

## **WORSHIP OVERVIEW**

Sunday Worship is at 10:00 a.m.

### **January 5**

#### **Epiphany Sunday**

#### **Communion served**

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

### **January 12**

#### **Baptism of the Lord Sunday Ordination of Elders and Deacons**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

### **January 19**

#### **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Isaiah 49:1-7; John 1:35-51

### **January 26**

#### **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

The Rev. Amber Nettleton  
Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11

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## **20/20 Vision: Living Our Faith As a Matthew 25 Congregation**

I love the turn of a new year. Something about the lights and bustle of New Year's Eve Fest, the lingering of Christmas in the air, and the air of possibility. No matter what the last year was like, the beginning of a new year brings visions of what could be. No matter the frustrations and heartbreaks of the previous twelve months, the moments of feeling stuck or helpless, the new year is, in some way, a reset button. Obviously, our problems don't disappear overnight, our difficulties don't dissolve at the midnight chime. But the new year gives us a little nudge to think about what could be different. What choices do we need to consider in the new year? What changes do we need to make [to make](#) this year just a little better?

In this new year, my thoughts turn to what the world could be if we took each day as a moment to think about what could be different. What choices do we need to consider? What changes? What are we called to do as a community of faith, as the people of God, to bring about God's vision for the world?

The PC(USA) has recently issued an invitation and a challenge to congregations to join in The Matthew 25 Vision – a vision of the church as a more relevant, engaged, active presence in the world. This vision invites churches to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. In November, our Session voted to accept that invitation.

Our church already does so many things that fall within the goals of the Matthew 25 vision – Celebrate the Vision, the literacy center, our partnerships with Ministry with Community, Loaves and Fishes, and other area agencies, the Just Sanctuary studies, creative worship, joyful fellowship, and so much more! Being a part of this vision gives us the opportunity to use the connectional resources of the PC(USA) to share what we are doing with other congregations, and to get ideas from them, as well!

I am excited to be a part of a congregation that seeks to live its faith as a sanctuary in the city —framed and guided by the words of Matthew 25.

*"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35-36,40)*

There is an article on page 2 that offers a little more about the Matthew 25 vision. In the weeks ahead, there will be links to more information and some videos created by the PC(USA) on our website and our Facebook page. Be sure to find us on Facebook, if you haven't yet, so you can keep up to date!

Blessings to you all in this new year, and may we move forward with a clear vision into 2020!

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.*

## WORSHIP OVERVIEW

Sunday Worship is at 10:00 a.m.

### February 2

#### **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany** **Communion served**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

### February 9

#### **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
Micah 4:1-5, 6:1-8; Matthew 5:13-20

### February 16

#### **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Matthew 5:21-26

### February 23

#### **Transfiguration Sunday**

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 5:38-48

### February 26

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Noon – Worship in our Sanctuary  
7:00 pm – Worship at  
First Congregational Church

## ASH WEDNESDAY

This year, First Congregational Church will host the ecumenical Ash Wednesday service that we will also share with the United Methodist Church. Please mark your calendars for 7:00 p.m. on February 26.

## MATTHEW 25 CHURCH



### What is a Matthew 25 Church?

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so that our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned, or poor.

### How the vision unites all Presbyterians

By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, you can help our denomination to become a more relevant presence in the world. We recognize Christ's urgent call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice, and mercy shine forth and are contagious. And we rejoice in the ways which our re-energized faith can unite all Presbyterians for a common and holy purpose: our common identity to do mission. As PC(USA) congregations identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches, the goal is to multiply this loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid-councils and congregations to help them embrace one or more of the following three focuses:

**Building congregational vitality** by challenging congregations and their members to deepen and energize their faith and grow as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with their community as they share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

**Dismantling structural racism** by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices, and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice, and oppression of people of color.

**Eradicating systemic poverty** by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans, and structures of our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

### Role of the National Church

The goal of the National Church is to be a clearinghouse of resources, training materials, devotional and preaching aids, success stories, curricula, and more—everything needed to help individual churches strengthen relationships, transform, and bring alive their commitment to “serve the least of these” in their communities and around the world.

Learn more at <http://pcusa.org/matthew25>

## GETTING INSPIRED

To kick off the new year, come read and reflect together on Rachel Held Evans' book, *Inspired*. "If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired?" Evans explores some favorite Bible stories and difficult passages through creative retelling, relating it all with our lives, and posing poignant questions as we grow closer to God. "The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work, but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world."

Evans is a *New York Times* best-selling author who published this book shortly before she died suddenly, tragically. She's honest. She's funny. She's insightful. She's ...well, inspiring. Come join Seth Weeldreyer and we'll talk about it together on ***Tuesdays at noon in Room 300, beginning January 7*** (through February 25). We'll begin that day with Chapter One – Origin Stories. The book should be available through all your favorite sources. If you have trouble, please contact Seth. Hope to see you there!

## EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

As we grow in God's Spirit, we all need different practices or disciplines to nurture that relationship. There is no one right way for all people. And each person will likely find different spiritual practices to be meaningful, based on personality or time and place of life. Our Christian tradition is replete with various options. ***After Worship on Sunday, February 2, in Room 301***, Seth Weeldreyer will offer an opportunity to explore what may work for you. There will be a sort of testing tool to help assess what may fit your natural inclinations, with many practical examples to consider. If you have questions, contact Seth. Otherwise, hope to share the (inner) journey with you there!

