

WORSHIP OVERVIEW

~ JULY ~

July 1

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
2 Samuel 3: 31-39;
Mark 5:21-43

July 8

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 15

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Kathleen Robertson King
Esther 4:1-17; Exodus 20:8-11

July 22

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:1-13

July 29

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

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

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

A MINUTE IN MINISTRY

“The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose.” *The Merchant of Venice*, Shakespeare.

The Christian church has a long and complicated history with how it has used scripture. The reality is that a lot of the stories we hold sacred are problematic — especially when they are removed from the overarching story of God's love for God's people and God's call for the people to respond with love for God and for one another.

Think for just a moment about our favorite stories from our Children's Bibles —the stories we paint on nursery walls – Noah's Ark, Jonah, Baby Moses in the basket, even our beloved Christmas story. Each of these stories has an element of violence and terror from which we would ordinarily seek to shelter our youngest children.

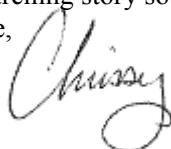
What are these stories about? Noah —mass genocide, perpetrated by God. Jonah — a man is thrown overboard to calm the seas only to be eaten by a fish because he was afraid to go tell a nation known for its murderous ways that God was getting ready to wipe them out. Baby Moses —placed in a basket to save his life because the government has enacted a new policy that all Hebrew children should be murdered at birth to prevent them from becoming a burden on the system. The Christmas story —a young couple (betrothed, in spite of her pregnancy, which gave her fiancé every right to stone her to death) is forced to travel a great distance to be registered by the oppressive power that has colonized their land. After giving birth, they are forced to flee to another country because of an edict from the king that all the children born in that area in the past two years must be killed.

These are horrible stories! Taken at face value, and removed from the overarching story of the Bible, they are absolutely terrifying and paint a picture of a ruthless and vengeful God. But the thing is, the Noah's Ark story wasn't about the flood. It was about the saving grace of a God who gives second (and third...and fourth...) chances. Jonah wasn't about the fish. It was about a God who sends people to tell us when we're on the wrong path, and gives us the opportunity to change. Moses is the tale of a person with a very special role to fill and how God preserved him for that purpose. And, our beloved Christmas story is about the birth of a savior in the humblest of circumstances, demonstrating that God loves the whole world, not just a privileged few, in such a way that God would humble God's very self in order to show us.

We simply cannot read the Bible piecemeal – it is holy because it is whole, and it calls God's people to wholeness. We must address these stories and verses that have been (and continue to be) taken out of context to justify systems of violence, oppression and abuse of power. We must remember that the overarching story of our scriptures – what it all points back to – is God's gracious love for us, and our call to respond with love. “For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” (Romans 13:8)

This summer, I will be leading a class (information on pg. 5) that will seek to tackle some of these difficult topics. I hope you will join me as we notice together the things in our scriptures that bother us and seek to place them within that overarching story so that we might learn what they have to say to us today.

Peace,



Chrissy

CHURCH REPORTS

YOU HAVE A PLACE AT THE TABLE CAMPAIGN

WORSHIP OVERVIEW ~ AUGUST ~

August 5

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Communion served

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Psalm 111; John 6:24-35, 41-51

August 12

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Ephesians 4:1-16; 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

August 19

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Ephesians 4:25-5:2;
2 Samuel 18:5-15, 31-33

August 26

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost TBD

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalms 84;
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69



Earlier this year, the Stewardship Committee launched its You Have a Place at the Table Campaign. It represents a year-long effort to re-energize stewardship with a special focus on the many ways we can all contribute to the life of the church. It is designed to reflect our philosophical underpinnings of being welcoming to all, as it is our proud tradition to invite *everyone* who wishes to participate in the sacrament of communion.

We want to increase the ways in which all of us may feel that we can play a vital role in the life of the church. Contributing to the life of the church can take many forms. Meeting our financial needs will always be vital. But giving in other ways, such as our time and talent, is also vital. We hope to make it possible for more members and regular visitors to pledge. The pledge cards are being redesigned to list the many ways in which one may contribute. You will learn more about the new pledge cards in the weeks to come.

