

WORSHIP OVERVIEW

Sunday Worship is at 10:00 a.m.

January 7

Epiphany Sunday

Communion served

The Reverend Larry Farris
Gen. 1:1-5, Ps 29, Acts 19:1-7,
Mark 1:4-11

January 14

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Ordination of Elders and Deacons

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
1 Samuel 3:1-10; Mark 1:4-11, 14-20

January 21

Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Jonah 3:1-10; John 1:43-51

January 28

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend Chrissy Westbury
Deut. 18:15-20, Ps 111, I Cor. 8:1-13,
Mark 1:21-28

February 4

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Communion served

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

February 11

Transfiguration of the Lord

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Mark 9:2-9; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

February 18

First Sunday of Lent

The Reverend Dr. Liz Candido
Gen. 9:8-17, Ps. 25:1-10, I Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Mark 8:31-38; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*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.*

MINUTE IN MINISTRY

As this *Presbyter* reaches you, we'll be amid the Twelve Days of Christmas.

We celebrate the incarnation of Divine Love among us in Jesus, as we remember familiar words in scripture:

"In the time of King Herod ..."

"In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus ... while Quirinius was governor of Syria."

More than simply a time stamp, Matthew and Luke locate the birth of Jesus within cultural realities of power. Herod, Augustus, and Quirinius represent secular and religious authorities often challenged by Jesus' ministry, who would ultimately execute him.

People have long pondered whether great leaders are products of innate personality or historical circumstance. Surely, for Jesus, it's a combination of the two. We know in him the full revelation of the Divine Nature of love. And we properly and completely understand the meaning of his life, death, and resurrection in the context of forces and circumstances of his time and place. That's the way it is for all of us. Our living faith flows from how our personal natures engage life circumstances.

This year, we move quickly through the season of Epiphany into Lent. Ash Wednesday falls on February 14. As we reflect on life and faith together more earnestly in Lent, we will offer opportunities to be inspired by the witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Over decades after his martyrdom, people increasingly considered Bonhoeffer a leading figure of our Christian faith from the 20th Century. He was surely a person of great character and a product of his time and place.

Here's a brief conversational appetizer. Bonhoeffer came of age in Germany in the period between World Wars I and II. Academically gifted, he studied and lived for a brief time in Barcelona, London, and New York. He worked with youth, and chose to serve as church pastor rather than teach in an university. In the time of Hitler, as Nazi decrees increased, Bonhoeffer spoke out in opposition. He was persecuted and could have escaped by remaining in New York for a second time. But he returned just before the outbreak of war to serve among the people of Germany. During the war years, he led an illegal seminary to train pastors. He operated as an Allied spy. And despite strong pacifist leanings, he helped coordinate an assassination attempt against Hitler. He was imprisoned and ultimately executed by direct authority of Hitler just weeks before the end of the war.

We have compiled excerpts from Bonhoeffer's essays, sermons, and poetry, along with reflections by other authors. Copies will be available in the church office. Times to gather for conversation will be publicized in weeks to come. And on March 10-12, 2018, as our Briner Lecturer for this year, we will host Al Staggs, who offers a first-person portrayal of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In one letter from prison, Bonhoeffer wrote: "I'm still discovering right up to this moment, that it is only by living completely in this world that one learns to have faith.... living unreservedly in life's duties, problems, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities. In so doing we throw ourselves into the arms of God ..." Inspired by how Dietrich Bonhoeffer followed Jesus Christ, may we try to live faith together, engaging realities of our world, and trusting we are ever embraced in the loving arms of God.

Grace and peace to you,

The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer, Pastor

“THANK YOU” TO LEADERS IN OUR CONGREGATION

We are grateful to elders who, in December, concluded service on Session: Pat Farris, Diane Heckler, and Barbara Liggett. Their contributions to our congregational life in myriad ways over recent years have been invaluable to the health and vitality of our common ministry. Thank you for your wisdom, insight, and extensive effort!

We are grateful to elders beginning new terms of service on Session: MaryLou Boughton, Laura Ford, Craig Kortlandt, David Rozelle, and Pam Tritsch. In addition, Janet Todd and Phil Ward were re-elected to an additional three-year term, and Jim Van Buren to fill a two-year term.

Committee assignments for the coming year are printed on Page 3. We look forward to your contributions!

Similarly, we recognize with gratitude the service of deacons who ended their terms in 2017: Nancy Boutelle, Bob Candido, Nancy Klesert, Sue Potts, Joseph Sablan, Colleen and Mike Sherrill. We thank those who are beginning new terms as deacons: Donita and Gary DeBruin, Susan DeJong, Miranda Howard, Bruce and Ruth Lubbers, Kenneth Sparks, and Jim Stephenson. In addition, we appreciate John and Lisa Diamond, who accepted a second term, and Kathy Cooney, who has agreed to fill a one-year term, and will be elected at our upcoming annual meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

And we appreciate the diligent efforts of the Nominating Committee, which discerns and identifies candidates to fill these positions. For 2018, members of the Nominating Committee include: Ellen Dykhuis, Janine Loughrin, Brenda Noel, Bill Sorensen, and Deborah Taylor.

—The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

FROM THE DEACONS

We would like to thank outgoing Deacons Nancy Boutelle, Nancy Klesert, Sue Potts, Joseph Sablan, Bob Candido, and Mike and Colleen Sherrill for their generous and thoughtful work. They will be greatly missed.

We welcome Jim Stephenson, Kenny Sparks, Ruth and Bruce Lubbers, Donita and Gary DeBruin, Susan DeJong, and Miranda Howard, and thank them for answering the call to become a Deacon.

