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WORSHIP OVERVIEW

~ JULY ~

July 7

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Kathleen Robertson King,

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalms 30;

Galatians 6:1-16

July 14

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Amber Nettleton

Amos 8:1-12; Psalms 52;

Colossians 1:1-14

July 21

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Larry Farris

Amos 8:1-12; Psalms 52;

Colossians 1:1-14

July 28

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury

Psalms 85; Luke 11:1-13

A Minute in Ministry

"How are things going?"

"Are you managing okay?"

"Do you need anything?"

"You've got a lot on your plate this summer, don't you?"

"We're thinking of you!"

"You're doing a great job!"

I have been hearing these questions and comments almost daily in the weeks since Seth left on his sabbatical, and it makes me so grateful to be part of a community of faith. I am most grateful that I hear these questions and comments directed, not only at me, but also toward other leaders in the church, families dealing with difficult diagnoses, people in the midst of transitions, people who are grieving, and people who are doing all they can to "juggle" life.

There is a growing segment of people who describe themselves as "spiritual, but not religious." These are people who believe in God or some sort of higher power that connects humanity and all creation. They simply don't find institutional religion to be the best place to connect with that higher power. And I totally get it. The Church has made a lot of mistakes. The Church has hurt and continues to hurt a lot of people. The Church has made people feel rejected. Some say that the Church is full of hypocrites.

I disagree. The Church is not full of hypocrites. We always have room for more! We all fall short of living out our faith sometimes. We all say things in anger or ignorance. We all leave things undone or unsaid in ways that cause harm. We all fall into the trap of failing to act on the things we say we believe. And we are all struggling to figure out how to do better.

The beauty of a community of faith is that we can struggle together. We can learn together. We can mess up together, apologize together, and find our way to forgiveness together.

The central act of our worship is a shared meal—a communion. It is a way of recognizing that wherever we come from, whatever has led us here, we have a place at the table. All are welcomed, all are loved, all are forgiven.

I know our attendance at Sunday worship will be a little lower during the summer months. I totally get that the lakes are calling, and that God can be found at the beach and in the woods, too. But, don't forget that your church is here, waiting to welcome you home whenever you walk through those big red doors. Church is important (even when the beach is calling!) because we need one other. We need to hear, and to ask:

"How are things going?"

"Are you managing okay?"


"Do you need anything?"

"You've got a lot on your plate this summer, don't you?"

"We're thinking of you!"

"You're doing a great job!"

Peace,



*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.*

CHURCH REPORTS

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

First and Third Sundays of the month
7:00 p.m.

Join us for a smaller, quieter time of worship in the East Transept of the sanctuary. This time of worship includes music, contemplation, scripture, and conversation. The format for the first Sunday changes a bit each month.

The third Sunday is always worship in the style of Taizé /contemplative, candlelit worship incorporating simple music and readings with periods of silence for reflection and prayer.

THE YOUTH THANK YOU!

The youth of the all-county Presbyterian Youth Group are so 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!

SESSION

Clerk of Session:
Allison Hammond

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

CLASS OF 2021

Heather Cloetingh
Stuart Deming
Liz Hamilton
Elaine Johns
Sue Johnson
Brian Nederveld
Scott Wilson

WORSHIP OVERVIEW ~ AUGUST ~

August 4

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion served
The Rev. Liz Candido
Psalm 111; John 6:24-35, 41-51

August 11

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
The Rev. Chrissy Westbury
Psalm 50:1-15; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 18

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Mark 12:28-34;
Hebrews 11:29-12:3, 12-13

August 25

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





PLEDGING: TIME AND TALENT

A year ago, the Stewardship Committee launched an initiative to broaden our recognition of those who play a meaningful role in the life of our church. Whether through time, talent, a financial pledge, or simply one's presence, in our church we firmly believe that everyone has a place at the table. We therefore made rather dramatic revisions to our pledge cards to ensure that everyone's pledge of time and talent was treated no differently than making financial pledges.

Our initial efforts met with terrific success. Of 276 pledging units, a total of 173 people pledged their time and talent. In the end, this covered 27 categories of ways in which one might contribute his or her time and talent. Also among the pledges were a few rather unique pledges outside the traditional categories that will, in time, be of wonderful use.

