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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship is at 10:30 a.m.
(unless noted otherwise).

Details of worship services are
listed on the following two pages.

November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Communion served

The Rev. Mary Van Andel

December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

December 13 (3 services)

Third Sunday of Advent

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Service of Comfort (12:00 p.m.)

The Rev. Larry Farris

Candlelight Vespers (5:00 p.m.)

The Rev. Mary Van Andel

December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

December 24 (3 services)

Children's Christmas Program (5:00)

Christmas Eve, Communion served

8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

The Rev. Mary Van Andel

December 27

First Sunday after Christmas Day

The Rev. Larry Farris

January 3

Epiphany of the Lord

Communion served

The Rev. Larry Farris

January 10

Baptism of the Lord

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

January 17

Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

January 24

Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

January 31

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

A Minute in Ministry

When Advent and Christmas roll around, many people work to keep much-beloved traditions every year. But sometimes it's just too difficult to maintain those activities, and sometimes circumstances require that we create new traditions. We may find ourselves alone, or loved ones are scattered and have jobs, lives of their own, and spouses whose families have their own traditions, creating even more schedules and traditions to work around. Coordinating holiday schedules is like a miracle.

Recognizing the importance of tradition, and knowing that change is difficult, I'd still like to offer a few simple ideas that might enrich Advent and Christmas for you and yours, perhaps even creating a few new traditions. While some are perfect to do with children, most can be done meaningfully by adults, alone or with others. Most don't require a lot of time, just some loving attention.

- ◇ If it's not already your practice, how about making sure you attend Worship every Sunday of Advent, if not here at FPC, somewhere? Note the Advent litany and how it unfolds through the season; reflect on the story it tells - with your children, friends, or in a personal journal.
- ◇ Enjoy an Advent wreath at your table, in your home, in your office - not just as decoration, but as a focal point for *sung* prayer; light a candle, and sing a verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel".
- ◇ Advent calendars will be given to children in Church School and there are more available for your use. Or maybe you have an Advent calendar that has been packed away for years. Again, it's an opportunity to take the Biblical story in and savor it, a bit at a time, through the whole season.
- ◇ What about making a simple paper chain? A white ring for Sundays, followed by 6 purple rings for each of the four weeks of Advent, then 12 gold rings for each of the twelve days of Christmas. Hang it wherever it will get attention, and remove a ring each day of Advent and Christmastide.
- ◇ Does a glut of gifts on Christmas Day concern you? How about a gift on each of the twelve days of Christmas? Whether silly socks or a bike, one gift a day will heighten the pleasure of each one and help your family soak in all 12 days of the Christmas season, not just a few hours on Christmas Day.
- ◇ If you grieve for someone, or your heart aches for a personal loss, the state of the world, or complete strangers, participate in the Service of Comfort and Hope on Sunday, December 13 at noon in the Sanctuary's East Transept.
- ◇ How about gifts that bring laughter and delight, wrapped beautifully and "greenly"; a purse wrapped in a pretty scarf, jeans tied up in a red bandana, fruit with a sprig of holly, a sleeping bag festooned with bungee cords, and a bow made from camping sporks, soup mixes in a jar with an herb circlet, or hot chocolate mix in a fun mug?
- ◇ Rather than setting up a full crèche, how about building it on a weekly basis through Advent? Week 1, Mary and Joseph start for Bethlehem arriving on Christmas Eve; week 2, add sheep and shepherds in nearby fields, etc. On Christmas morning, the youngest child places Jesus in the manger. Throughout the 12 days of Christmas, advance the Wise Men toward the crèche and celebrate Epiphany Day, January 6, with a cake.

Whatever we do, let's try to be intentional, personal, simple, and loving, and *enjoy* welcoming the Christ.

Blessed Advent and Christmastide to all,

the Reverend Mary Van Andel, Associate Pastor

*Grounded in living faith, receiving diversity as a gift,
we seek to reflect Christ's light in God's world.*

*Continually discerning God's vision of grace and peace, we share inspirational worship, spiritual nurture,
compassionate service to others, and the pursuit of justice —all to the glory of God.*

A SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

December 13

East Transept of the Sanctuary
immediately after Worship

The Christmas season can be a difficult time for those who are grieving, who find themselves living with the painful absence of a loved one, while so much of the world celebrates. The Health Ministries Committee invites anyone in our congregation whose holiday spirits are dimmed by the absence of friends or family members to come to a Service of Comfort and Hope following Worship on Sunday, December 13. Whether you have come a long way in your journey with grief, or are new to facing the pain of loss and separation, you are most welcome at this service. In word and music, prayer and silence, candlelight and ritual, we will bring our hurt to our God of love, who comes to us again and again with the healing touch of Christ. Parish Associate Larry Farris will lead this time of Remembering, that we might glimpse the Light amidst the darkness of loss.

VESPERS SERVICE

December 13 - 5:00 p.m.

Please join with the Adult Choir for a traditional Vespers Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 13, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Prelude music featuring a guest brass quintet will begin at 4:40 p.m.

The format of the service of lessons, anthems, and traditional Christmas carols originated in 1880 in Cornwall, England. It provides an opportunity to experience the celebration of Advent and the coming of the Christ Child, and offers a welcome respite from hectic daily schedules.

We hope that your schedule will allow you to experience this beautiful service of scripture, seasonal music, lighting of candles, and a time of reflection as you prepare for Christmas. The Adult Choir looks forward to sharing the Vespers Service of Lessons and Carols with you.

