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## WORSHIP OVERVIEW

Sunday Worship is at 10:00 a.m.

### March 4

#### **Third Sunday of Lent**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
John 2:13-22, Eph. 2: 4-14, 19-22

### March 11

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Al Staggs, Briner Lecturer  
Is 1:1-17, Matt. 25:31-46

### March 18

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury  
Jerimiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33

### March 25

#### **Palm Sunday**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Mark 11:1-11, Phil. 2:1-11

### March 29—7:00 p.m.

#### **Maundy Thursday**

### March 30—7:00 p.m.

#### **Good Friday**

The Worship Overview for April is  
on page 2.

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Please refer to page 2  
for details about activities

*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

I am not much of a sports person. What I know about sports I have learned as a way to connect with my sports-loving spouse and my athletic daughter. But once every couple of years, I become an avid sports fan. The Olympics have a way of drawing me in and making me pretend that I have some idea what I am talking about when it comes to athletics. During the Winter Olympics, I become obsessed with figure skating. I watch, enraptured, as each athlete takes the ice. I provide commentary to rival Johnny Weir and Tara Lipinski. "Look at that triple loop! Was that a quad? Did he make the last rotation?" As if I know anything about ice skating beyond just barely managing to stay on my feet.

What is it about the Olympics that draws in so many of us – even those of us who typically find sports...well...boring? For me, I think it is the beauty and wonder of seeing such a variety of people come together in the name of what unites them. From the pageantry of the opening ceremonies to the athletic events to the mountaintop moments on the podium, representatives of the world's nations come together to celebrate athleticism and healthy competition. Yes, there is patriotism. Yes, we cheer when Team USA does well. But it feels somehow different from the American exceptionalism rampant in our culture today. We want to watch athletes from all over the world do what they do best, and we recognize their skills and hard work even as we cheer for the home team.

Theologian Letty Russell once said, "God's intention is to create a world of riotous difference." I think the Olympics are an embodiment of that riotous difference. The athletes at the games come in every hue, speak many different languages, participate in different religions and different cultural norms, and they come together and live in the Olympic village in peace. It is, admittedly, a momentary reprieve. Many of these athletes will go back to nations where peace is hard to come by. Their neighbors in the Olympic village are their enemies at home. And yet, it is hard to believe that they can go away unchanged by this experience. South Korean and North Korean athletes who compete in these Games as a unified team will never again be able to separate the "idea" of their enemy on the other side of the border from the real, human teammate and friend they competed with on this worldwide stage.

During this Lenten season, we will be tackling together the works of German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was primarily an academic theologian until the rise of fascism in Nazi Germany put him in a place where his faith could no longer be a matter of books, words, and individual thought. Faith, he realized leads to action. Some of those actions involved, as he put it, not just "bandaging the wounds of the victims under the wheel, but jamming the spoke in the wheel itself." Faith involves standing up against injustice. And faith involves recognizing that we are all in this thing together. Other people are not our enemies. Our enemies are injustice, poverty, racism, oppression, fascism.

We need to learn to recognize humanity in the faces of the people with whom we disagree. As Bonhoeffer said in his treatise on the Christian community: "I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner."

In this time of division and partisanship, let us all remember to pray for one another so that we may see that in spite of our differences, we are all one in Christ Jesus, and we all have a place at the table.

Peace,  
*Chrissy*

# WORSHIP DURING APRIL AND HOLY WEEK

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday Worship is at 10:00 a.m.**  
(unless noted otherwise)

### April 1

#### **Easter**

#### **Communion**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
John 20:1-18, Luke 24:13-49

### April 8

#### **Second Sunday of Easter**

The Rev. Dr. Larry Boutelle  
Acts 4:32-35, Ps. 133, I John 1:1-2:2,  
John 20:19-31

### April 15

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Act 10:34-43, Luke 24:36-48

### April 22

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury  
I John 3:16-34, John 10:11-18

### April 29

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
I John 4:7-21, John 15:1-17

## WORSHIP DURING HOLY WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY—March 25

Our observance of Holy Week will begin with other churches at 10:00 a.m. on Palm Sunday in Bronson Park with the “Blessing of the Palms”. As Jesus paraded into Jerusalem amid the cultural and political powers of his day, so we will gather together with other churches to share the blessing of the palms, scripture reading, and a short litany for the day. Following this very brief time together, we will proceed into our respective sanctuaries for Worship. We will plan to begin the service in our Sanctuary around 10:10.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY—March 29

On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus’ commandment to love, in the face of his impending arrest and crucifixion. Our worship, beginning at 7:00 p.m., will relate the narrative events of the first Maundy Thursday as told in the gospels of John and Mark, in a Tenebrae rhythm of scripture readings, interpretive reflection, hymns, and dimming lights. This service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and for participation by our choir.

### GOOD FRIDAY—March 30

On Good Friday we will gather for Worship in a quiet, more contemplative mode, remembering the ancient story of Jesus’ crucifixion. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### EASTER—APRIL 1

Our Holy Week Worship culminates with a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ during the regular service at 10:00 a.m. on Easter morning. Our Worship will include Holy Communion, special musical brass accompaniment, and, of course, the floral decoration of our Sanctuary as a beautiful expression of the life abundant we share in God’s love. We are grateful to the Chancel Guild for their loving preparation of our Sanctuary.



## SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP

COME SEE WHAT’S  
GROWING AT **SEEDS!**

All are welcome!

Our March theme is “Sacrifice”

April’s theme is “New Life”

See more details on page 7.