Like any new endeavor, this remains an evolving process offering a wealth of opportunities. Among the highlights, many signed up to pray, which may involve participating in a prayer chain. Many others signed up to provide food and desserts and may become involved in the "meal train" recently established by the Deacons.

The information has now been disseminated to the moderators and leaders of the various committees and activities of the church. Ann Johnson has kindly entered the information into the software associated with the regular operations of the church. This means that, with advance notice to Ann, lists of those who pledged their time and talent to a particular committee or activity can be rather quickly printed out with all of the pertinent contact information.

For anyone who has pledged his or her time and talent, and would like to be contacted, please do not hesitate to contact Pam Tritsch, the moderator of the Stewardship Committee, or any other member of the Stewardship Committee. Similarly, if you were overlooked in receiving a thank you note from a member of the Committee, please let us know. We seek to make it a practice for everyone who pledges to receive a personal note.

We hope and believe great progress has been and will continue to be made in the life of our church if we always remember that everyone has a place at the table. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, we express our gratitude for those who have pledged. For those who may not have pledged for 2019, your pledge is always welcomed, whenever it is received. And for those who are unable to pledge, you are very much treasured, as you will always play a vital role in the life of this church.

~ Stuart H. Deming

CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS

Class of 2019

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

Class of 2020

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

Class of 2021

Mike Boersma
Aedin Clements
Kathy Cooney
Martha Flynn
Karen Nellums
Jo Russell

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.



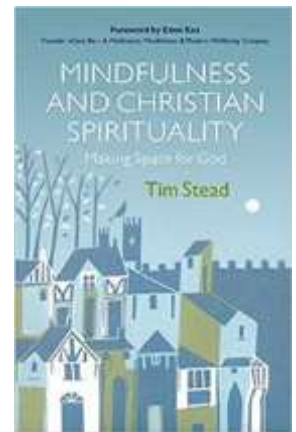
ADULT EDUCATION

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY

A new six-week study based the book “Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality” by Tim Stead will begin on July 18.

The spiritual practice of mindfulness has continued to gain popularity throughout the years. But what exactly does this practice offer to Christians? In *Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality*, Tim Stead explores how practicing mindfulness can help Christians better live out their faith. Stead explains what mindfulness is and what is beneficial about it. He also reflects on how it can impact what and how we believe and seeks to find how mindfulness enables our Christian faith to work for us. Mindfulness practices that are included that are designed to help readers make space for God in their everyday lives are included.

We gather at 9:30 for coffee and conversation. Our study, facilitated by Pat Stromsta, begins at 9:45 and dismisses at 11:00. Childcare is provided by Jamie Tuin in the nursery. Please join the 20+ women who gather for fellowship each week.



THOUGHTFUL READERS BOOK GROUP

The Thoughtful Readers Book Group is off for the summer and will start again in September. We meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300 (exception— we meet the *third* Monday in May). We do not meet in December or August.

The meeting dates and the scheduled books for the next year are as follows:

September 23	<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i> , by Amor Towles
October 28	<i>Educated</i> , by Tara Westover
November 25	<i>A Place for Us</i> , by Fatima Farheen Mirza
January 27	<i>Before We Were Yours</i> , by Lisa Wingate
February 24	KPL Read Together (TBD)
March 23	<i>Tattoos on the Heart</i> , by Gregory Boyle
April 27	<i>The Library Book</i> , by Susan Orlean
May 18	<i>News of the World</i> , by Paulette Jiles
June 22	<i>Tattooist of Auschwitz</i> , by Heather Morris
July 20	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> , by Delia Owens

Everyone in the congregation is welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Bev Murray at (269) 352-0079, or Donna Schonveld at (269) 598-3345.

DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM

Racism is deeply embedded in the life and history of the U.S.. Through colonization, slavery, and a shameful history of legislative action and judicial pronouncements, our nation created and embraced a system that valued and devalued people based simply on skin color and ethnic identity.

There is a growing awareness among Presbyterians that racism is a crisis and must be addressed. The PC(USA) is strongly committed to the struggle for racial justice. Here, in our church presentations and discussions are being planned that will support the initiative of our Matthew 25 journey, as we work toward becoming a “Just Sanctuary”.

