

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders

Class of 2023

Leslie Gilreath
Marlene Smith

Class of 2024

J. Michael Hall
Pete Wendel

Class of 2025

Bill Cundiff

Deacons

Class of 2023

Jo Ann Hartzell
Rosemary Holloway

Class of 2024

Sonja Stormo

Class of 2025

Kim Edinger

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Fairplain Presbyterian Church, rejoice in God's grace and redeeming love through Jesus Christ. We believe we have been called as God's children to create an open and welcoming community, to worship and praise God, and to nurture and support each other. We are called to develop our God-given gifts and to equip ourselves to reach out to the world in love and compassion. Thus prepared, we will share our faith, preach the gospel, feed the hungry, and be peacemakers according to God's will.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

January 28 – February 4

TODAY: 9:30 am – Worship Service
Lenten Study (Courtyard and online)

TUESDAY: 10:00 am – Bible Study

THURSDAY: 1:30 pm – Food Pantry

SUNDAY: 8:30 am & 10:30 am – Choir Rehearsals
9:30 am – Worship Service (Communion)
Installation of Church Officers

Prayer Requests & Joys: If you have prayer requests that you would like to leave as a voicemail to be played on Sunday morning, you can call 269-332-1118 to leave a message, and we will play it on Sunday morning.

January 28

Liturgist: Kim Edinger
Director of Music: Vladimir Slavujevic
Sound Technician: J. Michael Hall
Video Technician: Bill Cundiff
Nursery: Jody Pauley

February 4

Liturgist: Robert Smith
Director of Music: Vladimir Slavujevic
Sound Technician: J. Michael Hall
Video Technician: Bill Cundiff
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ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Meeting of the Corporation will be held on Sunday, February 11, immediately following the worship service. The deadline for annual reports is no later than Monday, February 5 to Linda Cogswell: Font Style: Century Gothic, size 12 font, Portrait.

PRAYERS (1/28/24): Rob Barker passed away Jan. 24. Further details on a service will be announced when they become available.

PRAYERS (1/21/24): Kristen Schell & family, her mother back home but trying to get her stabilized; Marlene's cousin, Emily, stage 4 cancer & cousin Susan, thyroid cancer; Dennis Cogswell kidneys stage 3 but under control with new meds; Valdimir's uncle John still recuperating; family of Rev. Tom Keizer & family on his recent passing and Sue Fitch & family on her recent passing.

PRAYERS (12/17/23): Rosemary Holloway, recent passing of her sister, Audrey.

PRAYERS (12/10/23): Ernie Lewis' friend, Jeff Luca, passed away recently due to a freak accident, leaving wife & 3 kids.

ONGOING PRAYERS: People of Israel, Palestine and Ukraine; Jill Wendel & family, recent death of her aunt, Jane Kuehl; Greg Powell & Vicki Born; Bill Cundiff; Jill Wendel's stepfather Dan, pacemaker; Ramona Contreras; Leslie Gilreath; Rob Barker; Sally Barker; Ann Cundiff; Augie Meyer; Candi Kebschull.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHOTO REQUEST: If you have a photo you think would be good to use for front cover of bulletin, please submit to Linda in the office in a jpg format to the church email: fairplainpc@gmail.com

INSTALLATION: Next Sunday, February 4, new church officers will be re-installed: Elders – Lew Burchard & Robert Smith
Deacons – Linda Cogswell, John Kauffman & George Pica

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT: The 5th annual Euchre Tournament benefiting the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen will be held on Sunday, February 4, at 1 pm at the Livery Brewery in Benton Harbor. There is a \$40 donation per player. There are monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and three door prizes including gift certificates from local restaurants. As usual, free Livery Pizza for all. Questions: contact m@soupk.org or call 269.925.8204. Register online now!

<https://igfn.us/form/xDoGrw>

SUNDAY SCHOOL / LENTEN STUDY: Often in Lent we will give up or take on something that helps us enliven our spiritual life. This year, we'll take a journey through some practical ways of praying by using Sacred Calls' video/discussion series Practical Prayers: A Guide to Praying Without Ceasing. We currently plan to meet in person and online via Google Meet on Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 25, March 10, March 17, and March 24. Email links will be sent out on the prior Saturday nights.

Music in Our Services

Our director of music, Vladimir Slavujevic, often with the support of his family and Fairplain's choir, arranges for our Introit, Anthem, and Offertory, except on Sundays when we are served by our Praise team, "Wherever Two..."

Our prelude, postlude, hymns, and regular service music are pre-recorded.

Retired Australian pastor Clyde McLennan provided most of the recordings we use. Other service music was provided by church musician Sarah Bereza and recording artist Richard M.S. Irwin. These talented musicians have released their music to the Church for use in services at no cost. Our sending hymn, "Go Now In Peace," was recorded for Fairplain by our beloved former pianist Ronnie Zanella.

Names for God in Our Services:

Observant Jews do not pronounce the Hebrew divine name, or Tetragrammaton, aloud. The Masoretes, a group of Jewish scribe-scholars, placed vowel markings under the four consonants of the divine name, indicating that a different Hebrew word should be read aloud when the reader came upon the divine name, usually "Adonai," "My Lord." Most English translations have adapted this practice by translating the divine name as "the LORD," in SMALL CAPS.

Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney picked up a practice from Dr. Joel Rosenberg in a prayer book used in a Jewish center: translating the divine name using other language scripture uses to speak of God, and placing those words in SMALL CAPS to indicate the divine name. Rev. David Schell has adopted that practice.