ADVENT



November 29 / First Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Worship / Communion served

Preaching: The Reverend Mary Van Andel

Scripture: Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 21:25-36

December 6 / Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Worship

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-18

December 13 / Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Worship

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7

12:00 p.m. Service of Comfort and Hope

Leader: The Reverend Larry Farris
(see article on left side of this page)

4:00 p.m. Annual "Christmas Chocolate"

Please note this is before Worship this year.
(see details on page 4)

4:40 p.m. Musical Prelude featuring a guest brass quintet

5:00 p.m. Fifty-third Annual Candlelight Vespers

The Service of Lessons and Carols is one of the most beloved FPC Advent traditions.
(see article on left side of this page)

December 20 / Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Worship

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-55

CHRISTMAS WEEK



December 24 / Christmas Eve (Thursday)

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program**
Leader: Dr. Patricia Stromsta
This annual program will be presented by the children of FPC (more information on page 7).



On Christmas Eve, at both 8:00 and 11:00, we will share in our traditional service of Candlelight Communion. With the Sanctuary adorned in holiday greens and with candelabra lining the aisles and the front of the chancel, we sense Holy Love coming into our lives. Along with prayers, carols, scripture readings, and sermon, we will share Holy Communion on this special night. Bells will peal to herald the birth of Jesus. And we will conclude our worship as we sing "Silent Night" by candlelight.

- 7:45 p.m. Musical Prelude**
- 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship Service**
Preaching: The Reverend Mary Van Andel
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20
- 10:30 p.m. Musical Prelude**
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship Service**
Preaching: The Reverend Mary Van Andel
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20



December 27 / First Sunday after Christmas Day

- 10:30 a.m. Worship**
Preaching: The Reverend Larry Farris
Scripture: Psalm 34 (Stephen Mitchell translation); Luke 2:41-52

JANUARY 2016

January 3

Epiphany of the Lord
10:30 a.m. - Worship
Communion served

Preaching:
The Reverend Larry Farris
Scripture:
Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

January 10

Baptism of the Lord
10:30 a.m. - Worship
Ordination and Installation of
Deacons and Ruling Elders

Preaching:
The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Scripture:
Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17

Second Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Preaching:
The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Scripture:
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 24

Third Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Preaching:
The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Scripture:
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 31

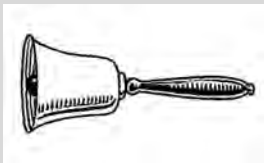
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Preaching:
The Reverend Mary Van Andel
Scripture:
Psalm 7:1-6; Luke 4:21-30

CHRISTMAS EVE HANDBELL VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Are you interested in playing handbells on Christmas Eve at either the 8:00 or 11:00 p.m. worship service?

Please contact Cindy Hunter at cindy.hunter@kalamazoofirstpres.org or phone (269) 377-2478 for more information. Middle school students through adults are welcome; music reading experience is helpful.



CHANCEL GUILD CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order forms are available for you to have a poinsettia plant placed in the Sanctuary during Christmas week to memorialize or honor a friend or family member.

The donation amount is \$15.00 for each poinsettia plant and payment must accompany your completed form.

The **deadline for accepting orders is Monday, December 14.**



2015 THANK OFFERING PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PC(USA), INC.

The Presbyterian Women's Annual Thank Offering will be received between now and December 6. The Thank Offering supports new and creative projects that meet the needs of people who are elderly, disabled, homeless, or displaced, as well as children, youth, and women, through educational, health, peace, and justice programs, both in the U.S. and abroad. At least 40 percent of Thank Offering gifts fund health ministries. Grant recipients are chosen by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc.

There are blue Thank Offering envelopes in the pews, at the reception desk, and at the Lovell Street entrance. Please make your check out to "Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women" with the notation, "Thank Offering" on the memo line.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering is traditionally received during the Advent Season. A gift to this offering helps provide financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need, and also provides education and leadership development at Presbyterian-related racial/ethnic schools. This special offering focuses on sharing God's love with those in need of help and hope. Please review the weekly Announcements during the Advent Season for more information.

"CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE"

**December 13, at 4:00 p.m.
in the Gathering Place
before Candlelight Vespers**

Christmas is coming ... and cookies are baking. Singers are practicing our favorite carols, and Christmas trees will soon be going up. It's time for the "Christmas Chocolate" to be put on your calendar—December 13 will be here before you know it!

Please bring several dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to the Gathering Place by 3:45.

Congregational Life and the Youth Group will host you, serving their famous hot chocolate and your cookies. Enjoy time to savor the aroma and tastes of Christmas before Vespers.

4:40—Brass Quintet in the Sanctuary

5:00—Candlelight Vespers Service

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 2015

A motion to approve the distribution of memorial funds in July, 2015, as follows was adopted:

Elisabeth Aldrich (Deacons)
Ruth Braham (General Fund)
Geraldine Statler (General Fund)
Claire Phenice (General Fund)
Gail Kasdorf (Performing Arts)
Virginia "Jo" Carpenter (Celebrate the Vision)
Mildred Connor (Celebrate the Vision)

Total Distribution:\$2,255.00

A motion to approve the distribution of memorial funds in September, 2015, as follows was adopted:

Judy Goodling (Performing Arts)
Gene Music (Performing Arts)
Joan Jarl (Performing Arts)
Carl Lee (General Fund)

Total Distribution: \$2,605.00

A motion to hold a Congregational Meeting on November 22, 2015, for elections and to vote on terms of call was adopted.

A motion to approve the West Virginia Youth Immersion Trip for June 25 – July 2, 2016 was adopted.

A motion that the Matter of Balance Class taught by Kalamazoo Area Agency on Aging be approved for four weeks starting in April, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Tuesdays and Fridays was adopted.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE SAYS

"THANK YOU!!"

Your Stewardship Committee wants to express sincere appreciation for your generous pledge in response to the 2016 Stewardship Campaign. Many of you contribute your time and your talents toward the efforts of our church. Your financial contribution is just another way that you show your generous spirit. And your commitment through your pledge helps the Session to plan for the coming year. Without that commitment, our work cannot be as far-reaching or successful.

YOU STILL HAVE TIME!