Please mark your calendar for the first event on Sunday, September 22, right after Worship. Matt Smith, a librarian at the Kalamazoo Public Library, will present “How FDR Segregated Kalamazoo”. Before Matt’s presentation, you may want to view the 18-minute video “Segregated by Design”, <https://vimeo.com/328684375>.

Just Sanctuary Committee: Allison Hammond, Bev Murray, Kathleen Robertson-King, Donna Schonveld, Pat Stromsta, and Chrissy Westbury.

VOLUNTEER JOB BOARD

Youth and Adult Christian Education

- Shepherds for classrooms – extra set of hands and eyes to support the teachers.

Contact person: Pat Stromsta.

- 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

HOW DO WE HELP?

What is the common denominator in all the disasters around the world?

It's the need for clean water to survive.

Access to information can be overwhelming, now that the global community has become a reality. Television and the internet provide us not only with information, but also with images of disaster around the world.

Children see and hear about these disasters too, and want to do something to help!

Summer Church School (children ages 4 – 5th grade) begins July 14, and will include lessons on disaster response and activities that show how children can be involved, with prayer and generosity, to make a difference in the lives of people in need.



VBS OR FFF (FAITH FAMILY FUN NIGHTS)

We are excited to offer a new VBS program for **families** this year. The Bronson Park Churches will host **Faith Family Fun Nights** on 4 consecutive Wednesday evenings (July 24, July 31, August 7, and August 14) from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Supper will be served, followed by a Bible story, Crafts, and Games.

First Presbyterian Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, First Congregational Church, and First United Methodist Church will each host one evening. First Presbyterian Church will host the first week (July 24). Many volunteers will be needed (4 families to serve as greeters, food servers, hosts, shepherds to help groups get to their designated rooms, clean-up) on that evening.

We hope that parents and/or grandparents, will bring their children and participate in these evenings of faith formation for the entire family. Bring your friends, neighbors, cousins, etc.

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.

Parish Associates

The Reverend Dr. Liz Candido
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The Reverend Larry Farris
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The Reverend Kathleen Robertson
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Campus Ministry Pastor and FPC Parish
Associate

Pastor Emeritus

The Reverend Dr. David W. McShane

The Out-to-Lunch Lunch Bunch

July 5 Carrabba's (note location change)
5690 S. Westnedge

August 2 The Cove
9110 Portage Road

September 6 Zeb's Trading Co.
7990 South 8th Street

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.

Women's 50's & 60's Activity Group

Women's 50's & 60's Activity Group meets monthly the third Friday of the month. This is a way for church members and friends to learn more about one other and build friendship at FPC.

July 19: Kayaking

August 16: Mystery Trip!

GREEN P'S FLOWER EXCHANGE 2019 SCHEDULE

Drop off or pick up some plants for the yard or indoors from 9-9:45 a.m. each Sunday in June at the Lovell Street entrance. Set plants, etc., on tables in the back parking lot. We are grateful for last week's donation of marigolds, wild ginger, lilies of the valley, and mint. You are welcome to pick up a schedule of plant exchanges for the remainder of the gardening season.

July
(none, enjoy your plants!)

Sunday, August 4
Sunday, August 18

Sunday, September 8
Sunday, September 22

Sunday, October 6
Sunday, October 13

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

SUMMER 2019

Health ministry *Living Well Aware* classes will continue through the summer. We look forward to seeing you on **July 21 and August 18** after Worship. Watch the bulletin for locations.

Sunday, July 14—*Healing Service* in the East Transept after Worship, led by the Reverend Larry Farris.

Sunday, July 21—“40+ Days in the Wilderness”

During the past two summers, Phil and Julie Kechele hiked across the Rocky Mountains on the 486-mile Denver-to-Durango Colorado Trail. Why and how did they do this? Was it a pilgrimage or a race? What were the challenges and rewards?

The Kecheles will share their experiences with the congregation following Worship on Sunday, July 21, starting at approximately 11:15 a.m., with light refreshments.

Please join the FPC Health Ministry for this special slide presentation about the Kecheles' epic backpacking trip.



Tuesday, August 6—*Blood Drive* with Michigan Blood

From 1-6 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Please sign up for a time to donate! Sign up sheets will be in the Gathering Place the for several weeks prior to the Blood drive.

Friday, August 16—*Prayer Beads Workshop*, 6:00—10:00 pm.