We recognize that, at times, circumstances may make it awkward and, indeed, embarrassing to make financial pledges. In one way or another, all of us, including me, have had that experience. But it should be emphasized that absolutely *no* member of the Stewardship Committee or the clergy knows what is actually pledged by anyone. The only person with such knowledge is Louise Taylor, a member of the staff well known for keeping such information confidential. No matter what the amount may be, we therefore hope that all will feel comfortable in pledging whatever they can.

The official launch of the You Have a Place at the Table Campaign began with our fiesta, “Springing into Stewardship” on May 6. It was a wonderfully attended event. A number of generous members volunteered to help with the fall campaign. Many also agreed to provide introductions to various groups within the church to let us provide more information about our fall campaign and seek greater involvement, whether in the form of time, treasure, or talent.

As the summer progresses, we will increasingly be reaching out in various ways to ask for your support and, quite simply, your thoughts and suggestions as to how we might make the upcoming fall campaign more successful. Our next major event is “Pitch In for Stewardship,” a potluck on Sunday, September 30. More details will follow as to various aspects of what we believe will be a fun and joyful stewardship campaign, where everyone has a role and a place at the table.

—Stuart H. Deming



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Associate

Pastor Emeritus

The Reverend Dr. David W. McShane



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

CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS

Class of 2018

Mike Boersma
Dorothy Castor
Kathy Cooney
Dan Dowswell
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 any of your contact information has changed, please inform Ann Johnson in the church office, at 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.

A NOTE FROM THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Our church is richly blessed with an Endowment Fund. And the fund is richly blessed with a legacy of generous donors, whose gifts provide our church with a perpetual source of revenue. Our general operations, building maintenance, and restricted grants are all supported by the Fund. The Endowment Committee is charged with oversight of the Fund, and offers recommendations to Session regarding annual disbursements. The Fund is a critical financial element of our church.

Your gift to the Endowment Fund will strengthen this critical element. As you review your estate planning, please consider a gift to the Endowment Fund of our church. Gifts may commemorate a memorial, anniversary, baptism, or any other special event in your life. By virtue of this legacy, your gift will provide a perpetual annual gift to the church. Think how your gift could benefit the church 50 years from now!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: ABUNDANCE ORCHARD

Thank you to all of the children and volunteers who participated in our annual Vacation Bible School. We had a wonderful time learning about God’s abundant love and how we can share from our abundance with others in our community and throughout the world.

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

A new class based on the book *Paths to Prayer*, by Patricia Brown, will begin on July 19. This is an excellent book for beginners and the proficient alike. *Paths to Prayer* is a sensitive exploration of the role of prayer in everyday life. We always welcome and encourage new members! We meet at 9:30 for coffee, and our study begins at 9:45. Child care is available in Room 306 with Jamie Tuin.

MY ONE WORD

A new four-session class will be offered on Wednesday evenings in July and August (7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22). This class will be based on the DVD and book “My One Word” by Mike Ashcraft.

The concept of *My One Word* is simple: lose all your sweeping promises to change—and do something about one thing this year, instead of nothing about everything. Choose just one word that represents what you most hope God will do in you, and focus on it for an entire year. Pat Stromsta will facilitate this class from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Library.

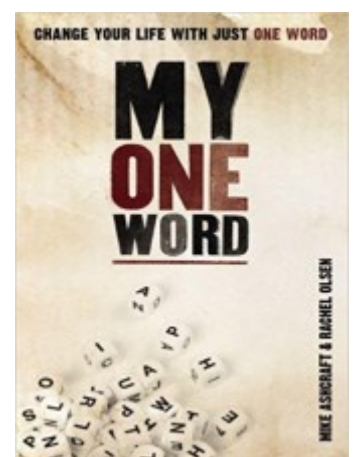
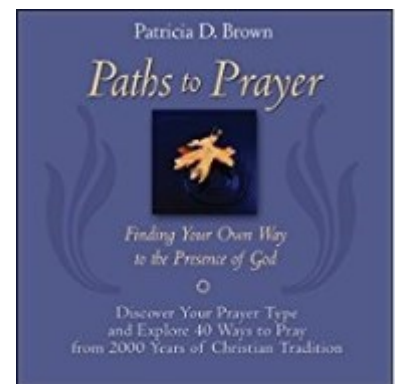
WRESTLING WITH THE TEXT: VIOLENCE, RACISM, AND OPPRESSION IN THE BIBLE

