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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

### July 3 through August 28

Seventh through Fifteenth  
Sundays after Pentecost

#### July 3

##### **Communion served**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
2 Kings 5:1-14; Luke 10:1-11, 16

#### July 10

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Psalm 30; Luke 10:25-37

#### July 17

The Rev. Mary Van Andel  
\* Amos 8:1-12; Col. 1:15-28;  
Luke 10:38-42

#### July 24

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Colossians 3:1-17; Luke 11:1-13

#### July 31

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Colossians 2:1-7; Luke 12:13-21

#### August 7

##### **Communion served**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16;  
Luke 12:32-40

#### August 14

The Rev. Mary Van Andel  
\* Isaiah. 5:1-7; Heb. 11:29-12:2;  
Luke 12:49-56

#### August 21

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 13:10-17

#### August 28

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16;  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

\* The Scripture passages listed with an asterisk are from the *Book of Common Worship* (1993) and may change.

## A Minute in Ministry

On a recent steamy afternoon, there was a gathering in Bronson Park that included lots of Presbyterians from FPC, Pine Island, and Westminster churches. Wearing orange shirts, hats, buttons, and flowers, people of all stripes, from babies to octogenarians, gathered to call for sane gun policies and practices. Beyond the crowd itself, I was shocked when City Councilman, Don Cooney, told the crowd that since 9/11, 74 people had been killed by terrorists, while 150,000 Americans had been gunned down by one another! I was deeply moved by the message emblazoned on the orange t-shirt of the father of the young girl still recovering from the shooting in April. It said, "Love is stronger than fear. Love is stronger than death."

As I write, Kalamazoo is reeling, following the deaths of five bicyclists killed by a motorist, and news is breaking of the worst mass shooting in American history, in Orlando. By the time you read this, more information will have become clear, and the reach of this most recent carnage will have begun to sink in. In anticipation of my retirement and taking my leave of you all on August 14, I had planned to offer some reflections on the life of this congregation. Now I see a necessary relationship between these terrible events in our public life and our life as a Christian community.

Worship is the central act of the church. In worship, we remember the goodness of God and experience and receive new life out of death; we're reminded that we are neither our own nor alone; that love is stronger than fear and love is stronger than death. I give thanks for our worship together, and for all the gifted people who play a part in it: custodians and readers, children, musicians, elders and deacons, greeters and ushers, bread makers, communion preparers, pastors, and most centrally, worshippers. Without worship, we're nice people in a service club. Worship keeps God central.

Vital churches give to the world what we have received and treasure. Our lives say what we really love. Who we are, and how we live, speak far more loudly to the world than anything we say. Out of love for God, we strive to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. I give thanks for the work we do together: refurbishing houses, packaging or sharing food, tutoring kids, tending gardens, and caring for the earth. I give thanks for all who live their faith every day in classrooms, board rooms, offices and galleries, community kitchens, at bedsides, in traffic, and around kitchen tables. My heart sings when Reading Aloud folks look out for one another, when a child prays for her friend, when I see a quiet conversation between friends, or a new deacon, who travels for work, arranges Sunday rides from halfway across the world. I give thanks for countless acts of kindness and courage no one ever sees.

Vital churches stand somewhere. It's never easy and we won't be 100% consistent. Even churches that look homogeneous have diverse views within them. Still, we can and must hammer out a place to stand, because where we stand witnesses to the world. If we eschew violence, there are implications for war, physical and sexual abuse, guns, and poverty. If all are equal in Christ, what about the distribution of goods, racism, toxic dumps, the well-being of children and the elderly, and again, war? If we value mercy and hospitality, how might we respond to refugees and immigration, medical care, and homelessness? I give thanks for the courageous places FPC has stood, the places that will yet be claimed, and the grace in it all.

To be sure, we will sometimes miss the mark in our worship, ministries, and witness. Fear of being wrong is no reason not to try. Love is stronger than fear. Love is stronger than death.

Shalom,

*Mary*

Mary Van Andel, Associate Pastor

## SESSION—2016

**Clerk of Session:** Allison Hammond

**Sam Beals (2018)**

Congregational Life,  
Property Maintenance

**Phyllis Buskirk(2016)**

Worship and Music

**Sam Clark (2017)**

\*Communications, Endowment

**Mason Coleman (2016)**

\*Personnel

**Ginny Dell (2016)**

\*Finance, Stewardship, Nominating

**Stuart Deming (2018)**

Endowment, Health Ministry

**Pat Farris (2017)**

\*Health Ministry, Worship and Music

**Diane Heckler (2017)**

Health Ministry

**Elaine Johns (2018)**

\*Worship and Music, Communications

**Sue Johnson (2018)**

\*Christian Education

**Heather Kortlandt (2016)**

\*Hospitality

**Barbara Liggett (2017)**

Personnel, Nominating

**Brian Nederveld (2018)**

Congregational Life, Hospitality

**Kelsey Oliver (2016)**

\*Congregational Life,  
Christian Education

**Rick Taylor (2016)**

Christian Education,  
Property Maintenance

**Laurie Tupper (2016)**

\*Outreach, Property Maintenance

**Jim Van Buren (2017)**

\*Stewardship, Communications,  
Finance, Outreach, Worship and  
Music, Property Maintenance

**Andrew VanderKlok (2017)**

\*Property Maintenance

**Ray Wicks (2017)**

Christian Education, Outreach

**Jonathan Willoughby (2018)**

Endowment, Finance, Stewardship

**Pamela Zandt (2018)**

Finance, Personnel

(indicates class year)

\* Committee chair or co-chair

## SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 2016

The following motions were made and adopted:

- ♦ to approve \$1,500 from the Ford-Neff Fund for Tillers International programs.
- ♦ to approve \$2,000 from the Ford-Neff Fund for the First Presbyterian Church of Benton Harbor to assist in their building renovation project.
- ♦ to approve a financial appeal request from Elizabeth Bruce to support Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes Weekend Food Pack Program.

