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WORSHIP OVERVIEW

Sunday Worship is at 10:00 a.m.

March 1

First Sunday in Lent Communion

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24; Matthew 4:1-11

March 8

Second Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Romans 5:1-5; John 3:1-17

March 15

Third Sunday of Lent

Briner Lecturer – Amy-Jill Levine
John 4:5-42

March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury
John 9:1-12; John 9:13-41

March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11: 25-45

April 5

Palm Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Matthew 2:1-11; Philippians 2:1-11

MINUTE IN MINISTRY

We're moving from Epiphany into Lent. Sacred Grace in Jesus has been unveiling, or being revealed, (that's "epiphany") among us. Now, we'll center on Jesus' last journey in life to the cross—how he remained centered, living Holy Love to his last breath. Before Ash Wednesday begins a penitent Lent, and in the spirit of Fat Tuesday when Christians savor a grand celebration of life's goodness, here are three ways I see abundant Grace revealed among us to center us in weeks ahead.

First, we celebrate the shaving of my beard! I was pleased to risk matrimonial ire to fulfill a pledge to shave when we met our goal of pledged resources for the year 2020. The grace in congregational support for our ministry and mission has reached 217 pledges for \$613,000, surpassing our goal! We are a healthy congregation in so many ways of spirit and witness. That's evident in the generous support and prudent stewardship of our resources—time and talents as much as money—from people like you. Thank you! And praise be to God!

Second, as friends from Pine Island have been settling among us, my eyes have opened anew to myriad blessings in ways we grow in faith and service together. We share so many opportunities to worship, learn, pray, make music, listen to one another, glean new insights, and inspiration among groups meeting on virtually every day of the week. And then, we serve to create sanctuary for people in our community—in ways within our walls, and at least as importantly, in myriad activities beyond our big red doors. In writing this reflection I began listing examples, then realized they are far too numerous for me to do them justice. And I'd risk congregational ire by shaving off the contribution of someone left out! So I lift to you gratitude for ways you are engaged. And if you aren't connected in some way right now, I invite you to "take a bite" and savor the abundant goodness of life we share!

Finally, I look forward to Amy-Jill Levine's presence among us in weeks ahead. We had already selected her book *Entering the Passion of Jesus* as our all-church read for Lent. Then, when our well-planned efforts for another Briner Lecturer were cancelled, on a whim we contacted Dr. Levine. She agreed to come! Friends, this is a golden opportunity! Mark your calendars—March 15. Dr. Levine is a world-renowned scholar of Jesus and the New Testament, from her experience and study as a Jew. She will preach on the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well, then reflect on the Lord's Prayer and Parables of Jesus from the perspective of Jesus as a Jew. Look for more details. Collaborative, gracious support of a few individuals and other congregations have made this opportunity a gift for many beyond our congregation alone.

Jesus is alive and God's Spirit is thriving among us! I savor gratefully the privilege and pleasure of serving among you, every day. Of course, we aren't perfect. And I always want to hear of ways you may feel left out or lost or hurt by something that happens among us. That's, in part, what we think about during Lent. Savoring our blessings, seeing our imperfections, ever centering in Holy Love, let's keep growing on this journey of living faith together!

Grace and peace to you,



*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 DURING LENT AND HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship is at 10:00 a.m.

April 9–7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday

Communion
Tenebrae Service

April 10– 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday

April 12
Easter
Communion

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
John 20:1-18; Acts 10:34-43

April 19
Second Sunday of Easter
The Rev. Chrissy Westbury
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 26
Third Sunday of Easter
The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Acts 2:37-47; Luke 24:13-35

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9, – 7:00 P.M.

On Maundy Thursday, we remember the events of the last evening Jesus spent with his disciples – the meal they shared, the prayer in the Garden, Jesus’ arrest, and the disciples’ betrayal and abandonment. And we remember that in the midst of all of that, Jesus continued to teach the way of love, the way of abundance, the way of communion. This service will follow a Tenebrae rhythm of readings, music, and dimming lights, and will include the Lord’s Supper and musical leadership by the choir.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10, – 7:00 P.M.

On Good Friday we will gather to worship in a quiet, more contemplative mode, remembering the ancient story of Jesus’ crucifixion. The service will incorporate scripture readings, song, and silence.

