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WORSHIP OVERVIEW

September 6

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Kathleen Robertson King
Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14

September 13

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion served

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Exodus 16:2-15; Romans 14:1-12

September 20

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Philippians 1:3-18; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-18

October 4

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion served

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury
Philippians 2:1-13

October 11

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-11

October 18

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Exodus 32:1-14; Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Psalm 90 (excerpts); Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

A MINUTE IN MINISTRY

Human relationships. From the beginning and in the end, that's what our living faith is really all about. Human relationships embodying Divine Love. We are created in that loving image. We are called to that loving purpose. That's what we mean when we say Jesus is God Incarnate, and try to follow in our human forms. In Jesus Christ we see what Sacred Grace looks like; what Divine Love does; what Holy Peace comes when we share human relationships as he did.

Human relationships. The tragic irony is that's precisely, centrally what we know is so dangerous about Covid-19. Human contact, or being close enough to spread through droplets, probably aerosols, and maybe in some instances through contagious surfaces—scientists tell us that's how the virus works. What's so inspiring at the heart of life and faith becomes infectious. And we've seen how the worst spreading events are those where human relationships go unchecked, irresponsibly intimate, and widely attended.

So, we distance ourselves "socially"—really physically and fashionably (our vast variety of masks and some gloves). We relate virtually. Yes, that's how we stop infectious spread virally. It's necessary. And yet, you've told me, and I've felt inside myself, and we read many studies or reports that confirm another sort of illness infects us. Isolation. Loneliness. Disorientation. Loss of meaning and purpose, and for many people, basic resources to live. Illness of heart, mind, spirit ... it's life threatening—for some, literally so.

Friends, we won't hide or sugarcoat the fact that recent months for Chrissy and for me have been hard in ministry. Yes, managing anxieties, adapting through uncertainties ... and most fundamentally, simply not being with you. I'm grateful for YouTube, Zoom, FaceTime, and good ol' phone calls. But it's not the same. At least, not for me. As you've said, it's not the same for you in teaching, working, or socializing. I long for the time and place when virtual gives way to real in-person again. Yes, I know cognitively and feel intimately that God's Spirit moves anywhere, any time, individually. And again, we humans need loving community. Whatever the fancy churchy words, whatever the tasks and routines, whatever we share together—that's what my ministry, anyway, is all about.

I'm so grateful for the longing, generous spirit so many expressed when this pandemic set in months ago—"I want to help! How can I help?" I celebrate efforts among us in mask-makers, meal-train preparers, deacons connecting with other members. I laud the work of our staff, who have done new things, and old things in new ways, and keep everything going in one way or another. I cherish hand-written notes, emails, texts, and phone calls I've received from you. It's good to hear you're doing okay, hunkered down. It's good to hear virtual worship efforts have been meaningful. Please, keep contacting us to chat or meet however possible.

After this pandemic subsides, we will have learned much beyond science. About how we relate as humans. About how we live together and operate as a church. Some new ways of connecting, learning, worshipping, working as committees may continue. Some new gifts, abilities, opportunities unknown before will keep growing. And many familiar ways of living and loving one another will be cherished even more fondly. It will be so good to get back together. Through our grieving now, may hope lead us to overjoyed gratefulness!

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Church News

Minute in Ministry, continued

I've joked a few times recently that I was going to write this article with one word, super-large font, middle of the page: MAYBE. Whatever we find inside this *Presbyter*, whatever we plan, it feels as if it's all qualified with one big caveat: MAYBE. As if that uncertainty is superimposed over every article on pages that follow and expectations for months ahead. And ... yet ... still ... through it all, may there never be doubt about the holy heart of our living faith: our loving relationships. We still know limits. We face difficult moments in months ahead. May God's unflagging Love and unfailing Grace strengthen us and show us the way ... in Jesus Christ ... together.

Grace and peace to you,



HEALTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Health Ministry Committee continues to work to provide accurate, up-to-date information about Covid-19 to Session and the ministers, to help find the best way for all our church family to stay safe. We will also be doing another recorded Healing Service, so please watch the announcements for the time for the service.