Adult Education Opportunity!
 July 8, 15, 22, and Aug 5 – After Worship
 Taught by Rev. Chrissy Westbury

“The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword” (Hebrews 4:12). We have all seen the Bible used to justify systems of violence, oppression and abuse of power. But, how do we deal with these scriptures that seem to advocate for excluding people, enslaving people and the subjugation of women – the so-called “clobber verses?” Often, we just skim over them and move on to the slightly easier-to-digest verses. This summer, Pastor Chrissy invites you to face these questions head-on and wrestle with these difficult scriptures, looking at what they may have meant in the context in which they were written and what they might mean for us today. Each of the four sessions is a stand-alone session, so come as you are able!

- July 8: Wrath, Vengeance, and Genocide
- July 15: Women in the Biblical Narrative
- July 22: Sexuality
- Aug 5: Racism and Slavery

ADULT EDUCATION



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.

Rickman House Bingo Night Helpers:

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

THE YOUTH THANK YOU!

The youth of the all-county Presbyterian Youth Group are most grateful for your support of our annual mission trip to Colcord, West Virginia! As this *Presbyter* goes to press, the youth are in Colcord, working with the neighbors of that community to revitalize and repair homes and to strengthen their relationships with God, with one Another, and with the people of Colcord. Thank you for your generous support, through financial donations, supporting our food sale at New Year’s Fest, and providing food for their meals while on the trip!

DINNER CHURCH!

July 1 and August 5 — 7:00 p.m.
Dining Room

Come join the Creative Worship team for Dinner Church this summer.



Bring a dish to pass and come share in a meal and a time of worship and reflection, including sharing in Communion. Shared meals have been central to the practice of our faith from the earliest days of its inception. Come join us as we explore this way of being Christ’s community together.

REPORT FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ailih Weeldreyer served as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to our Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly this summer. Ailih was elected by Presbytery, joining a delegation of four others, five persons total. She was appointed to serve on the Middle East Issues committee. On Sunday, August 12 after worship, Ailih will offer time for conversation about her experience, about actions taken, and other observations about our witness in the wider church together. Please, plan to attend, or contact Ailih with any questions if you can’t make it.



Thank you to all who participated in making a great Pentecost Sunday!

HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, August 26

The Health Ministry Committee invites all in need of healing—physical, emotional, spiritual—to come to a Service of Healing following Worship on Sunday, August 26. The half-hour service will be in the East Transept and will begin as soon as the Sanctuary is clear and quiet. Scripture, music, prayer, the laying-on of hands, and anointing with oil will all be part of the service. Parish Associate Kathleen Robertson King will lead the service, and any questions about it may be directed to her at ucmkrking@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY MORNING USHERS

Are you a friendly, hospitable person looking for a way to serve your church community? Would you like to get to know more people in our congregation? You are invited to join an usher team! Usher teams serve for a month at a time, usually three times a year. The only preparation needed is to get to church a little early on the Sundays when you are ushering. Your team leader will welcome you and make sure you know what to do. Women and men of all ages—from teenagers to elders—are encouraged to participate. Please contact Dave Dell at lrgn1955@aol.com or 269-217-2357.

