

# THE MESSENGER

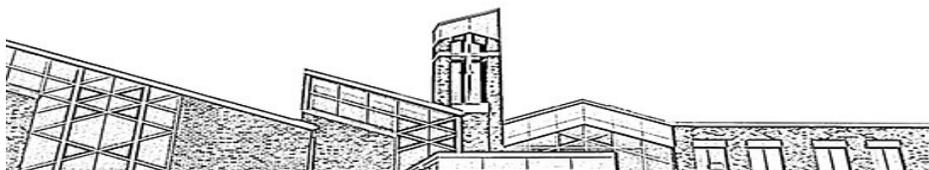
November 2022

## The First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, MI

405 N. M-37 HIGHWAY - HASTINGS, MI 49058

### WELCOME

We are so blessed to know you, and to serve alongside you! We hope The Messenger brings everyone closer together, and helps YOU to stay connected at FPC!



### Worship Schedule

10:00 am

Nov 6	<b>Job 19:23-27a</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b>	Rev. Bruce Mulder
Nov 13	<b>TBD</b>	Dale Billingsley
Nov 20	<b>Col. 1:11-20</b>	Rev. Nick Marlatt
Nov 27	<b>Isaiah 2:1-5</b> <b>Romans 13:11-14</b>	Rev. Nick Marlatt

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**11/6/2022**

Daylight's Saving Time

**11/8**

Election Day

**11/11/2022**

Veteran's Day

**11/21-11/27**

NAP'S Thanksgiving Break

**11/24**

Thanksgiving Day



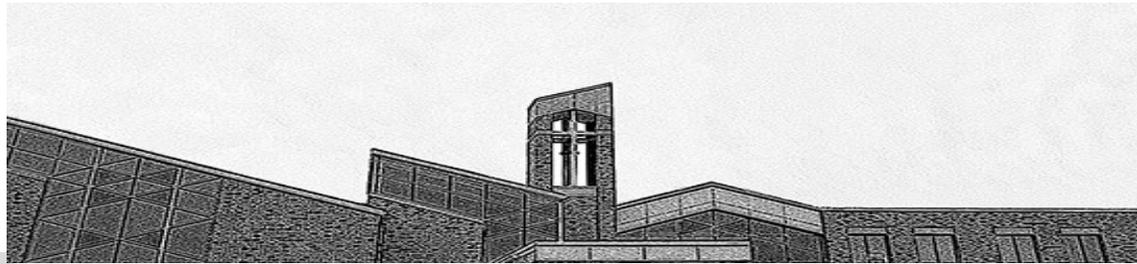
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**A COVID UPDATE FROM SESSION** As you are aware, the number of Covid cases in Barry County has been in decline. Thanks be to God! As we transition to a 'new normal,' we continue to support your decision to mask up and/or social distance. Masks will continue to be available at the front door; of course, online worship remains an option as well

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# Pastor's Corner



**Pastor Nick Marlatt**



To all God's beloved children at First Presbyterian Church,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As I write this letter, the weather has finally really turned toward Autumn here in Western Pennsylvania (as I imagine is has in Western Michigan as well). The leaves are really starting to fall, as if they all know the place to be is on the ground and they are all racing not to be the last one to the party. It is clear that the seasons are finally transitioning. And the weather outside is a reflection of the weather inside our family as well. My transition from my previous congregation to First Presbyterian is quickly approaching. While we have only a few boxes packed, the packing will begin in earnest on Tuesday, November 1 as we anticipate the arrival of the moving truck on Friday, November 11. We are so looking forward to beginning to worship with you all on Sunday, November 20 and partnering with you all as we seek to follow Christ faithfully and shine His light into the world.

We look forward to getting settled into the community in the coming weeks and we are excited to get settled into our new house, new schools and explore all the many things Hastings and Barry County has to offer. We would love to hear suggestions from you about your favorite places that we need to explore: favorite hike, favorite restaurant, favorite ice cream, favorite coffee and donuts. You get the idea. We are excited to explore the area and learn from all of you. I would also love to get together and chat over a cup of coffee or tea with as many of you as I can. I am excited to hear your stories and to share my own.

