

WORSHIP OVERVIEW

Sunday Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

November 4

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion served

Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

November 11

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-4, 4:15-17; Psalms 127;

Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

The Rev. Kathleen Robertson King

November 18

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 46; Mark 13:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

November 25

Reign of Christ Sunday

Communion served

2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalms 132:1-12;

Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury

December 2

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16;

Philippians 1:3-6, 2:12-15; Luke 3:1-18

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4;

Philippians 1:3-6, 4:8-9; Luke 1:68-79

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 1:3-6; 4:4-7;

Luke 1:39-55

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Christmas Vespers — 5:00

December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a; Philippians 1:3-6, 2:1-4;

Matthew 1:1-17

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury

December 24

Christmas Eve

Family Service 5:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service 8:00/11:00 p.m.

Communion served

Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

December 30, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas Day

1 Samuel 2:18-20; Psalms 148

The Rev. Kathleen Robertson King

The Rev. Larry Farris

MINUTE IN MINISTRY

"Nothing exists without music, for the universe itself is said to have been framed by a kind of harmony of sounds, and the heaven itself revolves under the tone of that harmony."

Isidore of Seville (c.560 - 636)

I am often struck by the word "harmony." It is interesting to me that harmony's multiple definitions are...well...harmonious. Harmony can refer to a pleasing combination of simultaneous musical sounds, or it can refer to agreement, peace, or fellowship. The Greek root of the word simply means "to join." The really fascinating thing about harmony – whether you are referring to music, people, or ideas – is that harmony can exist only in diversity. A chord of one note is not a chord.

When a choir sings in harmony, each part has its own note to sing. When the notes come together, they create something so much more beautiful than each could create on its own. When a note is missing from the chord, it sounds empty. We recognize this in music. We hear the complexity of a beautiful chord and enjoy what each note brings to the whole. We appreciate difference for what it can create.

And yet, when it comes to our relationships with one another, it seems we have lost this appreciation for the beauty that difference can create. We forget that we are each given a different note to play in the symphony of life. My note will often not be the same as yours, but the final composition is more beautiful because of the part we each played. Each of our notes is richer for the addition of harmony.

In the coming months, we have many opportunities to enjoy music together, over and above the usual worship music in which we participate. On November 4, our worship will be framed by the choir singing John Rutter's setting of *The Requiem*. On December 2, there will be a Jazz Worship service in the evening. On December 16, we will share in our annual Vespers service. And, of course, on Christmas Eve, we will share in the story of Christ's birth through song and scripture.

As we share in the harmonies of this season together, let us remember that we are created in the image of Harmony. The God we know best through the image of Trinity exists, fundamentally, as Harmony. And we, my friends, are the song. Our notes are different, our instruments are different, but as long as we keep our eyes on our Composer/Conductor, we can share together in the symphony of life.

Peace,



Chrissy

*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.*

ADVENT



December 2 / First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16;

Philippians 1:3-6, 2:12-15; Luke 3:1-18

December 9 / Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-6, 4:8-9; Luke 1:68-79

December 16 / Third Sunday of Advent (2 services)

10:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 1:3-6; 4:4-7;

Luke 1:39-55

6:00 p.m. Fifty-sixth Annual Candlelight Vespers

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

December 23 / Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: The Reverend Chrissy Westbury

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a; Philippians 1:3-6, 2:1-4;

Matthew 1:1-17

December 24 / Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family Service

8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship Service

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship Service

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20



VESPERS SERVICE

DECEMBER 16 — 6:00 P.M.

The Annual Advent Vespers Service will be held on Sunday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This traditional service of lessons and carols will feature scripture readings, Christmas carols, choral music accompanied by organ, and a brass quintet. You are invited to experience this meaningful service presented in the beauty of our candlelit Sanctuary.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

The Health Ministry Committee is offering a service of Comfort and Hope during the Advent Season. Please watch the announcements for more information about this special service.

CHRISTMAS EVE

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- 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program**
"King of the Outcasts"
 Leader: Dr. Patricia Stromsta
 This annual program will be presented by the children of FPC.
- 7:45 p.m. Musical Prelude**
- 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship Service**
 Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
 Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20
 Musical feature: Organ and Handbell Choir
- 10:30 p.m. Musical Prelude**
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship Service**
 Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
 Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20
 Music: Organ, String Quartet, and FPC Choir.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

First and Third Sunday of every month
 7:00 p.m.

November 4: Service of Prayer and Healing for our Nation

November 18: Taize Worship

December 2: Jazz Worship

December 16: Christmas Vespers Service

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

Join us on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. for our Annual Children and Youth Christmas Eve Service. The service includes a Christmas pageant entitled "**King of the Outcasts**", which was written by our Associate Pastor, Chrissy Westbury.