## JAZZ VESPERS—July 29

The Worship and Music Committee is excited to offer a special opportunity for worship on Friday evening, July 29. The Reverend Bill Carter and the Presbybop Quartet will be here to lead us in a Jazz Vespers Service. The Reverend Carter is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit (PA) and a well-known musician and worship leader. His Presbybop Quartet has eight recordings and is nationally acclaimed for its music and liturgical leadership. We hope you will invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this very special worship experience.

## GIVE-A-BELL PROGRAM BEGINS JULY 3

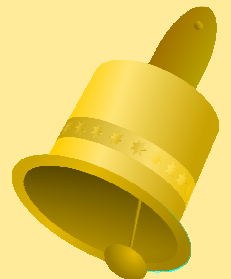
Something new is being added to our outstanding music program: Handbells and Choirchimes! Malmark Handbells and Choirchimes are crafted in Pennsylvania and have a lifetime guarantee. They are a gift that lasts for generations to come! We will have a three-octave set (37 bells) of both bells and chimes. Anyone can learn to play the bells, and the chimes are especially suitable for children to play.

There are several ways by which you may wish to participate in the "Give-a-Bell" Program. Single bell sponsorship ranges from \$316 to \$517, depending on the size of the bell. The sponsorship cost of each bell includes a portion of the cost of cases, tables, music binders, shipping, and other equipment needed for the program.

You may choose to give a bell individually, or several members or families may give a bell together. The handle of each bell will provide a place for permanent inscription in honor or in memory of a loved one. You may also choose to contribute to the purchase of Choirchimes in any amount. Choirchimes cannot be engraved, but a permanent acknowledgement of donors will be placed in the cases.

Beginning July 3, there will be a table in the Gathering Place each Sunday where you can ring a bell and make your gift.

We are excited about all the possibilities this program brings to our church, and we expect to have our bells and chimes ready to play this fall. If you are interested in ringing bells, please speak to our Music Director, Cindy Hunter.



## ENDOWMENT

"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received."  
1 Peter 4:8-10.

The purpose of the Endowment Committee is to manage and review the investments of the Endowment Fund, encourage contributions, and recommend to Session annual distributions from the fund. Quarterly reports from the Portfolio Manager are provided to the committee and are personally presented in January and July. Investment selections are in keeping with the philosophy and spiritual values of the FPC Congregation, with a focus on social responsibility and environmental consciousness.

Session currently administers the Endowment Fund, which includes—

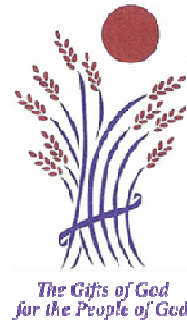
- The **General Endowment Fund**, a permanent fund to support the general operating budget of the church.
- **Designated Endowed Funds**, contributions made by members or friends for a special program, project or need of the church that holds special meaning for them. A new Designated Fund can be established with a gift of \$50,000 or more, and with approval of Session.

Special gifts contributed during one's lifetime that go beyond an annual pledge are supplemental opportunities for stewardship. These gifts may commemorate a memorial, birthday, anniversary, or baptism. Special gifts through a will or estate plan may have the potential for additional growth. We encourage consultation with a professional financial advisor before making a special gift.

## RETIREMENT EVENT FOR THE REVEREND MARY VAN ANDEL

The Church will be hosting a reception  
to celebrate Mary Van Andel  
in honor of her retirement.

The reception will be held on the afternoon of  
Sunday, August 14, following Worship.  
Please watch the weekly Announcements for details.



*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (First Peter 4:10)*

## STEWARDSHIP

As mentioned in the June issue of the *Presbyter*, the largest portion of the local Outreach Budget goes to Ministry with Community. As a Sanctuary in the City, FPC supports this mission in many ways: by serving dinner on the first Sunday of each month, bagging groceries at Loaves & Fishes, donating hotel-size toiletries, as well as granting requests for financial assistance through the Deacons. We are excited that their new building will be opening in mid-July to enrich the needs of its members.

The largest portion of the global Outreach Budget goes to the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. Those monies are used for supporting our partners in Nicaragua, Peacemaking, Camp Greenwood for our youth, Campus Ministry, church growth, and Presbyterian Pilgrimage, to name a few.

As we contemplate the upcoming stewardship season, we remember that stewardship is not God taking something from us; it is his way of bestowing his richest gifts upon his people, as described by Randy Alcorn in his book, *The Treasure Principle: Discovering the Secret of Joyful Giving*.

*for the Stewardship Committee,  
Pamela Tritsch*



## CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS

### Class of 2016

Karen Hassler  
Kay Howson  
Judy Johnson  
Shari Schut  
Mary Smyser  
Jackie Stults

### Class of 2017

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

### Class of 2018

Dorothy Castor  
Karen Cooper  
Dan Dowswell  
Nancy and Keith Johnson  
Barbara Palmer  
Donna Schonveld



### **Please note:**

If you have moved, or changed any contact information, please inform Ann Johnson in the church office, at [ann.johnson@kalamazoofirstpres.org](mailto:ann.johnson@kalamazoofirstpres.org) or call 344-0119, so she can keep your contact information up to date.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

First Presbyterian Church Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers on the following Saturdays: July 9, 16, 23, and 30. Volunteers will meet at the Habitat for Humanity warehouse located at 1718 Fulford Street in Kalamazoo. Typical work involves cleanup, landscaping, painting, and light construction/destruction. For more information, call Mike Boersma at (269) 720-1409.

Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes needs volunteer receptionists and also substitute receptionists. Primary shifts needed are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Also needed are Call Center volunteers from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, Pantry workers, and volunteer drivers. Please contact Cherise Buchanan at (269) 488-2617, ext. 209, to volunteer.

At Ministry with Community on the first Sunday of each month, 12 to 15 volunteers from FPC serve Sunday dinner to about 175 of our downtown neighbors. Many members of our congregation—including several of our younger members—give generously of their time to share Christ's love in this way. If you can help on any "first Sunday", please contact Ruth Moser at [ruthmoser@outlook.com](mailto:ruthmoser@outlook.com).

Pine Island Presbyterian Church has a community garden on its property on the north side of Q Avenue, west of 6th Street. They are looking for people to assist them with the gardening. Approval has been received to allow Master Gardeners to earn "volunteer hours" for the time they spend there. Four garden teams are being formed to work on different days and at various times. If you can help, please contact the following coordinators:

### **Monday, 9:30 a.m.**

—contact Carol Pratt at 501-5234

### **Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.**

—contact Joan Oorbeck at 375-1453 or 216-1593

### **Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.**

—contact Joan Oorbeck (Vespers service at 5:30)

### **Friday, 9:30 a.m.**

—contact Joan Oorbeck



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### "BACH TO SCHOOL!"

August 21, 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday, August 21, at 4:00 p.m., Elizabeth Bruce, FPC Organist, will present a school-themed recital. This recital will feature some of her favorite piano and organ works from all stages of her musical studies. Selections will include J.S. Bach's *Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major* (the first organ piece that she ever learned), Paul Manz's *God of Grace* (a piece that she played to audition for the FPC organist position), and Louis Vierne's *Carillon*, a bell-themed piece to herald the arrival of a new school year (and one of Elizabeth's many favorite pieces).

Elizabeth is passionate about supporting the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes backpack program, which sends non-perishable food items home with food-insecure students in Kalamazoo Public Schools. Simply put, many children in the community do not have the nutritional resources to perform their best in school. At the recital, she'd *love* to fill the back pews with canned goods and whole-wheat pasta (the item of the month for August), as well as the offering plates with monetary donations. More importantly, though, she'd like to fill the pews with people!

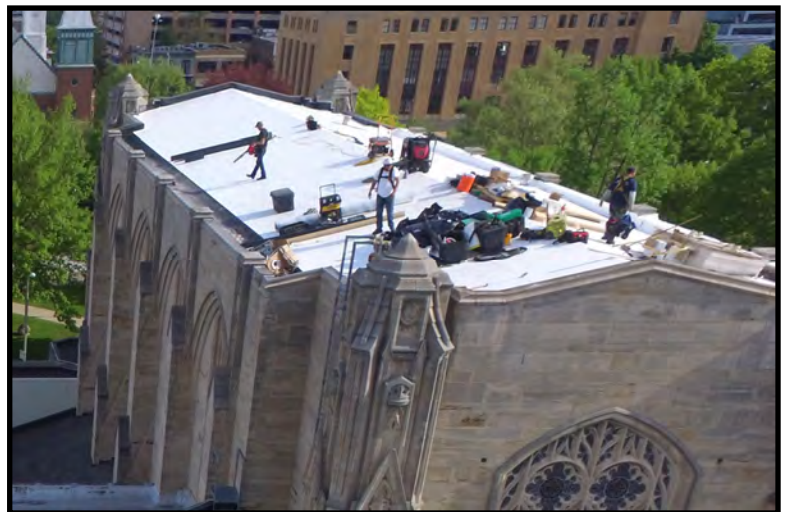
Elizabeth will perform the recital in her beloved Indiana Hoosiers football jersey. Feel free to come dressed in your favorite school attire. This interactive recital is for all ages, and an "organ crawl" will follow for those interested in seeing the interior of FPC's 63-rank Casavant organ.

### SUMMER CHOIR

The Summer Choir started its season June 12, and would happily welcome additional singers. Please consider sharing your love of music by joining them, as you are able, during the months of June, July, and August. All ages and voice parts are welcome—middle school through adult.

Summer Choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Choir Room (Lower Level), and sings at the 10:30 worship service.

For more information, contact Cindy Hunter, Director of Music, at (269) 377-2478.



These photographs show workers replacing the roof over the Sanctuary. This much-needed project is now complete. (photo credit: Bruce Birkel)



## SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**July 20 and August 17**

On the third Wednesday of the month we meet from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Library on the office level. Join other women of our church to explore and have conversations based on Kathleen Long Bostrom's book, *Finding Calm in the Chaos*. Our topic for July is "loyalty"; the topic for August is "blessing". Join us and bring a friend.

**Begins June 30**

"Summer Study" Thursday Morning at 9:30 (coffee), 9:45 (study). Our new study for the summer is based on Marcus Borg's book, *Convictions*. "Imagine that Christianity is about loving God. Imagine that it is about becoming more and more deeply centered in God. Imagine that it is about loving what God loves. How would that change our lives?" – from *Convictions*. Join us, beginning June 30. Childcare is provided.



## FPC LIBRARY NEWS

Looking for a good book to read this summer? Check the library book cart in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings for new selections. Recently acquired titles available for borrowing include:

- \* *When Breath Becomes Air*, by Paul Kalanithi
- \* *What We Talk about When We Talk about God*, by Rob Bell
- \* *Anchors and Flares: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hope, and Service*, by Kate Braestrup
- \* *Convictions*, by Marcus Borg
- \* *Becoming Grandma: The Joys and Science of the New Grandparenting*, by Lesley Stahl
- \* *Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope, and Repair*, by Anne Lamott
- \* *Lilac Girls: A Novel*, by Martha Hall Kelly
- \* *Gunpowder Percy: A Novel*, by Grace Tiffany (a "Books & Bagels" featured author)
- \* *The Turner House: A Novel*, by Angela Flourney

### SPOTLIGHT ON FORGIVENESS

Life presents us with many opportunities to practice forgiveness. To explore the topic of forgiveness in depth, check out the following resources of the FPC library.