In the meantime, if there is anything the Health Ministry can do for you, please feel free to call Ann Ross, Health Ministry Coordinator at 344-0119, extension 211.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To my church family,

Let me start by thanking you for your continued support during these challenging times. We often talk about the generosity of our church members, and in no other time that I can think of since being at First Presbyterian Church have I seen it shine more.

We, as a church, are doing all we can to best utilize the funds you have entrusted to us. We look forward to the day we may all gather in the sanctuary for Worship and fellowship.

Here is a snapshot of our finance through the month of July. If you require a full General Operating Fund Report, please contact Louise Taylor in the church office.

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL DATA Year-to-date from July 31, 2020

Pledge Income	\$371,946
Other Income	\$ 88,967
Endowment Income	\$ 76,363
Total Income	\$537,276
Total Expenses	<u>\$495,791</u>
Difference	\$ 41,485

Yours in Christ, Don Meldrum and the Finance Committee

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We had a great time exploring compassion this summer through our Virtual VBS program – “Compassion Camp!” Approximately forty kids and their families participated in VBS through online and family-led activities. We explored what it means to have compassion for ourselves, for one another, and for the world, through Bible stories shared by our awesome Sunday School teachers, through yoga videos created by Jill Barnum and her young friends, and through Compassion in Action activities each week. We shared in lessons, games, and activities that taught us new ways to grow in our faith and to “Be Kind, Be Loved, Be You!”

Christian Education

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Virtual Sunday School this fall
FOR ALL AGES!

Beginning September 20

For Children (Pre-K—5th Grade):

This fall is going to feel a little different as we “Kick Off” Sunday School online. But one thing that will be familiar is this Story Bible that most of our families already have in their home. We will be using a Sunday School Curriculum that is a companion to this Story Bible. If you are a family with children in pre-school through 5th grade, and you do not already have this Story Bible at home, please let Pastor Chrissy or Joseph know so that we can get a copy to you! Lessons will be shared each week through Google Classroom, and packets will be mailed home or dropped off periodically to add to the fun!

We will also be offering an opportunity for parents/grandparents to get together regularly on Zoom to talk through lessons and share in the joys and frustrations of this pandemic time. Parents and grandparents are the most important teachers, as children learn the stories of Jesus and begin to explore what it really means to believe that “Jesus Loves Me”. Through this program, we hope to give you the support you need to nurture your child’s faith at home.

Because Sunday School will be offered on a virtual platform this fall, we also have the opportunity to include kids that do not live in the area. If you have grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends who might want to participate, have them contact Pastor Chrissy or Joseph so that we can include them, as well!

For Youth (6th—12th Grade):

We will offer materials based on the same stories the children are using, but geared toward teens. Instead of the Story Bible, they will be encouraged to read the full text of the stories in the Bible, and to engage the story in other ways. With everyone learning about the same story, families with kids in multiple grades can all engage the story together in age-appropriate ways. Youth will be encouraged to think seriously, ask questions, and consider how what they are learning connects with their lives.

For Adults

Adults, with or without kids in the home, will also be invited to engage in these stories. We will provide weekly readings and additional material for at-home devotional study, and we will offer a weekly Zoom conversation in which we can discuss the week’s readings and delve a little deeper into scripture.

Watch for more information in your weekly email announcements or contact Pastor Chrissy or Joseph for more information.



Worship Outdoors at Hope Garden, photo by Aaron Van Heest

CONFIRMATION CLASS: 8TH – 12TH GRADE

Beginning in October—Contact Pastor Chrissy for more information

Confirmation in the Presbyterian Church involves a time of intentional preparation; it gives teens the opportunity to reflect on the most basic tenets of our faith and gives them a safe environment in which to ask questions and grapple with the messages proclaimed by the church of Jesus Christ. Confirmation helps youth to investigate the depths of that faith and helps them begin to understand what it means to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, and to make their first public profession of faith. During this time, young persons "make firm" what has gone before: God's free gift of grace, baptism, the teaching and witness of parents and other persons of faith, the teachings and life together in the church, and the student's own growing faith. Confirmands are invited to claim for themselves the name Christian and the name Presbyterian.