### BRINER LECTURER 2018

At 3:00 p.m. on March 11, we welcome our Briner Lecturer, Al Staggs. His original play, “A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer”, brings to life one of the great heroes of the twentieth century. The audience is brought into the prison cell where Bonhoeffer awaits execution, and listens as he struggles with evil, injustice, and God.



On Monday, March 12, Al will be lecturing on the theme of “Laughter for Life”, relating how humor can contribute to a minister’s service in areas of preaching, pastoral care, and adjusting to the pressures and demands of the pastorate. Join us Gathering Place at 9:00 am, before the lecture, for fellowship and coffee. Admission is free for both events.

## First Presbyterian Church Easter Flowers - 2018



**The Chancel Guild** encourages you to memorialize or honor someone at Easter by purchasing an Easter flower. The flowers will be placed in the hancel in a display that will glorify God, as it symbolizes the joy and splendor of the resurrection.

Fill out the form below and mail or deliver it to the church office with a check made payable to First Presbyterian Church.

**Deadline: Sunday, March 18**

A list of the memorial flowers and donors will be printed in the Worship bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 1.

I/we want \_\_\_\_ plants (\$15 each). Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Plants are dedicated to the glory of God and given

☐ *in memory of* OR ☐ *in honor of*

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Given by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and POTLUCK

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for March 4, after Worship, in the Dining Room. Please join us for a celebration of our church life, as we remember the successes and joys of the year. We will begin with a potluck meal.

Potluck dishes may be taken to the kitchen before Worship and will be tended and served by members of the Congregational Life Committee. Table service and beverages will be provided. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a main dish, vegetable, or salad; N-Z, a fruit dish or dessert.

Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers in the nursery and toddler rooms during the meeting that follows the meal. If you will need childcare please sign up on the bulletin board located outside Pat Stromsta's office.



## CHURCH REPORTS

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- A motion to approve a financial appeal request from the Chancel Guild to sell Memorial Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary Easter decorations was adopted.
- A motion to approve the following from the Ford-Neff Endowment Fund: \$1000 towards the purchase of transportation for Josh Heikkila was made and adopted.
- A motion to approve an increase to the 2017 Worship and Music Budget for up to \$1,000 to Worship and Music to cover the purchase of a new computer for the sound system was adopted.
- A motion to approve the League of Women Voters providing voter information in the North and South Entrances was adopted.
- A motion to study the feasibility of converting the east transept into flexible seating was adopted.
- A motion to approve the 2018 First Presbyterian Church Budget of \$944,541 with the following provisos was adopted.
  - The Finance Committee will review and submit possible adjustments of the budget to session quarterly.
  - Each committee will monitor their expenses for possible cost savings to help ease the budget shortfall, and have their recommendations to the Finance Committee no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of March, June and September.

### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NOTES

Your Endowment Fund had a good year in 2017. The fund gained 13.7% from income and capital gains. Distributions in support of the many ministries of our church totaled \$159,703. The Capital Improvement Fund provided \$53,789 for maintenance of our campus, and finished the year with a balance of \$160,555. The financial health of First Presbyterian Church depends on the financial support of all its members, and the Endowment Fund is the legacy of that support. Please consider your gift to the fund.

More information about the fund may be found in the 2017 Annual Report.

### CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS

#### Class of 2018

Mike Boersma  
Dorothy Castor  
Aedín Clements  
Nancy and Keith Johnson  
Karen Nellums  
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 if any of your contact information has changed, 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.

#### **“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 go by, please continue your generosity.



## RICKMAN HOUSE CHRISTMAS BINGO REPORT

The Rickman House Bingo team of Bruce Birkel and Mike Boersma wishes to thank super-volunteers Pastor Chrissy Westbury, Larry Braak, and Marion Palmer, as well as all of the generous donors who responded to our request for prizes for the annual Christmas Bingo at Rickman House.

We had a good attendance and we served over half of the residents of Rickman House. We made sure that they received both essential goods, such as toilet paper, bus tokens, and laundry detergent, and also presents, such as warm socks and winter clothing. We also made sure that they had all the pizza that they wanted to eat.

Donated prizes benefited both Rickman House residents and their family members. Many Rickman House residents reported that they were using their prizes as gifts for family members.

Rickman House, can always use volunteers, it an assisted-living facility for adults with mental illness. There are currently 49 residents living there. Their ages range from the early 20's through the late 70's. Many residents have problems related to age, such as poor vision, bad hearing, or lack of mobility. We would be happy to have additional volunteers to assist these residents so that they can fully participate. Rickman House has been thoroughly remodeled and is completely modern and accessible.

The monthly Bingo night is a big event at Rickman House. The residents look forward to Bingo and plan their calendars accordingly. We have Bingo on the third Saturday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

Please consider volunteering!

Thank you,

Bruce Birkel  
Mike Boersma

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

To All Who Participate in the Life of this Church:

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, we thank you for the countless ways in which you have contributed to the life of this Church over the past year. Your presence, your participation in activities, your efforts as a volunteer, and your financial support are all critical to our life together as we move into the new year.

Because of your contributions of time, talent, and treasure, FPC has built a vibrant and varied worship life, artistic contributions to the community through partnerships with KSO, the Children's Chorus, and others, strong educational programs for children, youth, and adults, and many, many outreach programs that seek to help our community and our world. In Matthew 25, we are called to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, visit the sick and imprisoned, and clothe the naked. Through your work and generosity, and with God's help, this congregation continues to live into that call.