Books that teach about forgiveness:

- \* *Forgive and Forget: Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve*, by Lewis B. Smedes
- \* *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World*, by Desmond Tutu
- \* *Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go*, by Adam Hamilton

Memoirs about forgiveness:

- \* *Forgiven: The Amish School Shooting, a Mother's Love, and a Story of Remarkable Grace*, by Terri Roberts
- \* *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*, by Laura Hillenbrand
- \* *The Hiding Place*, by Corrie Ten Boom

For children:

- \* *I Forgive You: Love We Can Hear, Ask for, and Give*, by Nicole Lataif

Books are set up for self-checkout. Sign and date the library card in the back of the book and place the card in the designated box on top of the book cart or on the library desk. Books are due one month from the checkout date. Return books to either the box on the bottom of the book cart in the Gathering Place or in the book slot next to the library door (Room 212).

**Please use and enjoy the resources  
of your church library!**



## YOUTH MINISTRY



### EXCHANGE STUDENT IN FPC YOUTH GROUP

A note from Rob:

Nanami was unable to attend our graduation Sunday because of the "sleeping in boxes" event. She was a foreign exchange student with us all year and was absolutely a wonderful addition to our youth group. Here is her message:

"I come from a Buddhist family like most Japanese families, but I'm not really religious, and I was never really interested, so I came here with almost zero knowledge of Christianity. Everything I experienced related to church was completely new for me.

I had a lot of tough things and difficulties this year, and there were times at first when I got lost in my own troubles and stress, that I couldn't think about anyone else but myself. But through my time here, I found out that if you think really hard, you'll know what you need to do, just like God's talking to you, and there are people who always love and support you and people who are less fortunate than you are. There's a lot of things that I learned from coming to this church, but there's definitely way more things I don't know, and even out of things I learned, there's a lot of things I don't understand at all or don't really agree with. However, I will always remember to 'love God, and love others' and to show that with my attitude, because it's one of my big foundings this year.

After I go back, I'll finish my two more years of high school. I'm thankful that I was able to come to this church and meet all of you, and I hope that the Peace of Christ will always be with you."

Contact Rob Bradford if you have any questions about the FPC Youth Ministry.  
(269) 806-5196 or [bradfordrr@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordrr@gmail.com)

## CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

July and August 2016

**Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Church School will resume meeting on July 10.



For Church School information, contact Pat Stromsta at [pat.stromsta@kalamazoofirstpres.org](mailto:pat.stromsta@kalamazoofirstpres.org)

## ADULTS

**LECTIONARY STUDY**  
**Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

You are invited to join other church members in the weekly lectionary study prior to Worship. During this time, we observe and discuss basic facts about the Scripture that will be used in the day's worship service.

Together we attempt to interpret the meaning of the passages and to discover implications of the text for growing in Christ.

**Check the weekly Sunday Announcements for detailed information.**



# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## BOOKS AND BAGELS

Books and Bagels will meet this summer in Room 302 on Sunday mornings from 9:00—10:15.

You are invited to come and hear about interesting, exciting, and inspirational books which you might consider adding to your summer reading list.

Bagels, juice, coffee, and tea will be available.

### July 10 - Aedín Clements

Quake with fear and laugh with a tear as Aedín reads Frank O'Connor's classic short story, ***First Confession***. Aedín, a native of Dublin, is the Irish Studies librarian at Notre Dame University. She loves to share her knowledge of Irish culture.

### July 17 - Dr. Grace Tiffany

Grace's latest novel, ***Gunpowder Percy***, is a great summer read. It's filled with interesting characters, a great plot, and flashes of humor. "In her latest and gripping historical novel, ***Gunpowder Percy***, Grace Tiffany brings to life the events leading up to that fraught moment in 1605 when a group of disaffected Catholic gentry plotted to blow up the House of Lords, kill King James, and restore Catholicism to the land. It's a thrilling story, vividly and skillfully told." - James Shapiro, Professor of English at Columbia University.

### July 24 - The Reverend Larry Farris

We are in the midst of the centennial of the Great War, a war termed by one commentator "A Literary War" because of the enormous amount of literature it caused to be written. The Great War, also known as World War I, was a watershed historically, and it continues to influence contemporary world events. Join Larry Farris at "Books and Bagels" to learn about some of the literature spawned by this fascinating and influential moment in history.

### July 31 - Stuart Deming

The son of a father who helped liberate a concentration camp, Stuart Deming has had a particular interest in war crimes throughout his career. He has also had first-hand experience. Stuart will discuss his work on war crimes in Ethiopia, and his work in conjunction with the American Bar Association with the War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. He will focus on the realities of bringing justice to those responsible for war crimes, and the current trend toward reliance on "truth commissions" in transitional societies.

### August 7 - Linda Mah

Linda Mah has had a long career as a journalist with the *Kalamazoo Gazette*. Over the years, she has reported on numerous topics involving courts, education, and health. Linda has also written a column. Her endearing personality came through in her sharing of family anecdotes and her reviews of local restaurants. Linda is currently employed as a communications specialist with the Kalamazoo Public Schools.