Led by Pastor Chrissy, Pat Farris, Jill Barnum, and Ann Ross.

Prayer beads have been and are used in many different faith traditions. Pastor Chrissy will talk to us about the history and use of prayer beads. We will make our own prayer beads and string the beads for a meditative practice. Supplies will be provided, including a horizontal Cross bead. We will be making the beads by rolling paper. Participants may bring meaningful items to use if they wish; possibilities are endless, as long as items are able to be strung on a cord. Ann is going to bring her ticket to Israel and (hopefully) make that into a bead, and Pat found pictures of her grandchildren that were small enough and will glue to the top of her beads. Chrissy will also offer a blessing of the beads, and a special prayer for First Pres is being written by Jill, to be used as a part of our meditations.

Dinner will be provided. Registration is required, as the location of the workshop will depend on the number of people interested in attending (either in someone's home or the Gathering Place). There is no cost for this class. Please register by emailing Ann Ross at ann.ross@kalamazoofirstpres.org by August 9. Questions? Jill, Pat, and Ann are available to answer them for you.



WORLD MISSION CORNER

An excerpt from a letter from our Mission Co-worker in West Africa, Josh Heikkila:

"Anytime I travel to the U.S. to speak about my life and work in the region, I consistently tell people how scripture comes alive in places like Ghana. Moving around the country, you can see women and children gathered at wells collecting water to carry home, fishermen in boats, on the shores of lakes, rivers, and the ocean, mending their nets after a long day on the water, women pounding their harvest with pestle and mortar, freeing seed from husk so the wind can be used to separate grain from chaff.

"The proverbs, parables, and experiences of Jesus make sense to West Africans. The way Jesus taught, fed, and healed the people around him continues to teach, feed, and heal West Africans today.

"For me, one of the most important things that happen when American Presbyterians engage with our brothers and sisters in West Africa, is the opportunity for learning. For those of us who are far removed from an agrarian and communal lifestyle, engaging with West African partners can help bring the Jesus of the Bible to life once again.

"I hope that I can encourage us to learn from one another how to be better disciples of Jesus, and that this helps us all to become a church more overflowing with Christ's light and love."

Look for the entire letter from Josh in the Gathering Place!

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 at pat.stromsta@kalamazoofirstpres.org if you have any questions.

Wanted

Wanted: Noisy Coins, AKA: "Loose Change"
Last Seen: your pocket
Wanted for: the "crime" of Lack of Purpose

Please help us find a good use for those rogue coins in your purse, car, or pocket by tossing them noisily in the Sunday offering plate.

All coins will be added to the Deacons' Benevolence Fund and put to good use on behalf of our parishioners in need.

Give gladly and make a joyful noise!



July Birthdays

1	(none)	19	Phyllis Buskirk
2	Larry Farris Bob Padgett		Maeven Hirt
3			Madelyn Marciniak
	Nancy Chandler	20	Anna Miller
	Virginia Jacobowitz		Bev Bloomquist
4			Marilyn Lindbeck
	Cynthia Hunter	21	Paul Parks
	Angela Van Heest		Brian Nederveld
	Lyssa Wilson		Donna Bishop
5			Careen Bumpus
	Ron Johns		Dennis Mattingly
6			Diane White
	Bob Bauserman	23	
7			Howard Hoffman
	Hal Horneffer	24	
8			Grace Agostinelli
	Amy Anderson		Andrew Diamond
	Pam Tritsch		Thomas Gilmer
9			David Scarrow
	Ruth DeVries	25	
	Katie Long		Nik DeHaan
10			Janet Todd
	Duane Fisk		Ryan Westbury
	Cheryl Fritz	26	
	Cindy Leder		Sharon Longman
11		27	
	Bill Hubbard		Abigail Candido
	Maxwell Longman		Beverly Crabb
12			Joyce Lander
	Avery Diane Fuehr		Gloria Lee
13		28	
	(none)		Jeanne Fenton
14			Sally Hume Bristol
	Josh Droppers		Mary Panse
	Jessica Hay		Grace Tiffany
15		29	
	Eunice Green		Amelia Case
	Barbara Liggett		John Diamond
	Gary Zandt		Catherine Wall Emerson
16			Dave Hunt
	Andy Young		Judy Marvin
17		30	
	Carolyn Stults		Dick Baker
18			Ellen Wolfe
	Nancy Colburn	31	
	Sierra Loughrin		Jan Carpenter
			Dayton Maynard
			David Stults