Matt and Lucy, two bickering Christmas pageant directors, come to realize that focusing on only one of the birth narratives of Jesus loses a vital part of the story of Jesus. They come together and offer a side-by-side retelling of the gospel writers' individual perspectives on the birth of the King of the Outcasts.

The children and youth of FPC will lead us in the service through music and the retelling of the Christmas story. This service is casual, and all family members and guests are invited.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE

On Christmas Eve, at both 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., we will share in our traditional service of Candlelight Communion.

With the Sanctuary adorned in holiday greens, and with candelabra lining the aisles and the front of the chancel, we will sense Holy Love coming into our lives. Along with prayers, carols, scripture readings, and a sermon, we will share Holy Communion on this special night. Bells will peal to herald the birth of Jesus. We will conclude our worship service by singing "Silent Night" by candlelight.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SPAGHETTI SUPPER FUNDRAISER AND SILENT AUCTION

November 4 - 11:15 a.m. in the Dining Room

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

You are invited to slurp spaghetti and support our youth!

Donation baskets will be available for the supper, and items and services will be available for purchase by the highest bidder. Give what you can. All proceeds will go to the Youth Mission Fund. Contact Pastor Chrissy if you would like to donate supplies for the supper or items for the auction!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: DECEMBER 2

The Annual Christmas Bazaar is Sunday, December 2, in the Gathering Place before and after Worship. Those participating are: Boy Scout Troop #205 will have their fresh Christmas wreaths; Deacons will have Fair Trade coffee gift baskets; Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry will have their handmade cards and Christmas items, and new this year is a table for children to make various holiday projects; Martha Circle will have delectable baked goods for your enjoyment; Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers will again have a variety of lovely fabric gifts; John Petro and Habeeb Awad will have Palestinian olive oil and wonderful olivewood carvings. Come and enjoy early, stress-free Christmas shopping for those hard-to-buy-for friends and relatives.



BUTTER BRAIDS

Thanks to everyone who ordered Butter Braids. Pickup dates are Sundays, November 11 and 18 in the dining room after church. We thank you for your continued support of the Edison Project.

CELEBRATE THE VISION

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

Our Annual Christmas Dinner and Christmas Shoppe is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 19**. A traditional dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 5:30 p.m. Our community guests will be invited to pick out gifts for their family or for themselves from our Christmas Shoppe. We will be collecting hats, gloves, and slightly used or new gift items for the Shoppe beginning December 5.

DOES CHOCOLATE REALLY MAKE MUSIC SOUND BETTER? COME AND FIND OUT!

Please join us for the annual First Presbyterian Christmas Chocolate gathering: Bring yourselves, cookies to share if you can, and especially come ready for the most amazingly inspiring, rapturous, and ear-tuning chocolaty goodness. No later confessions required; simply enjoy some fellowship and tasty treats, then migrate into the annual Christmas Vespers service immediately afterward.

When: December 16, 5:00 p.m.

Where: Gathering Place

Don't worry, if you miss the chocolate beforehand, there just might be a little left over afterward!....Peace!



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

September 26, 2018 Session Meeting

The following motions were adopted at the September 26, 2018 Session Meeting:

Approval of the following Requests for Financial Appeal:

A concert by Otsego Jazz Ensemble on October 5, 2018, sponsored by the Worship and Music Committee to benefit the Performing Arts Fund.

A voice recital on November 18 at 3p.m., to benefit the YWCA Domestic Abuse Shelter .

Holiday Bazaar on December 2, 2018 to benefit Boy Scouts, Deacons, Hearts-to-Hands Cards, and Stitchers, Martha Circle, John Petro Habitat Award.

Butterbraids sales from October 7 to 14, 2018 to benefit the Edison School Project.

Spaghetti Supper on November 4, 2018 to support youth mission trips.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: EVERY GIFT HELPS!

The Stewardship Campaign has commenced with our newly-designed pledge cards. The new pledge card has two sections. One section provides for financial pledges. This information is kept strictly confidential by a member of the staff, Louise Taylor. No one else, including clergy, is privy to the information. The other section relates to alternative ways in which one can meaningfully contribute. That information will be separated and its contents made known to the relevant committees, staff, and others with similar interests.

This year is particularly important in the life of our church. Significant cutbacks are currently being planned, should the shortfall of this past year not be overcome. As Chrissy wrote in an email to the congregation, “it just takes a little from each of us to make a big difference.” And as Ray Wicks reminded us in his Minute for Mission, “Stewardship is about what each of us can contribute to the life and well-being of our church and community, whether it is time, talent, or financial gifts. All of these are needed to be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus to our membership, the community, and beyond.”