Thank you to Kathy Cooney and to John and Lisa Diamond for extending their terms as Deacons.

Because of your generous support of the “noisy coins” offering, we have been able to help out several members of our congregation in their time of need. THANK YOU!

We are working hard to make the Barista a self-sustaining operation. Your donations to the coffee/donut fund help make that possible. THANK YOU!

Because of your great support at the Christmas Bazaar, we sold all the gift baskets that we made. THANK YOU!

Need a meal? Need a ride? Need a friendly visit? Please get to know your Deacon and let us know how we can help.

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER 2017

The following motions were made and adopted:

- On behalf of the Outreach Committee, Elder Tupper *made a motion to approve \$1,500 for the Kalamazoo Deacons Conference. Motion adopted.*
- Elders Meldrum and Johnson were elected to be commissioners to Presbytery.
- Elder Liggett announced the slate of Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee that was voted on at the November 19, 2017 Congregational Meeting.

CHURCH REPORTS

SESSION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018

Christian Education	Sue Johnson (Mod.), Kelsey Oliver, Janet Todd
Communication	Craig Kortlandt (Mod), Elaine Johns, Mary Lou Boughton
Congregational Life	Brian Nederveld (Mod.), Janet Todd, Sam Beals, Richard Coryell, Laura Ford, Kelsey Oliver
Finance	Don Meldrum (Mod.), Jon Willoughby, David Rozelle, Stuart Deming
Endowment	Jon Willoughby (Mod.), Pam Tritsch
Stewardship	Stuart Deming (Mod.), Pam Tritsch, Jon Willoughby
Health Ministry	Laura Ford (Mod.), Stuart Deming, Kelsey Oliver, Pam Tritsch
Outreach	Laurie Tupper (Mod.), Tim Henson, Jim Van Buren, Mary Lou Boughton
Personnel	(Moderator TBD) Diane Durian, Pam Zandt, David Rozelle
Property Maintenance	Sam Beals (Mod.), Laurie Tupper, Diane Durian, Phil Ward
Worship and Music	Elaine Johns (Mod.), Mary Lou Boughton, Richard Coryell, Jim Van Buren
Nominating	Richard Coryell (Mod.), TBD



SESSION

Clerk of Session: Allison Hammond

CLASS OF 2018

Sam Beals
Stuart Deming
Elaine Johns
Sue Johnson
Brian Nederveld
Jonathan Willoughby
Pamela Zandt

CLASS OF 2019

Richard Coryell
Diane Durian
Tim Henson
Don Meldrum
Kelsey Oliver
Laurie Tupper
Jim Van Buren

CLASS OF 2020

Mary Lou Boughton
Laura Ford
Craig Kortlandt
David Rozelle
Janet Todd
Pamela Tritsch
Philip Ward

CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS

Class of 2018

Dorothy Castor
Dan Dowswell
Nancy and Keith Johnson
Karen Nellums
Carolyn Neubauer
Barbara Palmer
Donna Schonveld

Class of 2019

Tim Aldrich
Cynthia Feucht
Karen Hassler
Judy Johnson
Wendy King
Louise McCallum
Jackie Stults

Class of 2020

Donita and Gary DeBruin
Susan DeJong
John and Lisa Diamond
Miranda Howard
Bruce and Ruth Lubbers
Kenneth Sparks
Jim Stephenson

Please note:

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

“THANK YOU”

The Deacons appreciate the response to the "noisy coins" endeavor. As you know, your change, dropped in the offering plate each Sunday, helps to assist and care for those in need. As the weeks tick by, please continue your generosity.

We also thank you for your support in purchasing the beautiful baskets of coffee, tea, and chocolate during the FPC Christmas Bazaar. Again, your generosity helps others.



WHAT IS ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP, ANYWAY?

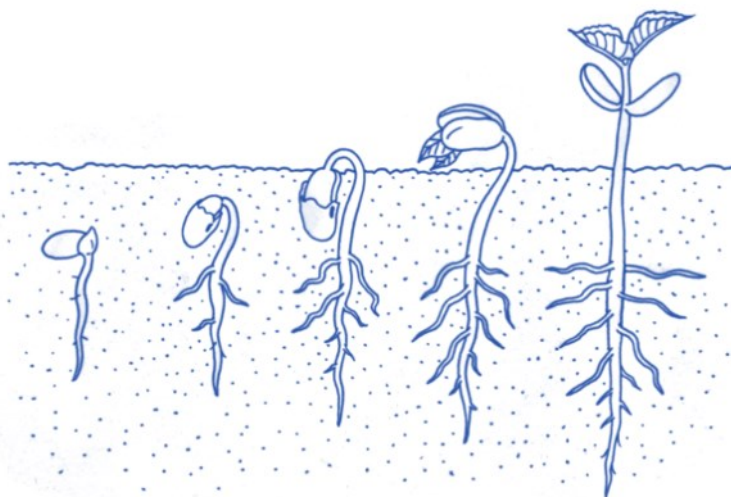
I know many of you have questions about what goes on at this Saturday worship service. The best answer I can give you is to come check it out for yourself (and bring a friend!). We meet in the Gathering Place at 5 PM every Saturday.

We call our Saturday evening worship service SEEDS (Seeing God's Emerging and Evolving Direction and Sustaining Love) because we see it as a place to plant seeds of faith and to nurture one another. We meet in the Gathering Place, rather than the sanctuary, so that we may be more flexible in our seating arrangements. We are casual and comfortable. We use a mixture of traditional and contemporary music, including - but not limited to - gospel, jazz, classical, and Taize. Many weeks, we have a semi-traditional order of worship, with a call to worship, confession and assurance of pardon, scripture, response to scripture, prayer, communion (often, but not every week), and benediction.

