



The Presbyterletter

First Presbyterian Church 125 W. Main Street Ionia, Michigan 48846 April 2026

Words To Ponder

The Joy of the Resurrection



We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

At A Glance

**Worship 10:00
A.M.
in the sanctuary**

Handicap accessible
via elevator

Fellowship Time
immediately
following worship
in the
Memorial Room

**Children's Sunday
School**
during worship

**Adult Sunday
School**
following fellowship
time

Holy Communion
First Sunday
of the month

Session Meeting
April 15, 2026
3:00 p.m.

**Women's Study
Group**
Wednesdays
7:00 P.M.

Theology of Tap
Thursdays
7:00 P.M.



- 1 Cindy Rozich
- 11 Shelly Reglin
- 12 Mary Williams
- 14 Jim Ross
- 15 Emily Rozich
- 17 Loren Adgate
- 21 Duane Emlinger
- 21 Sunny Morgan
- 22 Arly Zerbe
- 27 Jasmine Begerow

FINANCIAL REPORT
MONTH ENDING
February 2026

	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$10,452	\$ 18,443
Expenses	\$ 5,979	\$ 16,274
	\$ 4,563	\$ 2,169



Session News

Session Highlights, February 2026 Meeting

Here are highlights from the February 18 session meeting:

- Session class of 2028 (Keith, Lee, and Norma) were installed on February 1.
- Pastor Chris will attend a conference in South Carolina at the beginning of March. The theme is “Theology Matters.”
- The worship committee has prepared bulletin inserts to help us focus on Lent. Each week, the special insert will include an excerpt from the gospel lesson, a reflection, a Lenten practice and a prayer.
- Session members must attend boundary training every three years. The next boundary training will be available on Zoom. Keith and Lee will be informed of available dates.

Worship Volunteers

Liturgist

Usher/Greeters

Communion Preparer/Servers

April 5, 2026	Kathy VanSyckle	Marilyn McKay, Pam Rogers	Kathy VanSyckle/Judi Emlinger
April 12, 2026	Marilyn McKay	Margaret Gregory, Norma Kilpatrick	
April 19, 2026	Lee Hunsberger	Lee Hunsberger, Barb Klenk	
April 26, 2026	Steve Zeoli	Norma Kilpatrick, Pam Rogers	

Good job Congregation!

With your continued support of Mission offering, this congregation provided \$900.00 to Zion Community Food Pantry during the match donation with Meijer Simply Give.

The food pantry serves 200 to 300 families each month. The soup kitchen is also open and serves free meals to all who come on Thursdays. In addition, the mobile pantry serves 70 to 100+ families per month. These services cost \$5,000 to \$6,000 per month on top of food donations that come in. Our \$900.00 will help support all these programs. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Four Different Congregations
Two Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday
April 2 at 7:00 pm

Remembering the Last Supper
and Celebrating Communion

Good Friday
April 3 at 7:00 pm

Solemnly Remembering
the Death and Burial of Christ

Four congregations are gathering to celebrate,
remember, and proclaim.

Let's have a good representation
from First Presbyterian
as we gather at **Zion Church** for both services.



Easter Sunday
April 5 at 10:00 am

Celebrate Christ's Resurrection
and Joyful Communion
in our sanctuary.

Let's have fifty people in church!

First Presbyterian Ruling Elders

Class of 2026 Carol Campbell, Barb Klenk, Pam Rogers
Class of 2027 Jen Furman, Linda Steele, Steve Zeoli
Class of 2028 Lee Hunsberger, Norma Kilpatrick, Dr. Keith Sterner
Clerk of Session Margaret Gregory

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