In her Minute for Mission, Pam Tritsch described her sense of community within our church family in recalling how “the pastoral care and congregational support was especially felt during Tim’s illness and after his passing.” In so doing, she reminded us of the “myriad ways to share your time and talents.”

In his refrain “because of this church,” Jonathon Willoughby in his Minute for Mission cited just a few of the blessings of our ministries:

- ...there are hundreds, on a weekly basis, who have had a place to come out of the cold and have a good meal;
- ...there are children in the Edison School District who receive support, supplies, and the assistance of role models;
- ...there is blood donated to those in need;
- ...there is support to those who are ill or injured or are grieving;
- ...there is beautiful music;
- ...there’s a warm, comforting place for a memorial service; and
- ...there’s a special place for a son or daughter to get married.

Because of this church, we all have much to be thankful for. If we all work together, much can be accomplished toward our goal of ensuring that the ministries of our church remain vibrant. We respectfully ask that you consider what you might be able to give for the support of the ministries of your church. For those who have not given regularly in the past, perhaps you will consider becoming a regular contributor. For those who have pledged in the past, we ask that you give thought to whether your gift could be increased. Every gift helps!

Stuart Deming

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

MONTHLY “LUNCH BUNCH”

Be part of a friendly group that lunches on the first Friday of every month at local venues around Kalamazoo and Portage. Please RSVP to the church by the Thursday before the luncheon.

November 2

600 Kitchen and Bar at the Foundry Building
600 E. Michigan (almost to Kings Hwy)
We will meet at the usual time - 1:00 p.m.

December 7 Our Christmas Luncheon.

Beacon Club
5830 Portage Road
We will meet at the usual time - 1:00 p.m.
Reservations required by **November 24**
Additional information will be coming.

FPC LADIES’ 30’S/40’S GROUP:

If you haven't already joined, you are missing out! Join in the social activities planned monthly to connect with other ladies from the church. Please email amberbeals@gmail.com for more information.

DEACONS’ NEWS

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Your generous response to the funding of the Deacons’ coffee service has been amazing, and we are very appreciative.

The Deacons will be present at the Christmas Bazaar on December 2 with coffee gift baskets for sale. We are also happy to special order Equal Exchange Coffee for your gift giving needs.

Remember that your Deacons are here to serve you. Please reach out to us if you need of meals, a ride, or just a friendly visit. Deacons’ pictures and parish lists are on display in the Gathering Place. You can also contact Deacon moderator Nancy Johnson, a pastor, or Ann Johnson in the church office.

In this season of gratitude, the Deacons are thankful to be called to serve you, the members of First Presbyterian Church.

ANNUAL ELECTION

MEETING: NOVEMBER 18

Session has called for the Annual Election Meeting of the FPC Congregation to be held Sunday, November 18, immediately following Worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Ruling Elders and Deacons, Members-at-Large for the 2018 Nominating Committee, and to approve Terms of Call for the Pastor and Associate Pastor. Copies of the Terms of Call will be available *Sunday, November 18*, in the Narthex and at the office reception desk.

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.



FPC YOUTH MINISTRIES (FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS!)

All 6th - 12th graders, come join us on Sundays!

11:15-12:15 Faith Formation

Pastor Chrissy and others will lead this time to explore the Bible, faith formation, and how we, as Christians, can respond to the world around us.

12:15-1:00 Youth Music Programs with Cindy Hunter

5:00-7:00 Community-wide Youth Fellowship (see Youth Group calendar for weekly location)

FPC is fortunate to share youth fellowship with four other area Presbyterian Churches: First Presbyterian Church of Richland, Westminster, Pine Island, and North Presbyterian Churches.

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
November 4	FPC	Spaghetti Supper after worship!
November 11	Westminster	Youth Fellowship
November 18	Richland	Youth Fellowship
Nov 25	No Youth Programs	Thanksgiving
Dec 2	FPC	Dinner at 6 Jazz Worship at 7
Dec 9	Richland	Christmas Party
December 31	FPC	New Year's Eve Fest!

COAT COLLECTION

The FPC Fourth and Fifth Grade Class is sponsoring a Coat Collection during the month of November.

Jesus said, *"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."*
(Luke 3:11).

Students will be in the Gathering Place to receive coats. There will also be a box at the Lovell St. door and a table designated for these coats in the Dining Room. Coats will be given to members of the community at Celebrate the Vision on Wednesday nights.





CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS

Class of 2018

Mike Boersma
Dorothy Castor
Kathy Cooney
Dan Dowswell
Aedin 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 ann.johnson@kalamazooofirstpres.org in the church office, or call 344-0119, so she can keep your contact information up to date.

THANK YOU!

The Deacons appreciate the response to their "noisy coins" request. 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.

