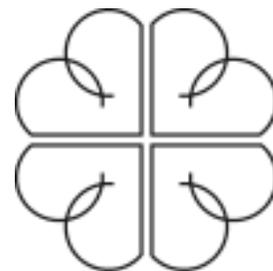


# LOAVES & FISHES



## SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

### September 2

10:00 am Worship  
Communion  
11:30 am Walton Woods



### September 9

10:00 am Worship  
Rally Day  
11:00 am Picnic

### September 16

10:00 am Worship  
Bible Sunday

### September 23

10:00 am Worship  
4th Sunday Brunch



### September 30

10:00 am Worship



## FROM DAN'S DESK

Hopefully you're wrapping up a refreshing summer and looking ahead to a reinvigorating fall season!

During these past few months your Pastor Nominating Committee has been hard at work laying the groundwork in their search for a candidate to serve as your new pastor. It's far from an easy task; instead, it takes time, effort and commitment, and while I'm convinced it's more than worth it, it nevertheless places the hopes and dreams of our Faith Community on the shoulders of a comparatively small group.

What a blessing to be entrusted with such a noble opportunity and calling! And what an opportunity for us to come together in support and prayer as the process unfolds.

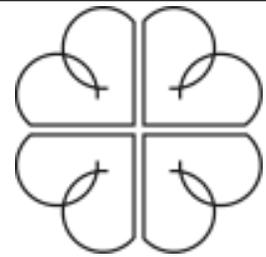
Here's the team:

Tom Anan  
Jill Bednarek  
Suzanne Everett  
Jim Paulk  
Micky Tschirhart



So here comes a challenge: pray for these folks. Let them know that you're doing so. Send them a card or note, offering them your gratitude and support. And in the meantime, during this interim period, see that your commitment to Christ and his church grows. Don't let up, friends, since a God honoring future awaits.

Your friend,  
Dan Michalek



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Sunday, September 9  
11:00 am

Hot Dogs - Burgers  
Salads - Baked Beans  
Bike Rodeo & More  
Come and join the fun.



## MEMORIAL GARDEN



The Memorial Garden committee would like to invite the congregation to visit the church's Memorial Garden on Rally Sunday. There are new urns, new stones, and many lovely flowers. Please take a stroll after the picnic to take in the beauty of this very special part of Faith Community.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

### Rally Sunday – September 9

Join us for a “Ride Rodeo” on Rally Sunday, September 9. Kids - Bring your “ride” (bike, scooter, board, skates, etc.) to the church and enjoy some fun activities after the worship service!



Regular Sunday School resumes on Rally Sunday!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We offer two different age levels and are seeking volunteers to serve one or two Sundays a month, and/or to sub for our regular teachers on occasion. All lessons and materials are provided, and organized by Daphne, our family ministries director. Volunteers facilitate lessons on Sunday morning for our elementary children and youth.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to teach Sunday School, and contact Kim Richmond at [kimrichmond@att.net](mailto:kimrichmond@att.net) or Daphne Paulk at [daphnepaulk@faithcommunity-novi.org](mailto:daphnepaulk@faithcommunity-novi.org) with questions or to volunteer.

## SEEKING CONFIRMATION CLASS VOLUNTEER/TEACHER!

The confirmation class meets for approximately 18-20 weeks throughout the fall/winter.

We are expecting approximately 5 - 6 students in our confirmation class this fall!

Marianne Simancek has graciously agreed to lead the class, but we could use an additional volunteer to help. The curriculum and student notebooks are provided. This is a unique opportunity to spend quality time with young people from our congregation, and to help them delve deeper into what it means to be a Christian and a Presbyterian.

Please prayerfully consider sharing your time in this way. Please contact Kim Richmond or Daphne Paulk

for more information.

ATTENTION: Students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade (or older students) who have not yet completed confirmation class: To assist us in preparing materials, we need an accurate count of how many students will be in our upcoming confirmation class! Please let us know if you plan to participate in confirmation class this year! 8<sup>th</sup> graders, we'd also like to know how many of you are out there!

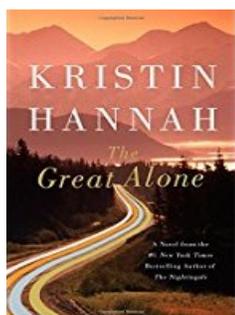
Potential confirmation class students, please contact either the office,  
Kim Richmond or Daphne Paulk .

Thank you!



## WOMEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, September 11, 12:30 pm



"Lenora Allbright is 13 when her father convinces her mother, Cora, to forgo their inauspicious existence in Seattle and move to Kaneq, Alaska. It's 1974, and the former Vietnam POW sees a better future away from the noise and nightmares that plague him."

The Women's Group will be discussing best selling author Kristin Hannah's latest book, *The Great Alone* in September. You may be familiar with another of her books, *The Nightingale*.

Joyce Butler and Brenda Benn will be leading the discussion.



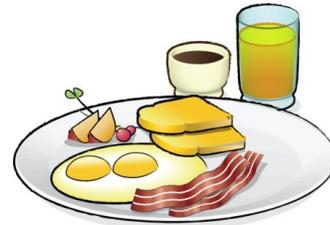
Faith Community Presbyterian Church, by a vote of Session, prohibits the possession of all firearms on the campus, except for those in the possession and control of current law enforcement officers.

### MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 8

Join fellow church members for breakfast at the Honey Tree Restaurant, 10 Mile & Meadowbrook, 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 8. BYOB (Buy Your Own Breakfast).

All men are welcome! Contact Mike Everett for more information.



*Hearing...*  
*Trusting...*  
*Acting...*  
*Sharing...*



### PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The PNC has been working diligently to complete the required Ministry Information Form. As of mid August, it is in the process of Session and Presbytery approval. Once final approval is received, it will enter the system and we will move forward in the search process. Please keep the PNC in your prayers, and please remember to include in your prayers the man or woman that will eventually join us here at FCPC.

### THOSE HILARIOUS CHRISTIANS



### BACKPACK DRIVE A SUCCESS

Thank you, Faith Community! Once again, you have opened your hearts and wallets to support children in foster care as they head back to school. We had a trunk full of backpacks, school supplies and cash to deliver to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth to add to their backpacking party.

Our friend there, Peggy Fisher-Kmieciak, sent this note: "My heart is full of gratitude for all your donations and hard work to help these children who have no permanent family. On August 20, 150 children attended a back-to-school fair where they had a dental check up, hair cut, played games, made art projects, ate lunch, got their face painted and took home a brand new backpack.....THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR HELP."