COMMUNION SERVERS' TRAINING

Any person who has been ordained as a deacon or elder is eligible to serve communion at First Presbyterian Church. If you are hesitant to volunteer because you are uncertain of the procedure, you are invited to attend a training session on Sunday, August 19. We will meet at the front of the Sanctuary following Worship for a brief review of the procedure. For questions, or to volunteer as a server, contact Brenda Noel at brenda.l.noel@pfizer.com or 269-492-4526.

The First Friday Lunch Bunch

This summer our group is staying in downtown Kalamazoo!

July 6 Louie's Trophy House
1:00pm 629 Walbridge St.
We'll eat in their back room.

August 3 Shakespeare's Pub
1:00pm 241 E. Michigan Ave.

Please make reservations at the Lovell Street desk prior to the Thursday of the week of the luncheon. If you have any questions and or need transportation, please call Sue or Tom Forsch at 353-3903.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

You are invited to sing with the choir this summer! The choir rehearses at 9 a.m. and sings at the 10 a.m. service. No experience necessary! Anyone middle-school age and older is welcome. You will find the choir in the Choir Rehearsal Room in the Lower Level. Why not give it a try!

Ladies 30s/40s group

This social group meets monthly for regular, fun weekend evening activities. If you are in this age group and you haven't yet joined, don't miss out on the fun! Please contact Amber Beals at amberbeals@gmail.com for more information!



FLOWER EXCHANGE UPDATE FROM THE GREEN P'S

Thank you, dear members and friends, for donating and planting lots of unique and lovely flowers, trees, shrubs, and also for donating the small hand tools and flower pots. All things green found happy new homes!

Here is an updated schedule that has been adjusted due to unique weather this season: Sundays, from 9:00 a.m.-11:10 a.m. on these dates:

August 12 and 26
September 23 and 30
October 7

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.

TIPS FROM GREEN PETE



HOW CAN WE HELP SAVE THE BEES?

Is your lawn wearing occasional white patches of blooming clover? Good! Don't run for the weedkiller; think of how inviting that clover is to your local bees! And think of ways you can *encourage* these little flying power-houses instead of destroying one of their food sources.

Bees busily gather and transfer pollen from plant to plant as they forage, and are an indispensable "machine" for pollinating a large percentage of the fruits, vegetables, and nuts we love. But global warming has disrupted growth patterns, and common pesticides kill whole colonies of bees. Bees need our help! And that help doesn't really expose you to bee stings - many bees don't sting at all, and most are more than willing to ignore you as long as you're not a flower!

We can cultivate such native plants as sunflowers, wild lupine, coneflowers, milkweed, and hyssop, as well as clover! We can avoid retailers that sell products with neonicotinoid pesticides ("neonics"), or make a point of telling them why we choose not to shop there.

It's our world to enjoy, not destroy!



MEET JARED MONTGOMERY, OUR NEW ORGANIST!

We are pleased to announce that Jared Montgomery will begin as our new organist Sunday, July 1.

Jared is a music performance major at Western Michigan University, with experience serving in a number of previous congregations. We are excited about the musical gifts Jared brings to our congregation! Please, introduce yourself as we welcome him warmly through weeks to come!



Outreach and Community Service

A "THANK YOU" FROM EDISON SCHOOL

“What exactly does ‘It Takes a Village’ mean? It means that a child does not just grow up within a home, where there may be a single parent or a combination of parents, but a child will grow up in a community, a village, and that a child will not grow up just in a home but in a social world with input and understanding from the village. Regardless of the child's upbringing, the child belongs to and is shaped by the community. Our Edison community is so thankful to The First Presbyterian Church and for the members who have so graciously donated their time volunteering or donating monetarily over the last 18 years. The teachers and staff could not do what we do without your generosity. A mere ‘thank you’ does not seem to be enough. Please know that your support is extremely helpful to our staff and students.

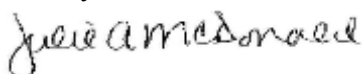
“As the 2017-18 school year comes to a close, we are already looking forward to next year. We have an exciting opportunity for anyone who is interested in volunteering for two 45-minute sessions a week with our K-2 students. SLD Read is offering training this summer for our teachers, and in September volunteers will have the ability to be trained.

