

**A MINUTE IN MINISTRY**

As you probably know, we've had a number of staff transitions in the past couple of months: Pat Stromsta, Michael Montgomery, Cindy Hunter, Ann Johnson, Nik DeHaan, and Ann Ross. Each of these individuals has served our congregation's ministry well in many ways. Through them, members of our congregation and surrounding community have been touched deeply by Holy Love as a comfort, practical help, and beautiful inspiration. We have cherished their gifts. And I am grateful that in each case, service has been motivated by a desire to care for others and invest heartfelt devotion to the mission in Christ we share.

It is undoubtedly a loss for us. And for many among us, it comes with some shock or surprise. As you've expressed to me, we want life in our congregation to be a stable source of goodness, something we can depend on, especially in this particular period of so much uncertainty in society. In and through everything we say and do, we want people to be treated well, and we all want to grow in peace and loving service. Some have wondered, is something going on?

Well, friends, the answer is "Yes!" Absolutely, something is going on. In our COVID-altered society, many of us have asked what's really important, and decided to make life changes. We've seen the Great Resignation (as it's being called) in teachers, nurses, many professions, and a large social service agency whose leader I spoke with recently has experienced 50% change in their staff in the past year. And yes, there are always matters to work on in our relationships. No one is perfect. And even more minor matters we've been handling together get exacerbated greatly, of course, by all the stresses and complications of the pandemic. It hasn't been easy.

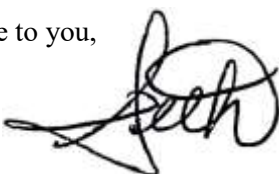
Still, it's important to know that these transitions have been motivated in large part by positive personal moves — career promotions and opportunities that fit better with life desired. In some ways, these transitions have been "in the works" for months, or worked on for years. Others are more unexpected recent developments. In all cases, I am grateful that each person is moving into a next step that engenders hope, possibility, and expected goodness. And I'm grateful for whatever experiences in our congregation have empowered that direction.

No, the coinciding of these changes is not ideal. And though we've tried to plan diligently for both smooth transitions and respectful honoring of each individual's service, of course, it isn't ideally gradual and steady. Clearly, we are in the midst of challenges. And clearly, as we try to meet them there will be more complications, frustrations, and imperfections. We are humans, trying to be open to movement of the Holy Spirit, as we stumble forward together. Please, know that the Personnel Committee—and in the case of music positions, Worship and Music Committee members—have been working expeditiously, proactively, and diligently toward discerning details of staff positions and persons to fill them.

As we move forward, I offer a few points of encouragement (at least). I'm happy to listen to anyone with questions and concerns, offering what perspective I can and receiving what ideas arise. Please, contact me. Good communication is always challenging work. It will be even more critically so in the weeks ahead. If you're making or changing plans or trying to coordinate any church business, please persist patiently. And this experience is all a reminder that our work in the church is ever the collective effort of the people (that's you), among whom staff serves to empower. If you're willing to volunteer some help with particular tasks as they arise, please let Chrissy or me know!!

Amid challenges, there ever remain opportunities. We can be sure that particular staffing patterns and functions are sure to evolve through this process. Most importantly, I trust deeply and sincerely that God is with us in this moment. And the Holy Spirit will move through us, bringing new possibilities and vitality, while strengthening even further our loving relationships pulsing at the heart of our life together. As we keep working on it all with humility and grace, loving patience and faithful perseverance, I'm confident that our congregational life will remain a dependable source of goodness and faithful witness to God's Love in Jesus Christ for the fullness of peace in our world.

Grace and peace to you,



The Presbyter † January 2022 † 1

*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*



# CHURCH NEWS

## WORSHIP OVERVIEW

Sunday Worship is at 10:00 a.m.

**January 2**

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

**The Rev. Amber Nettleton**

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ephesians 1:3-14

**January 16**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer**

1 Corinthians 12:1-13; Luke 5:1-11

**January 9**

**Epiphany**

**The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer**

Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 3:1-6, 15-17, 21-22

**January 23**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**The Rev. Chrissy Westbury**

Psalms 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**January 30**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

## UPDATES IN PASTORAL SERVICE

Amber Nettleton has been affirmed as a Parish Associate among us. We are thrilled to share in her gifts for ministry! Amber will be compensated for five hours per week, including committee resourcing (see below), pastoral care, and other gifts of collaborating with colleagues. She will also preach and lead worship occasionally.