NEW MEMBER CONNECTIONS

November 11, 11:15 a.m., in the Church Library

WELCOME! If you are new to our community, or if you have worshiped here for a while, welcome! Do you have questions about this church? Are you interested in learning more about membership or how to become more connected to the life of the congregation? Join Pastor Chrissy and members of the Congregational Life Committee for an informal time of coffee and conversation after Worship.

PRESBY 101 - HOW DO PRESBYTERIANS GET STUFF DONE?

December 9, 11:15 a.m., in Room 301

What is an Elder? What do Deacons do? What happens in a Session meeting? What are the pastors actually in charge of? (Not much!) What is the connection between our church and the wider denomination? What is a clerk? "Presby-speak" can be hard to pick up on for people who are new to the denomination, and it is sometimes confusing how the governance and the structure of the church actually work. Come for an overview of Presbyterian polity. Ask your questions, and we will do our best to answer them!

THOUGHTFUL READERS BOOK GROUP

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

Thoughtful Readers Book Group will meet on Monday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. Our discussion of *Kindred* by Octavia Butler will be facilitated by Chrissy Westbury. "Dana is a 1970's black woman repeatedly and involuntarily whisked back in time to a 19th century plantation, where she becomes embroiled in the lives of the people enslaved there. A combination of slave memoir, fantasy, and historical fiction, *Kindred* is a classic time-travel novel by an acclaimed African American writer." [Booklist Review]

New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Kathy Campbell at (517) 803-0481.

HEALTH MINISTRY

MONTHLY HEALTH MINISTRY CLASS 2019: HEALTH PROMOTION

Laura Ford, RN, PhD, CNP will be offering a monthly class beginning in January 2019. Laura will be providing information and engaging conversation on different aspects of Health Promotion. Watch for additional information in upcoming *Presbyter* and bulletins!

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

The Holiday season is a time filled with tradition, family, and activity. At times we can feel overwhelmed by it all. Sometimes we may feel saddened by a loss of any kind, that might feel sharper at the holidays. The Health Ministry Committee is offering a service of Comfort and Hope during the Advent Season. Please watch the announcements for more information about this special service incorporating contemplative prayer, song, and readings in the East Transept. All are welcome. The service will be approximately 45 minutes in length after regular Sunday morning Worship.

THE SONGS OF ADVENT

A Bible study on Luke, chapters 1 and 2

Join Parish Associate Larry Farris for a three-week study of the first two chapters of the gospel according to Luke. These familiar passages include a lot of singing – by the priest Zechariah (father of John the Baptist), by Mary the mother of Jesus, and by angels (both solos and choruses). In the Advent season when we sing so many much-beloved songs, we will examine the songs sung by those attending Jesus' birth. The class will meet after Worship on December 2, 9, and 16.



THURSDAY WOMEN'S ADVENT STUDY:

As it does every year, Advent comes upon us much too quickly, and we get caught up in the whirlwind of activities and preparations that lead to Christmas. We will have rushed through another Advent, hardly stopping to take a breath, and wonder at the good news of Emmanuel, "God with us."

This 4-week study, beginning November 29, is designed for those who want to slow down and sink into the Advent season. It is inspirational and devotional in nature. During these four sessions we will utilize music, art, poetry, and a variety of interactive activities centered on Biblical passages.

We meet at 9:30 for coffee, and our study begins at 9:45. Childcare is provided by Jamie Tuin in the nursery. We hope you will slow down for at least an hour this Advent Season and join us.

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

KALAMAZOO LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY AT MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

Kalamazoo's First Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, North Church, and Pine Island Church work together to provide both monetary and volunteer support to Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes (KLF). The churches' efforts focus on the food pantry at the newly relocated Ministry with Community facility on North Edwards Street in downtown Kalamazoo. The Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes' mission is to feed hungry people in Kalamazoo County and to engage the community in the fight to end hunger. KLF is currently concerned with increasing requests from people for food assistance. KLF's Grocery Pantry Program (GPP) is their largest and longest-running program serving Kalamazoo County. At 25 pantry sites throughout the county, local residents receive same-day appointments in which they can choose four days' amount of food for each individual household member. Food is based on the USDA's MyPlate guidelines, providing nutritionally balanced choices that include protein, grains, and fruits and vegetables. During busy periods, KLF can see more than 1,000 local residents-in-need utilizing the GPP program in a single day. At Ministry with Community's food pantry for June through August 2018: 650 households were served, providing four days' worth of food to 1,127 adults and 490 children.

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

KLF is the largest charitable food distribution system in Kalamazoo County, with a total of 73 locations in the food-assistance network and a volunteer force that needs more than 400 volunteers per week. Please consider joining our effort to help feed hungry families and provide good words of encouragement. Please check your schedule, and clear some time for volunteering. Direct your questions to our Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Husk, 269-665-9004, or e-mail her at mwcpantry@gmail.com. Or, you may choose to speak with a current volunteer who attends FPC.