### August 14 - Dr. Mark Loehrke

Mark Loehrke is a physician at Western Michigan University School of Medicine. He serves as the Chair of the Medicine Department and Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program there. For more than 28 years he has been involved in patient care and teaching medical students and internal medicine residents. "He reads about one book a year, and ***When Breath Becomes Air*** was it for this past year. So you know this book must be pretty special!" - Mark Loehrke

### August 21 - Garrett Boersma

Garrett is a retired Special Education teacher, administrator, and college instructor. He will be reading parts of Frank Backman's best-selling book, ***A Man Called Ove: A Novel***. "At first sight, Ove is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet—a curmudgeon with staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People think him bitter, and he thinks himself surrounded by idiots."

### **READING LIST:**

- ◇ Frank O'Connor's classic short story, ***First Confession***
- ◇ Grace Tiffany's latest novel, ***Gunpowder Percy***
- ◇ ***When Breath Becomes Air***, by Paul Kalanithi
- ◇ Frank Backman's best-selling book, ***A Man Called Ove: A Novel***

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### MONTHLY "LUNCH BUNCH"

**July 1 and August 5 and September 9 (Fridays), 1:00 p.m.**

This list may reflect changes in the Lunch Bunch schedule previously announced to the group.

#### July 1

Four Roses Café  
663 10th Street, Plainwell

#### August 5

Terrace Grill at Bay Point Inn  
11456 Marsh Road, Shelbyville, MI

#### September 9

Los Amigos  
7375 S. Westnedge Avenue, Portage

Please forgive the changes, but we have to go to the Terrace Grill in August before they close.

The date in September was changed to the second Friday—the 9th—by consensus of the June diners.

### MONTHLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP

**July 13 and August 10 (Wednesdays), 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.

### **GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES "ON SABBATICAL" FOR THE SUMMER**

- All-Church Sunday Breakfast
- Hearts-to-Hands Needleworkers
- Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers  
(will resume in August)
- Martha Circle
- Youth Church School
- Youth Group on Sunday Evening
- Thoughtful Readers
- Deacons  
(meetings will resume on August 8)



### **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

#### **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**

First and third Mondays  
at 5:00 p.m.

#### **MRC Industries / ASK**

First and third Tuesdays

# Church Life

**13,824 Meals Packaged!!**

The Congregational Life Committee would like to thank all of you for making the "Stop Hunger Now" meal packaging event a huge success!

Together we raised approximately \$4,000. We exceeded our goal (12,000 meals) and with 65 dedicated volunteers were able to package 13,824 nutrient-rich meals to be sent to children and families all over the world.

In about four to six weeks, "Stop Hunger Now" will be back in touch to let us know where our meals are being sent. Look for an update at that time.

Thanks again for a job well done!



**STOP HUNGER NOW.**



# Outreach and Community Service

## TIPS FROM GREEN PETE



and REPURPOSE

## EARTH CARE TIPS FROM THE GREEN P'S

Want to dispose of your used electronics? If you put them in the trash, they will end up in landfills. This is not safe, because electronics contain toxic heavy metals. Instead, take them to the sites listed below. Consult these websites first to find out what items are accepted at each site:

### Household Hazardous Waste

1301 Lamont Avenue, Kalamazoo. Phone - (269) 373-5211

[www.kalcounty.com/hhw](http://www.kalcounty.com/hhw)

Free for residents of most communities in Kalamazoo County.

Open Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Second Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(closed Saturdays in August and September)

### Emerald eCycling

5111 East ML Ave. Suite A-140, Kalamazoo. Phone - (269) 978-1914

Free. Does not accept televisions. Open some mornings, so contact them or check website for hours: [www.emerald-ecycling.com](http://www.emerald-ecycling.com).

### Schupan eScraping

2225 Glendening Rd., Kalamazoo

Phone toll-free 1-800-724; local (269) 382-9811

[www.Schupan.com/metalrecycling](http://www.Schupan.com/metalrecycling)

Free. Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

### Green Earth Electronics Recycling

3621 Tennis Ct., St. Joseph MI (was at KVCC-Oshtemo campus)

[www.greenearth.com](http://www.greenearth.com)

Free, but \$10.00 fee for monitors and \$20.00 for televisions.

Wipes "all hard drives to Department of Defense specification or shreds them". They do not yet have an event scheduled in the area for the fall. It is possible to take electronics for them to the Community Thrift in Paw Paw, 1000 E. MI Avenue. Ph.(269) 657-4186. Please contact them or check the website for their hours.

from Kay Howson



## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Moderator: Laurie Tupper

The mission of the Outreach Committee is to promote faithful service both to our local community and to the wider world. Here are some programs in which we participate on an ongoing basis.

- **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

Sue Johnson

Joseph Sablan

- **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: Sam Clark

- **Nicaragua Partnership**

Contact: Larry Boutelle

- **Rickman House BINGO**

Contact: Mike Boersma

- **United Campus Ministry**

Contact: Miranda Howard



# Outreach and Community Service

## CELEBRATE THE VISION

### Summer Schedule (Wednesdays)

#### **Evening Meal, 5:30**

Join us for hospitality and a home-cooked meal every Wednesday at in the Dining Room.

#### **Devotions, 6:15**

July 13, 27  
August 10, 24

For devotions this summer, we will participate in a six-week video journey to the lands where Paul traveled, preached, suffered, and triumphed. Our study is based on Adam Hamilton's book, *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*. This will take place in the Gathering Place at 6:15 on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

#### **BINGO, 5:00**

June 29 (fifth Wednesday)  
July 6, 20  
August 3, 17

On the first and third Wednesdays we will meet at 5:00 for BINGO in the Dining Room.