EASTER, APRIL 12

Our Holy Week worship will conclude with a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ during the regular service at 10:00 a.m. on Easter morning. Our worship will include communion, special musical brass accompaniment, and, of course, floral decoration of our Sanctuary as a beautiful expression of the life abundant we share in God’s love.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

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

March 1: Lectio Divina: Praying the Scriptures

One of the most central and ancient practices of Christian prayer is Praying the Scriptures. When we pray the scriptures, we begin by reading a few verses of the Bible. We read unhurriedly, so that we can listen for the message God has for us there. Once we have heard a word that we know is meant for us, we are naturally drawn to prayer. Finally, after pouring out our hearts to God, we come to rest simply and deeply in that wonderful, loving presence of God. Reading, reflecting, responding, and resting — this is the basic rhythm of divine reading.

March 15: Taizé Worship

Contemplative, candlelit worship incorporates simple music and readings with periods of silence for reflection and prayer.

April 5: The Word Became Flesh: Embodied Prayer

Our Christian tradition is an incarnational faith in which our bodies are meant to be holy offerings to God. Indeed, God chose to come in a human body to express the fullness of love. And yet, when it comes to prayer, we often forget about our bodies. We live as a disembodied people. The fact is, God gifted you with a body, and you have been bringing the gift of your body to prayer all along. This time of worship will encourage you to bring your body out of exile and into deeper dialogue with God.

April 19: Taizé Worship

BRINER LECTURER, AUTHOR AMY-JILL LEVINE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 15!

We are excited to announce that world-renowned New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine will be our Briner lecturer this year. Watch for more details about events in the morning and afternoon. And you may consider checking out one of her many books. One of them, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, will be our Lenten All-Church Read this year. Details follow.

BOOK STUDY FOR LENT

*Entering the Passion of Jesus:
A Beginner's Guide to Holy
Week*, by Amy-Jill Levine

Author Amy-Jill Levine delves into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life, from his triumphal entry to his garden agony,

Levine sets narrative context and reflects on the risks and motives of the story's characters to stimulate beginners and seasoned readers alike.

She shows how the text raises spiritual and ethical questions we all face in our Christian experience. The book is available on Amazon and at Kazoo Books. Opportunities to reflect together include:

- Women's Bible Study – Thursdays, starting February 27 at 9:45 – one chapter per week.
- Tuesdays at noon, starting March 3 in Room 300 – one chapter each week.
- After Worship, March 8 and 22 – the entire book in two parts.
- Wednesday nights starting March 4 at 7:00 in the Library.

KALAMAZOO FIRST

BRINER LECTURE SERIES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

10:00 – WORSHIP, WITH AMY-JILL LEVINE
"Returning to Jacob's Well"
Amy-Jill Levine will speak on the story of The Woman at the Well

11:30 – FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH
AMY-JILL LEVINE (Room 314-315)
"The Lord's Prayer as a Jewish Prayer"

2:00 – BRINER LECTURE (SANCTUARY)
"Of Pearls and Prodigals:
Hearing the Parables through Jewish Ears"

Amy-Jill Levine is a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies and a Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and Program in Jewish Studies. Her thirty books include *The Misunderstood Jew*; *The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*; *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*; four children's books (with Sandy Sasso); *The Gospel of Luke* (with Ben Witherington III); and *The Jewish Annotated New Testament* (co-edited with Marc Z. Brettler). In 2019 she became the first Jew to teach New Testament at Rome's Pontifical Biblical Institute.



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"A Sanctuary in the City... Living Faith"



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THE PINE ISLAND STORY, CHAPTER TWO

The Pine Island fellowship held its first service on October 20, 1996, at the KVCC Technical Application Center. The service was conducted by Kenn Shedenhelm, the fellowship's first Organizing Pastor.

KVCC would serve as home for the Fellowship/Worship services for almost 13 years. Each Sunday, congregation members would transport the electronic keyboard, table cross, and other necessities for worship from a storage building, and then return them at the end of each week.

Reverend Shedenhelm served as pastor for the first two and a half years. His home was used for storage during that period of time. In April of 1999, he accepted a call from a much larger church out of state, leaving that May.

His departure added to the challenges faced by the fellowship. The first was the need to provide pastoral care until a replacement pastor could be hired. The second was to find a place to store our worship items and musical keyboard, which had been stored in Rev. Shedenhelm's home.

The storage issue was solved by renting a small office adjacent to Zeb's Restaurant in Texas Corners. The space was converted into offices and a reception area by volunteers from the congregation who installed partitions, electrical wiring, and painted the walls.

Between May, 1999, and November, 2000, Worship services continued at KVCC by interim pastors, Rev. Rod Westveer, Rev. Tom Keiser, Rev. Catherine Culpepper, and others.

Outreach at Ministry with Community locally has always been part of Pine Island from its start, led by the Marcusses and the Rasmussens. Our church and parishioners also participated financially in an outreach effort to dig water wells in Malawi, an effort led by Bob and Edith Rasmussen.