If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you still have time. Please contact Louise Taylor in the church office, 344-0119. She can answer any questions that you might have, send you a pledge card, or take your information over the phone. Thank you in advance for taking time to demonstrate your commitment to the work of our church.

SESSION—2015

Clerk of Session: Allison Hammond

Phyllis Buskirk(2016)

Worship and Music

Sam Clark (2017)

Communications, Endowment

Mason Coleman (2016)

*Personnel

Ginny Dell (2016)

*Finance, Stewardship, Nominating

Deborah Droppers (2015)

*Communications

Marilyn Engler (2015)

Congregational Life

Pat Farris (2017)

*Health Ministry, Worship & Music

Diane Heckler (2017)

Health Ministry, Hospitality

Heather Kortlandt (2016)

*Hospitality

Barbara Liggett (2017)

Personnel, Nominating

Katherine Millar (2015)

Congregational Life

Phyllis Music (2015)

Christian Education,
Property Maintenance

Brenda Noel (2015)

*Worship & Music, Personnel

Kelsey Oliver (2016)

*Congregational Life, Health
Ministry, Christian Education

Rick Taylor (2016)

*Christian Education,
Property Maintenance

Laurie Tupper (2016)

*Outreach

Jim Van Buren (2017)

Communications, Outreach,
Worship & Music, Property
Maintenance

Andrew Vanderklok (2017)

*Property Maintenance

Ray Wicks (2017)

Christian Education, Outreach

Jonathan Willoughby (2015)

Endowment, Finance, Stewardship

Pamela Zandt (2015)

*Stewardship, Finance

(indicates Class year)

* Committee chair or co-chair

RECURRING ADULT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m.

Savoring the Lectionary

(weekly)

Focus on the lectionary passages that guide Worship each Sunday.

9:15 a.m.

Reading Aloud

(weekly)

Conversations about a selected book.

MONDAYS

7:00 p.m.

Thoughtful Readers

(fourth Monday of each month, except during the summer)

Book discussions: one book each month, chosen by the group.

TUESDAYS

7:00 a.m.

Men's Fellowship

(weekly)

WEDNESDAYS

4:00 p.m.

Men's Community Bible Study

(every Wednesday)

5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Vision

(every Wednesday)

An outreach ministry of fellowship, food, and faith.

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study

(third Wednesday of each month)

THURSDAYS

9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

(every Thursday)

PLEASE NOTE: Exceptions to dates and times of these regularly-scheduled meetings may occur. Please watch the weekly Announcements for possible changes.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

and

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

12:30 p.m.. on DECEMBER 13TH

You are invited to join FPC members and guests for a Holiday Dinner and/or a performance of "Mary Poppins" at The Civic on December 13.

A Holiday Dinner (pot-luck style with meat, potatoes, and drinks provided) will be served following Worship.

After the meal, we will walk over to The Civic for the 2:00 p.m. showing of "Mary Poppins". Tickets are \$17.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children under 12.

We have reserved forty tickets. Sign-up sheets for tickets (payment due by December 1) and/or the Holiday Dinner are outside Pat Stromsta's office (Room 210). Make this a holiday tradition with your church family!



THE CHILDREN OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WILL PRESENT
OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM



DECEMBER 24th at 5:00 P.M.

FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND GUESTS
ARE INVITED.

WEST VIRGINIA IMMERSION TRIP: 2016



We are going to West Virginia from June 25 to July 2!

The cost is \$575, and the trip is open to all 6-12th grade students.

We will do simple construction, minor repairs, and painting.

We will also hang out with the members of the community.

In the middle of the week we will take a whitewater rafting trip.

A deposit of \$100 is due on December 1.

CHURCH SCHOOL
CALENDAR

For Church School information contact
Pat Stromsta at
pat.stromsta@kalamazooofirstpres.org

November 29

First Sunday of Advent

We make our Advent Wreaths.

December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

Holiday Potluck and
"Mary Poppins" (Civic Theatre)

December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Party for children
during Church School

December 24

Christmas Eve

Annual Christmas Program (5:00 p.m.)

December 27

Church School in recess

January 3

Church School in recess

January 13

Church School resumes

YOUTH MINISTRY

For Youth Ministry information contact
Rob Bradford at bradfordrr@gmail.com

November 29

Communion during Worship

December 6

1:00 p.m. - Ministry with Community
(we serve Sunday dinner)

December 13

4:00 p.m. - Christmas Chocolate

December 24

8:00 and 11:00 p.m.

- Christmas Eve Worship

December 31

3:00-1:00 a.m. - New Year's Fest

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR December 6

**Gathering Place
before and after Worship**

The Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sunday, December 6, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., and immediately following Worship, until 12:15 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #205
Fresh Christmas wreaths

Deacons
Fair Trade coffee gift baskets

Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
Handmade cards and
Christmas items

Hearts-to-Hands Stitches
Handmade fabric gifts

Martha Circle
Delectable baked goods

John Petro and Habeeb Awad
Palestinian olive oil and
olive wood carvings

**COME AND ENJOY
EARLY CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING!**



MONTHLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP

December 9 (Wednesday), 5:30 p.m.

January 13 (Wednesday), 5:30 p.m.

A group for men of all ages meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the home of Jeff Ross, 4824 South First Street. It is a great time of fellowship and conversation about faith as we grow together in God's Spirit, seeking the fullness of peace, joy, and love. All men are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Ross or Seth Weeldreyer.

ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST

December 20 (Sunday), 8:45 a.m.

The Men's Fellowship group will offer their monthly breakfast on Sunday, December 20, starting at 8:45. These breakfasts are an excellent occasion for members of the congregation to gather for a delicious breakfast served by the best breakfast chefs in town! We suggest a \$5.00 per-family donation. Proceeds will support Celebrate the Vision. Next month's All-Church Breakfast is scheduled for January 17.