19TH ANNUAL UNDERWEAR PARTY

Ministry with Community is holding the annual Underwear Party on Monday December 3, 2018. It is being held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel from 5-7 p.m. To learn more about the event, contact Matt Claus, Development Director, at mclaus@ministrywithcommunity.org, or call 269-343-6073, x131.

RICKMAN HOUSE BINGO

For many years, First Presbyterian Church has been assisting the residents at the Rickman House through a monthly Bingo program. The Rickman House is an assisted living facility for adults with mental illness. The monthly FPC Bingo program combines donations of household and personal care items to the residents, with live entertainment. Every month there is a need for laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning supplies, personal care items like body wash, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, and pop and snacks.

The big event of the year is Christmas Bingo, where we give additional prizes, such as warm coats and bus tokens. We also have a pizza party for the residents. For Christmas Bingo gifts, the Rickman House residents have indicated that they would like items such as winter coats and accessories like gloves and hats; dish towels, bath towels, perfume, calendars, additional hair products and accessories, make-up, movies, paper towels, make-up bags, food items that can be prepared in a microwave, nail polish remover, and bus tokens. Pizza and pop are also needed.

The Rickman House Bingo team is hoping to find additional volunteers, to assist us (who are truly needed).

Please contact Mike Boersma at (269) 720-1409 or mike.boersma@gmail.com for more information.



TIPS FROM GREEN PETE: HAVE A GREEN CHRISTMAS!

Christmas is coming, believe it or not! Here are a few eco-friendly, energy-saving tips from the Green P's on how to keep your Christmas green!

1. Use LED Lights and limit your use of Christmas lights.
Put your lights on a timer so that they come on in the evening and go off at bedtime.
2. Consider sending E-Cards
Replace snail mail cards and letters with e-cards and e-mails to save paper and to reduce the amount of fuel used to deliver traditional mail. If you want to send traditional cards, buy cards printed on recycled paper and avoid shiny papers that cannot be recycled easily.
3. Give Green Gifts
Homemade gifts are often more eco-friendly – and more personal – than things purchased in stores. You can also purchase green presents, including such things as:
 - Energy-saving items
 - Bicycles
 - Mass transit passes
 - Membership in an organic farm or co-op
 - Donations to organizations that support the environment
4. Eco-Friendly Gift Wrapping
Americans use over 300 million square feet of wrapping paper each Christmas, and much of it is not recyclable. Here are some ways to reduce the waste from gift wrapping:
 - Buy gift wrap made from recycled materials.
 - Make your own gift wrap from cloth and other materials.
 - Re-use boxes and wrapping paper from gifts you have previously received (and save this year's to use next year).
5. Make natural decorations, or create decorations out of recycled materials.
Rather than buying plastic ornaments, wreaths, and decorations shipped from overseas, make your own from pine cones, holly, seashells, river stones, and evergreen branches.

2018-2019 PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG

As Presbyterians, we are a people rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ. It is our gratitude for God's grace that moves us to join in God's mission in the world, with ministries of love and justice, reconciliation and peace.

Copies of the Giving Catalog will be placed by the entrance doors during the holidays. Items that can be "purchased" for others include bags of tree seeds, farming tools, a family of chickens, a piglet, a beekeeping kit, bunkbeds for children, etc.

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

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

This special offering provides financial assistance to individuals and families who have retired after having dedicated their lives to the church, and also supports racial/ethnic leadership development and education for students attending Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. This offering will be collected during the Advent season, culminating on Sunday, December 23. Please give generously to this important mission.

May the joy of Christmas be with you and your family this holiday season!!

MUSIC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

VOCES8

On Monday, November 5, the internationally renowned choral octet, VOCES8, will be leading a 2:00 p.m. workshop for high school students, and will perform an evening public concert at First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets can be purchased in advance for the workshop and concert at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3587174>, or <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3591770> for \$15.00 for the concert only.

Michigander Blake Morgan, a graduate of Western Michigan University's School of Music, is a member of VOCES8.

Check out VOCES8 on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCesDD6l7ZQ8NiHN3d4Lz_6w

SPECIAL ALL-SAINTS DAY MUSIC

On Sunday, November 4, the Adult Choir will present "REQUIEM" by John Rutter as part of the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. The various movements of the work will be interspersed throughout the Worship Service and will be accompanied by organ, flute, oboe, cello, timpani, and glockenspiel. It will also include liturgical dance. As we celebrate All Saints Day, we recall in a special way those who have gone before us.

KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS RETURN TO FPC

The KSO Woodwind Quartet will present a program in our sanctuary on Tuesday, October 30, at 7:00 p.m. The program will feature works by Beach, Tailleferre, Villa-Lobos, and Françaix. This family-friendly concert, about an hour long, will be followed by a reception hosted by the Worship and Music Committee. A part of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's Community events, this free concert gives attendees a chance to interact with the musicians. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you for outstanding music in our beautiful sanctuary!

VOCAL RECITAL TO BENEFIT YWCA SHELTERS

The Worship and Music Committee will host a benefit concert by Nancy Howells, accompanied by Jared Montgomery, in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 18 at 3:00 p.m. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be received to support the human-trafficking shelter at the YWCA. Personal care items such as body wash, hair care items, lotion, and deodorant will also be collected for the women's shelter. The program will feature classical art-songs by Erich Korngold, Samuel Barber, Lori Laitman and Lee Holby. The theme of the concert is beautiful melody and occasional unexpected humor. You are invited to enjoy an afternoon of vocal music, a reception, and the opportunity to support some of the most vulnerable persons in our community.



Nancy Leinonen Howells, soprano, is a native of northern Michigan, born and raised in Cheboygan. She attended Central Michigan University, where she earned a BM in voice, and then attended The University of Michigan, where she earned an MM and Doctor of Musical Arts, also in voice. While a doctoral student, Nancy taught voice at the University of Michigan. Nancy then moved to the greater Boston area, where she continued to teach private voice. While teaching, Ms. Howells actively performed as soloist and recitalist in greater Boston. On returning to Michigan, Ms. Howells attended Western Michigan University, where she earned an MA in Speech/Language Pathology. Ms. Howells seeks to combine her educational and professional experience to serve as a therapeutic singing-voice specialist in the future. Nancy is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and a life member of Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity.



Jared Montgomery, a Detroit native, is a graduate of the Fraser Performing Arts Academy. He currently studies voice performance at Western Michigan University under Dr. Kenneth Prewitt, where he is a Sam B. and Ethel G. Adams Vocal Music Scholar. He is our organist at First Presbyterian Church and serves as Councilor to the American Guild of Organists - Southwest Michigan Chapter.

A BAROQUE CHRISTMAS

The Kalamazoo Singers will present "A Baroque Christmas" concert at First Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9. The FPC Adult Choir will join the Kalamazoo Singers for several selections from Handel's "Messiah" and will present several of their own selections. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at: <https://www.kalamazoosingers.org/product-category/tickets/>

November & December Birthdays

NOVEMBER

1
 Mary Lou Boughton
 Sue Cole
 Mark Ohrstrom
 Joseph Sablan
2
 Dianne Hollenbeck
 Ellen Stults
3
 Kelsey Oliver
 Jim Stephenson
4
 Thomas Forsch
 Beth Jarl
 Annie Leong
 Mark Loehrke
 Ilon Weeldreyer
 JoAnn Yochim
5
 John Petro
6
 Jocelyn Hodgman
 Seth Weeldreyer
7
 Al Garcia
 Sandra Standish
8
(none)
9
 Miranda Howard
 Henry Klein
 James Steffey
10
 Conrad Angell
 Martin Baker
 Bridin Clements
11
 Ryan Cahill
 Teresa Cavanagh
 Loden Krueger
12
 Morden Schuur
13
 Carol Hutton
 Micah Mechling
 David McShane
 Heather Misner
 Mary Lou Todd
 Peter Todd

14
 Jay Heckler
 Carter Macomber
 Katie Munn
 Bruce Rigg
 Donald Swetay
15
 Miriam Bauserman
 Warren Misner
 Lizzie Stewart
16
 Gabriel Weeldreyer
 Dirk Westbury
 Louise Wright
17
 Joe Agostinelli
 Ann Parfet
18
 Andrew Arwady
 Billy Card
 Belinda Drok
 Ailhi Weeldreyer
19
 Victoria Coleman
 Melissa Grupe
 Dean Panse
 Jean Scott
 James Stefl
20
 Kari Crook
 Robin Davis-McNabb
 Sandra Dennehy
 Megan Phee
 Michael Ward
21
 Joni Cheney
 Grace Cook
 Luke Fouty
 Dorothy Larkin
 Jo Russell
 David Warren
22
 Mackenzie Hunter
 Greg Leder
 Matt Ohrstrom
 Ann Ridge
23
 Sabrina Johnson
 Preston Meeker

24
 David Fenton
 Barbara Graham-Palmer
 Elizabeth Kiewiet
 Marlena Kirton
25
 Chuck Thiele
26
 Warner Stears
27
 Alexandria Howard
28
 RJ Davis
 Susan Kremer
 Vic Onweller
 Sheliah Tramel
29
 Dylan Davis
 Diane Eberts
 Karen Nellums
30
 Wendy Beckwith
 Jamie Cloetingh
 Terri Hunter