Despite the challenges, the congregation continued to grow and came together through Bible studies, fellowship activities, picnics at neighboring lakes, and progressive dinners. The Sunday services were moved to the cafeteria in the main building of KVCC to better accommodate our increasing size.

We also had a visitor attend one of our services: Konjoh Konjoh. A native of Cameroon and a life-long Presbyterian, Konjoh was the first to join our congregation, which led to Cameroonians' becoming an important part of Pine Island's diverse community.

Finally, in November of 2000, Rev. Steve Mealor and his wife, Toni, joined us as he accepted the call to serve as our second full-time pastor.

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

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

Your Congregational
Deacons are:

D.....Dedicated
E.....Energetic
A.....Altruistic
C.....Caring
O.....Openhearted
N.....Nurturing
S.....Supportive

And we are hard at work for
you!

Please note:

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

TOGETHER WE PRAY

A service of prayer and meditation is offered on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:15 in the East Transept. Join us as we take time to be present with one another and the words of Jesus that were spoken during his last days on earth.

CHURCH REPORTS

THE HEALTH MINISTRY PRESENTS A HEALING SERVICE:

The Health Ministry Committee invites you to give yourself the gift of a protected time and space for healing prayer on Sunday, March 8, 2020, in the East Transept. immediately following Worship. This service is about 30 minutes in length. The Reverend Kathleen Robertson-King will lead us in this time of healing and restorative prayer. Please join us; all are welcome! This is a time to be together in quiet reflection, and prayer.

ECO PALMS

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

Using Eco Palms ...

We Promote Social Justice

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

We Promote Environmental Stewardship

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

Why a "Fair Trade" Palm?

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

Did You Know?.

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

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for March 3, after Worship, in the Dining Room. Please join us for a celebration of our church life, as we share the successes and joys of the year. We will begin with a potluck meal.

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

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

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE – SPRING, 2020

(Pre-school – 5th Grade)

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
March 1	First Week of Lent	Teach Us to Pray
March 8	Second Week of Lent	Sow a Seed
March 15	CST Meeting	You Are the Messiah!
March 22	Fourth Week of Lent	Jesus Calls Us to Forgive
March 29	Fifth Week of Lent	When Did We See You, Lord?
April 5	Palm Sunday	(No Church School)
April 12	Easter	He Is Risen
April 19	CST Meeting	Jesus Will Always Be with Us
April 26		Speak Only the Word
May 3	Communion	Jesus Walks on Water
May 10		The Generous Landowner
May 17	CST Meeting	Lead by Serving
May 24		Jesus Heals Two Blind Men
May 31	Children and Youth Sunday	

ADULTS

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Lenten Study: Beginning February 27, we will read and discuss our All-Church Read-for-Lent book, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine.

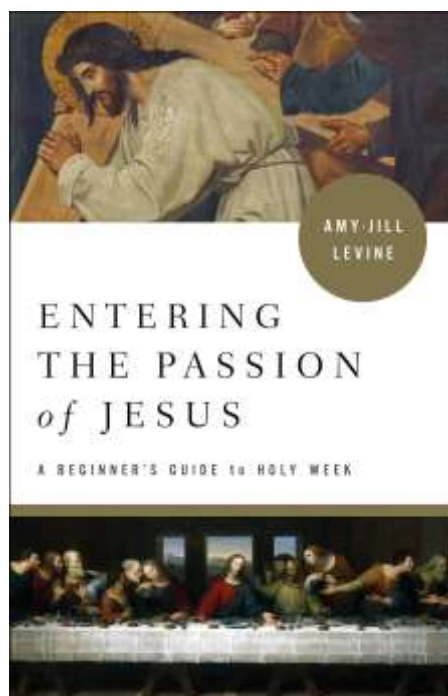
We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 for coffee, and at 9:45 for prayer and discussion. We'd love to have you join us!

LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ!

"From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his prayerful agony in Gethsemane, Levine brings forward aspects and details that open doors for beginners as well as seasoned readers of the Bible. She shows how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience."

~back of book cover

Books are available through your favorite book retailer, or for a special discounted price at Kazoo Books on Parkview Avenue.



Opportunities to Discuss

Tuesdays at Noon

Beginning March 3, in Room 300
Led by the Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Beginning March 4, in the library
Led by Dr. Patricia Stromsta

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Beginning February 27, in Room 301
Led by Dr. Patricia Stromsta

Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

March 8 and 22
Led by The Rev. Chrissy Westbury
and Dr. Patricia Stromsta

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.