THOUGHTFUL READERS BOOK GROUP

December (no meeting)

January 25 (Monday), 7:00 p.m.

Thoughtful Readers Book Group will not meet in December. The first book discussion of 2016 will be held Monday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. Our book for this month is the deeply moving 2015 Pulitzer Prize winner, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. This book has been described as a "beautiful, stunningly ambitious novel about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II." New members are welcome. If you would like to have more information, call Kathy Campbell at (517) 803-0481.



**PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT
CHURCH ACTIVITIES NOT DESCRIBED HERE.**

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Exciting News from the FPC PW (Presbyterian Women)!

Many of you may not know that the "PW" even exists!

All women who are members of the Presbyterian Church USA are Presbyterian Women, or "PW" for short. (Women of individual churches also are supported by the greater church family at the Presbytery level.) Our church has delegates who are active at the Presbytery level.

Women of FPC unite! We have very caring, experienced members who are about to retire and "pass the torch" to the next generations. These exemplary women have been outstanding contributors to their chosen professions, to their community and to their church. They are getting tired and need us!

The PW has received a very generous gift from the estate of an outstanding PW, Elaine Kuney. You will find the short-term goals for the first three years of the bequest, as well as the long-term Endowment spending policy to carry this extraordinary gift into perpetuity. Please take a few minutes to discover the wonderful opportunities this new Endowed Fund have to offer. ***And if you know any members of the Kuney family, please thank them for this generous gift!***

This photo shows the old and "new" - one example of how this gift has had an immediate impact on efficiency here at FPC! The Kuney Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund contributed equal amounts in a collaborative effort to make this purchase possible!

And if you are a woman at FPC, and are interested in forming a PW group once again, please contact Carol Hutton or Ginny Dell to receive a special invitation to our first meeting, as the mentors "pass the torch" to the mentees! (Do not be surprised if you receive a phone call. We know who you are, ladies!)



The PW in our midst are looking to us Boomers, Gen X and Y's to carry on the rich history of our PW for years to come. So join us in renewing and revitalizing the PW commitment to service and fellowship still deeply rooted here at First Presbyterian Church.

Submitted by:
Donna Bishop, Carol Hutton, Joyce Petro,
Sherry Sorensen, and Ginny Dell

THE ELAINE KUNEY FUND (a summary of two policies)

Scholarships for Women of FPC

Scholarships that foster personal and spiritual growth of the women of First Presbyterian Church, up to \$500, are available through the Elaine Kuney Fund. Eligible women must be FPC members who are at least 18 years of age. Women are eligible once every three years. These scholarships shall not be combined with other scholarships.

Other Distributions

Distributions from the Elaine Kuney Fund to carry on the work of the original FPC Presbyterian Women include:

- Capital improvements for the FPC kitchens and dining facilities, including equipment upgrades or replacement.
- Supplemental contributions to the Edison School Project not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- Financial support for the FPC Archives and FPC Library, not to exceed \$500.00 each annually.
- Annual Financial support for the PW Thank Offering and Birthday Offering in the amount of \$500.00 each.

***Please contact Ann Johnson,
FPC Office Administrator,
if you would like copies
of the Elaine Kuney
endowment policies.***

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS

Class of 2015

Dorothy Castor
Ellen Dykhuis
Karen Meldrum
Sue Potts
Barb Ross
Pam Tritsch
Sally Pitt-VanBuren
(one vacancy)

Class of 2016

Gary Beckwith
Karen Hassler
Kay Howson
Judy Johnson
Shari Schut
Jackie Stults
(two vacancies)

Class of 2017

Judy Anderson
Bob Candido
Kathy Cooney
Lisa and John Diamond
Nancy Klesert
Nancy Maleitzke
Joseph Sablan
Colleen and Mike Sherrill

Please note:

If you have moved, or if your phone number or e-mail address has changed, please inform Ann Johnson in the church office at ann.johnson@kalamazooofirstpres.org or 344-0119 so we can keep your contact information up to date.

2015 PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG (Alternative Giving)

Generous gifts to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog are signs of our gratitude: feeding the hungry, comforting the broken-hearted, and sharing our faith with young and old. By joining our gifts together, however large or small, we expand our witness to God's gracious and abundant work in the world.

The Presbyterian Giving Catalog provides church members an easy way to give a new kind of gift; tangible gifts of practical and lasting benefit. People with a passion for international development can select such items as a family of chickens, bags of seeds or wells/water systems. Those interested in equipping young adults for service and leadership are able to pick gifts like a Spanish lesson for a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) and financial support for racial-ethnic students.

Presbyterians concerned about urban neighborhoods can choose opportunities such as community garden projects and public transportation assistance for job seekers. People with a heart for children can opt for gifts like providing bed bug protective covers and sending a child to Peace Camp.

Also among the 44 items are gifts related to ministries that support youth, women, retired pastors and other church workers in financial need, and disaster assistance. Gifts new to this year's catalog include spiritual leadership training, clean water projects, and skills coaching for people with mental illness.

The gifts range from \$10, which will provide farming tools for a family in a developing country, to \$2500, which will assist long-serving church workers with income assistance when they have nowhere to turn. All gifts given through the catalog go to the ministries supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s four Special Offerings.

Printable certificates will be e-mailed to the donor.

Some individuals have already begun receiving catalogs. The catalogs will be at all entrances of the church. Please consider this "alternative giving" when making out your Christmas list.



Earth Care Tips from the Green P's Committee ... Light Bulb Comparison

Prices on LED light bulbs are falling fast, and reductions on electricity used are so dramatic that we can both reduce our energy consumption and save money by buying and using LED lighting--becoming "greener" in two ways. To help you evaluate savings and compare your present lights with alternatives, Green P's member Ron Tanis has prepared this helpful chart for you to clip and save.