As we move into 2022, we'll be living into new alignments of pastoral responsibility. Pastor Chrissy Westbury will lead staff resourcing of our Outreach efforts, formerly led by Pat Stromsta. Chrissy will also continue to resource Communications, Faith Formation, and Stewardship Committees. Kathleen Robertson King will lead staff resourcing of the Health Ministry Committee, dovetailing with her work with Deacons. Amber Nettleton will lead staff resourcing of the Congregational Life Committee, including the process of new member connections. Seth Weeldreyer will continue to lead staff resourcing of Worship and Music, Personnel, Finance, and Endowment Committees, with some support of Property Committee efforts, particularly around development of our Pine Island Campus.

Other staff will also continue to faithfully resource committees, as follows: Louise Taylor—Endowment and Finance Committees, Shawn Smith—Property Committee, Meredith Alspach—Faith Formation, Hannah Foreman—Communications.

### SESSION

**Clerk of Session: Allison Hammond**

**Youth Elder: Annalise Bol**

#### Class of 2022

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

#### Class of 2023

Laura Ford  
Susan Agostinelli  
Kathy Cooney  
Craig Kortlandt  
Deb Taylor  
Janet Todd  
Oliver Takuh

#### Class of 2024

Becky Demcovitz  
Cynthia Feucht  
Mark Loehrke  
Mark Ohrstrom  
Pat Stromsta  
Heather Cloetingh  
Scott Wilson



## CHURCH NEWS (CONTINUED)

## PINE ISLAND BUILDING PROGRESS

We are excited to report that fundraising for a chapel on our Pine Island campus has achieved extraordinary success. As of publication of this *Presbyter*, final numbers are not yet in, but we have far exceeded our goal. This generous resource is largely driven by contributions of a small number of individuals formerly associated with Pine Island Presbyterian Church, along with many contributions of other members in our congregation. It is inspiring to witness this collaborative collective effort to provide a space for our ministry and witness in that beautiful place. As we have previously publicized, all funds we have received are above and beyond pledging to the general fund. And no other capital resources of our congregation will be used to complete construction of this project.

Resources also include other leading gifts. In line with our consideration of environmental responsibility and sustainability, as this *Presbyter* goes to press, we are also finalizing a significant contribution from the J.A. Woollam Foundation, connected with Session's approval of a conservation easement on the property. And we have received a pledge from a congregation member for further funds to support in full solar energy for the chapel. We have also created the Laurie Tupper / Pine Island Endowment Fund to provide for future maintenance and improvement. And a grant from the Myrtle Collaborative will be used in part for furnishings and finishing touches to make the space usable.

With these funds in hand, we will proceed to finalize the plan with the builders Session previously approved. Those plans will go to Session for final authorization / approval before any work begins. We hope to break ground by some time in the spring / summer, dependent on fluidity in the construction market. We want everyone who may be interested to be a part of this exciting project! As we work to clarify more details to guide the construction process, please watch for information and opportunities to discuss plans and possibilities. We will try to offer a variety of times for people to learn more, ask questions, offer ideas, and generally help to make this vision become a reality.

We are grateful to the following people who have invested many hours and much effort as part of the team leading this Pine Island building project: Ellen Dykhuis (Property Committee moderator), Jeff Barnum, Bob Cowell, Kathy Jennings, Bob Poel, Susanne Rose, Marlene Stoops, Laurie Tupper, and Deb Weurding, all supported by Seth Weeldreyer.





# CHURCH NEWS (CONTINUED)

## ELDER TRANSITIONS

We extend a heart-felt thank you to the following members whose term of service on Session has concluded:

- Elders Liz Hamilton, Elaine Johns, Sue Johnson, and Brian Nederveld

At the pulsing heart of our congregational life together is the generous investment of effort and abilities from those called to serve. Thank you for your meaningful contributions that have touched so many other siblings in Christ and neighbors in our community.

We celebrate gratefully the beginning of faithful service by the following elders: Becky Demcovitz, Cynthia Feucht, Mark Loehrke, Mark Ohrstrom, and Pat Stromsta, joining Heather Cloetingh and Scott Wilson, continuing into another term.

Session committee assignments and moderators are in the process of being clarified as this *Presbyter* goes to print. Please watch for further information!