“SLD Read is a non-profit community resource established to provide instruction for students who have not succeeded with traditional teaching methods. SLD Read's vision is a community working together for literacy that empowers all individuals to achieve their full potential. To reach this vision, they help individuals with dyslexia, learning differences, and other reading challenges to develop lifelong language skills through our multisensory program. They assist educators to identify learning challenges and provide training and techniques to enhance our reading curriculum. They also increase community awareness and understanding of literacy issues.

“You can find more information about SLD Read on their website at sldread.org. If you are interested, please email me at mcdonaldja2@kalamazoopublicschools.net. I will have the actual September training dates by June 22, 2018.

“We very much look forward to our 19th year working with First Presbyterian Church. We hope to see you all in the 2018-19 school year – probably the last one in our current building. More information will be shared during the next school year about our new building construction, thanks to the last bond vote!

“Thank you all so much.”



Julie A. McDonald, Principal



CELEBRATE THE VISION

Members of the community and congregation are invited to a home-cooked meal every Wednesday at 5:30. Volunteers are always welcome to help serve the meal, wash dishes, or make dessert. A dessert sign-up page is located on the Outreach Board in the Gathering Place. Thank you to everyone who has and is supplying desserts. Contact Pat Stromsta if you have any questions
pat.stromsta@kalamazoofirstpres.org.

CELEBRATE THE VISION SUMMER WORSHIP: SCHEDULE

On the first Wednesday of the month we will serve a picnic meal on South St. A Celebrate the Vision Bible Study will meet on the second and the fourth Wednesday in June after our meal from (6:15 – 7:00 p.m)

July Birthdays

1 Scott Oudsema	14 Larry Boutelle Josh Droppers Jessica Hay Megan Staake Ryan Zeller	25 Nik DeHaan Janet Todd Ryan Westbury	30 Dick Baker Claire Dulin Ellen Wolfe
2 Larry Farris Bob Padgett Irma Prince Madeline Weaver William Wilson	15 Eunice Green Barbara Liggett Gary Zandt	26 Loretta Johnson Livia Lewis Sharon Longman Roberta Warnock	31 Jan Carpenter Sally Carter Kristen DeBruin Dayton Maynard David Stults Alana Tien
3 Carrie Busby Nancy Chandler Virginia Jacobowitz	16 Alexandra Garside Molly Oudsema Andy Young	27 Abigail Candido Beverly Crabb Joyce Lander Gloria Lee Abby Pearson	
4 Cynthia Hunter Angela Van Heest Lyssa Wilson	17 Ethan Gunderson Carolyn Stults	28 Jeanne Fenton Sally Hume Bristol Mary Panse Grace Tiffany	
5 Ron Johns	18 John Card Nancy Colburn Bobby Highhouse Sierra Loughrin Brooke Zeller	29 Amelia Case John Diamond Catherine Wall Emerson Dave Hunt Judy Marvin Dan Schut	
6 Bob Bauserman Hunter Macomber	19 Phyllis Buskirk Maeven Hirt Madelyn Marciniak Anna Miller		
7 Hal Horneffer	20 Bev Bloomquist Marilyn Lindbeck Paul Parks		
8 Amy Anderson Pam Tritsch	21 Jennifer Barlament Brian Nederveld		
9 Ruth DeVries Katie Johnkoski Melanie Pessetti	22 Donna Bishop Caren Bumpus Kevin Mahoney Dennis Mattingly Diane White		
10 Cheryl Fritz Cindy Leder	23 Howard Hoffman		
11 Bill Hubbard Maxwell Longman Marta Veech	24 Grace Agostinelli Andrew Diamond David Scarrow		
12 Madison Angell Avery Diane Fuehr Brian Panse Molly Stewart			
13 (none)			