## **SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

First and third Sundays of every month  
7:00 p.m.

January 5: Epiphany Worship - Just as the Magi followed the star to find the place where the infant Jesus lay, we are called to follow Christ in the ways we live out our faith. Come receive a "Star Word" to help guide your spiritual practices and your life of faith throughout the year.

January 19: Taizé Worship

February 2: Exploring Contemplative Prayer Stations. Come practice contemplative prayer through prayer stations that offer tools for ways to get into a prayerful mindset.

February 16: Taizé Worship

## SESSION

**Clerk of Session:** Allison Hammond

## CLASS OF 2020

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

## CLASS OF 2021

Heather Cloetingh  
Liz Hamilton  
Elaine Johns  
Sue Johnson  
Brian Nederveld  
Norm Van Donselaar  
Scott Wilson

## CLASS OF 2022

Jill Barnum  
Bob Brush  
Richard Coryell  
Ellen Dykhuis  
Kathy Jennings  
Don Meldrum  
Heather Misner

# Christian Education

## CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS

### 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

### Class of 2022

Evelyn Garner  
Judy Johnson  
Wendy King  
Louise McCallum  
Carol Parfitt  
Deb Weurding

### **Please note:**

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

## OUR JOURNEY WITH GRIEF: ONWARD TOWARD MOURNING/MORNING

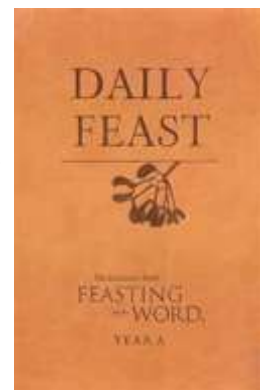
A Class on the Christian Experience of Grieving  
Sunday, January 19, 11:15 a.m.  
in Room 314-15

Loss, and the accompanying grief, are among the most common and painful aspects of being human. As has been often said: No one gets through life unscathed. Try as we may to control life, to keep it safe and predictable, we will know loss. The longer we live, the more losses we encounter — the deaths of loved ones; the loss of relationships, health, physical abilities, jobs, innocence, pregnancies, relevance, and many more. It is no accident that scripture describes the Messiah as “a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53.3). Were it not so, how could we bring our losses and grief to the throne of grace trusting that they will be understood, from the inside? Too often grief is seen as something “to get over”, rather than as a life-changing, transformative experience.

Join Parish Associate Larry Farris to explore some of the dynamics of loss and grief – the various kinds, the various ways they unfold over time, and how we can live through them and come to terms with them – as people of faith. Please note: this class is structured as a learning experience rather than as a support group.



The Thursday Women's Bible Study will read and discuss *Daily Feast*, a book of meditations based on the popular lectionary series, “Feasting on the Word”, beginning January 9. This series of daily devotionals presents inspirational reflections for each day of the lectionary year along with a response and a prayer.



Please join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30 (for coffee) and 9:45 (for study) as we seek to hear God's Word and respond to God's will for our lives.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 8TH GRADE THROUGH ADULTS

A confirmation class is forming for anyone interested in learning more about the foundations of what it means to be a Presbyterian. This class is for people who are already members and for those thinking of membership, for teens and adults, for 13-year-olds and 93-year-olds (plus!). Let's gather, learn from one another, and grow together as an intergenerational church! There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you are interested in exploring Presbyterianism through this new way of doing Confirmation, sign up there, or talk to Pastor Chrissy. Times for class meetings will be scheduled after we discuss availability of those who are interested!

## TOGETHER WE PRAY:

The prayer ministry of First Presbyterian Church includes:

- A prayer line (by email) that is open to all members of the congregation.
- Prayer Partners – a group of men and women who meet monthly to pray for the Church, members and staff of our church, for the world, and for one another. New members are always welcome.
- Prayer 101 – a new class based on learning about the many types of prayer and how to incorporate prayer into our lives—(January 2020).
- Prayer Note: a story about the power of prayer in the lives of members of the congregation in the bi-monthly *Presbyter*.
- Prayer Offerings after the Worship service. Members of our Prayer Ministry will be available in the East Transept after the morning worship service to pray with those who wish to share a prayer request.

## PRAYER NOTES:

I grew up in a family that attended church regularly. I learned to pray as a little child. However, as I grew older, I prayed less often. I prayed in church; I prayed at special dinners, and occasionally I was part of a group that would pray together. I didn't pray out loud myself.

When I became a parish nurse in the early 90's, my responsibilities included visiting with patients who needed prayer. I felt inadequate to pray with others. The parish nurses sought help from Pastor Brenda Biggs on how to pray. It wasn't comfortable at first, but I learned to visualize the person I was praying for in the arms of God as I prayed for and with them.

Practice has helped me. When Pat Stromsta joined our staff in 2008, she offered a Prayer 101 class and almost by chance, I joined it. I am now a member of Prayer Partners, which is a highlight of my month. Prayer has become an important part of my life and I am grateful to all my friends and mentors who have contributed to my spiritual life. It is wonderful to talk with God at any place, at any time as the Spirit moves me. I urge those who feel inadequate in their prayer life to start where they are.