## DEACONS

### Class of 2022

Evelyn Garner  
Wendy King  
Louise  
McCallum  
Carol Parfitt  
Deb Weurding  
JoAnn Yochim

### Class of 2023

Jan Carpenter  
Hillary Cloetingh  
Paul Minert  
Suzanne  
Weeldreyer  
Diane White  
Jim Young

### Class of 2024

Aedin Clements  
Karen Nellums  
Jo Russell  
John Fiore  
Nancy Johnson  
Rick Taylor

## NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

Many thanks to our retiring Deacons: Gary and Donita DeBruin, Mike Boersma, Martha Flynn, and Joyce Lander. They have served with grace and devotion and we truly appreciate all they have brought to the Board of Deacons during their terms.

Warm welcome to our new Deacons: John Fiore, Nancy Johnson, and Rick Taylor. We know they will serve with loving commitment in the years ahead!

As we greet the new year, your Deacons promise to be a helpful presence and blessing in the life of our individual parishes and in the life of our church community. How we accomplish this, virtually or in person, will be the mark of our success. Growing numbers of our church family are returning to in-person church services and activities in the life of the church, but there are still many who are not yet ready or able to return. Join your Deacons in being a blessing by reaching out to someone you haven't seen in a while. A simple call, email, text or a kind word with love and a smile behind it will be felt, indeed!

Your Deacons seek to listen, laugh, assist, and embrace your joys and sorrows. We are at your service and we pray to do so not by half, but in full, listening always for the guiding, comforting words of God.

Blessings and joy for 2022 from your Board of Deacons! **Thank you!**

Your Deacons would like to thank you for your great support in purchasing gift baskets at the Christmas Bazaar last month. \$275 was raised to support the Deacons' coffee fund. We look forward to resuming gathering again for coffee and donuts when the Deacons can safely do so.

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 data and will plan a return to coffee hour as soon as the local health department data improves.



# 2022 Kalamazoo First Presbyterian Stewardship / Time / Talent Campaign

Ministry with Community  
Celebrate the Vision, Edison School  
Open Doors, Rickman House  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
ISAAC, CROP Walk, Habitat for Humanity  
Hope Garden and Loaves and Fishes



Worship and Music

Faith Formation

Building Maintenance and Utilities

General Administration

**THANK YOU**  
for your  
generosity and  
help in bringing  
God's blessings  
and good works  
to the world in  
2022 !!!

Dec 5<sup>th</sup>: 147  
Pledges so far!!!  
(Goal = 231)

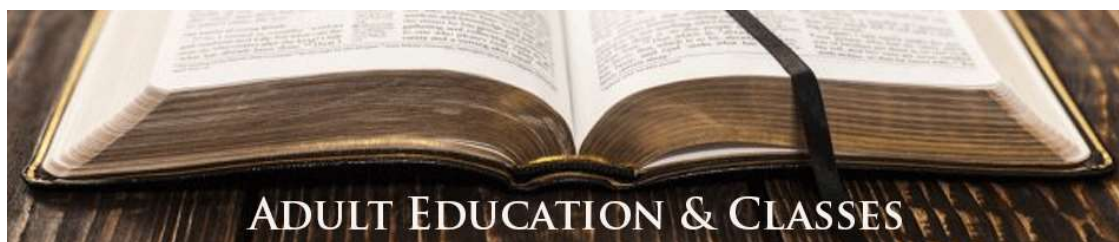
We have not quite yet, on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, received pledges to fully fund the 2022 programs of the church. If you haven't had the chance, please consider filling out a Pledge Card, dropping it in the offering plate, mailing it into the office, or email [louise.taylor@kalamazoofirstpres.org](mailto:louise.taylor@kalamazoofirstpres.org), or call her at (269) 344-0119.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following motions were adopted at the November 17, 2021 Session Meeting:

- A request for Financial Appeal for a bake sale and card drive to benefit the June 2022 Youth Mission trip.
- Approval of \$1,000 for Lending Hands from the Ford-Neff Fund.
- Approval of Rev. Amber Nettleton as a Parish Associate Pastor for First Presbyterian Church beginning in January, 2022.





FPC offers a number of education and fellowship opportunities for adults. Find a time that works for you or a connection you want to make, and reach out. We'd love to have you join us! If there is a small group for education or fellowship that you would like to start, reach out to Pastor Chrissy. She's happy to help support new ideas!