1. Light bulb-medium base	Incandescent	CFL	LED
2. Lumens 450	40 watts	7-12 watts	5-8 watts
800	60	12-15	8-10
1600	100	22-30	16-20
2600	150	35-45	24-28
3. Average life in hours	1000-2000	8000	15,000-40,000
4. Cost to buy in \$	0.25-1.00	0.50-2.00	1.00-15.00
5. Min. 40,000 hour cost	high	medium	low
6. Color temperature	2700K for 60 watt bulb	2700K, 3000K, up	2700K, 3000K, up
7. Dimmable?	yes	if stated	if stated
8. Color when dimmed	redder	no change	no change
9. Radiation profile angle	almost 360 degrees	almost 360 degrees	a bit narrower angle?
10. Startup time	almost instant	Slow, slower in cold	fastest
11. Hazard?; Disposal?	Lowest; waste	Mercury, etc.; HHW	Circuit board; HHW

Notes:

1. See the October 2015 comparison in a popular consumer magazine. CFL=compact fluorescent.
4. High LED bulb prices are dropping. Find \$1-\$4 sales /closeouts at big box /discount stores.
6. K=degrees Kelvin. 2700K=slightly yellow-white for dining or living rooms; 3000K= white, like halogen bulbs, for task lighting; 5000-6000K = bluer white as on a cloudless summer day at noon.
11. HHW=Household Hazardous Waste, 327 Lamont Ave., 373 5211; accepts CFL & LED bulbs.



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COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT MEET AT FPC

AA

Mondays and Thursdays at noon.
Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts

Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Crescendo Academy of Music

Occasional Sunday afternoons

Downtown Community Literacy Center

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.
Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Food Addicts

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Kalamazoo Pipe Band

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Kalamazoo Singers

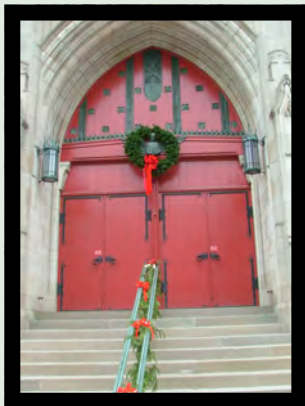
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

KNOW

Second and fourth Thursdays
at 5:00 p.m.

MRC Industries / ASK

First and third Tuesdays



RICKMAN HOUSE OUTREACH PROJECT

The Rickman House BINGO program is an Outreach Program of our church. FPC has been involved with the Rickman House, an assisted-living residence for adults with mental illnesses, for many years. The residents of Rickman House really appreciate the program and look forward to BINGO with us. Residents of the Rickman House live in apartments with kitchens, and they are able to cook their own meals and to otherwise have a degree of autonomy that they did not have before.

The residents at Rickman House qualify for food stamps, and their benefits have recently been cut.

The BINGO program provides entertainment for the residents and allows them to win prizes, such as laundry detergent, dish soap, personal care products like shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, food items, and related items. The MOST requested prize recently has been toilet paper. Prizes help extend the limited income that the residents receive through disability payments.

Benefit cuts mean that the residents have to choose between food, a necessity, and toilet paper, considered to be a luxury.

The Rickman House BINGO program receives generous financial support from members of First Presbyterian Church. In addition to the regular prizes of detergent, dish soap, and personal care items that members leave in the bin in the mailroom, we ask that members include toilet paper.

Rickman House Christmas BINGO will be on December 19 at 6:00 p.m. The BINGO team tries to bring some Christmas cheer to the residents with pizza and prizes, such as cold weather clothing in XL and XXL sizes, such as sweatshirts, hats, gloves, socks, throw blankets, and other Christmas items, in addition to the regular prizes.

The Rickman House BINGO team **needs** additional volunteers to assist with Christmas BINGO.

Thank you!

*Carole Birch
Bruce Birkel
Mike Boersma*

The Rickman House BINGO team

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EDISON SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT

Below is a reflection from one of our volunteer tutors, Tim Liggett:

"Over the last five years, I have had the pleasure and privilege to work with Fourth Grade students as mentor at Edison. Initially I was asked to help students with math challenges. I figured I could still get through math at this grade level, and so I would be able to help those having difficulty with math problems. My experience reveals the great need for mentoring, the strong appreciation by students for any "one on one" adult interest in their effort to improve academic skills, and, the personal reward, for me, to share time with many wonderful young people. Their backgrounds may be diverse, but they covet opportunities to grow in their skills and know that people in this community care about them. It has been a blessing for me to share in this experience, offering a few moments of my time to reinforce in these students the reassurance that they are loved and gifted."

If you'd like to share your own thoughts or experiences,
e-mail Joseph Sablan at: richieandjoey@sbcglobal.net.

A huge THANK YOU to members of the congregation who have again offered their time and talents to helping these young students. We have over 50 volunteers offering to tutor, bake cupcakes, bringing pets to class, and assisting teachers in the classroom. If you have something you'd like to share with the students – talk to Joyce Petro or Carol Payne Smith. Last spring Carol brought in a coconut she found in Florida. I talked about it – having been raised on a tropical island – and showed how one takes off the outer shell, cuts the nut, and grates the white "fruit". We even shared some of the juice. They were intrigued, even if they didn't necessarily like the taste.

It takes a village to raise a child -

Everyone in our congregation has the ability to help with our outreach: PRAY for the volunteers, the students and teachers, that they may all connect and learn from one another.

School supplies (Ticonderoga pencils, big erasers, notebook paper), snacks, hand sanitizers; non-chlorine sanitizing wipes and facial tissues are always needed. You may drop these off at the church office or write a check to be applied toward the needed supplies.

For more information, please contact:

Joyce Petro at 342-6817 or joyce@petroclan.com

Carol Payne Smith at 388-2278 or paynesmith@aol.com

Sue Johnson at 276-9216 or suebird.johnson@gmail.com



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Moderators:

Sam Clark and Laurie Tupper

The mission of the Outreach Committee is to promote faithful service both to our local community and to the wider world.

