacation”! The group was ready to learn, share, ponder, and pray using the new book titled, “Meeting God.” Chapter 1 was based on Acts 17:16-34. The verses review how Paul delivered a “crash course” in Christianity to groups he spoke to. The lesson helped us compare his “course” with our beliefs today. There are many false ideas of who God is.



The class began by brainstorming different false gods in our society, which Rev. Halverson also spoke about in her September 21 message using the parable of the shrewd manager in Luke 16. The group agreed that almost anything could become a false God. Christians need to speak up and show that the world’s way is not always the correct way.

The study led us to compare the environment in Athens with today’s society. Attendees agreed that both were divided, willing to learn about others but usually believing WE are RIGHT, and needing to hear AND think about things before accepting what we hear. Therefore, Paul and his Christian beliefs had a difficult time finding followers.

Paul was highly motivated to spread the word of God. He did so by speaking out publicly and risked ridicule, riots, and prison. Like Christians who speak up today, he was often rejected or “set aside”. But sometimes his words **were** accepted.

The group also spoke about how difficult it is in some venues of society to speak about God. Why aren’t there more discussions? Why aren’t true believers easily able to invite someone to their faith? Why do many people never find Christianity?

The study was summarized with the statement that you “must always keep your strong belief.”

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10

Visioning Subcommittees Work Toward Action Plans

The Visioning subcommittees met September 14, 2025, and emphasized **A-C-T-I-O-N**. By the October 5 meeting, action plans should be written and should carry a completion date by the end of 2025. It was also necessary to identify budgeting needs and provide focus for grant research and submissions. Please note that any project estimates are simply “guesstimates” and not solid quotes.



Building/Grounds/Finance Committee

1. *Work on cemetery/property clean-up* - This began on September 27. A lot was accomplished. If you are able to help with lawn seeding and/or spreading straw, please see Rick or Allen.
2. *Windows* (Guesstimate = \$8-10,000)
The worst window is on the south side (one window).
Rick Romanski is working on additional information.
3. *Storage Shed/Leak Behind Pulpit Curtain* (Guesstimate = \$100)
Keith Clark and Rick Romanski are gathering information and possibilities.
4. *Church front - awning, railing, stairs, ramp*
Original guesstimate was tied to the quote for the ramp. Will we need a grant?
5. *Heating and air conditioning*
Rick Romanski will do research on this item. Is it something that is a priority?
6. *Rodent and insect control*
Allen Schoeni will make inquiries.

Other ideas still to be discussed: moisture in basement - cistern; outdoor lighting; new permanent sign; grant writer; lawyer for cemetery non-profit.

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

3—Noah Deibert

12—Cathy Romanski

24—Mark Manthei

25—Kathleen Schmidt



Happy Anniversary to the following couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversary in **October**. Anniversary blessings to you!

22—Mark and Cathy Manthei



Coffee and Social Time

October 5, 2025

All are welcome.

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

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.



We ♥ Our Gardeners!

Thank you for brightening the Sanctuary.

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Visioning Committee

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Outreach/Grow Committee

1. *Smaller media speakers for the front of the church and installation of wi-fi.*
2. *Church brochure to distribute information in a variety of places.*
 - Work already done on this brochure will be reviewed.
 - A brochure would be helpful to hand to visitors at our services and to distribute around the community. A box may be added to the sign for people to pick up information about the church.
3. *Follow-Up with Visitors*
What should be done when we have visitors—especially those who have attended more than once or twice. Mailing, phone call, nothing?
4. *Greeters*
Sign-up sheet for individuals to greet worshipers at the door is in place and being utilized.
5. *Happy Parishioners*
 - Coffee hour the first Sunday of the month to keep the “community” feel at FPCR.
 - Luncheon before the end of the year.
 - Would individuals appreciate going out for breakfast/lunch together occasionally?
 - Shut-Ins - gift for Thanksgiving or Christmas possibly. The greeting cards sent by the deacons are appreciated for birthdays and/or other events throughout the year.

All are welcome to participate in any or all discussions of the work of these committees.

Next Meeting: October 5, Fellowship Hall of FPCR

Church Property Has a New Look



On Saturday, September 27, **Daryl Schmidt** and co-worker **Devon, Ken Schmidt, Allen Schoeni, and Rick Romanski** generously donated a day of labor, equipment, and expertise to clean up the church property and pump the cistern.

Left is a before picture of the property line, and bottom right, an after picture. Additional pictures and a video are on the website at

<https://www.firstpresbyofrichfield.com/picture-galleries>