In the coming year, we seek to build on our desire to be a congregation that is welcoming to all. As we plan and dream for the ways FPC can continue to do God's work in the world, we are also facing the hard reality of a considerable shortfall in our pledges for 2018 and a dwindling force of volunteers to help with the ongoing ministries and missions.

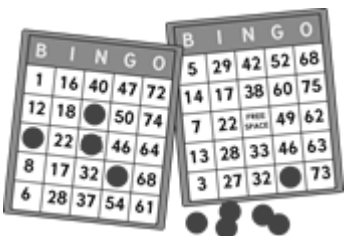
We welcome all to participate in our life of worship and to celebrate communion together. In this same vein, we welcome you all to contribute in whatever ways you can. Whether a member, a regular attendee, an occasional visitor, or simply a member of the community, we welcome your support. If you are looking for ways to get involved, to give of your time, or to make a financial pledge for the coming year, please contact the church office.

Warm regards,

### **The Stewardship Committee**

Stuart H. Deming, Moderator  
Pamela Tritsch  
Jonathan Willoughby  
Ginny Dell  
Raymond Wicks  
William Sorensen  
Larry Boutelle  
Chrissy Westbury, Staff Liaison

*Everyone has a place at this table...Come, serve, and be served.*



## CHURCH REPORTS

### 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  
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

### ALL-CHURCH READ DURING LENT —DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

As we journey through Lent, we will offer opportunities to reflect on the living faith of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer came of age in Germany between World Wars I and II. As Nazi decrees increased under Hitler, he spoke out in opposition. Though he could have escaped, Bonhoeffer chose to minister among the people of Germany.

During the war years, he led an illegal seminary to train pastors, and he operated as an Allied spy. Despite strong pacifist leanings, he helped coordinate an assassination attempt against Hitler. He was imprisoned and ultimately executed by direct order of Hitler just weeks before the war ended.

We have compiled excerpts from Bonhoeffer's essays, sermons, and poetry, along with reflections by other authors. Copies, available in the church office, designate readings for each week. Times to gather for conversation are noted below. And on March 11-12, 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..."

#### **Lenten Study meeting schedule:**

- Mondays at 5:15 pm – hosted by Larry Boutelle (contact Larry for more information)
- Tuesdays at 7:00 am – Men's Group in the Archives, led by Larry Boutelle
- Tuesdays at noon – in Room 300, led by Seth Weeldreyer
- Thursdays at 9:00 am – Ladies' Bible Study in Room 301, led by Pat Stromsta (starting 2/22)
- Saturdays at 4:00 pm – in the Gathering Place, led by Chrissy Westbury
- Sundays at 8:45 am – in Room 300, led by Chrissy, Pat, and Seth

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



March/April 2018

Presby 101 – What is a Presbyterian?  
March 18 after Morning Worship,  
led by Larry Farris

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!



## SEEDS SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP

SEEDS is a Saturday evening opportunity for creative worship!  
We meet in the Gathering Place every Saturday, at 5:00 P.M.

### SEEDS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March Theme: "Sacrifice"

March 4: Church in the Round  
(leadership beyond clergy)  
March 10: Dinner Church (Bring a dish to pass)  
March 17: Taize Worship  
March 24: Multi-sensory Worship  
March 31: Worship through Drama

April Theme: "New Life"

April 7: Church in the Round  
April 14: Dinner Church  
April 21: Contemplative Worship  
April 28: Worship through Visual Arts



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## 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  
Kalamazoo FPC Richland,  
Westminster PC, Pine Island PC,  
and North PC.  
We rotate meetings at FPC,  
Richland, and Westminster.

All are welcome!

Mar 4 (5-7)	Westminster	All Group
Mar 11		No Evening Youth Group
Mar 18 (5-7)	FPC	All Group
Mar 25 (5-7)	Richland	All Group
April 1 & 8	No Youth Programs	Spring Break!
April 15 (5-7)	FPC	All Group
April 22 (5-7)	Richland	All Group
April 29 (TBA)	FPC	CROP Walk

### TEACHERS AND SHEPHERDS AT FPC

On behalf of the congregation, parents, and children of First Presbyterian Church, I want to formally express my deep gratitude to our Church School Teachers and Shepherds. You serve this church in an important and lasting ministry – the faith formation of our children, the future leaders of the church. You come to this job with your unique personalities and strengths, yet you all share a passion to share God's love through you to the children of this church. We are blessed to have you as an endearing and important part of our church family.

In addition, I want to recognize our outstanding and dedicated team of Hall Monitors, who lend a helping hand and keep us safe.

In gratitude,

Pat Stromsta  
Director of Christian Education

### CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS – 2018

Preschool Teachers: Wendy King, Allison Meyers, Deb Taylor. Shepherd: Colleen Sherrill

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers:  
Heather Cloetingh, Karen Hassler, Angela Van Heest.  
Shepherd: Grace Cook

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teachers: Lisa Diamond, Cynthia Feucht, Rick Taylor. Shepherds: Anna Diamond, Nicholas Gleaton, Laurie Tupper

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers: Cindy Gleaton, Helena Lombardi, Amy Miedema.  
Shepherd: Sherry Sorensen

Bulletin Boards: Jane Hamilton

Hall Monitors: Mike Hammond (Lead), Chris Gleaton, Craig Kortlandt, Neil Miedema, Chris Palmer.





## TEACHERS AT FPC

The role of our Church School teachers is to create a safe, welcoming and accepting environment in which children can enjoy learning about Christ, our church, and positive ways to model our Christian faith as they participate in and come to understand that they belong to our church family.