	Usual Location	Contact	Time
<b>Sunday</b>			
Prayer Partners	Room 301	Pat Stromsta	January 2 9:00 a.m.
Reading Aloud	Zoom	Kim Cummings	Contact Kim for more Information
Say More?	Room 301	Chrissy Westbury	After Worship January 23 and 30
<b>Monday</b>			
Thoughtful Readers	Room 300	Bev Murray and Donna Schonveld	January 24 - <i>My Dear Hamilton</i> by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Men's Fellowship	Archives	Bill Sorenson	Every Tuesday at 7 a.m.
Tuesday Noon Study	Library	Seth Weeldreyer	Beginning January 11 <i>Living with the Psalms</i> by John Bell
Wisdom in One Word (W.O.W)	Various locations	Sue Caulfield or Chrissy Westbury	January 5 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Noon Prayer Service	Sanctuary	Seth Weeldreyer	Every Wednesday Noon
Martha Circle	Gathering Place	Elaine Johns	January 12 3:00 p.m.
Celebrate the Vision - Faith in practice, serving a meal to our neighbors in need.	South Street Entrance	Chrissy Westbury Meredith Alspach Pat Stromsta	Every Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>			
Women's Bible Study	Room 314	Chrissy Westbury Pat Stromsta	Beginning January 13 - The Minor Prophets



# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

## LIVING WITH THE PSALMS

Tuesdays, January 11 – February 15 at noon, meeting in the Library

Pastor Seth Weeldreyer will lead reflection on John Bell's book *Living with the Psalms*. Bell writes: "I have developed an affection for poems that Jesus knew and quoted which, for reasons of their bleakness as well as their grandeur, have blessed the most unsuspecting of people. ... If God is God, and Scripture is deep, we should not expect the intellect to be the only conduit to understanding. ... I now believe emotion, experience, and imagination are also tools by which we can discover a relationship between our lives and biblical texts." Along with a six-week outline in the back of the book for sampling the psalms in daily prayer, here's a schedule for our discussion:

January 11 Preface – Chapter 3

January 18 Chapters 4 – 5

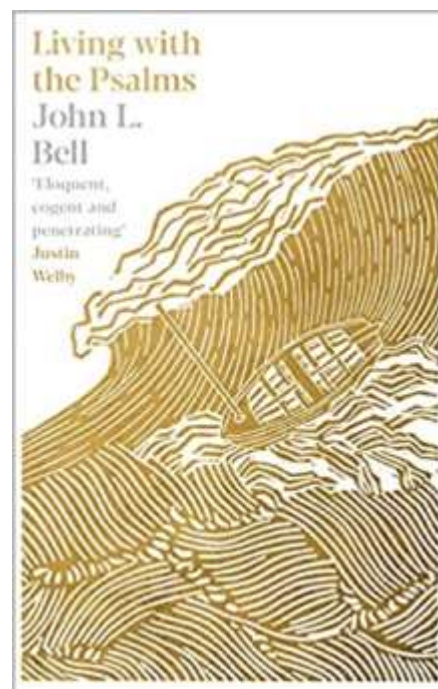
January 25 Chapters 6 – 8

February 1 Chapters 9 – 11

February 8 Chapters 12 – 14

February 15 Chapters 15 – 17

You can find the book through your favorite local bookstore or at Amazon. Please contact Seth with any questions.



## NEW ADULT CLASS: SAY MORE?

January 23 and 30, after Worship

We will be trying out a new adult class after Worship on January 23 and 30. "Say More?" is an opportunity to gather and reflect on the scripture passages shared in Worship and in the sermon – to ask questions and delve a little deeper into the scriptures we read each week. Contact Pastor Chrissy for more information.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 9:30

Beginning on January 13, Pastor Chrissy will be leading the Women's Bible Study in a study of the Minor Prophets. The 12 minor prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi) are called minor, not because they are of less importance, but because they are shorter books. We will spend four weeks listening to what they had to say in their context and thinking about what it means for us in ours. We'll also delve into the funniest book in the Bible and have a bit of fun with that!





# UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

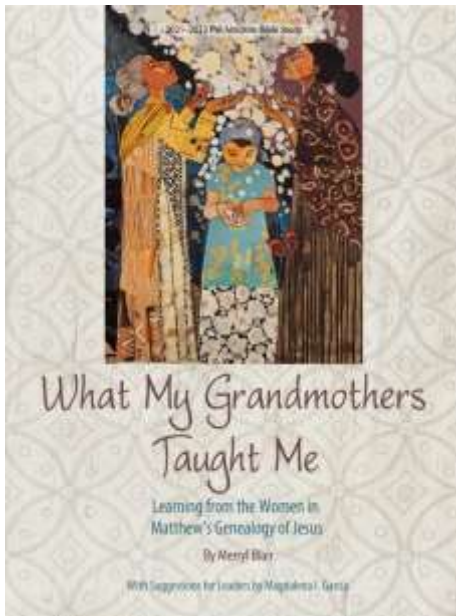
## W.O.W. (WISDOM IN ONE WORD)

This small group meets monthly at members' homes on the first Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00. Each month we take a word with us to reflect on all month long. When we gather, we each bring something that word brought up for us during the month. It might be a scripture, a poem, a story, a piece of art or music – anything to help us reflect on where God spoke to us through that word throughout the month. We welcome new members! Contact Sue Caulfield or Chrissy Westbury for more information. Our January word is MYSTERY.

## MARTHA CIRCLE—WHAT MY GRANDMOTHERS TAUGHT ME

Martha Circle welcomes all women to join us as we begin a new Bible study on Wednesday, January 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place. “What My Grandmothers Taught Me” is the Presbyterian Women’s study of the women in Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus. We meet to study together and to support each other in our journeys as Christian women in our world. You are invited to join us!

If interested, contact Elaine Johns at [emjohns513@aol.com](mailto:emjohns513@aol.com) or 269-323 -7395.



Date	Time	Event
January 2	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Prayer Partners
	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	4-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group
January 4	7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Men’s Fellowship
January 5	5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Celebrate the Vision
	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	W.O.W
January 6	9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
January 9	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
January 11	7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Men’s Fellowship
	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Living with the Psalms
January 12	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Martha Circle
	5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Celebrate the Vision
January 13	9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
January 16	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
January 18	7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Men’s Fellowship
	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Living with the Psalms
January 19	5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Celebrate the Vision
January 20	9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
January 23	11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Say More? Adult Class
	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	4-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group
	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
January 24	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Thoughtful Readers
January 25	7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Men’s Fellowship
	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Living with the Psalms
January 27	9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
January 30	11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Say More? Adult Class
	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Youth Group

Here is a total list of all public church events (excluding meetings and regular church services) for the month of January.

\*There may or may not be adult choir/handbell choir this month. Check the church’s Facebook page and bulletins for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/asanctuaryinthecity>

To learn more about any of these events, look at the online church calendar or church event page on the website.

<http://kzoofirstpres.org/calendar/>

<http://kzoofirstpres.org/upcoming-events/>



# YOUTH & FAMILIES

## YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Group is meeting in-person for all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students!**

**\* See information below regarding our NEW group for all 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students!**

*All meeting dates are subject to change as we keep safety and health of all at the forefront of our planning. The most up-to-date information will be sent to parents directly via email.*

*To be added to the Youth Group email list, contact Meredith: [meredith.Alspace@kalamazoofirstpres.org](mailto:meredith.Alspace@kalamazoofirstpres.org)*

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

We are in need of some help making and serving dinner for the youth. Let Meredith know if you can help!

January 9<sup>th</sup> – 5-7:00 pm @ FPC Kzoo  
January 16 – 5-7:00 pm @ Richland  
January 23 – 5-7:00 pm @ FPC Kzoo  
January 30 – 5-7:00 pm @ Richland  
February 6 – 5-7:00 pm @ FPC Kzoo  
February 13 – NO Youth Group  
February 20 – 5-7:00 pm @ FPC Kzoo  
February 27 – 5-7:00 pm @ Richland



**We are kicking off a NEW group for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders!!**

This group will be very similar to our Youth Group, combining kids from the area Presbyterian churches.

January 9 – 4-5:00 pm @ FPC Kzoo

January 23 – 4-5:00 pm @ FPC Kzoo

February 6 – 4-5:00 pm @ FPC Kzoo

February 20 – 4-5:00 pm @ FPC Kzoo

**To be added to the email list for this group, please contact Meredith:**

**[meredith.alspace@kalamazoofirstpres.org](mailto:meredith.alspace@kalamazoofirstpres.org).**

**Any schedule changes will be communicated to parents directly each week via email.**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

We have a new Prayground in the West Transept!  
Feel free to check out this new space with your children during worship!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday School is happening in-person for preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

- ❖ Nursery will be open for children ages 2 and under
- ❖ School-aged children will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

## FAITH IN ACTION

In order to better help our children and youth understand what it means to see faith in action, we are asking one family each month to serve hot chocolate at the Wednesday night CTV dinner for our downtown neighbors.