DECEMBER

1
 Andrew Allen
 Betty Bridges
 Suzanne Busby
2
 Rosemary Coryell
 John Gauntlett
 Andrew Hamilton
 Michelle Warren
3
 Kendall Cheney
 Janet Gladstone
 Nathan Murray
4
 Jeff Ross
5
 Sairi Elliott
 Barbara Johnson
 Tom Michelhaugh
 Braedon Peterik
 Christina Selander

6
 Donita DeBruin
 Sharon Gatewood
 Elizabeth Novak
 Carol Schreiner
 Evan Wenger
7
 Mark Longman
 Albert Newman
8
 Ericka Angell
 Kevin King
 Noel Ocen-Gorgone
 Clery Ortiz
 Ann Ross
9
 Wilma Cooper
 Eugene Erdos
 Laura Fouty
 Thomas Kasdorf
 Sawyer Miedema
 Michael Pessetti
 Barbara Rider
10
 John Cooper
11
 Carolyn Ehrnstrom
 Ann Johnson
 John Marsom
 Nancy Thiele
12
 Erin Gladstone
 Ben Pileggi
 Marti Straatmeyer
13
 Emily Lawing
14
 Gary Beckwith
15
 Alex Rey
16
 Jackson Fiore
 Timothy Munn
 Douglas Veech
17
 Stuart Deming
 Christopher Haite
 Julie Heath
 Andrew Stults

18
 Mike Hammond
 Fred Sammons
 Jill Wilson
19
 Danielle Harik
20
 Kevin Shaffer
21
 Janet Lawing
 Krista Matthews
 Shelley Rylander
 Judy Smith
22
 Michael Boersma
 Catherine Chase
 Ted Crook
 Lynn Russell
23
 Denise Freed
 Rick Russell
24
 Hunter Fisk
 Timothy Lenderink
 Donald Meldrum
 Rachel Pileggi
25
 Tiffany Hubbard
 David Potsic
26
 Mira Graziano
 Stacy McGruder
 Steve Pifer
27
 Chrissie Hajek
 Ruth Michelhaugh
 John Robbins II
 Kenneth Sparks
28
 Jack Molitor
 Shawn Smith
 Jackie Stults
 Toni Tyler
29
 Alan Chase
30
 Allison Hammond
 Emma Neill
 AnneMarie Snyder
31
(none)

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
Heather Misner
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

IN MEMORIAM

John Kittredge was born on August 4, 1927, and joined FPC on October 4, 1970. John died on August 28, 2018.

Sara (Sally) Carter was born on July 3, 1916, and joined FPC on January 6, 1946. Sally died on September 2, 2018.

Jerry Meinzingger was born on December 29, 1932, and joined FPC on April 3, 1958. Jerry died on September 15, 2018.

Jane Steurer was born on May 22, 1924, and joined FPC on January 4, 1948. Jane died on September 16, 2018.

Maxine Reed was born on January 13, 1928, and joined FPC on January 7, 1960. Maxine died on September 21, 2018.

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 allowed to notify the home church. We depend on members to call the church when a family member is hospitalized or needs a pastoral call.

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

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

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

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please consult the FPC church directory to be sure your contact information is correct! If you require any updates to your information, please contact Ann Johnson at ann.johnson@kalamazoofirstpres.org or 344-0119.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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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.



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PRESBYTER

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FPC Calendar - November, 2018

Thursday/1

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 12:00p Adult Ed Committee meeting
- 5:00p Handbell Choir
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/2

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

Saturday/3

- 10:00a FPC Choir rehearsal

Sunday/4

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

- 9:00a Prayer Partners
- 8:45a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- Communion served
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Youth Sunday School
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 12:45p Ministry with Community
- (*FPC serves the meal today*)
- 5:00p Revolution Youth Group
- 7:00p Sunday Evening Creative Worship

Monday/5

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

Tuesday/6

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:30a Class: "Writing as Grief Work"
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 12:00p *We Make the Road by Walking* class
- 1:00p Yoga

Wednesday/7

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

Thursday/8

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 12:00p Adult Ed Committee
- 12:00p Finance Committee
- 1:00p Yoga
- 5:00p Handbell Choir rehearsal
- 6:00p Prop. Maintenance Committee
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/9 No activities scheduled

Saturday/11 No activities scheduled

Sunday/11

- 8:45a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Christian Ed. Committee
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a New Member Connections
- 11:15a Session Listening Post
- 11:15a Health Ministry
- 11:15a Youth Sunday School
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 5:00p Revolution: Youth Group

Monday/12

Tuesday/13

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:30a Class: "Writing as Grief Work"
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p *We Make the Road by Walking* class
- 1:00p Yoga
- 6:00p Stewardship Committee
- 7:00p Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday/14