- **FPC Celebrate the Vision**
(for our neighbors)
Contact: Pat Stromsta
- **Center for Transformation**
Contact: Carole Birch
- **Edison School Project**
Contacts: Joyce Petro
Carol Payne Smith
- **Ghana Partnership**
Contact: John Petro
- **Kalamazoo Building Blocks**
Contact: Kim Cummings
- **Kalamazoo Habitat for Humanity**
Contact: Mike Boersma
- **Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes**
Contact: Dick Baker
- **Ministry with Community:
Food Pantry**
Contact: Dick Baker
- **Nicaragua Partnership**
Contact: Larry Boutelle
- **Rickman House BINGO**
Contact: Mike Boersma
- **United Campus Ministry**
Contact: Miranda Howard

PASTORAL CARE AND HOSPITAL VISITATION

An important part of our ministry at First Presbyterian Church is to provide pastoral care, including hospital visits. When a church member is admitted, the hospitals are no longer permitted to notify the home church. We depend on members to call the church when a family member is hospitalized or needs a pastoral call.

Pastoral care is provided by the pastors, retired ministers from the congregation, and also the Health Ministry Coordinator. Every attempt is made to visit hospital patients on a regular basis, even on weekends.

Those doing hospital calling would appreciate knowing when any member needs a visit or special attention. Please call the church office, 344-0119.

If your call is an emergency and you are unable to reach a person at this number, please call one of these staff members:

Seth Weeldreyer
(269) 283-4048

Mary Van Andel
(269) 857-7010

Ann Ross
(269) 217-6193



January is National Blood Donor Month!

(information copied from redcrossblood.org)

Why Donate Blood?

You don't need a special reason to give blood. You just need your own reason.

Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend.

Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day.

Some just believe it is the right thing to do.

Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life.

Some Health Benefits

You will receive a mini-physical to check pulse, blood pressure, temperature, and hemoglobin.

Donating blood is very easy, and is a wonderful way to help save a life. You can go to either the American Red Cross website, redcrossblood.org, or Michigan Blood website, miblood.org, to get more information and locations for blood donation. The difference between the two organizations is that the Red Cross sends blood nationwide, and Michigan Blood keeps all their donated blood in Michigan.

Blessings!

Ann Ross RN, Health Ministry Coordinator,
and your Health Ministry Committee

Assistance for Worshippers

Hearing Assistance Devices for worship services can be requested from any usher, or you may call the church office in advance.

Copies of **Large-Print Bulletins** and Announcements are available each Sunday morning. Ask one of the ushers for a copy.

If you would like to receive **weekly e-mail updates about events** in the life of FPC, please contact Ann Johnson at 344-0119 and ask that your e-mail address be added to the list.

CD Ministry provides recordings of the Sunday morning services. Please stop by or call 344-0119 to place an order.

Gluten-free Communion Wafers are available at all communion services at First Presbyterian Church.

December Birthdays

Are you looking for a way to pray for others in the church? Consider praying for each person on his or her birthday. One way to do that is to simply hold each person in the light of God's life-giving love. If you don't know the person, you may soon find yourself looking him or her up to introduce yourself.

1
Andrew Allen
Betty Bridges
Suzanne Busby
Amy Lane
Dennis Engler

2
Rosemary Coryell
John Gauntlett
Michelle Warren

3
Kendall Cheney
Janet Gladstone
Nathan Murray

4
Jeff Ross

5
Sairi Elliott
Barbara Johnson
Tom Michelhaugh
Braedon Peterik
Christina Selander

6
Donita DeBruin
Sharon Gatewood
Elizabeth Novak
Carol Schreiner
Evan Wenger

7
Mark Longman

8
Kevin King
Noel Ocen-Gorgone
Ann Ross

9
Wilma Cooper
Eugene Erdos
Laura Fouty
Thomas Kasdorf
Sawyer Miedema
Michael Pessetti
Barbara Rider

10
John Cooper

11
Carolyn Ehrnstrom
Ann Johnson
Nancy Thiele

12
Erin Gladstone

13
Emily Lawing

14
Gary Beckwith

15
Alex Rey

16
Elizabeth Money
Timothy Munn
Douglas Veech

17
Stuart Deming
Christopher Haite
Julie Heath
Andrew Stults

18
Mike Hammond
Fred Sammons
Mim Shannon

19
Danielle Harik

20
Kevin Shaffer

21
Janet Lawing
Krista Matthews
Shelley Rylander
Judy Smith

22
Michael Boersma
Catherine Chase
Ted Crook
Lynn Russell

23
Denise Freed
Rick Russell

24
Hunter Fisk
Timothy Lenderink
Donald Meldrum

25
Tiffany Hubbard
David Potsic

26
Mira Graziano
Stacy McGruder
Steve Pifer

27
Chrissie Hajek
Ruth Michelhaugh
John Robbins II
Kenneth Sparks

28
Jack Molitor
Shawn Smith
Jackie Stults
Toni Tyler

29
Alan Chase
Jerry Meinzing

30
Allison Hammond
Emma Neill
Carolyn Neubauer
AnneMarie Snyder

31 (none)



January Birthdays

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1
Samantha Anderson
Diana Diamond
Gertrude Early
Elias Harik
Don Iffland
Jonathan Leasure
Katie Pavek