## EDISON SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT

As the school year ends, we would like to extend our gratitude to more than sixty men and women from our congregation who spent week after week, month after month, making the trek to EDISON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ACADEMY to mentor the students. These folks volunteered in a variety of capacities, including tutoring one-on-one, tutoring a small reading group, assisting the teacher in the classroom during reading or math assignments, bringing pets to listen to the children read (helps relaxation), and – everyone's favorites: the cupcake bakers!

We are grateful to the many folks in the congregation who donated much-needed school supplies, snacks and cleaning/hygienic supplies. In this day of budget cuts, especially to our educational system, your gifts are a Godsend.

Thank you to Joyce, Carol, and Sue, for their "behind the scenes" work communicating with the school staff, making sure that the program is alive and well.

Y'all enjoy your summer! See you at the sign-up table in August!

from Joseph Sablan

For more information, please contact:

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Carol Payne Smith - (388-2278) or [paynesmith@aol.com](mailto:paynesmith@aol.com)

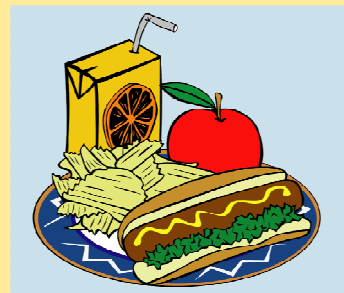
Sue Johnson - (276-9216) or [suebird.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:suebird.johnson@gmail.com)

Joseph Sablan - (773) 569-6243 or [richieandjoey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richieandjoey@sbcglobal.net)

## FREE SUMMER MEALS for KIDS

For many kids, summertime means food, friends, and fun. For families who count on school breakfast and lunch, however, the summer months can be stressful, because family food budgets have to be stretched even further.

Thanks to the MEET UP & EAT UP Summer Meals Program at various locations within the county, free, healthful meals are served throughout the summer to kids through age 18. Call 211 or text FOODMI at 877877 for locations, dates, and times.





### Join the Health Ministry Committee this summer for a 3-week series of classes:

Join us in Room 314-315 immediately following Worship for these informative classes. Childcare will be provided.

#### July 10

Mary VanAndel

##### “Challenging Conversations”

How we approach conversations with loved ones about no longer driving, moving to assisted living, end-of-life wishes, and other topics.

#### July 17

Mary VanAndel

##### “End-of-Life Planning”

How we prepare for a “good death”, how we want our body cared for after death, wishes we have for the funeral service itself, and other topics.

#### July 24

Debra Lindstrom, PhD, OTRL, FAOTA,  
Professor Department of Occupational Therapy,  
WMU AARP “HomeFit” program.

How to modify our homes to accommodate our aging needs.

### Join the Health Ministry Committee for a class on Type 2 Diabetes and Pre-Diabetes

Do you need a review of Type 2 Diabetes? Have you been told you have Pre-Diabetes? Does someone you love have Diabetes? Come learn how to stay healthy with diabetes, including tips on diet, exercise, and lifestyle. Taught by Pat Farris, RN, BSN, former director of the Three Rivers Diabetes Education Program. This class will directly follow Worship on Sunday, August 21, in Room 314-315. Healthful snacks provided!

### HEALING SERVICE—August 7

The Health Ministry Committee invites you to give yourself the gift of a protected time and space for healing prayer on Sunday, August 7, in the Church Lounge immediately following Worship. Come and join us, whether or not you have a specific need for healing. All are welcome! This is a time to be together in quiet reflection and prayer.

## 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, 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 by 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



# July & August Birthdays

## JULY

1 Scott Oudsema  
2 Larry Farris  
John Houts  
Bob Padgett  
Irma Prince  
Madeline Weaver  
William Wilson  
3 Carrie Busby  
Nancy Chandler  
Virginia Jacobowitz  
4 Cynthia Hunter  
Angela Van Heest  
5 Ron Johns  
6 Bob Bauserman  
Hunter Macomber  
7 Hal Horneffer  
Tim Tritsch  
8 Amy Anderson  
Jayne Clement  
Pam Tritsch  
9 Ruth DeVries  
Katie Johnkoski  
Melanie Pessetti  
10 Cheryl Fritz  
Cindy Leder  
11 Bill Hubbard  
Max Longman  
Marta Veech  
12 Madison Angell  
Avery Diane Fuehr  
William Maze, Jr.  
Brian Panse  
Molly Stewart  
13 (none)  
14 Larry Boutelle  
Josh Droppers  
Jessica Hay  
Megan Staake  
Ryan Zeller  
15 Eunice Green  
Barbara Liggett  
Gary Zandt

16 Alexandra Garside  
Molly Oudsema  
Andy Young  
17 Ethan Gunderson  
Carolyn Stults  
18 John Card  
Nancy Colburn  
Bobby Highhouse  
Sierra Loughrin  
Brooke Zeller  
19 Phyllis Buskirk  
Shelly Hassler  
Maeven Hirt  
Susan Hutt  
Madelyn Marciniak  
Anna Miller  
20 Bev Bloomquist  
Marilyn Lindbeck  
Paul Parks  
21 Jennifer Barlament  
Brian Nederveld  
22 Donna Bishop  
Careen Bumpus  
Kevin Mahoney  
Dennis Mattingly  
Diane White  
23 Howard Hoffman  
24 Grace Agostinelli  
Andrew Diamond  
David Scarrow  
25 Nik DeHaan  
Janet Todd  
26 Karen Jacobs  
Loretta Johnson  
Livia Lewis  
Sharon Longman  
Roberta Warnock  
27 Abigail Candido  
Beverly Crabb  
Joyce Lander  
Gloria Lee  
Abby Pearson  
28 Jeanne Fenton  
Sally Hume Bristol  
Mary Panse