The order is traditional, but the elements within the order are often not. Instead of a sermon, we have a conversation, and verbal responses are encouraged throughout the service. Some weeks, we do something completely outside the traditional worship box. A couple of weeks ago, we did interactive prayer stations. The idea is to make worship accessible and interactive. We are a fidget-friendly zone. We provide coloring pages and colored pencils and encourage note-taking, doodling, or whatever is most comfortable as long as it is to the glory of God and not totally disruptive to others.

Each month we choose a theme word - sort of like the Moth Story Hour on NPR - and see where the theme takes us. I hope you will join us sometime and let others know about this new opportunity for worship!

—The Reverend Chrissy Westbury



ISAAC

Kalamazoo First Presbyterian Church has recently joined the membership of ISAAC (**Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy & Action in the Community**). ISAAC is an interfaith organizing network of congregations and strategic partners working together to build a more just community.

At the Issues Convention on October 26, poverty, racism, and housing were chosen as the top issues plaguing the Kalamazoo area, issues which ISAAC will address over the next two years.

Here is what one of the current leaders of ISAAC says about the organization as it works toward and invites **us to Build the Beloved Community**.

“We teach and preach love and justice. With ISAAC, we are able to act in support of these values, make a difference, and create a more just and more loving Kalamazoo County community. Our partnership with ISAAC has taught us how to be strategic, effective change-makers who are dedicated to creating the beloved community.” Rev. Rachel Lonberg, People’s Church

Pat Stromsta, our Director of Christian Education, serves as the Vice-President of Leadership Development for ISAAC. Kathy Cooney, Sam Clark, and Ray Wicks serve on the leadership team as our church liaisons. Feel free to contact them if you have any questions about ISAAC or wish to join us at a leadership meeting or conference. You can find additional information about ISAAC on their website: <http://isaackalamazoo.org>.



“TACKLING THE TRINITY”

NEW Saturday afternoon class, January 13 – February 10 at 4:00 P.M.

The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the deepest mysteries of the Christian faith. Countless metaphors, analogies, and images have been used to try to explain and to understand what is, it seems, a logical impossibility. We claim that the one God is simultaneously one and three – co-equal and co-eternal, but, despite millennia of exploration, we are still unable to fully explain what is, ultimately, unexplainable. This is a doctrine that exposes the limitations of human efforts to grasp and articulate experiences of the divine. And yet, it persists. There is something in the doctrine of the Trinity that speaks to our experience of God, and so we continue to try to grapple with it.

This class will look at what the Bible says about Trinity as well as how the doctrine developed and what Christian theologians from Augustine to Richard Rohr have had to say about this foundational doctrine. Come join in some lively discussion that will likely raise as many questions as answers!



New Year – New Class!



HUNGER FOR CHANGE: A FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO FOOD INSECURITY

Every day 794 million people experience hunger!

Hunger for Change explores the reality of food insecurity in the United States and around the world. This is an 8-week class that includes study, rich dialogue, and an immersion experience—a process that inspires participants to take concrete action to end hunger. This class is being offered here at FPC on Wednesday Evenings beginning January 17, from 6:15– 8:00 p.m. Participants are also invited to attend our Celebrate the Vision dinner at 5:30. Dr. Pat Stromsta will facilitate the class, which is open to members of the congregation and the community.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY *White Awake Book Study*

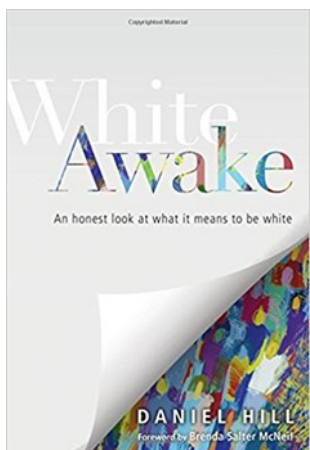
Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study will resume on January 11, 2018. Coffee is served at 9:30 and our discussion begins at 9:45. Childcare is provided in Room #306 by Jamie Tuin.

"Daniel Hill will never forget the day he heard these words: *"Daniel, you may be white, but don't let that lull you into thinking you have no culture. White culture is very real. In fact, when white culture comes in contact with other cultures, it almost always wins. So it would be a really good idea for you to learn about your culture."*

"Confused and unsettled by this encounter, Hill began a journey of understanding his own white identity."

"Today he is an active participant in addressing and confronting racial and systemic injustices. And in this compelling and timely

book, he shows you the seven stages to expect on your own path to cultural awakening. It's crucial to understand both personal and social realities in the areas of race, culture, and identity. This book will give you a new perspective on being white and also empower you to be an agent of reconciliation in our increasingly diverse and divided world."



(Amazon Book Review)

COFFEE WITH CHRISSY ON FEBRUARY 11

WELCOME

If you are new to our community, or if you have worshiped here for a while, welcome!

Do you have questions about this church?

Are you interested in learning more about membership or how to become more connected to the life of the congregation?

Join Pastor Chrissy and members of the Congregational Life Committee for an informal time of coffee and conversation after Worship on February 11. This opportunity will be offered every other month for people new to our community. In between, more formal opportunities to learn about the history, theology, and polity of our church will be offered to new members and to those who have been around, but may be a little rusty on the particulars of Presbyterianism!

PRESBY 101

Begins January 14 with a study on Presbyterian understandings of Baptism

The second Sundays of January, March, May, July (and ongoing), after worship.