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.*

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

WHEN	WHERE
March 1	(No Youth Group)
March 8	Richland
March 15	FPC
March 22	Richland
March 29	TBD
April 5 & 12	(No Youth Group)
April 19	FPC
April 26	CROP WALK

FELLOWSHIP 4-5-6

Youth Fellowship Group for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders!

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

March 13 - 6-8 p.m.

April 17 (The third Friday! - the second Friday is Good Friday) 6-8 p.m.

Watch your email for details!

For more information, or to volunteer with this group, contact Pastor Chrissy Westbury or Director of Christian Education, Pat Stromsta.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH!

Spring is just around the corner. Do join our Out-to-Lunch Bunch meetings on the first Friday of each spring month.

Reservations are needed at the church by the *Thursday morning* before the luncheon. You are welcome to join your First Presbyterian Church friends. If you have any questions, please call Sue Forsch at 353-3903.

- April 3, Summer Thyme, 3928 Portage Rd.
- May 1, Louie's Trophy House, 629 Walbridge St.
- June 5, Four Roses, 663 N. 10th St., Plainwell, MI

KSO AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Presbyterian Church partners with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra to present free classical concerts. The KSO Artists in Residence will give a performance on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m.. The hour-long program is 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. Mark your calendar and look for more information about the pieces on the program in April bulletins.

VOLUNTEER JOB BOARD

Youth and Adult Christian Education

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

Celebrate the Vision

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

Special Event Ushers

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

Rickman House Bingo Night Helpers:

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

LIFE OF JESUS MAFA PRINTS

Stop by the office wing and take a look at the new pictures on the wall by the bulletin boards. These pictures came from Pine Island Presbyterian Church and were originally owned by the Rev. Robert Rasmussen – a much-loved member of our community. The collection consists of about 70 images created in Cameroon, West Africa, depicting stories from the life of Jesus, as portrayed by Cameroonian villagers. We will be displaying a few at a time.

Stop by and see if you can guess the story!

About the pictures:

Vie de Jesus Mafa (Life of Jesus Mafa) was an initiative undertaken in the 1970's to help teach the gospel in Northern Cameroon. French Catholic missionary François Vidil worked with Mafa Christian communities in Cameroon to create an enormous catalogue of paintings depicting the life of Jesus as an African man. The plan was to build a resource that would help Mafa people to teach from the Bible in a way that connects them with their community.

The Life of Jesus Mafa took a long time to produce. Vidil formed a team of local church leaders, theologians, and a carefully selected artist. The team would spend time in Mafa communities, reading Bible passages and getting people to reenact them. Vidil and his team would photograph their reenactments as the artist sketched them. These sketches and photographs became the basis of the final paintings in this collection.

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 and 6:00 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.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

“Green Presbyterians” Flower Exchange

Flower Sunday “Kick-off” is April 5

Flower exchanges are:

- April 26
- May 17
- June 14
- August 2 and 23
- September 6 and 27
- October 11

How do Flower Exchanges work? Tables are at the Lovell Street entrance from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. each Sunday listed above. Bring in flowers for others, indicating what kind they are— colors, and information that others will need to help them grow. Please drop off plants in bags, pots, etc. (pots will not be returned). Be sure to take some flowers home, too. You don't need to *bring* flowers in, to able to *take* flowers home.

If you are looking for a particular flower—leave a note in the Green P's box in the Gathering Place. We will have some artificial flowers for those without dirt to dig in! Anyone can participate.

We would like to share pictures of the gardens, plants, and shrubs/trees in your garden that make you happy. Please drop off pictures to be included on a display board in the Gathering Place in April.

If you are interested in spring/early summer garden trips to Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Fernwood Gardens in Niles, and/or Hidden Lake Gardens in E. Lansing, please let us know.

Lastly, if you are interested in planting trees this Spring let us know. There are several groups that you can help.

Thanks again for another year of garden heavens!

“JUST SANCTUARY”: HIP-HOP AND SOCIAL JUSTICE:

As Allison and Mike Hammond's son, George, is working in the Hip Hop and Rap music industry, Allison has pondered, how can an artform that is often misogynistic, homophobic, and materialistic speak to the same issues that define the radical love of the Gospels? Taking the time to appreciate hip-hop is helping her come into a deeper understanding of another group of people and a better understanding of what social justice truly is.

After Worship on March 22, join Allison Hammond to explore one of the biggest, but least understood, cultural phenomena of the last 30 years.

THE HENRY FORD COLLEGE CHORUS AND BLUE FUSION

The Henry Ford College Chorus and Blue Fusion, under the direction of Kevin Dewey, will join us on Sunday, March 29. They will participate in worship and offer a short, free concert immediately afterwards. Their excellent musicianship and energetic style were enthusiastically received last March, and we look forward to welcoming them again!