Prayer is a gift that is a blessing to me. It is my desire to use this gift for and with others. Prayer gives me peace. It draws me close to God. I am hopeful that others will embrace the practice of praying, and find the peace that I have found.

by Phyllis Curtis

## CHURCH SCHOOL: LOOKING AHEAD

Church School Curriculum: January and February

January 12: Matthew 3:13–17	The Baptism of Jesus
January 19: John 1:29–42	Jesus, the Lamb of God, Calls His Disciples
January 26: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18	Divisions in the Church
February 2: Matthew 5:1–12	The Beatitudes
February 9: Matthew 5:13–20	Salt and Light
February 16: Deuteronomy 30:15–20	Exhortation to Choose Life
February 23: Matthew 17:1–9	The Transfiguration

## FELLOWSHIP 456



### **Fellowship Group for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders**

**Kids in grades 4-6 are in an interesting, transitional situation.**

They're kids who sometimes identify with teens much better than with elementary school kids. They're full of energy, forward looking and ready to move on. And they have a unique set of needs.

That's why we have Fellowship 456 — a ministry designed for kids in transition.

We gather on the second Friday of each month for fun, fellowship, and mission.

Exactly what we will be doing on these days has yet to be determined, but keep them on your calendar and watch for more info from Pastor Chrissy!

January 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

February 14, 6:00-8:00 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

4:00-6:00 Community-wide Youth Fellowship  
(see Youth Group calendar for weekly location)

*FPC is fortunate to share youth fellowship with other area Presbyterian Churches: First Presbyterian Richland, Westminster, and North Presbyterian Churches.*

## **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR**

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
January 5		No Youth Fellowship
January 12	Richland	Youth Fellowship
January 19	FPC	Youth Fellowship
January 26	FPC	Youth Fellowship
February 2	Ministry with Community	Serving lunch from 1-3pm
February 9	FPC	Youth Fellowship
February 16	FPC	Youth Fellowship
February 23	TBD	Something Fun!
February 29— March 1	Richland	LEAP DAY LOCK-IN!



# 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.

## **OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH**

Happy New Year! We invite you to join this lively group. Our luncheons are at 1:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month. Make your reservation at the church (344-0119) by the prior Thursday. We have three warm restaurants set for winter:

January 3—1:00 p.m.

Olive Garden, 6700 S. Westnedge Ave., Portage

February 7—1:00 p.m.

Zeb's Trading Co, 7990 S. 8th, Texas Corners

March 6—1:00 p.m.

(New!) Monelli's, 7141 S. Westnedge Ave, Portage;

## **MARTHA CIRCLE**

**Martha Circle** is a group of women who meet once a month to support one another in our Christian faith. We share concerns and joys, study together, and explore what it means to be a Christian woman in today's world. We also provide cookies for Celebrate the Vision on our meeting day. Our regular meeting time is the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge, downstairs, next to the Choir Room.

On January 8, we will begin a study of characters of the New Testament, beginning with James: "Was James really Jesus' brother and when did he become a leader"? The study for February 12 is "The Important Role of the Silent Lazarus". These are the first of a six-part series from the website "The Thoughtful Christian", which is maintained by The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

All women are invited and will be warmly welcomed!  
Contact Elaine Johns at 269-323-7395 or [emjohns513@aol.com](mailto:emjohns513@aol.com) if you have any questions.

## **JUST SANCTUARY BOOK GROUP**

Begins on February 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Out of the anti-racism discussion group that went on during the fall arose a desire to learn more, read more, and understand more about the ways that racism **has corrupted** the systems of justice and injustice in this nation. People expressed a desire for more understanding of how racism plays into other forms of injustice, including poverty, homelessness, and mass incarceration.

In response to this desire, we are forming a "Just Sanctuary Book Group." We will meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 7-8:00 p.m. in Room 300. Our first book will be "Race in a Post-Obama America: The Church Responds" by David Maxwell. Please read the first few chapters before the first meeting. We will set the pace of reading according to the desires of the group. Questions? Contact Pastor Chrissy Westbury or Christian Ed Director, Pat Stromsta.

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR RIDES

Volunteer drivers and members of the Deacons' Transportation Committee are available to provide transportation to appointments and church activities. The committee endeavors to meet everyone's needs when possible, but at times we may not be able to accommodate requests, especially those we receive on short notice. Those in need of a ride are encouraged to provide as much notice as possible.

- We offer rides between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for non-emergency doctor, dentist, wellness, and other appointments and for church functions.
- Requests for transportation should be directed to the chair or other Deacons no later than 24 hours before the ride is needed, so that suitable transportation can be arranged. Riders are usually matched to drivers by location and schedule. If a rider needs to cancel an arranged ride, he/she should call the committee chair, their deacon, or the driver as soon as possible.
- Most of the time, drivers will remain in the waiting room during the appointment. However, if the parishioner requests that the driver be present during the professional appointment, the driver should use discretion. There are situations when a second person needs to be able to provide information about the parishioner's health and/or sometimes another person is needed to listen to or record instructions.
- In the case of an emergency, parishioners will be encouraged to call 911.
- Riders who have an outpatient appointment at Ascension Borgess will be instructed to schedule transportation through the Borgess Outpatient Services program.

