Muskegon CROP Hunger Walk
October 6, 2019
50th Anniversary!

We are so excited to have this year’s CROP Walk be such a significant anniversary, and to have the opportunity to celebrate our church's tradition of participating in "ending hunger one step at a time."

The CROP Walk started with a group of young people from Bismarck, North Dakota in 1969. They were hearing stories about famine, hunger and poverty from around the world. They knew they needed to help. They challenged themselves to walk 20 miles as a way to relate to people around the world who walk long distances to survive. They asked friends and family to donate to the food and water projects of Church World Service. Today, we walk and raise money to continue to help Church World Service and food programs in our own community.

Kick off for our walk is September 1st! Anyone can pick up a donation envelope to help raise money or go on-line to Muskegon CROP Hunger Walk and get signed up!

Watch for more information coming during the month of September about Church World Service and some different ways YOU can participate in CROP Hunger Walk 2019!

Let's make this the best walk ever!

Mary and Richard Eschman
CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING
Sunday, September 1st

$115.90 was received in the July Cents-Ability Offering and $224.40 in the August Offering. The Cents-Ability Offering, Presbyterian Hunger Program, will be received again on Sunday, September 1st.

The response from our congregation in supporting the Cents-Ability Offering has made it possible for FPC to sponsor two Feeding America trucks per year with First Congregational UCC totaling over $1000.00 and continue our contribution of $2000.00 to Supper House serving supper five days per week to an average of 120 persons per evening. Additional money available goes to only LOCAL hunger programs as specified by the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Please note Bread for the World Bread sales will resume October 6th.

September Mission Box
Muskegon Rescue Mission

A project of the Mission Council is to encourage FPC members to fill the four, green tubs in the hallway with donated food and personal items, which are donated to Every Woman’s Place, Mission for Area People, Love INC, and Muskegon Rescue Mission. At the end of the month, someone from the Mission Council delivers the items collected to one of these four charitable agencies. This month, items will be delivered to Muskegon Rescue Mission.

Donations of the following foods to Muskegon Rescue Mission are appreciated:

- spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned tomatoes
- soup
- juice, Jell-O
- boxed dinners, canned meats
- cereal, sugar, powdered milk.

The following personal items have also been requested by Muskegon Rescue Mission staff:

- shampoo, soap
- toothpaste, toothbrushes
- hair brushes and combs
- hand lotion and tissues
- paper towels and laundry soap
- diapers, baby toiletries.

These requested items are also listed on the cover of the Muskegon Rescue Mission tub and on a sign on the Mission table.

Thank you for your donations, past and present.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet again on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the youth room. Everyone is welcome. Start a new hobby and enjoy good fellowship by participating in this church ministry.

Supplies are available at the meeting.
Fellow Presbyterians,

I would like to write about other things, but we must remember to lock the doors and turn off the lights when we are finished using the building. On two different occasions, I stopped at church to tend to some repairs in the early evening, and early one Saturday morning. I found the Wickham door unlocked. Another time I went by the church and found many lights on in fellowship hall, in the stairwells, and even the elevator. I forget to do things too; however, we must be mindful of what we have used or where we have been and secure that area when finished.

Also, if a group of you use a room for whatever reason, please make sure the room is cleaned before you leave. We don’t have a custodian, so please do your part in keeping the church safe, clean and secure. Remember, there is a list of names and contact information on the bulletin board in the office in case of an emergency.

Our air conditioning units have taken a beating this year, not from overuse, but mother nature and old age. The unit that cools the rooms on the west side of the main hallway is in need of replacement. I’m not sure of the age, but it leaks freon and that goes into the atmosphere. Here again, age outweighs the feasibility of repair. Total replacement is around $3,000. This will be a good project for next year.

Please do not drop your wheels off the edge of the parking lot. This cracks the asphalt and that starts deterioration of the parking area. Take a look at the north side of the lot and you’ll see what I mean.

Bob Hartman will be finishing his term as an elder at the end of this year. Property Council will need a different leader. If this position interests you, please contact someone on the Nominating Committee (Ron Rop, Ellen Prowant or Bev Spiwak). This is a very active position and Bob will help mentor the next moderator of the council.

Thank you for helping to keep our church maintained on a high level. I know it’s not all about the building. God has blessed us with a wonderful facility, and it is up to us to keep it that way.

Your friend in Christ Jesus,
Robert Hartman

LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT

Session has approved a change in our church landscape. This fall we will be grassing over the area between the parking lot and the sidewalk. We are offering the plants in that area to the congregation. The best time to transplant them would be a damp cool day and should be done by September 15th. The plants that are in this area are yellow Knock Out roses, Japanese Anemone (currently blooming) Sweet Woodrum (ground cover blooms in the spring) and Itea (a shrub that blooms in the spring and turns red in the fall).

Moms for Moms
Back-to-School Giveaway
August 19th 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

In addition to the monthly swap, the Moms for Moms Group would like to give away backpacks filled with school supplies. Donations are being accepted and may be dropped off to the church. Please help to make sure kids are back-to-school ready!
Thanks to everyone for the many cards, notes, and words of encouragement from FPC friends.
Sam Hollar

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I am so sorry I’m behind on my thanking you for all your love, support, cards, prayers, and compassion when we lost my mom right after Mother’s Day. Mom was 91 and had Alzheimer’s.