- Sunday, April 26, 4:00 p.m. - **Organ Petting Zoo Tour** following Worship
Have you ever wanted to take a closer look at the organ console or chambers? This is your chance to get up close and personal with the organ! Join us in the choir loft after Sunday morning Worship to take a closer look, ask questions, and venture into the vast organ chambers!
- Sunday, May 17, 4:00 p.m. - **Organ Recital featuring Prof. Marilyn Ossentjuk** of Western Michigan University with WMU organ students
- Monday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. - **Bach Around the Block** “organ crawl” as part of the Kalamazoo Bach Festival
- Friday/Saturday, June 5 & 6 - **Summer Sounds** - Doors open to church during the KIA Art Fair featuring area organists
- Friday, July 10 - **Summer Sounds** - 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. - **Organ Recital featuring Dr. John Sherer** of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago (also featured during morning Worship) in collaboration with the 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 wear costumes!)
- Sunday, November 1, 4:00 p.m. - **All-Saints Day Concert** of the Fauré *Requiem* featuring choir, organ and orchestra (performed at organ dedication in 1970)
- Sunday, November 22, 4:00 p.m. - **Sound the Trumpet!** concert of works for organ and brass in collaboration with the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music
- Sunday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. - **Advent Vespers Service** with the Rutter Gloria featuring choir, organ, and brass

DUST OFF THOSE WALKING SHOES!

Crop Hunger Walk
Sunday, April 26

1:00 p.m.—Registration
2:00 p.m.—Walk



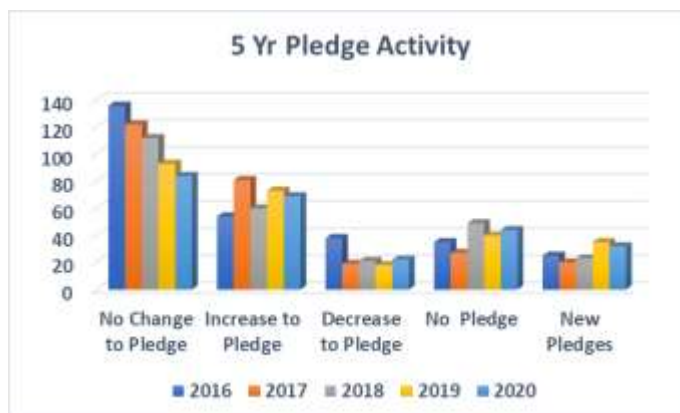
The Crop Hunger Walk was begun 52 years ago by Church World Service (CWS), and was the first walk in this country to bring attention to, and raise money for, a cause. All money raised helps to address the lack of food and clean water in this country and around the world.

Part of all money raised for our walk is retained locally and is divided equally by the YWCA, Open Doors, and Loaves and Fishes. During the Sundays in April, we will be in the Gathering Place providing information and collecting contributions toward this important cause.

Please donate to these worthy causes and plan on walking to bring attention to the needs of hunger in our community, our country, and the world!!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

If you have not heard the good news, the Stewardship Committee is happy to report that **251** pledges were received, totaling **\$626,955** as of February 14. Our *per capita* contributions totaled \$4,442 from 126 pledges. The church is extremely blessed by the many “time and talent” gifts that members and friends are willing to share. We also understand that pledging may not be possible for everyone. Your presence and contributions, as well as the relationships we share together, are highly valued. We are grateful for your response to God’s grace and love for one another. This year’s generosity provides resources for inspiring worship services, our beautiful music, and a strong educational experience. Our mission support funding lets us touch the hearts and lives of many people, especially those in our wider community.



We will be guided by our love of Christ and for the glory of God to be good stewards exercising responsible and wise management of our budget resources and operational and/or building expenditures.

To keep you informed of the pledge activity of the past five years, charts and graphs are posted on the Stewardship bulletin board on the second floor near the office. “Time and talent” information can be obtained from Ann Johnson.

NEW T LOOP HEARING ASSIST SYSTEM INSTALLED.

A new T-Loop Hearing Assist System has been installed in the Sanctuary. This system replaces our old hearing-assist system with the clunky packs and headphones, with a modern state-of-the-art hearing system where anyone with appropriate hearing aids will automatically connect to the T-Loop system when they enter the church. The sound quality is markedly improved with this new system. Also, headphones with a connector to the T-Loop system are available to borrow for those without the proper hearing aids, or anyone requiring a sound boost to hear better. This system works with many brands of hearing aids, cochlear Implants, and specialized headphone/receiver systems, into high-quality sound with minimal interference.