- 12:00p Communications Committee
- 3:00p Martha Circle
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 5:30p Men's Group, *Off-site*
- 6:30p Women's Bible Study
- 6:30p Outreach Committee

Thursday/15

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 1:00p Yoga
- 5:00p Handbell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/16

Saturday/17

- 6:00p BINGO Night at Rickman House

Sunday/18

- 8:15a All-Church Breakfast
- 8:45a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:00a Church School teachers' meeting
- 9:00a Congregational Life Committee
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Green P's Recycled Craft for Advent
- 11:15a Congregational meeting for election of officers
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 5:00p Revolution youth group
- 7:00p Sunday Evening Taize Worship

Monday/19

- 12:00p Bulletin deadline (early this week, due to Thanksgiving)
- 6:00p Personnel Committee

Tuesday/20

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:30a Class: "Writing as Grief Work"
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p *We Make the Road by Walking* class
- 1:00p Yoga

Wednesday/21

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

Thursday/22

THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday/23

HOLIDAY (Church building closed)

Saturday/24 No activities scheduled

Sunday/25

- 8:45a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- Communion served
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Ladies' 30's/40's Group

Monday/26

- 7:00p Thoughtful Readers

Tuesday/27

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:30a Class: "Writing as Grief Work"
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p *We Make the Road by Walking* class
- 1:00p Yoga

Wednesday/28

- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:30p Session meets

Thursday/29

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 5:00p Handbell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/30 No activities scheduled

PLEASE NOTE:

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

FPC Calendar - December, 2018

Saturday/1

WMU concert

Sunday/2

8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:00a Bazaar
9:00a Prayer Partners
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:45a Church School
11:00a Bazaar
11:15a Youth Sunday School
12:15a Youth Music
12:45p Ministry with Community
(*FPC serves the meal today*)
5:00p Revolution Youth Group
7:00p Sunday Evening Creative Worship

Monday/3

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

Tuesday/4

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
10:30a Class: "Writing as Grief Work"
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00p Bulletin deadline
12:00p *We Make the Road by Walking*
class
1:00p Yoga
6:00p Green P's

Wednesday/5

9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: Worship

Thursday/6

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
1:00p Yoga
5:00p Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/7

1:00p Out-to-Lunch Bunch, *Off -site*

Saturday/8 No Activities Scheduled

Sunday/9

8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:00a Christian Ed. Committee
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:45a Church School
11:15a Youth Sunday School
11:15a Session Listening Post
11:15a Health Ministry
11:15a Presby 101
11:30a Comfort at Christmas Service
12:15a Youth Music
5:00p Revolution Youth Group

Monday/10

10:00a *Presbyter*—deadline for articles

Tuesday/11

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
10:30a Class: "Writing as Grief Work"
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00p Bulletin deadline
12:00p *We Make the Road by Walking*
class
1:00p Yoga
7:00p Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday/12

3:00p Martha Circle
5:30p Men's Group (*off site*)
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
7:00p Outreach Committee

Thursday/13

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
12:00p Finance Committee
1:00p Yoga
5:00p Handbell Choir rehearsal
6:00p Property Maintenance Comm.
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/14 No activities Scheduled

Saturday/15

6:00p BINGO for Rickman House residents

Sunday/16

8:30a All-Church Breakfast
8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a Church School teachers' mtg.
9:00a Congregational Life Committee
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
12:15a Youth Music
5:00p Revolution Youth Group
5:00p Christmas Chocolate
7:00p Vespers

Monday/17

6:00p Personnel Committee

Tuesday/18

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
10:30a Class: "Writing as Grief Work"
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00p Bulletin deadline
12:00p *We Make the Road by Walking*
class
1:00p Yoga
7:00p Portage Central H.S. Concert

Wednesday/19

8:00a *Presbyter* folding
12:00p Communications Committee
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
6:30p Session meets

Thursday/20

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
1:00p Yoga
5:00p Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/21 No activities Scheduled

Saturday/22 No activities Scheduled

Sunday/23

8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:45a Church School
11:15a Ladies' 30's/40's group
11:15a Youth Sunday school
12:15a Youth music
5:00p Revolution Youth Group

Monday/24—CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00p Family Christmas Eve service
8:00p Candlelight Christmas Eve service
11:00p Candlelight Christmas Eve service

Tuesday/25—CHRISTMAS DAY

Church Building closed today

Wednesday/26

5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

Thursday/27

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

Friday/28 —No activities scheduled

Saturday/29—No activities scheduled

Sunday/30—

8:45a Lectionary Study
9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:45a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:45a Church School
11:15a (No Youth Sunday School)
12:15a (No Youth Music)
5:00p (No Revolution Youth Group)

Monday/31—

Building closes at 12