29 Amelia Case  
Sara Davidson  
John Diamond  
Dave Hunt  
Judy Marvin  
Dan Schut  
30 Dick Baker  
Claire Dulin  
Stephen Todd  
Ellen Wolfe  
31 Jan Carpenter  
Sally Carter  
Kristen DeBruin  
Ladislav Hanka  
Dayton Maynard  
David Stults  
Alana Tien



## AUGUST

1 Liam Beals  
Jacob Schut  
Caitlin White  
2 Sandy Sebo  
3 Michael Bova  
Jessica Tarr  
4 Olivia Goethe  
Nick Hunter  
John Kittredge  
Leroy Klose  
Wendy Miedema  
Graham Palmer  
5 Kit Carrel  
Megan Dixon  
Bev Murray  
Jakob Schnur  
6 Kim Cummings  
Gail Fitzpatrick-Fox  
Emma Greko  
Alek Kokushkin  
Beth Peterik  
Louise Taylor

7 Annaliese Bol  
Logan Brown  
Marcie Compton  
Carol Steinman  
8 William Johnson  
9 Scott Carter  
Bob Cowell  
Colin Feucht  
Andrew Lenderink  
Mary Palmatier  
Leo Thielman  
10 Jack Mahoney  
Brian Watt  
11 Laura Cavanagh  
Jackson Fox  
Erin Leder  
Jeffrey Panse  
Erik Yettaw  
12 Ashleigh Allen  
Margaret Pifer  
13 Juanita Erdos  
14 Mason Coleman  
Matthew Job  
Betty Van Der Slik  
15 Ben Brown  
Christopher Honeysett  
Curtis Leibbrand  
Ronald Tanis  
Gabriel VandeWalle  
16 Emily Brown  
Jason Grupe  
17 Jill Aspergren  
Bucki Dulin  
Whitney Hollerbach  
Jennifer Klein  
Robert Radcliff  
Crystal Richman  
18 David Campbell  
19 Joan Colgren  
Brittany (Fisk) Robbins  
Stephanie Kiewiet  
David Klein  
Chloe Labian  
John Willson

20 Mary Brooks  
21 Nancy Maleitzke  
Dolores Miller  
22 Carol Barratt-  
Schmiege  
Ashley Carter  
Arthur Freeman  
Jane Iannelli  
Samantha King  
Tim Liggett  
23 (none)  
24 Lynn Arwady  
George Hammond  
Carol McCloskey  
25 Connor Addison  
Samantha Fuehr  
Jeffrey Shaw  
Norma Smith  
26 Morgen Baer  
Daniel Corse  
Geoffrey Wardwell  
27 Bob Brown  
Alex Coryell  
Alice Malloure  
Michael Warlick  
28 Dorothy Castor  
Janet Scarrow  
Abigail Sherrill  
Zachary Warlick  
29 Alissa Britigan  
David Dell  
Caitlin Fischer  
Courtney Fischer  
Philip Hajek  
Henry Lewis  
Marvin Ludwig  
David Shannon  
30 Mackenzie Jonas  
Kameron Long  
Julie Misner  
31 Patricia Corse  
Chuck Madden  
Paul Perks  
Julia Young

# Our Life Together

## 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 every 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 in the office or call 344-0119 to place an order.

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

## FPC Member Anniversary

**50-Plus Years of Membership—Congratulations!**  
**AUGUST**

Diane Johnson, joined August 29, 1957—59 years

Note: The entire 12-month list is printed in the Annual Report.

## Presbyter

### PRESBYTER DEADLINES

August 15 (September issue)

## Parish Associates

### Parish Associates:

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The Reverend Larry Farris, [farrislw@gmail.com](mailto:farrislw@gmail.com)

### United Campus Ministry Pastor and FPC Parish Associate:

The Reverend Kathleen Robertson King, [ucmkrking@yahoo.com](mailto:ucmkrking@yahoo.com)

**Pastor Emeritus:** The Reverend Dr. David W. McShane

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**Randy Randt**

### South Lobby Receptionist (Ext. 221)

**Jim Cook**

**Nate Owens**

**Nik DeHaan**





# FPC Calendar - July, 2016

**PLEASE NOTE:** A schedule of community groups that meet at FPC is on page 9 of this issue of the *Presbyter*.

## Friday/1

- 8:30a Yoga
- 1:00p Lunch Bunch (*Four Roses Café*)

## Saturday/2

(no FPC activities today)

## Sunday/3

- 9:00a Prayer Partners
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Childcare
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary  
Communion served
- 10:45a [no Church School]
- 12:45p Ministry with Community  
(*FPC serves the meal today*)
- 5:00p [no Youth Group until fall]

## Monday/4—INDEPENDENCE DAY

Church building closed

## Tuesday/5

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 1:00p FPC Archivists

## 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
- 5:00p Celebrate the Vision: BINGO
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:30p Strategic Visioning Team

## Thursday/7

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 11:00a DCLC
- 7:00p [no Choir rehearsal]

## Friday/8

- 8:30a Yoga

## Saturday/9

(no FPC activities today)

## Sunday/10

- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Books and Bagels
- 9:00a Congregational Life Committee
- 9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Childcare
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Summer Church School
- 11:45a Health Ministry class  
(Challenging Conversations)
- 5:00p [no Youth Group until fall]

## Monday/11

- 10:30a Green P's (*off site tour*)
- 7:00p [no Deacons meeting]

## Tuesday/12

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 1:00p FPC Archivists

## Wednesday/13

- 12:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 3:00p DCLC
- 3:00p [no Martha Circle today]
- 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: Devotions
- 7:00p Outreach Committee

## Thursday/14

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 11:00a DCLC
- 11:30a Stewardship Committee
- 12:30p Finance Committee
- 6:30p Prop. Maintenance Committee
- 7:00p [no Choir rehearsal]