August Birthdays

1	Liam Beals	18	David Campbell
	Jacob Schut	19	
2			Joan Colgren
	Sandy Sebo		Brittany (Fisk) Robbins
3			John Willson
	Michael Bova	20	
	Diane Marsom		Mary Brooks
4		21	
	Nick Hunter		Dolores Miller
	Wendy Miedema		Sydney Wilson
5		22	
	Bev Murray		Carol Barratt-
	Jakob Schnur		Schmiege
6			Ashley Carter
	Kim Cummings		Jane Iannelli
	Gail Fitzpatrick-Fox		Samantha King
	Louise Taylor		Tim Liggett
7			Benji Yohe
	Annaliese Bol	23	
	Logan Brown		Rosie Yohe
	Marcie Compton	24	
	Carol Steinman		Lynn Arwady
8			George Hammond
	(none)	25	
9			Samantha Fuehr
	Scott Carter		Jeffrey Shaw
	Bob Cowell		Norma Smith
	Colin Feucht	26	
	Andrew Lenderink		Daniel Corse
	Mary Palmatier		Geoffrey Wardwell
	Leo Thielman	27	
10			Alex Coryell
	John Sage		Michael Warlick
11		28	
	Erin Leder		Dorothy Castor
12			Janet Scarrow
	Ashleigh Allen		Abigail Sherrill
	Cozette Ruff	29	
13			Alissa Britigan
	Juanita Erdos		David Dell
14			Henry Lewis
	Mason Coleman	30	
	Betty Van Der Slik		Mackenzie Jonas
15		31	
	Jill Barnum		Patricia Corse
	Christopher Honeysett		Chuck Madden
	Curtis Leibbrand		Paul Perks
	Ronald Tanis		Carter Tuin
16	(none)		
17			
	Jill Aspergren		
	Crystal Richman		

HEARING LOOP TECHNOLOGY

Exciting news—First Presbyterian Church has enhanced the listening experience for those with hearing impairment! We have joined other local churches that offer Hearing Loop technology for those with T-coil in their hearing aids. Approximately 80% of hearing aids have the T-coil technology.

Hearing loss is the third most common physical condition of aging; 20% of Americans suffer from hearing loss. This loss can negatively impact quality of life, as it prevents full participation in social activities.

The loop system consists of a wire that is looped around the listening area, and a special amplifier. The loop in our sanctuary is to be placed within the grout line of the flooring and will not be visible. The signal from the PA system is modified and circulated through this looped wire (transmitting antennae); the resulting magnetic energy field is absorbed by a small coil of wire /receiving antennae called a T-coil or telecoil located inside hearing aids and cochlear devices.

Anyone with a telecoil-compatible hearing aid can use the system without additional equipment simply by switching their existing hearing aid to the ‘telecoil’ position; they are then wired directly into the sound system. Intelligibility is greatly increased, because the distance between the speaker and the listener is bridged and background or environmental noise is almost eliminated; there is no distortion or echo produced by the room and the sound system. It’s like wiring the microphone directly into the hearing aid. The sound is mixed and adjusted by the hearing aid to compensate for each individual’s hearing loss, giving them as close to true sound reproduction as possible with an assistive device.

We have contracted with American Loop Services, if you are interested in learning more, go to their website: <http://usaloops.com>



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.



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	62

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:

Chrissy Westbury
(989) 854-1124

Ann Ross
(269) 217-6193

In Memoriam

Roger Jacox was born June 22, 1923, and joined FPC on January 30, 2019. Roger died on May 10, 2019.

Dan Schut was born on December 3, 1958, and joined FPC on December 3, 1972. Dan died on May 12, 2019.

Robert Jauch was born on April 24, 1946, and joined FPC on November 6, 2011. Robert died on May 31, 2019.

R. Sam Clark was born on September 10, 1941, and joined FPC on November 4, 2012. Sam died on June 15, 2019.

PRESBYTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The deadline for content for the September-October issue of the *Presbyter* is August 19. 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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FPC Calendar - July, 2019

Monday/1

- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitches

Tuesday/2

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 2:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/3

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

Thursday/4--INDEPENDENCE DAY

The FPC building is closed in observance of Independence Day!