### **Teachers are asked to**

1. create a welcoming environment for the children.
2. come with a prepared lesson and activity.
3. engage the children with the lesson, etc..
4. praise the children.
5. help the children develop positive interactions with one another based on kindness and respect for diversity.
6. redirect difficult behaviors (remember, difficult behaviors are often a way for children to keep themselves safe when they feel uncomfortable).
7. leave the classroom in order.

## SHEPHERDS AT FPC

Our child protection policy states that we must have two adults in each Church School classroom. This requirement is a wonderful opportunity for adults to build community with our children and young families by serving as Shepherds in our Church School classrooms.

### **Shepherds are asked to**

1. welcome the children.
2. take and record attendance.
3. sit with the kids and encourage participation, role model an interest in the topic.
4. praise and encourage the kids.
5. help teacher with supplies, snacks, etc. and clean up.
6. escort children to the bathroom.
7. help children with their projects, listen to, and engage in conversation with them.
8. assist the teacher in dismissing each child to a parent or approved guardian.

### **What Shepherds do NOT have to do**

1. come prepared with lesson or materials.
2. handle behavior problems;  
(instead, help carry out a redirection).

## CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

March – April 2018

	<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Lessons</i>
March 4		We Give in Gratitude
March 11	Christian Education Committee Meeting	Jesus Feeds the Disciples
March 18	C S Teacher Meeting	Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet
March 25		Hosanna
April 1	No Church School	Jesus is Alive!
April 8	No Church School	
April 15	CS Teacher Meeting	Thomas Believes
April 22		Nicodemus
April 29		Clothing Christ-style

### 2018 DOWNTOWN CHURCHES' VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year, Daily Vacation Bible School will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church and is scheduled for June 18 – 22 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

More information will be available in April. Save the date and consider being a part of this exciting week in the life of our children!

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

### March 2, Hunan Gardens

It's time to escape Winter Doldrums! Join us on Friday, March 2, at 1:00 pm at Hunan Gardens at 5059 W. Main Street. We're free to order off their ample menu, so cost and choice of dish are your own preference. We have found the food utterly delicious.

Remember to call the church (344-0119) by Thursday morning, March 1, to reserve a place, but if the cold winter has left you forgetful, just pick up and come!

### April 5, TBD

The restaurant for the April 5 luncheon will be named at a future date. We hoped to visit the new Culinary Center, but they aren't serving lunches on our date. We have a restaurant (one of our favorites) in mind, but can't verify it before the *Presbyter* deadline. At the Hunan luncheon, you'll hear about our next destination. See you there!

## LADIES' 30'S/40'S GROUP

If you are looking for a way to connect with other FPC women in their 30's and 40's, this is the group for you! The plan is to schedule one social outing per month during non-business hours, probably a weekend evening. Our February event was a Friday night dinner at the Tap House. As an extra way to connect during the month and as a way for other potential ladies to "drop-in" to meet us, we will host a brief snack after Worship, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month in Room 300. Please stop in to find out more about us! If you have any questions or would like to be notified of events, text Amber Beals at 269-303-1673 or email [amberbeals@gmail.com](mailto:amberbeals@gmail.com). We'd love to have you join us!

## VOLUNTEER JOB BOARD

### Youth and Adult Christian Education

- Shepherds for classrooms – extra set of hands and eyes to support the teachers.
- Childcare for our nursery – sign up with Pat to assist our regular adult volunteers. Contact person: Pat Stromsta.

### Celebrate the Vision

- Baking enthusiasts to occasionally donate about 80 desserts. Contact person: Pat Stromsta.

### Special Event Ushers

- Ushers for funerals and other events on an as-needed basis. Contact person: David Dell at (269) 217-2357 or [lrgn1955@aol.com](mailto:lrgn1955@aol.com).

### Youth Group Lunch Providers

- We need people to provide lunch for 10-12 on Sundays after Worship. Contact person: Pastor Chrissy

### SEEDS Saturday Worship: Greeters

- Greeters are needed for SEEDS services on Saturdays from 4:45-5:15. Contact person: Pastor Chrissy

### Rickman House Bingo Night Helpers:

- Friendly people to assist Rickman House residents play Bingo once a month. Contact Person: Mike Boersma

## THOUGHTFUL READERS BOOK GROUP

Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. and Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.

*Small Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult, will be discussed by the Thoughtful Readers Book Group on March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. Marcia Cowell will facilitate the discussion. Picoult's latest page-turner is inspired by a Flint, Michigan, event in which a white supremacist father refused to allow an experienced African-American labor and delivery nurse to touch his newborn. With richly layered characters and a gripping courtroom drama, Picoult offers a thought-provoking examination of racism in America.

On Monday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m., we will discuss *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. Sue Johnson will facilitate this absorbing novel about the life of King David, from the Pulitzer Prize winning author of *The People of the Book*. In her gorgeously written novel of ambition, courage, retribution, and triumph, Brooks imagines the life and character of King David in all his complexity, from his humble childhood through old age. [Booklist] New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Kathy Campbell at (517)-803-0481.

# 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.



## ECO PALMS

First Presbyterian Church has ordered Eco Palms for Palm Sunday. More than 1,000 PC(USA) congregations ordered Eco-Palms in 2016. Joining with congregations from other denominations, churches across the United States will be waving almost 1 million Eco-Palms this Palm Sunday. Working together, we do make a difference!

Using Eco Palms ...

### We Promote Social Justice

- Harvesting palms is an important source of income, but gatherers usually receive a low price.
- Gatherers will receive a higher price for their "fair trade" palms, improving their income.