## Friday/15

- 8:30a Yoga

## Saturday/16

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

## Sunday/17

- 9:00a Congregational Life Committee
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Books and Bagels
- 9:00a Church School teachers' meet.
- 9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Childcare
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Summer Church School
- 11:45a Health Ministry class  
(End-of-Life Planning)
- 5:00p [no Youth Group until fall]

## Monday/18

- 5:30p Personnel Committee
- 6:00p Health Ministry Committee

## Tuesday/19

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 9:00a Staff Planning Day
- 10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 1:00p FPC Archivists
- 7:00p Worship and Music Committee
- 6:30p Strategic Visioning Team

## Wednesday/20

- 12:00p Communications Committee
- 12:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 3:00p DCLC
- 4:00p Men's Community Bible Study

## Wednesday continued

- 5:00p Celebrate the Vision: BINGO
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 7:00p Women's Evening Bible Study

## Thursday/21

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 11:00a DCLC
- 12:00p Adult Education Committee
- 7:00p [no Choir rehearsal]

## Friday/22

- 8:30a Yoga

## Saturday/23

New Wilmington Mission Conference  
(through July 30)

## Sunday/24

- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Books and Bagels
- 9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Childcare
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Summer Church School
- 11:45a Health Ministry class  
(Age-related needs at home)
- 5:00p [no Youth Group until fall]

## Monday/25

- 6:30p Strategic Visioning Team
- 7:00p [no Thoughtful Readers]

## Tuesday/26

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 1:00p Archivists

## Wednesday/27

- 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: Devotions
- 6:30p Session meeting

## Thursday/28

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 11:00a DCLC
- 7:00p [no Choir rehearsal]

## Friday/29

- 8:30a Yoga
- 7:00p Jazz Vespers

## Saturday/30

(no FPC events today)

## Sunday/31

- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Books and Bagels
- 9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Childcare
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Summer Church School
- 5:00p [no Youth Group until fall]

# FPC Calendar - August, 2016

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## Monday/1

1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers

## Tuesday/2

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group  
10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00p Bulletin deadline  
1:00p FPC Archivists

## Wednesday/3

9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry  
12:00p FPC Librarian on site  
3:00p DCLC  
4:00p Men's Community Bible Study  
5:00p Celebrate the Vision: BINGO  
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

## Thursday/4

9:30a Women's Bible Study  
11:00a FPC Librarian on site  
11:00a DCLC  
12:00p Adult Education Committee  
7:00p [no Choir rehearsal]

## Friday/5

8:30a Yoga  
1:00p Lunch Bunch (*Terrace Grill*)

## Saturday/6

(no FPC activities today)

## Sunday/7

9:00a Prayer Partners  
9:00a Books and Bagels  
9:00a Lectionary Study  
9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal  
10:00a Childcare  
10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary  
Communion served  
10:45a Summer Church School  
12:00p Healing Service  
12:45p Ministry with Community  
(*FPC serves the meal today*)  
5:00p [no Youth Group until fall]

## Monday/8

7:00p Deacons meeting

## Tuesday/9

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group  
10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00p Bulletin deadline  
1:00p FPC Archivists

## Wednesday/10

12:00p FPC Librarian on site  
3:00p DCLC  
3:00p [no Martha Circle today]  
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: Devotions  
7:00p Outreach Committee

## Thursday/11

9:30a Women's Bible Study  
11:00a FPC Librarian on site  
11:00a DCLC  
11:30a Stewardship Committee  
12:30p Finance Committee  
6:30p Prop. Maintenance Committee  
7:00p [no Choir rehearsal]

## Friday/12

8:30a Yoga

## Saturday/13

(no FPC activities today)

## Sunday/14

9:00a Congregational Life Committee  
9:00a Lectionary Study  
9:00a Books and Bagels  
9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal  
10:00a Childcare  
10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary  
[Mary's farewell sermon]  
12:00p Retirement Event for Mary  
10:45a Summer Church School  
5:00p [no Youth Group until fall]

## Monday/15

*Presbyter* deadline for articles  
5:30p Personnel Committee  
6:00p Health Ministry Committee

## Tuesday/16

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group  
10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00p Bulletin deadline  
1:00p FPC Archivists  
7:00p Worship and Music Committee

## Wednesday/17

12:00p Communications Committee  
12:00p FPC Librarian on site  
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7:00p [no Choir rehearsal]

## Friday/19

8:30a Yoga

## Saturday/20

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

## Sunday/21

9:00a Church School teachers' meet.  
9:00a Lectionary Study  
9:15a Reading Aloud  
9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal  
10:00a Christian Education Committee  
10:00a Childcare  
10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary  
10:45a Summer Church School  
11:45a Health Ministry class  
(topic—diabetes)  
4:00p "Bach to School!" Organ Recital  
5:00p [no Youth Group until fall]

## Monday/22

7:00p [no Thoughtful Readers]

## Tuesday/23

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group  
10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00p Bulletin deadline  
1:00p Archivists

## Wednesday/24

*Presbyter* fold and label  
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: Devotions  
6:30p Session meeting

## Thursday/25

9:30a Women's Bible Study  
11:00a FPC Librarian on site  
11:00a DCLC  
7:00p [no Choir rehearsal]

## Friday/26

8:30a Yoga

## Saturday/27

(no FPC activities today)

## Sunday/28

9:00a Lectionary Study  
9:15a Reading Aloud  
9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal  
10:00a Childcare  
10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary  
10:45a Summer Church School  
5:00p [no Youth Group until fall]

## Monday/29

(no FPC activities today)

## Tuesday/30

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group  
10:00a Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00p Bulletin deadline  
1:00p Archivists

## Wednesday/31

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