Are you new to our congregation, or new to the PC(USA)? Have you been around for a while, but perhaps have some questions about why we do things the way we do, or what the national church is up to these days? Are you pretty sure you know who John Calvin was, but maybe a little unclear on our history after that? Are you still trying to figure out exactly what it is that Presbyterians believe?

Come join us for Presby 101!



In this series of classes, we will address a number of different topics about the theology, history, and polity of the PC(USA). Join us to have your questions answered and your answers questioned. It's what we do best as Presbyterians!

PRAYER PARTNERS

This group meets monthly to pray for our own church, the Church universal, and one another. We base our prayers and discussion on a variety of books and resources. This year we are reading the book, *Prayer 101*, by Warren Wiersbe.

For more information about this group, please see the list of Prayer Partners posted outside Pat Stromsta's office (Room 206). You are invited to ask any of these members about their experience with the group, and any other questions that you may have.

LECTIONARY STUDY

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

You are invited to join other church members in the weekly lectionary study that precedes 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.

REVOLUTION

FPC YOUTH MINISTRIES

WHO: ALL youth in 6th –12th grades

WHAT: Opportunities to LEARN, CREATE, SERVE, and PLAY!

WHEN: Sundays!

WHERE: FPC Youth Rooms (and the world!)

WHY: To grow as disciples, to form community with one another, to serve the larger community through service projects and mission trips, and to have fun!

Typical Sunday Schedule:

11:15-12:15 – Sunday School with Lunch provided

12:15-1:00 – Youth Music

5:00-7:00 Youth Fellowship

This is a shared time with FPC KZoo, FPC Richland, Westminster PC, Pine Island PC, and North PC. We rotate meetings at FPC, Richland, and Westminster. All are welcome!

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
Dec 31 (5-11)	FPC	New Year's Eve Fest
Jan 14 (5-7)	FPC	Spring Kick Off
Jan 21 (5-7)	Westminster	All Group
Jan 28 (5-7)	Richland	All Group
Feb 4		No Evening Youth Group
Feb 11 (5-7)	Westminster	All Group
Feb 18 (5-7)	FPC	All Group
Feb 25 (5-7)	Richland	All Group

CHURCH ACTIVITIES



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.

Coalition for Common Ground

Fourth Monday of each month
at 5:30 p.m.

Crescendo Academy of Music

Occasional Sunday afternoons

Downtown Community Literacy Center (DCLC)

Wednesdays, 4:30—6:30 p.m.
Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.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

First Mondays at 5:00 p.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH!

Please join our group in 2018 for fun, food and the opportunity to socialize with other First Church folks. We meet at 1:00 pm on the first Friday of the month at designated restaurants around town and the nearby Portage area. We order from the menu and **ask only for your reservation at the church by Thursday at noon. Good times will follow.**

JANUARY 5, 1:00 p.m., We'll be enjoying SUMMERTHYME CAFE
at 3928 Portage Street, Kalamazoo

FEBRUARY 2, 1:00pm, will bring us to FIELDSTONE GRILL at
3970 W. Centre Street, Portage

Betty Bennett will be co-hostess for these two gatherings.

APPRECIATION BREAKFAST: JANUARY 21

The Tuesday morning men's group invites the choir and music staff to breakfast at 8:15 am in the Dining Room on Sunday, January 21, in appreciation of their hard work and dedication. Other members of the congregation are invited to participate in gratitude to the Music Department with a breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit cups, and orange juice.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY BRASS QUINTET IN CONCERT

The KSO Brass Quintet will present a community concert in our sanctuary on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m.. The program will feature works by Victor Ewald, Eric Ewazen, and George Walker. The family-friendly concert will last for about an hour and will be followed by a reception hosted by the Worship and Music committee. It is a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends to enjoy a musical evening in our beautiful sanctuary, as well as to meet and talk with the KSO musicians.

WEST MICHIGAN OPERA PROJECT

The West Michigan Opera Project will return on Friday, March 2, 2018, with a production of Puccini's "Suor Angelica". More information will be forthcoming.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Seth Weeldreyer is exploring a possible pilgrimage to the Holy Land in January of 2019. A Presbyterian minister friend has led annual trips for many years, which has included much experience working with Israelis and Palestinians. The trip would probable be about 10-12 days, visiting many Biblical sites and interacting with local faith leaders. Details of cost and itinerary are yet to be determined, in part by input of participants. If you are interested, please join us in room 301 after Worship (11:15), on Sunday, January 28. If you can't make that meeting and would like to know more, please contact Seth Weeldreyer.

THOUGHTFUL READERS BOOK GROUP

January 22 (Monday), 7:00 p.m.

February 26 (Monday), 7:00 p.m.

The Radium Girls, by Kate Moore, will be discussed by the Thoughtful Readers Book Group on January 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. This "New York Times" bestseller is the incredible, true story of the young women exposed to the "wonder" substance of radium, and their brave struggle for justice.

On Monday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. we will discuss Kalamazoo Public Library's 2018 Reading Together selection, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Desmond takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the stories of eight families living on the edge. This masterful book transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing ideas for solving one of America's most devastating problems. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Kathy Campbell at (517)-803-0481.



The Health Ministry Committee wishes all a Happy and Healthy 2018. We have many ideas for healthy classes/activities/programs for 2018. We hope these will be of interest to you, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, January 28, 2018

- Travelogue of the Galapagos Islands

11:15 am in Room 314-315 after Worship
Bev and Bob Bloomquist will be taking us to the Galapagos Islands with their travelogue. Come join us to learn about this amazing part of our planet, and enjoy the wonderful photography and commentary of the Bloomquists.