Friday/5

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

Saturday/6

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/7

- 9:00a Prayer Partners
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary, Communion served
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Blood pressure screenings
- 11:15a "Faithful Discourse in a Fractured World"
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 12:45p Ministry with Community — FPC serves the meal
- 7:00p Sunday Evening Worship

Monday/8

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/9

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 12:15p Yoga
- 2:00p FPC Archivists
- 7:00p Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday/10

- 5:30p Men's Monthly Wednesday Evening Group (*off site*)
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: Prayer and Storytelling service
- 6:30p Outreach Committee

Thursday/11

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 12:15p Yoga
- 6:00p Property Maintenance meeting

Friday/12

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/13

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/14

- 9:00a Choir rehearsal
- 9:00a Christian Ed. meeting
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Summer Church School
- 11:15a Session Listening Post
- 11:15a New Member Connection
- 11:15a Healing Service

Monday/15

- 5:30p Personnel committee
- 6:30p Deacons' meeting

Tuesday/16

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 12:15p Yoga
- 2:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/17

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

Thursday/18

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 12:15p Yoga
- 6:00p Stewardship Committee

Friday/19

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/20

- 6:00p Rickman House Bingo

Sunday/21

- 9:00a Choir rehearsal
- 9:00a Church School Teachers' meeting
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Summer Church School
- 11:15a Living Well Aware class
- 7:00p Sunday Evening Taizé Worship

Monday/22

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/23

(The FPC building is closed for staff planning.)

Wednesday/24

- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: Prayer and Storytelling service

Thursday/25

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 12:15p Yoga

Friday/26

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/27

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/28

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

Monday/29

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/30

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 12:15p Yoga
- 2:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/31

- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

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 Calendar - August, 2019

Thursday/1

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
12:00p Adult Education Committee
12:15p Yoga

Friday/2

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

Saturday/3

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/4

9:00a Prayer Partners
9:00a Summer Choir rehearsal
9:00a Flower Exchange
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:15a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
Communion served
10:45a Summer Church School
11:15a Blood pressure screenings
11:15a "Faithful Discourse in a Fractured World"
12:45p Ministry with Community —
FPC serves the meal
7:00p Sunday Evening Worship

Monday/5

1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers
7:00p Green P's

Tuesday/6

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00p Bulletin deadline
12:15p Yoga
2:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/7

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

Thursday/8

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
12:15p Yoga
6:00p Property Maintenance meeting

Friday/9

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/10

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/11

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 Presby 101
11:15a Health Ministry meeting

Monday/12

1:00p Deacons' officers' meeting

Tuesday/13

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00p Bulletin deadline
12:15p Yoga
2:00p FPC Archivists
7:00p Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday/14

5:30p Men's Monthly Wednesday Evening Group (*off site*)
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:30p Outreach
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: Prayer and Storytelling service

Thursday/15

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
12:00p Finance Committee
12:15p Yoga
6:00p Stewardship meeting

Friday/16

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/17

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

Sunday/18

9:00a Choir rehearsal
9:00a Flower exchange
9:00a Congregational Life Committee
9:00a Church School Teachers' meeting
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:30a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
10:15a Summer Church School
11:15a Living Well Aware class
7:00p Sunday Evening Worship

Monday/19

Presbyter—deadline for articles

5:30p Personnel meeting
6:30p Deacons' meeting

Tuesday/20

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00p Bulletin deadline
12:15p Yoga
2:00p FPC Archivists
6:00p Stewardship Committee

Wednesday/21

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

Thursday/22

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
12:15p Yoga

Friday/23

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/24

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/25

9:00a Choir rehearsal
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:15a Childcare
10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday/26

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/27

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00p Bulletin deadline
12:15p Yoga

2:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/28

Presbyter folding/labeling/mailling
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p CtV volunteers meeting
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: Prayer and Storytelling service
6:30p Session meets

Thursday/29

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
12:00p Finance Committee
12:15p Yoga

Friday/30

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/31

(no FPC activities scheduled)

LOOKING AHEAD:

Monday/September 2
LABOR DAY (Church building closed)



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♦ STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
♦ CALENDARS—July and August
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