We are excited to be with you all soon and we ask for your prayers for a smooth transition. Until then, may the peace of Christ be with you all.

In Christ,

Pastor Nick

## NOVEMBER Birthdays

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| Madison Middleton | Amy Campbell       |
| Lew Shaw          | Emmalene McConnell |
| Maddie Solmes     | Sarah Middleton    |
| Marcia Leedy      | Anita Shaw         |
| Jan Rounds        | Connie Semerad     |
| Tim McMahan       | Rita Brown         |
| Sally McVey       |                    |

## NOVEMBER Anniversaries

- Douglas and Margaret DeCamp
- David and Joann Logan
- Gregory and Chery Clark
- Thomas and Charlotte Mohler

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

# FPC Announcements

## The Love Tree - A First Presbyterian Church Tradition

Thanksgiving is just around the corner! This year, as we think about all the ways God has blessed us this year, let us also think about those around us who may not have been as blessed as we have been.

It has been our tradition for many years to "adopt" several families for Christmas, providing them with a holiday meal and gifts. And we will continue that tradition again this year. The Love Tree will be in our Narthex beginning on November 20 for those of you who love to shop on Thanksgiving weekend. Please take a tag (or two) and sign the sheet letting us know which tag (s) you took.

Your wrapped gifts, with the tag attached, should be returned to church no later than Sunday, December 11, 2022. We will deliver gifts to the families on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

If you would like to help with the Love Tree this year, by decorating our tree, shopping for gifts, sorting gifts, or delivering gifts, please contact Sue Granner at [sjgranner@hotmail.com](mailto:sjgranner@hotmail.com) or 910-578-1451.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! May God bless you as you bless others!



*Click on the calendar to see upcoming events and meetings.*

# Worship & Work of the Session

## The Worship and Work of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, MI

Minutes from the October 24th 2022 Regular Meeting

The meeting was held at the Church, 405 N-M37 Highway, Hastings MI at 7:00 pm.

The Minutes from the September 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Session Meeting and tonight's agenda were approved.

**Clerk Report** Our 2021 Minutes were reviewed and approved. Our Abuse Prevention Policy has been reviewed, and our Administrator and trustees have reviewed our insurances and risk coverages are adequate.

**Pastor's Report** Olive Ann (daughter of Joey and Sara Keller) approved for Baptism on Sunday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel** All of the position descriptions have been updated and reviews have been completed.

**Trustees** the Electric Bill seems to be back in line, there were some HVAC controls issues found when they were assessed.

**Worship and Music** The current volunteers agreed to continue thru the beginning of Lent. There is a tentatively planned organ concert for the first Sunday Afternoon in December.

**Stewardship** The Financial statement was accepted as presented. The Endowment accounts are down, just like all current investments. The September disbursements will unfortunately reflect that.

**NAPS** The High School Building Trades Class will be building some things for the outdoor play space/classroom.

**Family Ministry** 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter was excellent - 35 students attended. Path has had 20+ kids per week. Young Family Dinner Nights are on Thursdays.

**Missions Committee** the South Eastern School Washer and Dryer project is done.

**Pastoral Nominating Committee** Pastor Nick and Kourtney have bought a house in Middleville school district.

**A motion to adjourn was made and Steve Laubaugh closed with prayer at 8:09 pm.**

**Next Meeting November 28th at 7:00pm at the church**

These minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Preston, Clerk of Session

### YOUR 2022 FPC

#### SESSION:

#### 2022

Dave Curtis  
Cindy Preston  
Dave Arnold  
Dave Logan  
Rick VanDenBerge

#### 2023

Mike Behrendt  
Tracy Solmes  
Steve Laubaugh  
Gary Kimble

#### 2024

Marsh Evans  
Jim Bruce  
Dave Allarding  
Scott Allarding  
Sally Keller





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