### We Promote Environmental Stewardship

- Palms protect valuable natural forests, because they provide income to forest communities.
- Palms will be "sustainably" harvested and managed, to protect the palms and the forests they need for shade.

### Why a "Fair Trade" Palm?

- To improve income and living conditions for the communities gathering the palm.
- To protect the palms and the important forests from which they are gathered through sustainable harvest programs.

### Did You Know?

- Palm gathering actually protects valuable natural forests.
- At least half of the farmers in the Central Peten of Guatemala earn additional income from harvesting fronds, and more than a quarter of household heads support themselves exclusively by collecting fronds.
- Each palm plant produces 2 to 5 harvestable leaves over a 2 to 4 month period.



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES– Music

### KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA COMMUNITY CONCERTS

The concerts at First Presbyterian Church are part of the KSO's free community events, and are a wonderful opportunity to invite friends to share an evening with you in our beautiful space. The concert is followed by a reception, hosted by the Worship and Music Committee, where you can meet and talk with the musicians.

The concert that was postponed in September due to the heat has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.. It will feature the KSO Artists-in-Residence performing the music of the African-American composer and pianist Scott Joplin.

The final performance of the season will feature the Burdick-Thorne String Quartet on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 in the our Sanctuary. The evening's program will feature the works of George Walker, Philip Glass, and Antonín Dvořák.

Plan now to attend both – and invite your friends and neighbors!

### WEST MICHIGAN OPERA PROJECT

Join the West Michigan Opera Project on Friday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Kalamazoo First Presbyterian Church in downtown Kalamazoo with a performance of Puccini's *Suor Angelica*. This rare one act all-female cast is packed full of beauty and drama. The West Michigan Opera Project features local professional singers accompanied by pianist Dr. Kenneth Bos. Puccini took direct inspiration for this tragic opera from his sister. Puccini's visits to see her at the convent inspired the melodies and moods of this opera. The lonely Sister Angelica gets a visit from her cruel Aunt, the Princess, only to find out the most heart wrenching news. Come join us and bring a box of tissues! *Suor Angelica* is sung in Italian with English surtitles. All are welcome and admission is free.

For more information please visit [www.westmichiganoperaproject.com](http://www.westmichiganoperaproject.com).

Other dates of *Suor Angelica* include:

Saturday, February 17, 7:30 pm: Beacon Hill Community House,  
1919 Boston St. SE, Grand Rapids

Saturday, February 24, 7:00 pm: Big Rapids Festival of the Arts,  
Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, 407 Perry Ave. Big Rapids

Friday, March 9, 7:30pm First (Park) Congregational Church,  
10 E Park Pl. NE, Grand Rapids

Friday, March 16, 7:30pm First Reformed Church, 630 State St. Holland.

### LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL: ELIZABETH BRUCE

Thursday, March 15, 12-1:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo on Bronson Park in downtown Kalamazoo (212 S. Park Street) is offering a free Lenten Organ Recital Series on five Thursdays during Lent. The 50-minute concerts begin at noon and are open to the public. The concerts will feature a variety of organ music played by organists from Michigan. Refreshments will be available after the recitals. Free will offering. **The March 15th concert will feature Elizabeth Bruce, Organist at FPC.**

### CHICAGO TRIP TO SEE "JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR"

The Chicago Lyric Opera will close its 2017-18 season with Andrew Lloyd Webber's 1970 rock opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar". A block of seats and a chartered bus have been reserved to see the Wednesday, May 9, matinee performance. We will depart Kalamazoo at 8 a.m. and return at 11 p.m. Enjoy time in the city on your own in the morning, and dinner on your own prior to the return to Kalamazoo. The cost is \$125.00 per person and includes bus, ticket to the opera, and a small contribution to the Performing Arts Fund. Checks can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Cindy Hunter at 377-2478 or [cindy.hunter@kalamazoofirstpres.org](mailto:cindy.hunter@kalamazoofirstpres.org) if you have any questions.



# HEALTH MINISTRY



## EDUCATION SERIES ON "AGING WELL"

This series takes place in Room 314-315 after the worship service on the listed dates.

April 8: Phyllis Curtis will moderate a session on "Making a Decision about Where to Live". Guests from a variety of Senior Living options will provide insight into what led to their decision to move, and why they chose their particular living situation. This is intended to give insight into a variety of local housing options without a sales pitch.

May 20: Stuart Deming and Jonathon Willoughby will discuss "Legal Preparations for Aging Well". What does it mean to have a Living Will/ Advance Directive. How does one begin the process for legal documents such as a Will or Living Trust?

June 10: Laura Ford will discuss "Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Strategies to Age Well". What are the greatest health risks, and what you can do to avoid the pitfalls of aging to 'live well all the days of your life'.

## HEALING SERVICE: MARCH 25, 2018

The Health Ministry Committee invites you to give yourself the gift of a protected time and space for healing prayer on Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday), immediately following Worship, in the East Transept.

This service is about 30 minutes in length.

The Reverend Larry Farris will lead us in this time of healing and restorative prayer. The use of "healing prayer" is very familiar. When we pray every Sunday during Worship for healing the nations, the earth, our communities, one another, and ourselves, we practice healing prayer. Please 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.

# Outreach and Community Service

## ISAAC:

First Presbyterian Church is a Member of ISAAC. ISAAC is an interfaith organizing network of congregations and strategic partners working together to build a more just community.