The Committee is happy to accept volunteer drivers at any time. Interested drivers should call a member of the committee or send their contact information to the chair, Miranda Howard, at [miranda.howard@wmich.edu](mailto:miranda.howard@wmich.edu). Some of the riders use walkers for mobility, so it's important that the driver's car be able to accommodate a folded walker.



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

Ladies' 30's/40's group: If you would like to be kept up to date on the monthly social activities of the ladies' group, please email [amberbeals@gmail.com](mailto:amberbeals@gmail.com) or text Amber at 269-303-1673, and we'll add your name to our communications!

### **50'S & 60'S WOMEN'S ACTIVITY GROUP**

The 50's & 60's Women's Activity Group meets throughout the year to get to know one another and enjoy one another's company! This is true for new and not-so-new members. Contact: [loisheuchert@live.com](mailto:loisheuchert@live.com) to be added to the email list announcing activities.



# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

“It is the policy of the Finance Committee to contract for a review of the Church’s financial statements and procedures every three years. The last such review was done in 2016, so this review by independent, professional accountants will be conducted for the 2019 calendar year, as well. These are expensive professional services, and the Finance Committee, therefore, does not consider a yearly review necessary or financially feasible.”

This is a part of the independent accountant’s review report in 2016

### **Accountants’ Conclusion**

“Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.”

The next review will be conducted in 2020 to cover the 2019 calendar year.

## ENDOWMENT – SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

There are several endowments that have been established at the First Presbyterian Church, with portions designated to be utilized for scholarships and/or grants. Each endowment is overseen by a specific committee of Session that is responsible to fulfill the intent of the endowment. Recommendations are referred to Session for approval. Listed below is a brief explanation of those containing scholarship and grant provisions.

**The Ford-Neff Endowment**, administered by the Outreach Committee, has a provision that provides financial assistance primarily for minority students in Presbyterian Theological Seminaries. Such student grants are to be used exclusively for tuition, textbooks, room, and board, and are to be administered by the seminary. Grants are also available for "mission"-related projects, which are to be submitted to the Outreach Committee.

**The John Dunning Guild II Children and Youth Fund** was established to support students 18 years of age or younger, who desire to participate in special projects as determined by the Christian Education Committee.

**The John Wirt Dunning Memorial Fund** was established for the purpose of providing financial assistance to individuals pursuing education beyond high school, with preference given to members of the First Presbyterian Church and to candidates for theological study.

**The Edith Eicher Fund** provides support to college students who have reached the sophomore level or above.

**The Pond, Cain, Conner Fund** provides scholarship support for students pursuing higher education, with no specific restrictions or preferences. (Christian Education/Endowment)

**The Elaine Kuney Fund** provides financial support to women members (over 17) of the congregation in search of personal and spiritual growth to benefit themselves and the church family. A woman is eligible to apply for a scholarship once every three years. (Congregational Life) The scholarship will not exceed \$2000 and is awarded for one year. A scholarship recipient may reapply for consideration for one additional year. Available funding, financial need and participation in church activities are part of the evaluation criteria.

Scholarship applications are available and need to be returned to the church office by **March 30**. Grant requests can be made at any time. Further questions should be directed to Pastor Chrissy.

Note: Donations to any of the Endowment Funds would be greatly appreciated and would benefit members of our congregation!

## CASAVANT 50

50th Anniversary Organ Events  
Casavant Frères Pipe Organ, op. 3067



Our organ is turning 50! Music is very important to our family at First Presbyterian Church, and in celebration of our heritage, we have created a program highlighting our organ throughout 2020. Stay “tuned” for more information about these special events.

- Sunday, Jan. 26, 4:00 p.m. - Choral Evensong with Organ Re-dedication
- Monday, Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m. - Organ Recital featuring chapter members of the American Guild of Organists SW Michigan
- Sunday, Feb. 16, 4:00 p.m. - “Vox Humana” concert of works for organ and voice, featuring FPC Choral Scholars
- Sunday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. morning Worship and 4:00 p.m. concert - **Organ recital featuring Dr. Norah Duncan** of Wayne State University, Blessed Sacrament Church, Detroit (also during the morning Worship)
- Sunday, April 26, 4:00 p.m. - **Organ recital featuring Prof Marilyn Ossentjuk** of Western Michigan University with WMU organ students.
- Friday, May 1 —Time TBD- Doors open to church during Art Hop featuring area organists
- Sunday, May 17, 4:00 p.m. - **Organ recital featuring Dr. Karl Schrock** of Western Michigan University, a former FPC organist, also featured during morning Worship.
- Monday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. - **Bach around the Block** “organ crawl” location as part of Kalamazoo Bach Festival
- Friday/Saturday, June 5 & 6 - Times TBD Doors open to church during KIA Art Fair featuring area organists
- Friday, July 10, Times TBD - Doors open to church during Art Hop featuring area organists
- Friday, August 7, 7:00 p.m. - HymnFest concert featuring **former FPC organist Elizabeth Bruce**
- September 13, 4:00 p.m. concert - **Organ Recital featuring Dr. John Sherer** of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago (also featured during morning Worship) *in collaboration with Gilmore Keyboard Festival*
- Sunday, October 25, 4:00 p.m. - **Halloween Spooktacular** concert and “Trunk or Treat” event featuring FPC organist Michael Montgomery All are invited to come in costume!
- Sunday, All Saints Day, November 1, 4:00 p.m. - **All Saints Day Concert** of the Fauré *Requiem* featuring choir, organ, and orchestra (which was also performed at the organ dedication in 1970)
- Sunday, November 22, 4:00 p.m. - **Sound the Trumpet!** Concert of works for organ and brass *in collaboration with Michigan Festival of Sacred Music*
- Sunday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. - **Advent Vespers Service**, with the Rutter *Gloria* featuring choir, organ, and brass