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

- Blood Drive with Michigan Blood:

Gathering Place – 12:00-6:00

If you haven't given blood before, or if you've donated many times, please come and donate on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Michigan Blood will be all set up in the Gathering Place. It takes only about an hour of your day from start to finish, and your donation can make a very important difference in someone's life. The Health Ministry Committee will have signup sheets in the Gathering Place for the two Sundays prior to the blood drive, so that you can sign up for a specific time. Walk-ins are welcome; it just helps with planning if people can sign up in advance. If you have any questions about donating, or about the Drive in general, please call Ann Ross at 217-6193.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

It's time to mark your calendars again for the

GREAT CHILI/GUMBO COOK-OFF!

Yes, you read that right. We are adding a new twist to FPC's annual tradition by adding a gumbo category to the event. Why? This year's event will be held on **February 11**, the last Sunday before the start of Lent, so a Mardi Gras theme seems perfect!

Here are the details:

WHEN? February 11, following Worship

WHERE? The church Dining Room

WHO? Everyone who loves to eat chili and/or gumbo. (On that note, if your group or organization is interested in making chili or gumbo and entering this friendly competition, please contact Rick Taylor at 349-0867, or at baktaylor@chartermi.net)

WHY? To benefit the disaster relief organization **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

You are all invited to sample and enjoy many different delicious varieties of chili and gumbo with your friends and family at FPC. The suggested per-person donation is \$5. Kids eat free! Your donation gives you five voting tickets to choose your favorite entry/entries. Additional tickets can be purchased at great deals to "stuff the ballot boxes." There will be a panel of "celebrity judges" on hand to weigh in, as well. Tickets will be on sale before Worship on February 11, as well as downstairs at the Cook-Off. Buy early! Contribute often!

The event is always fun, but remember that the real winner is One Great Hour of Sharing, a disaster relief organization since 1949. Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians in this effort to share God's love with people in need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development.



A MESSAGE FROM GREEN PETE

Part of the mission of the Green P's is to provide education about Earth Care. Each issue of the *Presbyter* will have a short essay on a topic that has been identified by the group. More information will soon be found on the Green P's bulletin board

in the narthex. Come, join us at our next meeting, January 2, at 7 p.m.. in the Archives Room.

Transportation and CO₂

As atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels - along with knowledge about how these greenhouse gases affect the global climate - continue to rise, we must consider what we can do to reduce the problem of CO₂ in our atmosphere.

Atmospheric CO₂ levels have risen quickly over the last century. As of 2017, levels are at 406.94 ppm (climate.nasa.gov) and are rising faster and faster. Much of this rapid rise can be attributed to the increase in the number of vehicles on the roads. Nearly a third of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. come from vehicles.

There are alternatives available to reduce our carbon footprint.

Walking and bicycling, of course, emit no CO₂. If you must drive, you can reduce your fuel emissions by combining errands, timing stoplights, avoiding stop-and-go traffic, and carpooling.

Hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) produce less tailpipe CO₂ than conventional vehicles. Battery electric vehicles (BEVs) emit no fossil fuels themselves, but depend on recharging from electric sources, which often emit CO₂. Either of these options has a reduced impact on the environment, compared with conventional vehicles, but neither is perfect. Still, many countries are moving in this direction. Norway will ban sales of new conventional vehicles in 2025, as will France and the UK in 2040.

The obvious challenge to using BEVs is the difficulty in traveling any distance and in finding places to recharge. The U.S. has about 100,000 gas stations, but only about 16,000 public charging stations. A conventional car can add 300-400 miles of range in a few minutes at the gas pump, but BEV charging stations add less range, more slowly. Newer BEVs have bigger batteries and longer range, but are still very limited.

Cost and depreciation are also an issue. New BEVs are still higher-priced and depreciate faster than conventional vehicles. Also, BEV battery life is limited, and replacement batteries are still prohibitively expensive. There is a cost savings which mitigates some of this. The savings over 100,000 miles can add up to \$4000 to \$5300. (fueleconomy.gov).

In purely financial terms, the technology is not quite there yet to make a battery electric vehicle the most cost-effective alternative to conventional transportation. However, when added to the savings of CO₂ emissions and the clear global trend toward cleaner transportation, it is worth consideration. After all, God gave us just one world...let's make it a good one!

Outreach and Community Service

KALAMAZOO LOAVES AND FISHES

Kalamazoo's First Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church and Pine Island Church work together to give both monetary and volunteer support to **Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes (KLF)**. Their efforts focus on the food pantry at the newly relocated Ministry with Community on North Edwards Street in downtown Kalamazoo.

KLF is concerned about increasing requests from people for food assistance. The KLF's mission is to feed hungry people in Kalamazoo County and to engage the community in the fight to end hunger.

KLF's **Grocery Pantry Program (GPP)** is their largest and longest-running program serving Kalamazoo County. At 23 pantry sites throughout the county, local residents receive same-day appointments in which they can choose four day's worth of food for each individual household member. Food is based on the USDA's MyPlate guidelines, providing nutritionally balanced choices that include protein, grains, and fruits and vegetables. During busy periods, KLF can see more than 1000 local residents-in-need utilizing the GPP program in a single day. At Ministry with Community's food pantry for November alone: 227 households were served providing four days' worth of food to 370 adults and 186 children.

We at First Presbyterian, Westminster and Pine Island Churches are campaigning to recruit volunteers for the Pantry at Ministry with Community. Our list of volunteers needs to grow to continue to take on the challenges of running this important service. Daily, Monday through Friday, we work in teams of three – screeners, shoppers, and baggers - to serve the clients who come to secure food for their families. The volunteer commitment is from 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm (this could be for one or many days per month).