To use the T-Loop hearing system, a person’s hearing aid needs to have what’s called a “T-coil” in their hearing aid in order to connect to the T-Loop system. The T-coil can be adjusted by your audiologist in order to use the system or adjust the volume in the hearing aid. If the hearing aid doesn’t have the T coil, it can be installed in many brands of hearing aids. If you find you aren’t connecting to the T-Loop hearing assist system, contact your audiologist to see if your hearing aid can be adjusted to work with the system. Most modern hearing aids may already have a T-coil system installed and should be able to connect to the loop system automatically. The volume cannot be changed by our Sound Team, so any volume adjustments must be made on the listener’s hearing aid or by their audiologist. You will find you will get the best sound quality sitting, not standing, at least 3-4 feet *away* from the sound booth.

If you have other questions, please contact a Sound Team member or staff.

March Birthdays

1 Mike Millar	15 Bruce Lubbers
2 Kennedy Elliott Jake Longman Bridgit Smith Catherine Willoughby	16 Richard Aldrich Rob Bradford Adrianne Bumpus
3 Ellen Dykhuis Cory Fritz Evelyn Garner	17 Julie Bol Linda Meloche Shayne Plemmons Sue Weeldreyer
4 (none)	18 Julie Kechele Dean McWethy
5 Cynthia Gleaton	19 Jacque Carter Jana Marie Schnur Robert Scholten Benjamin Taylor
6 Sandra Edwards-García	20 Benjamin Lewis Jean Miller
7 Bennett Loughrin	21 Brad Allen Gary Dorrien Dick Hodgman Helen Lander Amy Schreiner Carol Payne Smith
8 Clara Lynn Hay Chuck Schmiede	22 Mohseh Pegheleh Paulette Rayel
9 Kristen Allen Leslie Roberts	23 Sharon Bradford Matthew Novak Bob White
10 Colton Card Marshall Klein Charlie Warren	24 Craig Kortlandt Jacqueline Metzler Shari Schut Jane Veech
11 Jerre James Phil Kechele Wendy King Donna Wright	25 Alexis Diamond Bob Klesert Nan Munn
12 Celine Finjap Todd Richman	26 John Houdek Samantha Shaffer Scott Wilson
13 Robert Murray Barb Ross	
14 Christopher Chambers Greg Russell Logan Upson	

27
Dick DeVries
Diane Durian
Patrick Gleaton
Marty Meinzinger

29
Taye Bradford
John Fiore
Sarah Chase

30
Lou Grant
Marjorie Wardwell

31
Grant Coon
Lela Yohe

April Birthdays

1
Mervin Burtis

2
Connor Cloetingh
Jeremy Diamond
Martha Flynn
Sheryl Lee-Ruff
Sue Madden
Mark Schreiner

3
Matt Molitor

4
Sam Cupps

7
Cynthia Feucht
Marilyn Jauch
Michelle Molitor

8
Judy Johnson

9
Lisa Padgett
Gene Miller

10
Jim Weeldreyer

11
Margot Kinnear
Rollin Richman
Kirsten Yohe

12
David Lewis

14
Ann Rohrbaugh

15
Betty Bennett
Cecilia Crook
Salim Harik
Karen Lewis

17
Cari Anderson
Dave Drok
Ruth Lubbers

18
Daphne Westbury
Nancy Johnson
Amy Miedema

19
Julie Shaw

20
Jonathan Willoughby
Jim Young

21
Sarah Graziano
Addison Misner
Cameryn Murray
Donald Roberts

22
Jeanne Case

23
Keith Johnson
Brian Kastman
Philip Ward
Chrissy Westbury

24
Robert Candido
Greg Chambers

25
Richard Finjap
Diane Misner
Kathy Smyser
Susan Wilson

26
Carolyn Houdek

27
Pamela Zandt

28
Jane Todd

30
Jack Mellis

GREEN PRESBYTERIANS PRESENT

A Documentary: "Living on a Dollar a Day"

First Presbyterian Church, Sanctuary, Tuesday, April 21, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 24, 11:30 a.m.

"Living on a Dollar a Day" is a documentary that has won 28 awards, and has spent the last few years on the documentary circuit. It is based on a book of the same name, written by a law professor, child and human rights advocate, environmental justice scholar, poverty expert, and award-winning author of several books—Thomas A. Nazario. He is also a dedicated advocate for strong economic rights for women and children. Nazario has been featured on talk shows, testified before Congress, and delivered speeches on behalf of women and children. to international organizations

The Green Presbyterians waited for the film to come off the documentary circuit, so it could be shown to the people of SW Michigan. Unfortunately, because donations go to national political campaigns, their funding is down, so our speaker does not have the funds to travel to SW Michigan.