2
Sara Dorrien
Jacob Droppers
Chad Mellis
LaVonne Stavig

3
Don Gatewood

4
Christopher Light
Robert Wall Emerson

5
Jim Lewis

7
Jeff Bosma
Jim Cook
Joey Droppers
Pintoo Hoffman

8
Sam Hubbard

9
Bertha Petrie

10
Andy Graham
Ellen Jarl
Doug Jonas
Wesley Mark Todd

11
Marcia Cowell
Carole Cupps
Zachary Digby
Frank Steele

12
Megan Dark
Neal Graziano

13
Maxine Reed

14
Matthew Callander
Natalie Dalm
Erin Diamond
Karen Hassler
Kendall Highhouse
Cain Kortlandt
Robyn Lewis
Andrew Roberts

15
Timothy Aldrich
Peter Lewis
Sophia Novak
Will Todd

16
Shana Brown
Richard Byce
Jacqueline Steffey
Kayla VanderKlok

17
Norma Clack
Jeffrey Oudsema

19
William Birch III
Wayne Conner
Bruce Houtman
Elisa Oliver
Andrew Van Ness

20
Clara Candido
Alison Perks
Pamela McGruder
Neil Stuit

21
Casandra Digby
Cameron Hay
Lauren Kastman
Jeannette Krueger
Carmen Tanis
William Western

22
Don Dowswell
Jane Haselow
Frederick Hoag

23
Julie Hakken
Jordan Hollerbach
Kathleen Houtman
Nicholas Rey
Cameron Shaffer

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Bradley Bell
Kathy Cooney
Peyton Goethe
Arria Hay
Mark Lubbers

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Jane Beers
Bill Dulin

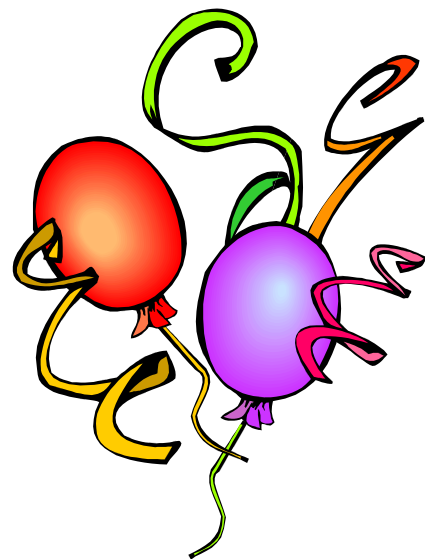
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Jonah Anders
Jonathan Greko
Joe Hansen
Kay Yunger

28
William Gladstone
Charles Leibbrand
Conner Misner

29
Austin Leder

30
Claudia Britigan
Sarah DeRusha
Donald McCloud
William Rylander
Sarah Torrence

31
Sue Thielman





FPC Calendar - December, 2015

**PLEASE NOTE:**

A schedule of community groups that meet at FPC is on page 12 of this issue of the *Presbyter*.

Tuesday/1

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 11:30a Bulletin deadline
- 1:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/2

- 9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
- 12:00p FPC librarian on site
- 3:00p DCLC
- 4:00p Men's Community Bible Study
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
- 7:00p Outreach Committee

Thursday/3

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a DCLC
- 11:00a FPC librarian on site
- 7:00p Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday/4

- 8:30a Yoga
- 1:00p Lunch Bunch (*off site*)

Saturday/5

- 9:00a Chancel Guild (decorating)

Sunday/6

- 9:00a Prayer Partners
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a Christmas Bazaar
- 9:30a Adult Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Child Care
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Church School
- 11:45a Christmas Bazaar
- 11:45a Class: Isaiah, Prophet
- 12:45p Ministry With Community (*FPC members and Youth Group serve the meal today*)

Monday/7

- 1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers
- 7:00p Green P's

Tuesday/8

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 11:30a Bulletin deadline
- 1:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/9

- 12:00p FPC librarian on site
- 3:00p DCLC
- 3:00p Martha Circle
- 4:00p Communications Committee
- 4:00p Men's Community Bible Study
- 5:30p Men's Group (*off site*)
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

Thursday/10

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC librarian on site
- 11:00a DCLC
- 11:30a Stewardship Committee
- 12:30p Finance Committee
- 7:00p Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday/11

- 8:30a Yoga

Saturday/12 (no FPC events today)**Sunday/13**

- 9:00a Congregational Life Committee
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a Adult Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Child Care
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Church School
- 11:45a Class: Isaiah, Prophet
- 12:00p Service of Comfort and Hope
- 12:30p Holiday Potluck
- 4:00p Christmas Chocolate
- 4:40p Musical Prelude to Vespers
- 5:00p Candlelight Vespers Service

Monday/14

- 6:30p Prop. Maintenance Committee
- 6:00p Health Ministry Committee (*off site*)
- 7:00p Deacons (*off site*)

Tuesday/15

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 11:30a Bulletin deadline
- 1:00p FPC Archivists
- 7:00p Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday/16

- 12:00p FPC librarian on site
- 3:00p DCLC
- 4:00p Communications Committee
- 4:00p Men's Community Bible Study
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: Christmas Dinner
- 6:30p Session
- 7:00p Women's Monthly Bible Study

Thursday/17

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC librarian on site
- 11:00a DCLC
- 7:00p Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday/18

- 8:30a Yoga

Saturday/19

- 9:00a Chancel Guild (decorating)
- 6:00p BINGO for Rickman House residents (Country Meadows Apts., Gull Road)

Sunday/20

- 8:45a All-Church Breakfast
 - 9:00a Church School teachers
 - 9:00a Lectionary Study
 - 9:15a Reading Aloud
 - 9:30a Adult Choir rehearsal
 - 10:00a Child Care
 - 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
 - 10:45a Church School
 - 11:45a Class: Isaiah, Prophet
- Monday/21**
- 11:30a Bulletin deadline (early this week)
 - 1:30p Hearts-to-Hands Needleworkers
 - 5:30p Personnel Committee

Tuesday/22

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 1:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/23

- 12:00p FPC librarian on site
- 3:00p [no DCLC today or Dec. 24]
- 4:00p Men's Community Bible Study
- 5:30p [no Celebrate the Vision tonight]