Please consider joining our effort to help feed the hungry and provide good words of encouragement. Please check your schedules, and clear some time for volunteering. Direct your questions to Nancy Husk, 269-665-9004, or e-mail, nancybob4dogs@att.net, or feel free to speak with any of our current FPC Pantry Volunteers.

KLF is the largest charitable food distribution system in Kalamazoo County with 71 total locations in the food assistance network and a volunteer force using 450 volunteers per week.

Carol Pratt, December 10, 2017.

REFUGEE FAMILY SUPPORT

December 6 marked the first anniversary of the day when a small group from First Presbyterian Church traveled to Grand Rapids Airport to meet the Syrian family of seven, who arrived with mixed feelings of relief and trepidation after years as refugees in Turkey. Many of you had participated in furnishing their home and providing clothes and household goods. Many more began to volunteer with all kinds of activities, from teaching English to helping the adults learn to drive, and from assisting with medical and dental care, to helping them to find employment.

One year on, the two primary school-age children are chatting happily in English, while the father and adult daughter drive daily to work in a factory in Schoolcraft.

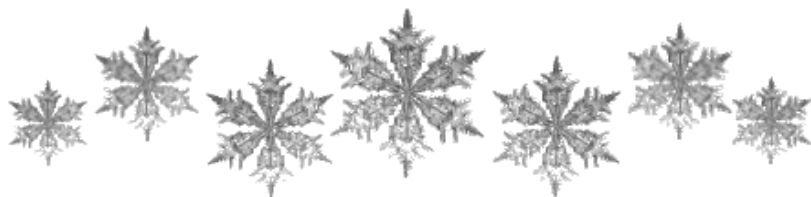
The support group, which extends beyond First Presbyterian Church, continues to work with the family, especially working through bill payment, the educational system, health care, and the various practical and cultural needs that arise. As the family becomes increasingly independent, we hope to continue in our relationship of friendship and support.

This group thanks everyone for their prayers and help.

—Aedin Clements

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Crop Hunger Walk will begin in Bronson Park with registration at 1 pm and walking at 2 pm on Sunday, **April 29, 2018.**



Outreach and Community Service

EDISON SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT

Who are the folks who volunteer at Edison School? They include young moms to someone in their 90s! Educators, preachers, lawyers, musicians, community activists, retired state workers, etc. . . and some of our volunteers do double or triple duty - THANK YOU all for your gifts to the children!

Tutors: Larry Boutelle, Joan Colgren, Victoria Coleman, Wayne Connor, Ellie Crocker, Hope DeJong, Susan DeJong, Cynthia Feucht, Nancy Johnson, Sue Johnson, Tim Liggett, Chuck Madden, Ruth Moser, Joyce Petro, Ann Rohrbaugh, Susanne Rose, Joseph Sablan, Tami Schab, Donna Schonveld, Paul Schonveld, Linda Sharp, Randy Sharp, Colleen Sherrill, Carol Payne Smith, Nancy Thiele, Kay Vermeulen, Peggy Warlick, and Gary Zandt.

Presby Paws: (Canine Companions) Jeanne Church, Tami Schab, Donna Schonveld, Paul Schonveld, and Peggy Warlick.

Garden: Laurie Tupper and Peggy Warlick.

Birthday Treats:

(They bring the biggest smiles of the day)
Richard Aldrich, Julie Bol, Mary Lou Boughton, Connie Houts, Carol Hutton, Elaine Johns, Nancy Johnson, Trish Kittredge, Nancy Klesert, Louise McCallum, Ruth Minert, Karen Nellums, Colleen Sherrill, Norma Smith, and Sherry Sorensen.

Your financial donations are greatly appreciated, as there are always special needs that arise, such as helping with field trips, and buying books and special teaching supplies. We also help with snacks for a special Art Class held after school for our students. We purchase these supplies as they are needed, and as funds are available. You may write a check to FPC, marked: EDISON PROJECT.

For more information, please contact:
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Sue Johnson - 276-9218 suebird.johnson@gmail.com
— Joseph Sablan

OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT **Kalamazoo Drop-In Care Center**

The Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care Center (KDCCC) was established to provide free, short-term child care for low-income families with children from six weeks through five years of age. The objectives of our service are to enable parents with young children to more rapidly negotiate the maze of appointments and services often required to obtain employment or permanent housing, to register for school or attend classes, and eventually to attain self-sufficiency.

The Center also gives parents a "healthy" break from the demands of parenting. The Center has created a warm, safe, and supportive environment for children and their parents. During 2017, they cared for 204 children from 142 families.

The KDCCC is located at the First Congregational Church. It is open Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents may go in and register at any time during these hours. Space is limited to 20 children per day, but once parents register their children, they may reserve spots up to two weeks in advance. During January and February, we plan to collect needed supplies for the KDCCC. There will be a "bin" located in the office mailroom to collect the following: Sensitive baby wipes, size 4/5/6 pull-ups, 100% apple juice, medium or large vinyl gloves, glue sticks, snack-size paper plates, strawberry or grape jelly, paper towels, Dawn dish detergent, Tide laundry detergent, foaming hand-soap refills, and Clorox wipes.