➤ Dates we need a family to serve:

January 5

February 2

March 2

April 6

May 4

**Contact Meredith to sign up!**



# January Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<sup>1</sup> Gertrude Early Diana Diamond Samantha Anderson Jonathan Leasure Konjoh Konjoh Bernice Atemandeh William Mack
<sup>2</sup> Jacob Droppers	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup> Christopher Light Sherman Van Solkema Robert Wall Emerson	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup> Jim Lewis	<sup>7</sup> Joey Droppers	<sup>8</sup> Samuel Hubbard
<sup>9</sup>	<sup>10</sup> Oliver Takuh Douglas Jonas Wesley Todd Ellen Jarl	<sup>11</sup> Marcia Cowell Carole Cupps	<sup>12</sup> Megan Dark Neal Graziano	<sup>13</sup>	<sup>14</sup> Cain Kortlandt Karen Hassler Robyn Lewis J. Andrew Roberts Erin Diamond	<sup>15</sup> Timothy Aldrich Sophia Novak Peter Lewis
<sup>16</sup> Richard Bryce Jacqueline Steffey	<sup>17</sup>	<sup>18</sup> Charlotte Wilson	<sup>19</sup> Bruce Houtman Andrew Van Ness Wayne Conner William Birch III	<sup>20</sup> Alison Perks Neil Stuit Clara Candido	<sup>21</sup> Carmen Tanis Lauren Kastman Atsalakis Cameron Hay	<sup>22</sup> Dan Dowswell
<sup>23</sup> Julie Hakken Cameron Shaffer Kathleen Houtman	<sup>24</sup> Kathy Cooney Mark Lubbers Arria Hay	<sup>25</sup> Jane Beers Ruth Minert	<sup>26</sup> Deb Weurding	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup> Conner Misner Charles Leibbrand William Gladstone	<sup>29</sup> Austin Leder
<sup>30</sup> Claudia Britigan William Rylander Donald McCloud Sara Torrence Sara DeRusha	<sup>31</sup> Sue Thielman					





## Assistance for Worshippers

**Hearing Assistance Devices** for in-person 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 for in-person Worship. 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.

**DVD's** can be created for those with limited access to our services. You may call 344-0119 to place an order.

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

## Presbyter

Our congregation publishes the *Presbyter* on a monthly basis, with the exception of bi-monthly issues in the summer and during the Christmas season. While this may change with the complications of planning in our country's situation, here is the *tentative* schedule for the balance of the 2021 program year:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for Content</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>
February	January 18	January 26
March	February 14	February 23
April	March 21	March 30

Many members receive the *Presbyter* newsletter via e-mail only, to help conserve paper and other resources. If you would like to have your name removed from the USPS mailing list, please contact us.

## Parish Associates

### Parish Associates:

The Reverend Liz Candido, [ecandido@kzoo.edu](mailto:ecandido@kzoo.edu)  
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### United Campus Ministry Pastor and FPC Parish Associate:

The Reverend Kathleen Robertson King, [ucmkrking@yahoo.com](mailto:ucmkrking@yahoo.com)



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Ext. 213

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**Randy Randt**

**Logan McCafferty**

### South Lobby Receptionists (Ext. 221)

**Bruce Birkel**

**Deb Weurding**

**Sandy Sinotte**

**Bob Brush III**

## How Can I Join the Email List?

Sign up for announcements and links to online Worship: it's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Go to the FPC website ([kzoofirstpres.org](http://kzoofirstpres.org)) and scroll to the bottom of the page.
2. There is a short form to complete (email address; first name; last name).
3. When it is completed, just hit "subscribe" and your name will be added to our email list.

Emails containing announcements are generally sent on Thursday afternoons. If you haven't received it by Friday afternoon, please look in your "junk".

## In Memoriam

Carole Birch was born on May 4, 1941, and joined FPC on April 15, 1954.  
Carole died on October 18, 2021.

LaVonne Stavig was born on January 2, 1928, and joined FPC on October 3, 1963.  
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