Thursday/24—CHRISTMAS EVE

- 9:30a [no Women's Bible Study today]
- 5:00p Children's Christmas program
- 7:45p Musical Prelude to Worship
- 8:00p Candlelight Communion Service
- 10:30p Musical Prelude to Worship
- 11:00p Candlelight Communion Service

Friday/25—CHRISTMAS DAY**Saturday/26** (no FPC events today)**Sunday/27**

- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a [no Choir rehearsal today]
- 10:00a Child Care
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a [no Church School until Jan. 10]
- 5:00p [no Youth Group today]

Monday/28

- 11:30a Bulletin deadline (early this week)
- 7:00p [no Thoughtful Readers today]

Tuesday/29

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 1:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/30

- 12:00p FPC librarian on site
- 3:00p [no DCLC today]
- 4:00p Men's Community Bible Study
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

Thursday/31—New Year's Eve

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a [no DCLC today]
- 12:00p Building closes at noon
- 5:00p "New Year's Fest"
- 7:00p [no Choir rehearsal tonight]

Friday/January 1

Church building closed all day



FPC Calendar - January, 2016



Friday/January 1—New Year's Day

Church Building closed

Saturday/2 (no FPC events today)

Sunday/3

9:00a Lectionary Study

9:00a Prayer Partners

9:15a Reading Aloud

9:30a Adult Choir rehearsal

10:00a Child Care

10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
Communion served

10:45a [no Church School today]

12:45p Ministry With Community
(FPC and REVOLUTION!
serve the meal today)

5:00p [no Youth Group today]

Monday/4

1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers

7:00p Green P's

Tuesday/5

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group

10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

11:30a Bulletin deadline

1:00p FPC Archivists

5:30p Hospitality Committee (*off site*)

Wednesday/6

9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry

12:00p FPC librarian on site

3:00p DCLC

4:00p Men's Community Bible Study

5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

7:00p Outreach Committee

Thursday/7

9:30a Women's Bible Study

11:00a FPC librarian on site

11:00a DCLC

7:00p Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday/8

8:30a Yoga

1:00p Lunch Bunch (*off site*)

Saturday/9

9:00a Chancel Guild

Sunday/10

9:00a Congregation Life Committee

9:00a Lectionary Study

9:15a Reading Aloud

9:30a Adult Choir rehearsal

10:00a Child Care

10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45a Church School

5:00p Youth Group

Monday/11

5:30p Property Maintenance Group

7:00p Deacons

Tuesday/12

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group

10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

11:30a Bulletin deadline

1:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/13

12:00p FPC librarian on site

3:00p DCLC

3:30p Martha Circle

4:00p Communications Committee

4:00p Men's Community Bible Study

5:30p Men's Group (off site)

5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

Thursday/14

9:30a Women's Bible Study

11:00a DCLC

11:00a FPC Librarian on site

11:30a Stewardship Committee

12:30p Finance Committee

7:00p Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday/15

8:30a Yoga

Saturday/16

6:00p BINGO for Rickman House
residents (Country Meadows
Apts., Gull Road)

Sunday/17

8:45a All-Church Breakfast

9:00a Church School teachers meet

9:00a Lectionary Study

9:15a Reading Aloud

9:30a Adult Choir rehearsal

10:00a Child Care

10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45a Church School

5:00p Youth Group

Monday/18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED

Presbyter deadline

Tuesday/19

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group

10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

11:30a Bulletin deadline

1:00p FPC Archivists

7:00p Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday/20

12:00p FPC librarian on site

3:00p DCLC

4:00p Communications Committee

4:00p Men's Community Bible Study

5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

Thursday/21

9:30a Women's Bible Study

11:00a FPC librarian on site

11:00a DCLC

7:00p Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday/22

8:30a Yoga

Saturday/23 (no FPC events today)

Sunday/24

9:00a Lectionary Study

9:15a Reading Aloud

9:30a Adult Choir rehearsal

10:00a Child Care

10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45a Church School

5:00p Youth Group

Monday/25

7:00p Thoughtful Readers Book Group

Tuesday/26

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group

10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

11:30a Bulletin deadline

1:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/27

Presbyter folding/labeling/mailling

12:00p FPC librarian on site

3:00p DCLC

4:00p Men's Community Bible Study

5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

6:30p Session

Thursday/28

9:30a Women's Bible Study

11:00a FPC librarian on site

11:00a DCLC

7:00p Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday/29

8:30a Yoga

Saturday/30 (no FPC events today)

Sunday/31

9:00a Lectionary Study

9:15a Reading Aloud

9:30a Adult Choir rehearsal

10:00a Child Care

10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45a Church School

5:00p Youth Group

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YEARS OF FPC MEMBERSHIP

50-Plus Years—Congratulations!

DECEMBER Anniversaries

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u># Years</u>
Ruth Moser	Dec. 29, 1953	62
Marjorie St. Mary	Dec. 30, 1964	51
Nancy Owen	Dec. 30, 1965	50
Thomas Owen	Dec. 30, 1965	50

JANUARY Anniversaries

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u># Years</u>
Sally Carter	Jan. 6, 1946	70
Phyllis Mahoney	Jan. 4, 1948	68
Jane Steurer	Jan. 4, 1948	68
Carolyn Ehrnstrom	Jan. 7, 1951	66
Phyllis Curtis	Jan. 3, 1957	59
Jayne Clement	Jan. 2, 1958	58
Bob Klesert	Jan. 4, 1962	54
Nancy Klesert	Jan. 4, 1962	54
Dolores Miller	Jan. 4, 1962	54
Bob Bloomquist	Jan. 4, 1962	54
Beverly Bloomquist	Jan. 4, 1962	54
Genie Welch	Jan. 3, 1963	53
Evelyn Schut	Jan. 3, 1963	53
Gloria Lee	Jan. 6, 1963	53

The entire list for the year is printed in the FPC Annual Report.



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