January & February Birthdays

JANUARY

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
6
Jim Lewis
7
Jeff Bosma
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
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
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
Cameron Hay
Lauren Kastman
Jeannette Krueger
Carmen Tanis
22
Dan Dowswell
Jane Haselow
Frederick Hoag
23
Julie Hakken
Jordan Hollerbach
Kathleen Houtman
Nicholas Rey
Cameron Shaffer
24
Bradley Bell
Kathy Cooney
Peyton Goethe
Arria Hay
Mark Lubbers
25
Jane Beers
27
Jonah Anders
Jonathan Greko

28
William Gladstone
Charles Leibbrand
Conner Misner
29
Austin Leder
30
Claudia Britigan
Sarah DeRusha
Donald McCloud
William Rylander
Sarah Torrence
31
Sue Thielman



FEBRUARY

1
Bonnie Ayotte
Andrew Bol
Diane Heckler
John Munn
2
Robert Aspergren
Tom Fischer
Caroline Ham
Carol McCloud
Ryan Smith
Pat Stromsta
3
Deb Droppers
Vincent Larkin
Karen Trout
4
Shelly Denny
5
Amy Dark Bell
Evelyn Hay
Justin Kastman
Bryant Stuit
6
Bassam Harik
Grace Novak
Nathaniel Owens

7
Paul Clements
Adam Dalm
Carrie Palmer
Carole Stoddard
8
Christine Johnson
9
Katherine Kremer
Molly Mahoney
10
Jeff Colvin
Judy Van Solkema
Keenan Millar
11
Kelsey Kimm
Clare Elise Miedema
Al Parfitt
Joyce Petro
12
Larry Braak
Thomas Reigel
14
Amelia Yates
15
Valerie Burke
Tim Henson
Carter Highhouse
D.J. Jarrad
Justin Hassler
Randy Randt
16
Grady Coon
Fred Neubauer
17
Dale Angell
Sophie Gunderson
Collin Palmer
18
Annie Gauntlett
Adam Peterik
Robert Marciniak
19
Jon Johnson
Heather Kortlandt
Isabel McCloskey
Meredith Novak
Carmen Stears
Pat Tribby

20
Jason Rylander
21
Silas Conrad
Anna Gleaton
Alexandria Jonas
George Kremer
Blake Plemmons
Richard Prince
22
Gary DeBruin
Trish Kittredge
Zachary Lewis
23
Carlos Becho
Bob Bloomquist
James Steele
24
Gary Dukes
James Welch
25
Christopher Powell
Andrew Santamaria
Grace Santamaria
Joseph Santamaria
Michael Sherrill
Chad Yankovich
26
Spencer Birch
Ann Cooper
David Jarl
Karen Meldrum
27
Jean Appel
Deb Bender
Amelia Howard
Haley Labian
Janine Loughrin
Richard Nellums
Marion Palmer
28
(none)

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, including 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

Ann Ross
(269) 217-6193

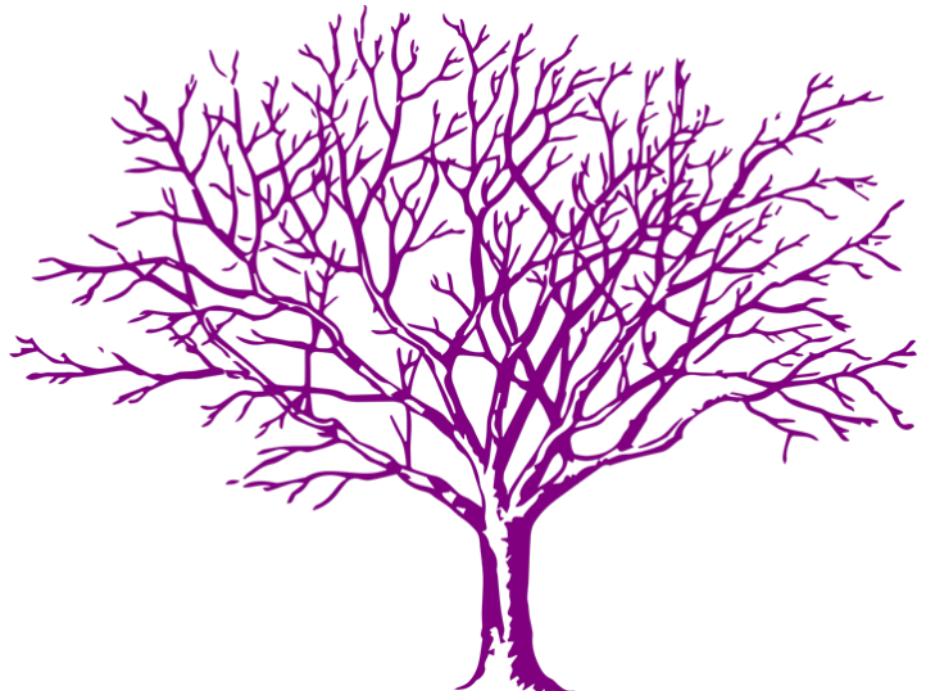


50-year FPC Anniversaries

As a monthly feature, each *Presbyter* includes an “anniversary-by-month” list of our longtime members who have been a part of the FPC family for fifty years or more. These lists include the name of each member by the month of his or her joining the church, and includes only those who have been members for 50 years or more. The entire list for the year is printed in the FPC Annual Report.

JANUARY Anniversaries

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u># Years</u>
Sally Carter	Jan. 6, 1946	72
Phylis Mahoney	Jan. 4, 1948	70
Jane Steurer	Jan. 4, 1948	70
Carolyn Ehrnstrom	Jan. 7, 1951	68
Phyllis Curtis	Jan. 3, 1957	61
Bob Klesert	Jan. 4, 1962	56
Nancy Klesert	Jan. 4, 1962	56
Dolores Miller	Jan. 4, 1962	56
Bob Bloomquist	Jan. 4, 1962	56
Beverly Bloomquist	Jan. 4, 1962	56
Evelyn Schut	Jan. 3, 1963	55
Gloria Lee	Jan. 6, 1963	55



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.