### What is ISAAC?

ISAAC is a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt organization supported by foundations, membership dues, grass-roots fundraisers, and individual contributors like you. ISAAC is a faith-based community organizing group made up of congregations and organizations that have united in order to accomplish what cannot be done as individuals or single congregations. Together, we focus our collective people-power on the most pressing issues of injustice in Kalamazoo County.

Even now, we are seeking to build a world where hope triumphs over fear, where God's abundance meets the needs of all, where we live in sacred and beloved community instead of dehumanizing isolation, where the sun of equality has risen in a land where love endures. We are united across social barriers, organizing so that our common values are reflected in the world we share.

Current Task Forces confirmed at the 2017 Issues Convocation were Racism, Housing, and Poverty.

For more information on the work that ISAAC is doing and ways you can become involved, please contact Pat Stromsta (Vice President of Leadership Development), Sam Clark (Racism Task Force), Kathy Cooney (Housing Task Force) or Ray Wicks (Poverty Task Force).

Affordable Housing Task Force: Convincing our community to stop just sheltering people and provide housing instead—which actually costs half as much!

### Beloved Community: What is the Beloved Community?

ISAAC invites you to be the “Beloved Community”! By participating in ISAAC programming, you, your congregation, and your organization can be part of the revolution in values needed to establish the “Beloved Community”. With the power of *agape* love at the center, Kalamazoo County can become the “Beloved Community”!

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Each year during Lent, Presbyterians share God's love by giving to ministries that provide relief to those affected by natural disasters: food for the hungry, and support towards the self-development of poor and oppressed communities. Many of you probably remember putting your pennies, nickels, and dimes in a fish bank as your small way to help those in need.

Please prayerfully consider making a Special Offering this Easter season. You will be sharing God's love by making a difference to those in need.

## 2018 CROP HUNGER WALK

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 29, 2018 and dust off your walking shoes! The Crop Walk registration is at 1:00 pm in Bronson Park and the walk steps off promptly at 2:00 pm.

Packets will be available in the Gathering Place in late March. Donations will begin then, also, for those who will be unable to attend, but would like to make a difference in the fight against hunger. 75 % of the funds collected are used by Church World Service to provide emergency relief, self-help, and human development programs for economically disadvantaged people worldwide, wherever the needs are greatest. 25% of the funds raised remain in the Kalamazoo area to help fight hunger. There shouldn't be anyone who goes to bed every night with a hungry stomach!

**WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD  
AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!**

# Outreach and Community Service

## TIPS FROM GREEN PETE



## LIVE GREEN AND RECYCLE!

You can help save energy and reduce the strain on our landfills by recycling! Both Kalamazoo and Portage offer free curbside recycling to all residents. Here is some basic information to help you:

**KALAMAZOO:** For more complete information, go to [www.kalamazoocity.org/recycling](http://www.kalamazoocity.org/recycling). If you do not have a recycling curb cart you can go to that website, or call the city at 269-337-8215. Recycling carts are collected every two weeks on the day your trash is collected; the website has a map and schedule that show when your cart will be picked up. Wheel your cart to the curb by 6am on the day of pickup.

### Here's what you CAN recycle:

- Paper:** Any paper (staples are OK), newspaper, including inserts; magazines, envelopes, junk mail (!), phone books, brochures, shredded paper (in a paper bag, please), and paper bags.
- Cardboard:** file folders, poster boards, cardboard boxes (break down to fit in curb cart) but NO pizza boxes with food residue!
- Plastic:** all plastic labeled with recycling symbols #1-5 and #7 (not #6), water bottles, soda bottles.
- Glass:** clear, green or brown bottles, and jars. No window glass.
- Metal:** aluminum beverage cans, aluminum pie tins, and food cans.

**Note:** *all containers must be clean! Remove caps from bottles, place items directly in curb cart, labels are OK, and all items must fit in the curb cart. Overfull carts will not be collected.*

### What you CAN'T recycle:

- Plastic bags** of any sort, no matter what symbol is on the bag.
- Packing foam**, Styrofoam cups, packing peanuts, and egg cartons.
- Toxic material containers**, i.e., containers that have held a toxic material, such as motor oil.
- Heat-resistant glassware**, such as canning jars, oven-safe glassware, or glassware for hot foods and liquids
- Paper disposables**, such as paper towels, paper plates and cups, and freezer food boxes

**PORTAGE** You can get more information and order a curb cart at [www.portagemi.gov/Departments/PublicServices/CurbsideRecyclingProgram.aspx](http://www.portagemi.gov/Departments/PublicServices/CurbsideRecyclingProgram.aspx). As in Kalamazoo, recycling carts are collected every two weeks, but you have a choice of a 96-gal. or 64-gal cart.