## **THANK YOU, DEACONS AND ELDERS!**

At the turn of the calendar year, we end and begin terms of service for Deacons and Elders in our congregation. We extend much appreciation for the dedication and competent, caring work of the following people who are concluding terms of service as Deacons and Elders.

Deacons: Tim Aldrich, Cynthia Feucht, Karen Hassler, and Jackie Stults.

Elders: Stuart Deming, Diane Durian, Laurie Tupper, and Jim Van Buren.

When you see these individuals, please extend your heartfelt appreciation! And we look forward to contributions of the following people who *begin* their service in leadership of our congregation:

Deacons: Evelyn Garner, Carol Parfitt, and Deb Weurding (joining Judy Johnson, Wendy King, and Louise McCallum, who continue another term).

Elders: Jill Barnum, Bob Brush, Ellen Dykhuis, and Kathy Jennings (joining Richard Coryell, Don Meldrum, and Heather Misner, who continue another term).

## **KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

First Presbyterian Church is again partnering with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra to present free classical concerts. KSO Artists in Residence will give a performance on Tuesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. The hour-long programs are free, casual, and family-friendly. After the concert you are invited to meet and have conversation with the musicians at a reception hosted by the Worship and Music Committee. This is one of many ways that our congregation connects with our community, and it is a special opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to experience music and fellowship in our beautiful Sanctuary in the City.

## **KNITTING GROUP/ PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Are you interested in becoming involved in a group of knitters/crocheters to provide prayer shawls for our pastors and Deacons to take to people in the hospital? At 1:30 p.m. on January 24 there will be a gathering to discuss how this might work. Who is interested? Who is still doing it from the last time this was done? Do we want to meet, like the stitchers and cardmakers do, to work on projects together, or do we want to work independently (or both!)?

Come discuss these questions and more on January 24! If you can't make to the meeting, but want to be involved, contact Pastor Chrissy or Pam Obed.



# Outreach and Community Service

## ARSENIO CASTELLON

On September 10, 2019, the Nicaraguan Partnership, Lake Michigan Presbytery, Nueva Guinea Pastoral Committee, CEPAD, and the people living in extreme poverty and vulnerability in the region surrounding Nueva Guinea lost a leader and caregiver. Arsenio Alvir Castellon passed away on September 10, 2019, due to heart complications from his diabetes.

Arsenio wore many “hats” in his lifetime of serving the people of his country. He founded Community Development Committees to help establish civic leadership in numerous villages, and formed Community Agricultural Promoters throughout the area to promote earth-friendly farming techniques. In 1980, a 10-year civil war broke out in Nicaragua which, like our Civil War, pitted brother against brother and resulted in 60,000 lives lost and economic devastation. Arsenio was instrumental in organizing more than 120 peace commissioners, also known as Local Promoters of Peace, in the southeast region of Nicaragua. These Peace Commissioners were key figures in massive disarmament and restoring peace in the region in 1990. Following the war, Arsenio continued to lead the Local Promoters of Peace who worked to re-establish cooperation and trust and mediate disagreements among the citizens who may have fought on opposite sides. As a result of his leadership role with the Local Promoters of Peace, he was asked to give a presentation on conflict reconciliation to leaders and members of the Presbyterian and Catholic churches in Mexico.

Arsenio served as the Regional Delegate and leader of the CEPAD office in Nueva Guinea from 1976, when it was established, to 2004, when he retired to serve his community in its government. In his role with CEPAD, his participation was vital and helped create the Partnership between the Nueva Guinea Pastoral Committee and the Lake Michigan Presbytery in 1992. CEPAD is the facilitator in this Partnership, which arranges for folks from our Presbytery and from Nueva Guinea, Nicaragua, to join together in sharing our hopes, concerns, and faith. These exchanges come about through delegation trips to Nueva Guinea and having delegates from Nueva Guinea come to our area. Additionally, Arsenio and his wife, Juana, have hosted and welcomed many of us into their home. Because of their example, our delegates may arrive as strangers to the homes of Arsenio and Juana and other host families in Nueva Guinea, but leave with a feeling of being part of a new family. Our Partnership exists today due to the insight and leadership of Arsenio in its formative years and after, until his retirement.