Presbyter

As we recognize how communication patterns are changing, and as we attempt to be good stewards of our resources, our congregation has moved to publishing the *Presbyter* six times per year in bi-monthly editions. Here is the schedule for the first half of the 2018 program year:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for Content</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>
March-April	February 12	February 23
May-June	April 16	April 25
July-August	June 18	June 27

Many of our members receive the *Presbyter* newsletter via e-mail only, in order to help the church conserve paper and other resources. If you would like to have your name removed from the USPS mailing, please contact Ann Johnson at ann.johnson@kalamazoofirstpres.org or 344-0119.

The *Presbyter* is also available for viewing on the FPC website: sanctuaryinthecity.org.

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FPC Calendar - January, 2018

PLEASE NOTE:

A schedule of community groups that meet at FPC is on page 11 of this issue of the *Presbyter*.

Monday/1

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED

Tuesday/2

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
12:00p Bulletin deadline
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00p Green P's

Wednesday/3

9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
1:00p FPC Librarian on site
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

Thursday/4

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/5

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

Saturday/6

5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship

Sunday/7

8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a Prayer Partners
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
Communion served
10:15a NO Church School
11:15a Youth Sunday School
12:15p Youth Music
12:45p Ministry with Community
5:00p Revolution youth group

Monday/8

1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers
6:30p Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday/9

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
12:00p Bulletin deadline
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/10

1:00p FPC Librarian on site
3:00p Martha Circle
5:30p Men's Group (*off site*)
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
7:00p Outreach Committee

Thursday/11

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
6:00p Prop. Maintenance Committee
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/13

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/14

4:00p Trinity study
5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship

Sunday/14

8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a Christian Ed Meeting
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:00a Congregational Life Committee
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:15a Church School
11:15a Youth Sunday School
12:15p Youth Music
5:00p Revolution youth group

Monday/15

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED

Tuesday/16

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
12:00p Bulletin deadline
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00p Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday/17

12:00p Communications Committee
1:00p FPC Librarian on site
4:00p Endowment Committee
4:30p DCLC
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Just Faith: Hunger for Change class
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
6:30p Womens' Bible study

Thursday/18

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
11:30a Stewardship Committee
12:00a Adult Education Planning meeting
12:30a Finance Committee
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/19

5:00p FPC Dinner club meeting

Saturday/20

4:00p Trinity study
5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship
6:00p BINGO for Rickman House residents

Sunday/21

8:45a All-Church Breakfast
8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a Church School teachers' meeting
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:15a Church School
11:15a Youth Sunday School
12:15p Youth Music
5:00p Revolution youth group

Monday/22

7:00p Thoughtful Readers Book Group

Tuesday/23

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
12:00p Bulletin deadline
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/24

1:00p FPC Librarian on site
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Just Faith: Hunger for Change class
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
6:30p Session

Thursday/25

9:30a Presbytery meeting
9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a DCLC
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/26

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/27

4:00p Trinity study
5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship

Sunday/28

8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a Prayer Partners
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:15a Church School
11:15a Youth Sunday School
12:15p Youth Music
5:00p Revolution youth group

Monday/29

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/30

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
12:00p Bulletin deadline
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/31

1:00p FPC Librarian on site
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
6:15p Just Faith: Hunger for Change class



FPC Calendar - February, 2018

Thursday/1

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
12:00p Adult Education Committee
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/2

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

Saturday/3

4:00p Trinity study
5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship

Sunday/4

8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:15a Church School
11:15a Youth Sunday School
12:15p Youth Music
12:45p Ministry with Community
5:00p NO Revolution youth group

Monday/5

1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers
6:30p Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday/6

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
12:00p Bulletin deadline
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00p Green P's

Wednesday/7

9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
1:00p FPC Librarian on site
4:30p DCLC
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Just Faith: Hunger for Change class
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

Thursday/8

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
12:30p Finance Committee
6:00p Prop. Maintenance Committee
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/9

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/10

4:00p Trinity study
5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship

Sunday/11

8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a Prayer Partners
9:00a Congregational Life committee meeting
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:15a Church School
11:15a Chili/Gumbo Cook-Off
11:15a Youth Sunday School
12:15p Youth Music
5:00p Revolution youth group

Monday/12

Presbyter deadline for articles

Tuesday/13

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
12:00p Bulletin deadline
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/14

1:00p FPC Librarian on site
3:00p Martha Circle
5:30p Men's Group, *Off site*
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00p Ash Wednesday Service
at First United Methodist

Thursday/15

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
11:30a Stewardship Committee
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/16

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/17

4:00p Lenten study
5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship
6:00p BINGO for Rickman House residents

Sunday/18

8:45a All-Church Breakfast
8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a Church School Teachers' Meeting
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:15a Church School
11:15a Youth Sunday School
12:15p Youth Music
5:00p Revolution youth group

Monday/19

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

Tuesday/20

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
12:00p Bulletin deadline
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00p Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday/21

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12:00p Communications Committee
1:00p FPC Librarian on site
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Just Faith: Hunger for Change class
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
6:30p Womens' Bible Study

Thursday/22

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/23

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/24

4:00p Lenten study
5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship

Sunday/25

8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:15a Church School
11:15a Youth Sunday School
12:15p Youth Music
5:00p Revolution youth group

Monday/26

7:00p Thoughtful Readers Book Group

Tuesday/27

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
12:00p Bulletin deadline
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/28

1:00p FPC Librarian on site
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
6:15p Just Faith: Hunger for Change class
6:30p Session meeting



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