### Rules are the same as for Kalamazoo, with these exceptions:

**Glass:** any color accepted

**Plastics:** any rigid plastics labeled #1-7. Butter, yogurt, and deli containers are OK.

# March Birthdays

**1**  
Mike Millar

**2**  
Kennedy Elliott  
Jake Longman  
Brett Schmiede  
Bridgit Smith  
Julia Watt  
Catherine Willoughby

**3**  
Ellen Dykhuis  
Cory Fritz  
Evelyn Garner

**4** (none)

**5**  
Cynthia Gleaton  
William Hajek

**6**  
Sandra Edwards-García  
Jonathan Herson

**7**  
Kara Cheney  
Bennett Loughrin

**8**  
Clara Lynn Hay  
Chuck Schmiede  
Joshua Scott

**9**  
Kristen Allen  
Leslie Roberts  
Sarah Walker

**10**  
Marshall Klein  
Charlie Warren

**11**  
Scott Erdos  
Jerre James  
Phil Kechele  
Wendy King

**12**  
Todd Richman  
Leigh Schultz

**13**  
Rory Busby  
Davis Crocker  
Robert Murray  
Barb Ross

**14**  
Christopher Chambers  
Greg Russell  
Logan Upson

**15**  
Bruce Lubbers  
Nancy Owen

**16**  
Richard Aldrich  
Rob Bradford  
Adrienne Bumpus  
William Park

**17**  
Julie Bol  
Kenneth Dark  
Sheila Park  
Shayne Plemmons  
Sue Weeldreyer

**18**  
Brian Chambers  
Don Goodling  
Julie Kechele  
Dean McWethy

**19**  
Jacque Carter  
Jana Marie Schnur  
Robert Scholten  
Benjamin Taylor

**20**  
C.J. Carrel  
Benjamin Lewis  
Jean Miller

**21**  
Brad Allen  
Gary Dorrien  
Dick Hodgman  
Helen Lander  
Amy Schreiner  
Carol Payne Smith

**22**  
Paulette Rayel

**23**  
Sharon Bradford  
Matthew Novak  
Nolan Pessetti  
Bob White

**24**  
Craig Kortlandt  
Jacqueline Metzler  
Shari Schut  
Jane Veech

**25**  
Daniel Busby  
Alexis Diamond  
Bob Klesert  
Nan Munn

**26**  
John Houdek  
Samantha Shaffer  
Scott Wilson

**27**  
Dick DeVries  
Diane Durian  
Patrick Gleaton  
Marty Meinzingner

**28**  
Laura Tribby

**29**  
Taye Bradford  
Sarah Chase

**30**  
William Appel  
Lou Grant  
Chase Perricone  
Marjorie Wardwell

**31**  
Grant Coon  
Patricia Farris  
Peter Jorth



## FPC 50+ ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u># Years</u>
Winship Todd	3/24/1929	89
Morden Paul Schuur	3/29/1931	87
Dorothy Milham Gauntlett	3/21/1937	81
Mary Lou Stephenson Todd	3/21/1937	81
Caroline Richardson Ham	3/21/1940	78
Gloria Ross Landman	3/29/1945	73
Dayton Maynard	3/22/1951	67
Juanita Erdos	3/26/1959	59
Jeanene Lewis	3/30/1961	57
Annabelle Rigg	3/30/1961	57
Bruce Rigg	3/30/1961	57
Barbara Johnson	3/26/1964	54
William Johnson	3/26/1964	54



# April Birthdays



<b>1</b>	Mervin Burtis Bryan Ross Lucas Smith	<b>17</b>	Cari Anderson Dave Drok Ruth Lubbers Corey Waterman
<b>2</b>	Connor Cloetingh Jeremy Diamond Martha Flynn Sue Madden Robert Munn Mark Schreiner	<b>18</b>	Elizabeth Bell Daphne Westbury Nancy Johnson Amy Miedema
<b>3</b>	Julie Howard Matt Molitor	<b>19</b>	Julie Shaw
<b>4</b>	Sam Cupps Alexandra Desotelle Paige Smith	<b>20</b>	Jonathan Willoughby Jim Young
<b>5 (none)</b>		<b>21</b>	Sarah Graziano Emily Haite Addison Misner Cameryn Murray Donald Roberts
<b>6 (none)</b>		<b>22</b>	Jeanne Case
<b>7</b>	Cynthia Feucht Marilyn Jauch Michelle Molitor	<b>23</b>	Keith Johnson Brian Kastman Philip Ward Chrissy Westbury
<b>8</b>	Judy Johnson Mary Ann Ven De Ville	<b>24</b>	Kate Bates Robert Candido Greg Chambers Robert Jauch
<b>9</b>	Lisa Padgett Gene Miller	<b>25</b>	Diane Misner Kathy Smyser Marjorie St. Mary
<b>10</b>	Jim Weeldreyer	<b>26</b>	Carolyn Houdek
<b>11</b>	Kaiya Bates Rollin Richman	<b>27</b>	Grace Jasinski Megan Mahoney Michelle Roberts Pamela Zandt
<b>12</b>	Steve Cavanagh David Lewis Suzanne Macomber	<b>28</b>	Jane Todd
<b>13</b>	John Bradford Ben Palmer	<b>29</b>	Kay Howson
<b>14</b>	Ann Rohrbaugh	<b>30</b>	Heidi Goodwin Jack Mellis
<b>15</b>	Betty Bennett Salim Harik Jane Kraska Karen Lewis		
<b>16 (none)</b>			

## FPC 50+ ANNIVERSARIES

<b>APRIL</b>		
<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u># Years</u>
Joan Gerpheide Colgren	4/14/38	80
Ruth Koffel Morris	4/17/38	80
Mary Ann Martz Ven De Ville	4/2/42	76
Jacqueline Reid Metzler	4/2/42	76
Mary Little Tyler	4/22/43	75
Jerre James	4/3/47	71
Kay Bilderback Burtis	4/14/49	69
Dorothy Larkin	4/10/52	66
Julie Shaw	4/10/52	66
Joel Shepherd II	4/10/52	66
Priscilla Todd Blair	4/2/53	65
Amy Anderson	4/15/54	64
Carole Todd Shepherd Birch	4/15/54	64
Andrew R. Lenderink III	4/15/54	64
Timothy Shank	4/15/54	64
Helen Creager	4/7/55	63
Timothy J. Lenderink	4/7/55	63
Sue Grossman	4/18/57	61
JoAnn Yochim	4/18/57	61
Marilyn Lindbeck	4/3/58	60
Jerry Meinzing	4/3/58	60
Martha Meinzing	4/3/58	60
Nancy Raklovits	4/3/58	60
George Brooks	4/14/60	58
Richard Russell	4/14/60	58
Charlene Hansen	4/19/62	56
Gregory Russell	4/19/62	56
Jane Veech	4/19/62	56
Jennalie Shepherd	4/11/63	55
Gayle Stephenson	4/11/63	55
Rosalyn Hogan	4/15/65	52
Jane Iannelli	4/15/65	52
Vincent Iannelli	4/15/65	52
Mervin Burtis	4/7/66	51
Diane White	4/7/66	51
Cass S. Hough, Jr.	9/26/67	50
Mark Olmsted	3/23/67	50