Formation in faith in the teenage years – and being encouraged to question and doubt and grapple with all that faith in Jesus Christ means – is important for making a commitment to live as a disciple of Christ. We encourage our students to participate in confirmation class and make a choice for themselves about whether to claim their faith publicly and join the church. Beginning in October, we will be offering a virtual Confirmation Class for students 8th through 12th grades. If you know of a young person who would like to participate in confirmation, please contact Pastor Chrissy.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship kicked off with an outdoor event on August 15. We had 25 masked and joyful youth share in the evening, getting to know one another and playing Socially-distanced Capture the Flag in the rain! (They had to tag one another with pool noodles to maintain distance!)

This fall, we plan to gather in person, out of doors, once per month, and for virtual activities on Zoom once per month. We will begin with the following Sunday schedule: (Please note – EVERYTHING is subject to change!)

Sunday, September 13, 3-5:00 p.m.
Outdoors and in person at FPC
Richland (6th-12th grade).

Sunday, September 27 – Zoom
Youth Group 4-5:00 p.m. middle
school (6th-8th grade), 5-6:00 p.m.
high school (9th-12th grade).

Sunday, October 11– Zoom Youth
Group 4-5:00 p.m. middle school
(6th-8th grade) 5-6:00 p.m. high
school (9th-12th grade).

Sunday, October 25 – Outdoor
Halloween Party! Trunk or Treat,
Costumes, and Games 4-6:00 p.m.
(6th-12th grade).



INTRODUCING JOSEPH BURREL

Hello! My name is Joseph Burrel and I was recently hired to the position of Associate for Youth and Families! I'd love to share a little information about myself.

I am the husband of Stephanie Burrel, with four wonderful children: Olivia, 21, Joseph, 15, Jacob, 12, and Jordan, 6 years old. I have been married for 25 years and enjoy singing, drawing, coaching, mentoring, and have been involved in youth

leadership, programing and development for over 30 years!

I began working in youth ministry as the Youth Chair of Christ Temple Church, Muskegon, MI when I was 21 years old. I continued to work with youth in varying capacities and was eventually elected as the Vice-President of the Northern and Western District Councils in the state of Michigan within my church organization. I had the responsibility of coordinating semi-annual Youth Councils for youth ministries from over 52 different churches. I served in that capacity for two 4-year terms before I was employed by the State of Michigan. I worked for the state 12 years in the department of Labor and Economic Growth, after which I reunited with my passion for youth by being hired as the Youth Development Coordinator and Community Center Director for The Salvation Army, Kalamazoo.

Through this position, I was afforded the opportunity to create youth and young adult programs, provide oversight for The Salvation Army Kalamazoo Community Center and After-school Program, and maintain communications, both written and verbal, between youth, adults, and parents. I had the pleasure of facilitating all youth and student involvement for the Salvation Army and their Community Center. This employment led me to working with youth as a Youth Development Coach for Communities In Schools (CIS). I work with students at Maple Street Middle School to support them in their efforts to be successful academically, with school attendance and behavior. I engage students in multiple ways to exercise CIS's model for student strategies, engagement, and resource management in the Kalamazoo Public Schools system. I am excited to have this opportunity to bring my experience, knowledge, and expertise to the position of Associate for Youth and Families to serve the needs of First Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo!

**COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT
(usually) MEET AT FPC:**

*Not meeting in the building
until further notice—*

we look forward to seeing you again!

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 Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.



*Outdoor Worship at Hope Garden,
photo by Aaron Van Heest*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

DEACONS' NEWS:

The work of the Deacons, as with so much else in these days of coronavirus, has shifted. How do we serve coffee and donuts when there are no gatherings in the Gathering Place? How do we keep our parishes whole when we can't be together? How do we joyfully serve when attending church services makes many of us nervous?