August Birthdays

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| 1
Liam Beals
Jacob Schut
Caitlin White | 14
Mason Coleman
Matthew Job
Betty Van Der Slik | 21
Nancy Boutelle
Dolores Miller
Sydney Wilson | 25
Connor Addison
Samantha Fuehr
Jeffrey Shaw
Norma Smith | 29
Alissa Britigan
David Dell
Caitlin Fischer
Courtney Fischer
Philip Hajek
Henry Lewis |
| 2
Sandy Sebo | 15
Jill Barnum
Ben Brown
Christopher Honeysett
Curtis Leibbrand
Ronald Tanis
Gabriel VandeWalle | 22
Carol Barratt-
Schmiege
Ashley Carter
Jane Iannelli
Samantha King
Tim Liggett
Benji Yohe | 26
Morgen Baer
Daniel Corse
Geoffrey Wardwell | 30
Mackenzie Jonas
Kameron Long
Julie Misner |
| 3
Michael Bova
Diane Marsom
Jessica Tarr | 16
Emily Carson Brown
Jason Grupe | 23
Rosie Yohe | 27
Bob Brown
Alex Coryell
Alice Malloure
Michael Warlick | 31
Patricia Corse
Chuck Madden
Paul Perks
Carter Tuin
Julia Young |
| 4
Olivia Goethe
Nick Hunter
John Kittredge
Leroy Klose
Wendy Miedema
Graham Palmer | 17
Jill Aspergren
Bucki Dulin
Whitney Hollerbach
Jennifer Klein
Robert Radeliff
Crystal Richman | 24
Lynn Arwady
George Hammond
Carol McCloskey | 28
Dorothy Castor
Janet Scarrow
Abigail Sherrill
Zachary Warlick | |
| 5
Megan Dixon
Bev Murray
Jakob Schnur | 18
David Campbell | | | |
| 6
Kim Cummings
Gail Fitzpatrick-Fox
Emma Greko
AleK Kokushkin
Beth Peterik
Louise Taylor | 19
Joan Colgren
Brittany (Fisk) Robbins
Stephanie Kiewiet
David Klein
Chloe Labian
John Willson | | | |
| 7
Annaliese Bol
Logan Brown
Marcie Compton
Carol Steinman | 20
Mary Brooks | | | |
| 8
(none) | | | | |
| 9
Scott Carter
Bob Cowell
Colin Feucht
Andrew Lenderink
Mary Palmatier
Leo Thielman | | | | |
| 10
Jack Mahoney
Brian Watt | | | | |
| 11
Laura Cavanagh
Jackson Fox
Erin Leder
Jeffrey Panse
Erik Yettaw | | | | |
| 12
Ashleigh Allen | | | | |
| 13
Juanita Erdos | | | | |



50-Plus Years of Membership: AUGUST —Congratulations!

Each *Presbyter* includes an “anniversary-by-month” list of our members who have been a part of the FPC family for 50 years or more. Here you will find the names of these members, listed during the anniversary month of when each one joined the church. The entire 12-month list is printed in the Annual Report.

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u># Years</u>
Diane Johnson	August 29, 1957	61

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

In Memoriam

Leona Hefner was born on June 3, 1916 and joined FPC on October 2, 1949. Leona died on May 1, 2018.

Marvin Ludwig was born on August 29, 1926 and joined FPC on July 30, 2002. Marv died on May 16, 2018.

William Johnson was born on August 8, 1936 and joined FPC on March 26, 1964. Bill died on June 6, 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 bread is served at all communion services.

PRESBYTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The deadline for content for the September-October issue of the *Presbyter* is August 20. It will be mailed on August 30.

The *Presbyter* is also available for viewing on the FPC website: sanctuaryinthecity.org. Many of our members receive the *Presbyter* via e-mail only, in order to help the church conserve paper and other resources. To remove your name from the "paper-mail" list, contact Ann Johnson at 344-0119 or ann.johnson@kalamazoofirstpres.org.