Mom shared with me many stories of her going to church when she was younger. Her mother, aka Gramma, was my inspiration of what a Christian woman was to look like.

I am so thankful for all of our sisters and brothers in Christ at FPC. My Uncle Calvin’s name along with his brother, Bill, are on the large document that hangs in the narthex. I was honored to worship at the same place where he did. He was my family by marriage, you all are my family through Christ. (Actually, he is also.) Mike was baptized there when he was young, so FPC will always have a special place in our hearts.

Thank you, God bless you and may the Peace that surpasses all understanding be with you today and always.

Donna and Mike Hansen
Pearl Waller’s family

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Each year at this time the Congregational Nominating Committee of FPC seeks your input as to persons in our congregation you believe to be gifted for service and for leadership as ordained members of the Board of Deacons and the Session of Elders.

Please prayerfully consider suggesting to the CNC the name of members that should be contacted. Place your nomination form in the box in the narthex or call the office to suggest someone to nominate.

~ Finance Council

General Fund Financial Figures
July 2019 Dollars and Sense Summary

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Thank you for your continued financial support.
Greg and Deryl Boughton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Melissa to Gregory J. Penzotti. A November wedding in Three Rivers is planned.

The Men’s Breakfast at the Cherokee Restaurant will be held on Wednesday, August 28th at 8:00 am. Come and tell us your favorite humorous story or a joke, or something about you or your career that no one knows. Most importantly, just enjoy a relaxing breakfast with good conversation. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.

It will be here before you know it; Pastor Appreciation Day will be held in October. Any celebratory thoughts and ideas to make it a special event should be shared with Greg Boughton. More details to follow in September.

Grief Share at Lake Harbor Methodist Church, 4861 Henry Street, Norton Shores, begins a 13-week, Fall 2019 program beginning August 19th. One may begin at any point. Each session is “self-contained.” People acknowledging a variety of losses attend. Some members of FPC’s Wondrous Wandering Widows Group may be attending and one from that group whom completed the program says it was comforting, helpful and strengthening. Two other comments from others: “It was a turning point in my life,” and “I felt so safe and loved.”

Sessions are on Monday evenings, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The cost is $15, which includes a workbook.

If you have questions, call (231) 798-2181 or email lakeharbor@aol.com. The WWW Group of FPC is involving itself with this group as a helpful outreach for our church. There are a few brochures available on the “Member Care” bulletin board in the Sherman hallway. More can be made available by calling FPC member, Kay Ostrom at (231) 798-2643.
**LAY LEADERS:**
- 09/01: Pam Foster
- 09/08: Norma Reynolds
- 09/15: Sheila Wahamaki
- 09/22: Kay Ostrom
- 09/29: Kristi Clark

**CHILDREN’S TIME:**
- 09/01: Pastor Jim
- 09/08: Sheila Wahamaki
- 09/15: Vella Caruso
- 09/22: Arisha Coffee
- 09/29: Jon Mills

**OFFERINGS COUNTERS:**
- 09/01: Jim & Bonnie Watson
- 09/08: Ara Demirjian & Carol Moore
- 09/15: Vic & Ellen Prowant
- 09/22: Mervin & Katherine Young
- 09/29: Bill Papo & Scott Stewart

**COMMUNION SERVERS – SEPTEMBER 1:**
- Dave Caruso
- Jeanne deVette
- Vella Caruso
- Mary Ellen Willcox
- Carol Giblin

**GREETERS – SHERMAN ENTRANCE:**
- 09/01: Mat & Carol Moore
- 09/08: Fred & Carmen Jeisy
- 09/15: Brent & Annette Scofield
- 09/22: Mick & Susan Homan
- 09/29: Jon & Yuri Mills

**GREETERS – WICKHAM ENTRANCE:**
- 09/01: Kay Ostrom
- 09/08: Joan Barnes
- 09/15: Nancy Evans
- 09/22: Ruth Clark
- 09/29: Kendra & Harper Mills

**USHERS:**
- 09/01: Ara & Dona Demirjian
- 09/08: Larry DeVoogd & Mitzi Bixler
- 09/15: Bob & Nancy Bierenga
- 09/22: Chris Rausch & Robin Schroeder
- 09/29: Lowell & Roxanne Kinney
- Don & Pam Correll
- Chuck Hodson & Roxanne Deibel
- Bev Spiwak & Mary Seieroe
- Ron & Mary Rop
- Vic & Ellen Prowant

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:**
- 09/01: Jim Decker
- 09/08: Ray & Sharon Center
- 09/15: Larry & Julie Ayers
- 09/22: Mark & Kristi Clark
- 09/29: Teresa Christensen

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:**
- 09/09: Ellen Prowant
- 09/16: Kay Ostrom
- 09/23: Vella Caruso

**AFTER WORSHIP HOSPITALITY:**
- 09/01: Bob & Cheryl Hartman
- 09/08: Ron & Mary Rop
- 09/15: Bill & Peggy Schaefer
- 09/22: Quinn & Linda Champion
- 09/29: Mike & Pam Foster

*Thank you for assisting with worship. If you are unable to serve on your assigned date, please switch with someone else on the list. Please notify the church office by email at office@fpcmuskegon.org or phone (231) 759-1275 of any changes for bulletin purposes.*
## First Presbyterian Church, Church Calendar

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