Arsenio accomplished all of the above and more, but his primary legacy is his unique ability to care for each person he met. His ability to bolster a person’s sense of purpose and understanding in actions and words of seriousness and wit was remarkable. He was the type of person who, after being with him, you left being a better person because you had allowed him into your life.

Please take a moment in your church service to give thanks in remembrance of Arsenio, who gave so much to the folks in the Nueva Guinea region, CEPAD, and us who have had the honor to know him.

The Edison Project thanks you for your generous support!  
The money received from the Butter Braids fundraiser  
will help us buy every child at Edison at book for Christmas.  
We are grateful for your continued gifts of school supplies,  
tutoring, birthday treats, and financial support.

Mark your calendars for April 26!  
The Crop Hunger Walk needs you!

## 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 who do hospital calling would appreciate knowing when any member needs a visit or special attention. Please call the church office, at (269) 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  
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(269) 217-6193

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please consult the FPC church directory to be sure your contact information is correct! If there are updates to your information, please contact Ann Johnson at [ann.johnson@kalamazoofirstpres.org](mailto:ann.johnson@kalamazoofirstpres.org) or 344-0119.

## In Memoriam

Judith Kirsch Van Solkema was born on February 10, 1933, and joined FPC on October 6, 1968. Judy died on October 19, 2019.

James M. Keckler was born on September 6, 1925, and joined FPC on January 31, 1980. Jim died on November 24, 2019.

## THE FIRST CHAPTER OF THE PINE ISLAND STORY

Now that the Pine Island congregation is part of First Presbyterian Church, you may be interested in knowing about our history, which spans more than 25 years.

Our story begins in the late 1980's when the Presbytery of Lake Michigan initiated a plan to form five new churches over a ten-year period. A few years later, the Presbytery's New Church Development Committee chose Texas Township as the location for the program's second church.

In 1993, the Presbytery purchased six acres on West Q Ave. in Texas Township, across from Pretty Lake Camp. The property was intended as the future site upon which to build a church.

In the summer of 1994, a notice was sent out to Presbyterian churches in the greater Kalamazoo area, inviting all parties interested in the new church development to an October meeting at the Texas Township Hall.

Retired Rev. "Bob" Rasmussen served as our Initiating Pastor during Pine Island's formative years, and led monthly Bible studies at the Texas Township Hall as part of the "launch strategy" for the new church. Rev. Rasmussen also began calling on township residents and placing advertisements in local papers.

The Bible studies attracted a group of 12 to 15 attendees, who became the nucleus of the church's future congregation.

In July, 1995, the New Church Development Committee of the Presbytery appointed a Pastor Nominating Committee. In March of the following year, the Committee recommended that Rev. Kenn Shedenhelm be called as the Organizing Pastor of the Pine Island Fellowship. Rev. Shedenhelm accepted the call and began his ministry that summer.

The Pine Island Fellowship held its first worship service on October 20, 1996, at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Both Rev. "Bob" and his wife Edith played outsized roles in Pine Island, once worship services began. Bob became the Associate Pastor for us, occasionally preaching, leading Bible discussion groups, sharing his musical and faith-driven talents for many years as the choir pianist on the electronic keyboard, and playing accompaniment at all Sunday services. He also reached out to provide musical entertainment during our 5th Sunday lunches at Ministry with Community. Together they teamed up to fill the role of unofficial Deacons in visiting the sick, serving home communions, providing rides to those in need, and anything else to bring comfort to our Pine Island family. Edith was also actively involved with the various church women's groups.

Our Pine Island story will continue in the next issue of the *Presbyter*.



## 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. You may stop in the office or call 344-0119 to place an order.

**Gluten-free bread** is served at all communion services.

## Presbyter

We publish our newsletter, the *Presbyter*, six times per year in bi-monthly editions. Here is the schedule for the first half of the 2020 program year:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for Content</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>
March-April	February 10	February 19
May-June	April 13	April 22
July-August	June 15	June 24

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

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

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# January & February Birthdays

## **JANUARY**

**1**  
Samantha Anderson  
Diana Diamond  
Gertrude Early  
Don Iffland  
Konjoh Konjoh  
Jonathan Leasure  
**2**  
Jacob Droppers  
LaVonne Stavig  
**4**  
Christopher Light  
Robert Wall Emerson  
**6**  
Jim Lewis  
**7**  
Jeff Bosma  
Pintoo Hoffman  
**8**  
Sam Hubbard  
**9**  
Bertha Petrie  
**10**  
Ellen Jarl  
Doug Jonas  
Oliver Takuh  
Wesley Mark Todd  
**11**  
Marcia Cowell  
Carole Cupps  
Zachary Digby  
Frank Steele  
**12**  
Megan Dark  
Neal Graziano  
**14**  
Erin Diamond  
Karen Hassler  
Cain Kortlandt  
Robyn Lewis  
Andrew Roberts