## 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:

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## In Memoriam

Lorraine Schneidenbach was born on May 8, 1932 and joined FPC on September 27, 1979. Lorraine died on December 30, 2017.

Jean Chope was born on September 27, 1927 and joined FPC on October 1, 1959. Jean died on January 18, 2018



## 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 served at all communion services.

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## Presbyter

Here is the schedule for the monthly issues of the *Presbyter* for the balance of the 2016-2017 program year:

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

The *Presbyter* is also available for viewing on the FPC website:  
[sanctuaryinthecity.org](http://sanctuaryinthecity.org).



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# FPC Calendar - March, 2018

**PLEASE NOTE:** *A schedule of community groups that meet at FPC is on page 11 of this issue of the Presbyterian*

## Thursday/1

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

## Friday/2

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

## Saturday/3

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

## Sunday/4

8:45a Lectionary Study  
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal  
9:00a Prayer Partners  
9:15a Reading Aloud  
9:45a Childcare  
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary  
10:15a Church School  
11:15a Youth Sunday School  
12:00p Annual Meeting  
12:15p Youth Music  
12:45p Ministry with Community  
5:00p 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  
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00p Bulletin deadline  
12:00p Lenten All-church Read  
7:00p Green P's

## Wednesday/7

9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry  
12:00p Lenten Class  
1:00p FPC Librarian on site  
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner  
6:15p Just Faith: Hunger for Change class

## 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 Lenten 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 Session Listening Post  
11:15a Youth Sunday School  
12:15p Youth Music  
3:00p Briner Lecturer Al Staggs

## Monday/12

9:30a Briner Lecturer Al Staggs

## Tuesday/13

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

## Wednesday/14

12:00p Lenten All-Church Read  
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 Just Faith: Hunger for Change class  
7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting

## 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  
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00p Lenten All-Church Read  
12:00p Bulletin deadline  
7:00p Worship and Music Committee

## Wednesday/21

12:00p Lenten All-Church Read  
12:00p Communications Committee  
1:00p FPC Librarian on site  
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner  
6:30p Women's 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 Green P's documentary  
11:15a Ladies' 30s/40s group  
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  
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00p Lenten All-Church Read  
12:00p Bulletin deadline

## Wednesday/28

12:00p Lenten All-Church Read  
1:00p FPC Librarian on site  
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner  
6:15p Just Faith: Hunger for Change class  
6:30p Session meeting

## Thursday/29

9:30a Women's Bible Study  
11:00a FPC Librarian on site  
7:00p Maundy Thursday Service

## Friday/30

7:00p Good Friday Service

## Saturday/31

5:00p SEEDS  
Saturday Worship





# FPC Calendar - April, 2018

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

**Sunday/1—EASTER SUNDAY**

9:00a Lectionary Study  
9:00a Prayer Partners  
9:15a Reading Aloud  
9:30a FPC Choir rehearsal  
10:00a Childcare  
10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary  
Communion served  
12:45 Ministry with Community

**Monday/2**

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

**Tuesday/3**

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

**Wednesday/4**

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

**Thursday/5**

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

**Friday/6**

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

**Saturday/7**

5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship

**Sunday/8**

8:45a Lectionary Study  
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 Session Listening Post  
11:15a Youth Sunday School  
11:15a Options for Senior Living class  
12:15p Youth Music

**Monday/9**

(no FPC activities scheduled)

**Tuesday/10**

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

**Wednesday/11**

1:00p FPC Librarian on site  
3:00p Martha Circle  
5:30p Men's Group, *Off site*  
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner  
7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting

**Thursday/12**

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/13**

(no FPC activities scheduled)

**Saturday/14**

9:00a Clerks' Meeting  
5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship

**Sunday/15**

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/16****Presbyter Deadline**

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

**Tuesday/17**

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

**Wednesday/18**

12:00p Communications Committee  
1:00p FPC Librarian on site  
4:00p Endowment Committee  
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner  
6:30p Women's Bible Study

**Thursday/19**

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

**Friday/23**

(no FPC activities scheduled)

**Saturday/24**

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

**Sunday/22**

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 Ladies' 30s/40s group  
11:15a Youth Sunday School  
12:15p Youth Music  
5:00p Revolution youth group

**Monday/23**

7:00p Thoughtful Readers Book Group

**Tuesday/24**

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

**Wednesday/25****Presbyter labeling, mailing**

1:00p FPC Librarian on site  
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner  
6:30p Session meeting

**Thursday/26**

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

**Friday/27**

(no FPC activities scheduled)

**Saturday/28**

5:00p SEEDS Saturday Worship

**Sunday/29**

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  
11:15a Green P's Earth Fair  
12:15p Youth Music  
5:00p Revolution youth group