Despite these challenges, your Deacons are still striving to be there for you with snail mail, e-mails, texts, and phone calls. We truly love keeping up with you! We know that some of you enjoy a friendly chat now and again while some of you may prefer to initiate contact with us rather than our telling you. We are also aware that others of you are silently struggling with loneliness, ill health, grief, and/or financial concerns. We are much more able to assist you if we can connect. Let us help you with whatever concerns you have!

Although we may not be able to collect Noisy Coins on Sundays, we still have the Benevolence Fund to help address your financial needs. We can support you with groceries, gas, or other expenses you may have. Please know you can reach out to your Deacon or the pastoral staff. Though the form and actions of service are changed for the time being, serving our church family remains the hallmark of what we, as Deacons, provide.

Be at peace and let your church community continue to be a community for you.

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: September 9 and October 14.

Because of uncertainties related to Covid19, we don't yet know in which room at the church we will be meeting, and plans could change with little notice. If you plan to attend, please let Elaine Johns know at emjohns513@aol.com or (269) 323-7395, so that she can keep you up-to-date.

We are continuing a study of New Testament figures from "The Thoughtful Christian". September's study is "Mary, the Mother of Jesus", and in October we will explore "Peter, the Rock". Each study is self contained and you can join at any time. All women are invited and will be warmly welcomed!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND HOPE GARDEN

For several years, Pine Island Church has maintained a garden in Texas Township. The garden was developed to supply fresh produce for those in need in the Kalamazoo community, and is located on Q Avenue, just west of Texas Corners. It is a six-acre parcel with about a quarter acre devoted to the garden. Last year, the garden produced 3,750 pounds of produce that was donated to Loaves & Fishes and Ministry with Community. So far this year, as we are in the early harvest season, we have donated in excess of 700 pounds of produce.

We have about 10 different volunteer gardeners this year with a core of about five who come regularly. Anyone can come and help! No experience is necessary, but suitable clothing and shoes are advised. We have regular hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9:30 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m., but you can visit any time. Other hours can be arranged.

The four Sundays through Labor Day we will enjoy our outdoor FPC Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. on the Pine Island property. This would be a great opportunity for church members to combine worship with a brief tour of the garden!

All are welcome and the price of admission is to pull at least one weed. :)

Hope Garden also is home to our very own bee colony!

HOPE GARDEN BEE COLONY

Bob Candido reported earlier this month the following information regarding the bees at Hope Garden:



“I was able to check on the colony at the garden today and I am glad to report that they are on par with their progress once again. Last week, I discovered that Queen Hope was not a productive layer. Usually, a new queen will take about a week to spool up to full egg laying capacity. Unfortunately for Queen Hope, she was not up to the task and the bees could sense this too; they had begun the process to supersede her. As I mentioned before, a Queen Bee’s life in the hive is not very regal. If she cannot produce a sustainable colony, the worker bees will sense this deficiency and replace her without remorse. As when swarming, it can take 3-4 weeks for a new fertile queen to fully develop and begin laying. There is not that much time left in the season to allow the process to occur naturally. So, I interceded with a fully mated queen from my own apiary and merged that colony with the weak hive at the garden. The merger was a success.

Here is a brief description of why I couldn’t wait to allow things to happen naturally. Worker bees in the hive perform all the functions of the hive from nursing new bees to cleaning the hive, foraging, and many other tasks. Even though they look the same, there are two varieties of workers: those that are spawned in the summer, and those that are spawned in the winter. Summer bees are physiologically different than their winter counterparts. They are built to begin nursing new bees in that they can secrete the fat/protein rich food right from emerging, themselves, to feed subsequent generations of new bees. These bees live hard and die fast. They live only 4-6 weeks. Winter bees, on the other hand, are long haul bees. Physiologically, they are designed to keep the hive warm throughout the long cold winter. They store fat and protein for themselves to produce the energy in the winter cluster to keep it just warm enough for the colony to survive. When the days get longer again, only then do they start to produce new bees that need nourishment. Experiencing a food dearth, winter worker bees draw out the fat and protein from their own bodies and nurse bees that are at the end of their lives. These bees will live about 100 days. Winter bees are being produced right now and a successful overwintering hive will be producing an abundance of healthy winter bees for the next two months until new brood production slows to a stop. Without a crop of healthy winter bees, the hive is doomed to failure, even if it is otherwise healthy. Although I didn’t see Queen Hope, I know that she is in there because I found evidence of her: i.e., eggs. Every bee starts as an egg and a larva hatches on day three after laying.