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(telephone extensions are listed below)

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FPC Presbyter / Calendar - July, 2017

Sunday/1

- 8:45a All-Church breakfast
- 9:00a Prayer Partners
- 9:00a Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
Communion Served today
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Class: "Wrath, Vengeance, and Genocide"
- 11:15a Class: "Faith, Hope, and Love"
- 12:45p Ministry with Community
(FPC serves the meal today)
- 7:00p Worship: Dinner Church

Monday/2

- 1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers

Tuesday/3

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



Wednesday/4—INDEPENDENCE DAY

The FPC building is closed in observance of Independence Day!

Thursday/5

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site

Friday/6

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

Saturday/7

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/8

- 9:00a Christian Education meeting
- 9:00a Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Summer Church School
- 11:15a Session Listening Post
- 11:15a Class: "Women in the Biblical Narrative"

Monday/9

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/10

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

Wednesday/11

- 3:00p Martha Circle
- 5:30p Men's Monthly Wednesday Evening Group *(off site)*
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: Worship

Thursday/12

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 12:30p Finance Committee today
- 6:00p Prop. Maintenance meeting

Friday/13

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/14

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/15

- 9:00a Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Summer Church School
- 11:00a Class: "Sexuality and the Bible"

Monday/16

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/17

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:00a Bulletin deadline
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 7:00p Stewardship committee (off-site)

Wednesday/18

- 12:00p Communications Committee
- 4:00p Endowment Committee
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

Thursday/19

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site

Friday/20

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/21

- 6:00p Rickman House Bingo

Sunday/22

- 9:00a Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Summer Church School
- 11:15a Class: "The Promised Land and Modern Israel/ Palestine"

Monday/23

- 7:00p Thoughtful Readers

Tuesday/24

Building Closed for Staff Planning

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a Bulletin deadline

Wednesday/25

- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: Worship

Thursday/26

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site

Friday/27

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/28

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/29

- 9:00a Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Summer Church School
- 11:15a Class: "Racism and Liberation Theology"

Monday/30

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/31

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

PLEASE NOTE:

Community group meetings at FPC are not listed in the Presbyters because of space restrictions. Please see the weekly Announcements for these meetings.

FPC Presbyter / Calendar - August, 2017



Wednesday/1

- 9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

Thursday/2

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

Friday/3

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

Saturday/4

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/5

- 9:00a Prayer Partners
- 9:00a Summer Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:15a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
Communion served today
- 10:45a Summer Church School
- 11:15a Class: "Racism and Liberation Theology"
- 12:45p Ministry with Community
(*FPC serves the meal today*)
- 7:00p Worship: Dinner Church

Monday/6

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

Tuesday/7

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:00a Bulletin deadline
- 11:00a Weekly Staff meeting
- 6:00p Stewardship meeting

Wednesday/8

- 3:00p Martha Circle
- 5:30p Men's Monthly Wednesday Evening Group (*off site*)
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: Worship

Thursday/9

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 12:30p Finance Committee
- 6:00p Property Maintenance meeting

Friday/10

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/11

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/12

- 9:00a Flower exchange
- 9:00a Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Summer Church School
- 11:15a Session Listening Post

Monday/13

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/14

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

Wednesday/15

- 12:00p Communications Committee
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

Thursday/16

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site

Friday/17

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/18

- 6:00p BINGO for Rickman House Residents (*off site*)

Sunday/19

- 9:00a Choir rehearsal
- 9:00a Congregational Life Committee
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Summer Church School

Monday/20

Presbyter—deadline for articles

- 6:00p Health Committee

Tuesday/21

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:00a Bulletin deadline
- 11:00a Weekly Staff meeting
- 6:00p Stewardship Committee

Wednesday/22

- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: Worship
- 6:30p Session

Thursday/23

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site

Friday/24

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/25

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/26

- 9:00a Flower exchange
- 9:00a Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:15a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Church School today

Monday/27

- 7:00p Thoughtful Readers

Tuesday/28

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

Wednesday/29

- Presbyter* folding/labeling/mailing
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p CtV volunteers meeting

Thursday/30

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site

LOOKING AHEAD:

Monday/September 3
LABOR DAY (Church building closed)



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