The Forgotten International wants you to stop and think about the things you buy, the things you recycle (or the things you *think* will be recycled), and about the things you throw away. It all comes down to consumerism and economic growth buzz words that are not always good, especially in our time of climate change and how to stop wasting earth resources.

Mr. Nazario and his staff want you to realize that wastes streams of any kind don't just affect the place where you live, but the whole world, and the consequences, especially hazardous waste streams, impact everyone and everything. They report that 1.4 billion people on earth live in poverty on a dollar a day or less. And that your local waste, especially electronic waste, affects the entire world. It is a global issue. People and children most affected have few advocates to tell you their story and how they live, and that is why it is so important to view this film to get the complete picture and show you how you can help make changes in your world today, not tomorrow.

No US EPA, no federal or state laws curb where these wastes go, and there is no one monitoring the health and environmental hazards. So adults and children—some who are just grade school age—mine burning dumps with toxic air, looking for things like copper wiring—pulled by little hands from old US computers that can be sold to help them live. This film isn't pretty, but it is truthful.

Renee C. Byer, an international Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist from *The Sacramento Bee*, spent several years taking photos and speaking to women and children from more than seven countries who exist on a dollar or less a day—not just for a little while, but each and every day in their lives.

Only 11% of things we throw away actually get recycled in Kalamazoo County. Where does it go? It doesn't always stay in America, and we are good at passing it along to third world countries. As a result, little kids and nature suffer. Come and watch this film with us. This film will be shown on two dates in our Sanctuary on two dates: **Tuesday, April 21, at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 24, at 11:30 a.m..**

We hope you will take away a new understanding of consumerism and its impact on your life and that of others and the impact(s) of the waste streams that affects you, others, and ways our planet. Earth is an amazing place we all call home, but it is a very small community of people, plants, and animals. Come and view this extraordinary film, spend a few minutes talking about its content with us afterwards, and then pass it along to your friends and family.

Then join us again to reshape our local waste stream by participating in our First Presbyterian Church's First Annual "Recycled, Re-imagined, & Re-invented Art Fair". For the rules, drop-off times, and dates for this first-ever art fair, please see upcoming bulletins, the Green Presbyterian's table in the Gathering Place, and in the May-June *Presbyter*.

MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha Circle is a group of women who meet once a month to support one another in 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 Room 300.

We are exploring "Characters of the New Testament" using lessons from the website The Thoughtful Christian, which is affiliated with Presbyterian Publishing. On March 11 we will focus on Mary and Martha and the question "Can we be both Mary and Martha?". On April 8 we will see what lessons we can learn from Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

All women are invited and will be warmly welcomed!

Contact Elaine Johns at (269) 323-7395 or emjohns513@aol.com if you have questions.

PASTORAL CARE AND HOSPITAL VISITATION

An important part of our ministry at First Presbyterian Church is to provide pastoral care, including hospital visits. When a church member is admitted, hospitals are no longer permitted to notify the home church. We depend on members to call the church when a family member is hospitalized or needs a pastoral call.

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

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

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

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First Presbyterian Church

Easter Flowers 2020

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

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

Deadline: Sunday, March 29

A list of the memorial flowers and donors will be printed in the Worship bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 12.

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

Plants are dedicated to the glory of God and given

☐ *in memory of* OR ☐ *in honor of*

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Given by:

Name _____

Phone or e-mail _____

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Presbyter

Here is the schedule for the monthly issues of the *Presbyter* for the balance of the 2018-2019 program year:

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

The *Presbyter* is also available for viewing on the FPC website:
sanctuaryinthecity.org.

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.

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 11, 2019.

Robert Bloomquist was born on February 2, 1932, and joined FPC on January 4, 1962. Bob died on December 18, 2019.



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PRESBYTER HIGHLIGHTS—
✧ WORSHIP DURING HOLY WEEK
✧ BRINER LECTURER EVENTS=
✧ ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—March 1
✧ EASTER FLOWERS—ORDER FORM
✧ ALL-CHURCH READ FOR LENT
✧ BIRTHDAYS—March & April
✧ INSERT: (Church Activity Calendars (March/April))



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FPC Calendar - March, 2020

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Sunday/1

- 9:00a 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 Blood Pressure Screenings
- 11:30a Annual Meeting
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 12:45p Ministry with Community
- 7:00p Sunday Evening Worship

Monday/2

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

Tuesday/3

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 12:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion
- 2:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/4

- 9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
- 1:15p FPC Librarian on site
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Together We Pray
- 7:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion

Thursday/5

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

Friday/6

- 12:00p Communications Committee
- 1:00p Lunch Bunch (*off site*)