Since I merged the hives a week ago Thursday, new eggs mean that the hive has accepted this new Queen as their replacement. All attempts to supersede her have ceased. The hive looks healthy and they are on track now for a successful overwintering experience. I reduced them back to two boxes, which is as much as they can manage to patrol. I will be back again in the next week or two to make sure they are staying healthy.”

We thank Bob for his work at maintaining our bee colony!



ISAAC VIRTUAL WALK/RUN

First Presbyterian Church is a member of ISAAC, an interfaith organizing network of congregations and strategic partners working together to build a more just community. Currently the three issues that ISAAC task forces are working on are: Anti-Racism, Housing, and Gun Violence. During the months of August and September, ISAAC invites you to join our **Virtual Journey to Washington, DC for Racial Justice!** to raise money for this important and ongoing work.

Who:

By yourself or with your own household. Everyone registers individually and keeps track of his/her miles/steps etc. on the online community tally.

What:

Any movement from any location that you choose. You may run, walk, bike, or roll on the road, sidewalk, trail, treadmill or track, or even swim or row. You pick your movement for this journey.

When:

On the day(s) of your choice as many times as you would like to move/journey between August 15-September 20th.

Why Racial Justice?:

ISAAC works to lift all forms of oppression as wrong, and many identity groups are currently facing oppression. Yet this year, and the past few years, we have been seeing racism manifesting itself in the form of violence and hatred towards People of Color, including Indigenous, Asian, Asian Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, Alaskan Native, South West Asian, Northern African, Black, African, Caribbean, Brown, and Latinx communities.

Please visit our website at <https://walk.isaackalamazoo.org/> for more information and registration



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

The Season of Peace begins September 6

On Sunday, September 6, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations will begin observing a Season of Peace, a four-week spiritual journey designed to deepen the pursuit of peace. From September 6 to October 4, “This season is a time for congregations to focus on what it means to be a peacemaking congregation and what it means to be people of peace.” said Carl Horton, coordinator of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

“The Season of Peace is an important partnership between the Office of Special Offerings and the Peacemaking program,” said Bryce Wiebe, director of Special Offerings.

“The Peacemaking Program historically has provided resources to teach peacemaking to children, youth, adults, and to reinforce it throughout our faith formation,” Horton said. It’s about “lifelong faith formation as peacemakers.”

“The months leading up to a national election are often filled with conflict and this year maybe more so than in the past,” Horton said. “We can disagree without being disagreeable.”

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is one of the Compassion, Peace, and Justice ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering to continue the valuable ministry of the Peacemaking Program.