**15**  
Timothy Aldrich  
Peter Lewis  
Sophia Novak  
**16**  
Richard Byce  
Jacqueline Steffey  
**17**  
(none)  
**18**  
Charlotte Wilson  
**19**  
William Birch III  
Wayne Conner  
Bruce Houtman  
Elisa Oliver  
Andrew Van Ness  
**20**  
Clara Candido  
Alison Perks  
Neil Stuit  
**21**  
Cameron Hay  
Lauren Kastman-  
Atsalakis  
Carmen Tanis  
**22**  
Dan Dowswell  
Frederick Hoag  
**23**  
Julie Hakken  
Kathleen Houtman  
Cameron Shaffer  
**24**  
Kathy Cooney  
Arria Hay  
Mark Lubbers  
**25**  
Jane Beers  
Ruth Minert

**26**  
Deborah Weurding  
**27**  
(None)  
**28**  
William Gladstone  
Conner Misner  
**29**  
Austin Leder  
**30**  
Claudia Britigan  
Sarah DeRusha  
Donald McCloud  
William Rylander  
Sarah Torrence  
**31**  
Sue Thielman

## **FEBRUARY**

**1**  
Bonnie Ayotte  
Andrew Bol  
Diane Heckler  
John Munn  
**2**  
Robert Aspergren  
Caroline Ham  
Carol McCloud  
Ryan Smith  
Pat Stromsta  
Gabriel Takuh  
**3**  
Deb Droppers  
Lois Heuchert  
Vincent Larkin  
Karen Trout  
**4**  
Shelly Denny  
**5**  
Amy Dark Bell  
Evelyn Hay

**6**  
Bassam Harik  
Grace Novak  
Nathaniel Owens  
**7**  
Paul Clements  
Carrie Palmer  
Carole Stoddard  
Norman Van Donselaar  
**8**  
(None)  
**9**  
Katherine Kremer  
**10**  
Keenan Millar  
Jennifer Newman  
Robert Poel  
**11**  
Clare Elise Miedema  
Pamela Obed  
Al Parfitt  
Joyce Petro  
**12**  
Larry Braak  
Thomas Reigel  
**15**  
Valerie Burke  
Justin Hassler  
Randy Randt  
**16**  
Grady Coon  
**17**  
(None)  
**18**  
Robert Marciniak  
**19**  
Heather Kortlandt  
Meredith Novak  
**20**  
Emmit Newman

**21**  
Silas Conrad  
Anna Gleaton  
Alexandria Jonas  
George Kremer  
Mike Riggle  
**22**  
Gary DeBruin  
Zachary Lewis  
**23**  
Carlos Becho  
Bob Bloomquist  
Michael Montgomery  
James Steele  
**24**  
Gary Dukes  
James Welch  
**25**  
Andrew Santamaría  
Grace Santamaría  
Joseph Santamaría  
Michael Sherrill  
Chad Yankovich  
**26**  
David Jarl  
Karen Meldrum  
**27**  
Jean Appel  
Deb Bender  
Janine Loughrin  
Richard Nellums  
Marion Palmer

# FPC Calendar - February, 2020

## Saturday/1

(no FPC activities scheduled)

## Sunday/2

- 8:45a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Reading Aloud
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:00a Prayer Partners
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Youth Faith Formation
- 11:15a Blood Pressure Screenings
- 11:15a Exploring Spiritual Practices
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 12:45p Ministry with Community
- 5:00p Youth Fellowship
- 7:00p Sunday Evening Worship

## Monday/3

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

## Tuesday/4

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

## Wednesday/5

- 9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
- 12:00p Yoga
- 1:15p FPC Librarian on site
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
- 7:00p Just Sanctuary Book Group

## Thursday/6

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

## Friday/7

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

## Saturday/8

(no FPC activities scheduled)

## Sunday/9

- 8:45a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Prayer Partners
- 9:00a Christian Ed. Committee
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:00a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Youth Faith Formation
- 11:15a Health Ministry meeting
- 11:15a Session Listening Post
- 11:15a Presby 101
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 5:00p Youth Fellowship

## Monday/10

### Presbyter deadline for articles

## Tuesday/11

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

## Wednesday/12

- 12:00p Yoga
- 1:15p FPC Librarian on site
- 3:00p Martha Circle
- 5:30p Men's Group, *Off site*
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 5:00p FPC Bell Choir rehearsal
- 6:00p Personnel meeting
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal
- 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting

## Thursday/13

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

## Friday/14

- 6:00p Fellowship 4-5-6

## Saturday/15

- 6:00p Rickman House BINGO night

## Sunday/16

- 8:45a FPC Bell Choir rehearsal
- 8:45a All-Church Breakfast
- 8:45a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Church School Teachers' meeting
- 9:00a Congregational Life Committee
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:20a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Youth Faith Formation
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 4:00p Organ Anniversary Recital
- 5:00p Youth Fellowship
- 7:00p Sunday Evening Taizé Worship

## Monday/17

- 6:00p Deacons meeting

## Tuesday/18

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 12:00p *Inspired* discussion
- 2:00p FPC Archivists
- 6:00p Stewardship Committee
- 7:00p Worship and Music Committee

## Wednesday/19

### Presbyter labeling, mailing

- 12:00p Communication Committee
- 12:00p Yoga
- 1:15p FPC Librarian on site
- 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
- 12:00p Adult Ed. Committee
- 5:00p FPC Bell Choir rehearsal
- 6:00p Stewardship Committee
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

## Friday/21

(no FPC activities scheduled)

## Saturday/22

(no FPC activities scheduled)