Saturday/7

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/8

- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Prayer Partners
- 9:00a Christian Ed. meeting
- 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 Healing Service
- 11:15a Youth Faith Formation
- 11:30a Photography Class
- 11:30a *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion, 1/2
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 4:00p Youth Fellowship

Monday/9

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/10

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

- 12:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion

- 2:00p FPC Archivists

- 6:00p Stewardship Committee

- 7:00p Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday/11

- 3:00p Martha Circle
- 5:30p Men's Group, Off-site
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:30p Personnel Committee Meeting
- 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting
- 7:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion

Thursday/12

- 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 and Maintenance Committee
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/13

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/14

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/15

- 8:45a All-Church Breakfast
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Church School teachers' meeting
- 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 Faith Formation
- 11:30a Briner Lecturer: Amy-Jill Levine
- 2:00p Briner Lecturer: Amy-Jill Levine
- 7:00p Sunday Evening Taizé Worship

Monday/16

- 6:30p Deacons' meeting

Tuesday/17

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 12:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion
- 2:00p FPC Archivists
- 6:00p Stewardship Committee
- 7:00p Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday/18

- 1:15p FPC Librarian on site
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Together We Pray
- 6:30p Womens' Small Group, *Off-site*
- 7:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion

Thursday/19

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 12:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 5:00p FPC Bell Choir rehearsal
- 6:00p Stewardship Committee meeting
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/20

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/21

- 6:00p BINGO for Rickman House residents

Sunday/22

- 8:45a FPC Bell Choir rehearsal
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a 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
- 11:30a *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion, 2/2
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 4:00p Youth Fellowship

Monday/23

- 7:00p Thoughtful Readers Book Group

Tuesday/24

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 12:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion
- 2:00p FPC Archivists

Six-church choir concert

Wednesday/25

- 1:15p FPC Librarian on site
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:30p Session meets\
- 7:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion

Thursday/26

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 12:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 5:00p FPC Bell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/27

Six-church choir concert

Saturday/28

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/29

- 8:45a All-Church Breakfast
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Church School Teachers' meeting
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Youth Faith Formation
- 11:30a Story-telling class
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 4:00p Youth Fellowship

Monday/30

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/31

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 11:00a Weekly Staff Meeting
- 12:00p Bulletin deadline
- 12:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion
- 2:00p FPC Archivists

FPC Calendar - April, 2020

Wednesday/1

- 9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
- 5:00p Handbell Choir rehearsal
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Together We Pray
- 6:30p Womens' Small Group, *Off-site*
- 7:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Thursday/2

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

Friday/3

- 12:00p Communications Committee
- 1:00p Lunch Bunch (*off-site*)

Saturday/4

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/5

- 8:45a FPC Bell Choir rehearsal
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Reading Aloud
- 9:20a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Church School
- 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 Bulletin deadline
- 12:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion
- 2:00p FPC Archivists

Wednesday/8

- 3:00p Martha Circle
- 5:30p Men's Group, *Off-site*
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:00p Personnel meeting
- 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting
- 7:00p *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Book discussion

Thursday/9

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 12:00p Finance Committee
- 1:00p Yoga
- 5:00p Bell choir practice
- 6:00p Property Maintenance Committee
- 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service

Friday/10

- 7:00p Good Friday Service

Saturday/11

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/12- Easter

- 8:45a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Church School

Monday/13

- 10:00a *Presbyter* article deadline

Tuesday/14

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

Wednesday/15

- 4:00p Endowment Committee
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Together We Pray
- 6:30p Womens' Small Group, *Off-site*

Thursday/16

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 12:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 5:00p Bell choir practice
- 6:00p Stewardship Committee
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/17

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/18

- 6:00p BINGO for Rickman House residents

Sunday/19

- 8:45a All-Church Breakfast
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Church School teachers' meeting
- 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 Faith Formation
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 4:00p Youth Fellowship
- 7:00p Sunday evening Worship

Monday/20

- 7:00p Deacons meeting

Tuesday/21

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

Wednesday/22

- 9:00a *Presbyter* folding/mailling
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:30p Session meeting

Thursday/23

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 12:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 5:00p Bell choir rehearsal
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/24

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/25

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/26

- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:45a Childcare
- 10:00a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15a Church School
- 11:15a Youth Faith Formation
- 12:15p Youth Music
- 1:15p Youth Fellowship
- 1:15p Crop Walk

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 Bulletin deadline
- 2:00p FPC Archivists
- Art and Inventor's Fair

Wednesday/29

- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner

Thursday/30

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 12:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 5:00p Bell choir practice
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

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