September - October Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

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|--|--|--|---|---|
| 1 Paul Minert
Jackson Matthews | 11 Carol Parfitt
Sandy Rozelle
Lindsey Walters | 22 Susan Anthony
Derick Elliott | 4 Hilary Cloetingh
Jennalie Shepherd
William Smyser
Dave Todd | 15 Jamie Schnur
Denny Stults |
| 2 Marlene Stoops | 12 Mardy Grant
Dawn Marciniak
Laurie Tupper | 23 Becky Demcovitz
Laura Schreiner | 5 Nevaeh Rogers
Mary Tyler
Nancy Wood | 16 Katrina Kore |
| 3 Laura Boersma
Stan Clouse
Max Hubbard
Barb Kafil | 13 Brenda Noel
Paul Schonveld
Faith Simpson | 24 Char Hansen | 6 Gary Fergemann
Robert Tyler | 17 Rob Case |
| 4 Marianne Crawford
Louise McCallum
Sandra Western | 15 Paul Hartwigsen
Jim Mitchell
Mary Smyser | 25 Miranda Fiore
Sonya Scarff | 7 Kay Burtis
Jordan Diamond
Isabelle Fisk
Elsie Johnson
Nancy Klesert | 18 Judy Swisher |
| 5 Caroline Breisach
Charles Green
Diane Hunt | 16 Cameron Lozeau | 26 Jane Hamilton | 8 Richard Hakken | 19 Priscilla Blair
Nikos Diamond
Bruce Johnson
José Santamaría |
| 6 Timothy Tyler
Maya Van Heest
Deborah Wiebeck | 17 Cole Lewis
Joya Ruff | 27 Kevin Hollenbeck
Matthew Loughrin
Morgan Schut
Rick Taylor | 9 Marcia Cook | 20 Cerica Finjap |
| 8 Jan Bedrosian
Craig Oliver
Allison Myers
Annabelle Rigg
Kenny Sparks | 18 Lee Mizeur
Kay Vermeulen
Alex Wall Emerson | 28 Robert Britigan III | 10 Steve Breisach
Martha Ford
Sylvie Graziano
Brenda McGruder
Neal Miedema
David Rozelle
Richard Steele | 21 Bill Kelser
Sue Johnson |
| 9 Michele Andrews
Ginny Dell
Sue Forsch
Sue Potts | 19 Anne Gladstone
Kevin Plemmons
Deborah Taylor | 29 Marilyn Boal
Aedin Clements
Helen Ferrando
Jill Piwko | 11 Heidi Egloff
Elizabeth Honeysett
Ruth Moser | 22 Kathryn Novak
Sue Swartz |
| 10 Martha Finjap
Mary Kittredge
Greg Lozeau
Jim VanBuren | 20 Caroline Elliott
Kaylin Taylor
William Willoughby | 30 Elizabeth Hamilton
Gary Elfing | 12 Izaak Marciniak
Roger Sraatmeyer | 23 Ralph Jarl |
| | 21 Helen Brady
Robert Brush
Cathy Cook
Linda Parks
John Todd | | 13 Elaine Johns
Paisley Wall Emerson | 24 Candice Parmley
Brian Hirt
Dave Hutton |
| | | | | 25 Margo Light |
| | | | | 26 Ron Marvin
Eliza Mellis
Dave Novak |
| | | | | 27 William Leasure |
| | | | | 29 Susan Young |
| | | | | 30 Norm Goodling
Susanne Rose |

OCTOBER

- 1 Karen Cooper
Helen Creager
Sarah Leasure
Emma Leasure
2 Ryan Fouty
Adriane Siefert
Ron Van Der Slik
3 Ann Fergemann

PRESBYTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The deadline for content for the November-December issue of the *Presbyter* is October 12. It will be mailed on October 22.

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

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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. 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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In Memoriam

Tom Reigel was born on February 12, 1930, and joined FPC on March 19, 2006. Tom died on March 21, 2020.

Barbara Johnson was born on December 5, 1935, and joined FPC on March 26, 1964. Barbara died on April 6, 2020.

Beth McShane was born on September 15, 1928, and joined FPC on September 29, 1960. Beth died on April 15, 2020.

Jackie Metzler was born on March 24, 1928, and joined FPC April 2, 1942. Jackie died on April 23, 2020.

Shirley Gerpheide was born on June 1, 1925, and joined FPC on September 29, 1955. Shirley died on May 7, 2020.

Morden Schuur was born on November 12, 1920, and joined FPC on March 29, 1931. Morden died on May 4, 2020.

Wilma Cooper was born on December 9, 1923, and joined FPC on October 6, 1946. Wilma died on June 5, 2020.

Dave McShane was born on November 13, 1934. He was a pastor at FPC from October 30, 1960 until June, 1987. Dave died on July 22, 2020.

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.



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