## Sunday/23

- 8:45a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:00a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Youth Faith Formation
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 5:00p Youth Fellowship

## Monday/24

- 7:00p Thoughtful Readers Book Group

## Tuesday/25

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 12:00p *Inspired* discussion
- 2:00p FPC Archivists
- 6:00p PEO meeting

## Wednesday/26

- 12:00p Ash Wednesday service
- 12:00p Yoga
- 1:15p FPC Librarian on site
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 7:00p Ash Wednesday service at First Congregational Church
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

## Thursday/27

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

## Friday/28

(no FPC activities scheduled)

## Saturday/29

Youth Fellowship – Leap Day Lock-in

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

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

# FPC Calendar - January, 2020

## PLEASE NOTE:

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

## Wednesday/1

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED

## Thursday/2

9:30a Women's Bible Study

12:00p FPC Librarian on site

7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

## Friday/3

1:00p Lunch Bunch (*Olive Garden*)

## Saturday/4

(no FPC activities scheduled)

## Sunday/5

8:45a Lectionary Study

9:00a Prayer Partners

9:00a Reading Aloud

9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal

9:45a Childcare

10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary

Communion served

10:15a NO Church School

11:15a Youth Faith Formation

11:15a Blood Pressure Screenings

12:45p Ministry with Community

7:00p Sunday Evening Worship

## Monday/6

1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers

7:00p Green P's

## Tuesday/7

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group

10:00a FPC Archivists

11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

12:00p *Inspired* discussion

12:00p Bulletin deadline

2:00p FPC Archivists

## Wednesday/8

12:00p Yoga

1:15p FPC Librarian on site

3:00p Martha Circle

5:30p Men's Group (*off site*)

5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

6:00p Personnel Committee

6:30p Outreach Committee

## Thursday/9

9:30a Women's Bible Study

12:00p FPC Librarian on site

12:00p Finance Committee

5:00p FPC Bell Choir rehearsal

6:00p Property Maintenance Committee

7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

## Friday/10

6:00p Fellowship 4-5-6

## Saturday/11

(no FPC activities scheduled)

## Sunday/12

8:45a FPC Bell Choir rehearsal

8:45a Lectionary Study

9:00a Christian Ed Meeting

9:00a Reading Aloud

9:00a Christian Ed. Committee

9:00a Prayer Partners

9:20a FPC Choir rehearsal

9:45a Childcare

10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary

10:15a Church School

11:15a Youth Faith Formation

11:15a Session Listening Post

11:15a New Member Connection

12:15p Youth Music

5:00p Youth Fellowship

## Monday/13

(no FPC activities scheduled)

## Tuesday/14

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group

10:00a FPC Archivists

11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

12:00p Bulletin deadline

12:00p *Inspired* discussion

2:00p FPC Archivists

7:00p Worship and Music Committee

## Wednesday/15

12:00p Communications Committee

12:00p Yoga

1:15p FPC Librarian on site

4:00p Endowment Committee

5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

## Thursday/16

9:30a Women's Bible Study

12:00p FPC Librarian on site

5:00p FPC Bell Choir rehearsal

6:00p Stewardship meeting

7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

## Friday/17

(no FPC activities scheduled)

## Saturday/18

6:00p Rickman House BINGO night

## Sunday/19

8:45a All-Church Breakfast

8:45a Lectionary Study

9:00a Church School teachers' meeting

9:00a Congregational Life

Committee meeting

9:00a Reading Aloud

9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal

9:45a Childcare

10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary

10:15a Church School

11:15a Youth Faith Formation

11:15a "Our Journey with Grief" class

12:15p Youth Music

5:00p Youth Fellowship

7:00p Sunday Evening Taizé Worship

## Monday/20

(FPC building closed)

## Tuesday/21

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group

10:00a FPC Archivists

11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

12:00p Bulletin deadline

12:00p *Inspired* discussion

2:00p FPC Archivists

6:00p Stewardship Committee

7:00p Worship and Music Committee

## Wednesday/22

1:00p Yoga

1:15p FPC Librarian on site

5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

6:30p Session

## Thursday/23

9:30a Presbytery meeting

9:30a Women's Bible Study

12:00p FPC Librarian on site

4:30p FPC Bell Choir rehearsal

7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

## Friday/24

1:30p Prayer Shawl Makers meeting

## Saturday/25

(no FPC activities scheduled)

## Sunday/26

8:45a Lectionary Study

9:00a Reading Aloud

9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal

9:45a Childcare

10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary

10:15a Church School

11:15a Gratitude Potluck

11:15a Youth Faith Formation

12:15p Youth Music

4:00p Choral Evensong with

Organ Re-dedication

5:00p Youth Fellowship

## Monday/27

7:00p Thoughtful Readers Book Group

## Tuesday/28

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group

10:00a FPC Archivists

11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting

12:00p *Inspired* discussion

12:00p Bulletin deadline

2:00p FPC Archivists

## Wednesday/29

1:00p Yoga

1:15p FPC Librarian on site

5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

## Thursday/30

9:30a Women's Bible Study

12:00p FPC Librarian on site

4:30p FPC Bell Choir rehearsal

7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal



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