

# First Press

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*Rev. Khayla Johnson, our new Resident Minister, was ordained at St. James Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC, on July 28. Carol Smith and Rev. Jay Sanderford attended.*

## Dear Friends,

Alan Brehm, well-known scholar and blogger, wrote: "We are creatures of habit. We like things to remain stable, predictable, and under control. Unfortunately, life is anything but predictable." True! However, we could say the same thing about the Holy Spirit, or our faith, or life in a faithful community here at First Pres. God is never bored. God is never boring! The energetic, enthusiastic Holy Spirit keeps us moving, dancing, glowing, showing, knowing, and growing in untold ways in any number of life experiences. Our God is one who, in the words of Isaiah, "is doing a new thing." God asks, "Do you perceive it?"

Well, what do you think? I'm guessing most of us have a resounding, "Oh, yes!" We do perceive change all around us, and newness, unfolding life, unending opportunity. Especially here at First Pres. Do you find that wonderful? Or rather, do you dread that? Perhaps you are one who may find change terrifying. Brehm points out that one of the ways that we deal with the ever-changing quality of life is by living life in the past tense. He says that we tend to look back, to fixate on times when everything was just like we wanted it. "We hold onto that ideal image as a comfort when life in the present gets overwhelming. Of course, if we really went back to that time, we'd realize that not everything was just like we wanted it. But in retrospect, it's easy to see the past with rose-colored glasses." (<http://thewakingdreamer.blogspot.com/>)

For those who fear change, or dread it — you may do as Brehm suggests and go to the past. You might wonder when it was here at First Pres that everything was "just the way you wanted it." When there was the perfect preaching minister for your

likes, the most engaging music program suited to your tastes, the ideal programming to nurture your child's faith, the best parking, the hippest pastoral staff, and so on. Most of us came to the church at a time when things were the right fit for us. And change that has come since then has been, well ... different. In part, better than we could have imagined. In places, a perceived loss of something we held dear, or the departure of a person who meant the world to us.

Now that you've had that thought — have this one. And have it with the people who gleefully embrace change, as well. God is ever and now doing a new thing. And nothing could be better than something God is doing!

Six new First Pres staff members are joining us between now and early October. Major programs are gathering energy this August during key planning meetings in preparation to kick off in September. Your church leaders are collaborating to bring about the most positive and healthy changes as the church goes forward and gets stronger in our work, witness, and worship. While many of you lie on sand beaches in Northern Michigan, hike the hills of Appalachia, pluck the weeds that choke your sunflowers, and plan your family get-togethers, the church staff and leaders are hand-in-hand with a God who is doing a new thing, a beautiful, bold, bright, bubbly new thing here at First Pres. We do perceive it, and we are fully a part of it!

*Blessings,  
Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers*



*First Pres youth at Triennium*

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## First Pres Tie-dye Extravaganza!

**August 25 & September 1**

**We've got color!** -Join our dye experts, Lois Bryant and Rebecca Chen, Sunday, August 25 during Coffee Hour (10:30 a.m.) to create your own, one-of-a-kind, tie-dye masterpiece. Bring a clean white shirt/socks/ bandanna/bag/anything and we'll provide the colors and ties. Take your creation home to dry and wash, then wear it to worship and the Annual Ice Cream Social (see page 2 for details) on Sunday, September 1!





## Welcome David VanderMeer

### First Pres' New Minister of Music and Fine Arts

Welcome David! David started his time at First Pres as our Minister of Music and Fine Arts on July 15. He comes to us from Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, where he served for 18 years as the Minister of Music and Fine Arts.

Prior to that, he held similar positions in Presbyterian Churches in Houston, Amarillo, and Port Arthur, Texas and Bernardsville, New Jersey. David is originally from Saginaw.

David is a life-long Presbyterian who has been described as one of the best church musicians in the Presbyterian Church, USA and a gifted choral director. He excels at developing a choir's choral ability and is devoted to including children and youth in music. David has developed premier handbell choirs for both adults and youth, and recruited homeless men, women, and teenagers who lived near the church to join a handbell choir. At Central Presbyterian, he increased the number of participants in the various programs to include one-third of the congregation.

David brings the added dimension of multi-sensory worship with an innovative and inclusive liturgical arts programming. The program he created at Central Presbyterian incorporates art in both worship and worship space in the form of paraments, banners, and other forms of artistic expression.

David has been recognized nationally for his work. He is the President of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and is active as a choral director and handbell clinician for many organizations. In the next few weeks, come by and welcome David VanderMeer and his husband Brent Ivey to First Pres, Ann Arbor and even better, join one of our many music programs! Dave can be reached at 662-4466, ext 347 or [dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org).

## Welcome Potluck for Dave (and Brent!)

Come and meet Dave VanderMeer at an All-Church Welcome Potluck, Sunday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. Join us in the Social Hall. Please do sign up at our website, or here: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/vandermeer-welcome-potluck/>



## Chancel Choir News

The Chancel Choir will begin its 2019-2020 choir season on Friday and Saturday, August 23 - 24 with a Mini-Retreat at First Pres in Monteith Hall. In other words, there will be no rehearsals on Thursdays, August 1, 8, and 15. The schedule for the weekend is:

**Friday, August 23, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Rehearsal and a short Evening Prayer Service

**Saturday, August 24, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Rehearsal and a potluck lunch in the Social Hall

This retreat will allow the choir to get a head start on upcoming repertoire for the program year and begin a major choral work for All Saints' Sunday. I look forward to being with you in rehearsal as we begin the year together! All are welcome and please invite a singer that you know to join us!

*- Soli Deo Gloria, Dave VanderMeer*

## Ice Cream Social - Vote for Your Favorite Ice Cream Flavor!

Celebrate the end of summer at the Ice-Cream Social on Sunday, September 1, sponsored by the Congregational Life committee. At 10:30 a.m. enjoy Washtenaw Dairy Ice Cream and lots of toppings. Flavors will include Vanilla, Triple-Chocolate Overload, Rainbow Sherbet, and ... either Cookie Dough, Oreo Cookies & Cream, or Peppermint. YOU decide! Vote at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org) for your favorite flavor! Votes need to be in by August 23. The winner will be announced on Sunday, August 25. **Want to help with set up, serving, or clean-up?** Have a question? Contact Lynne Lande at [lynnelande@me.com](mailto:lynnelande@me.com), or Karla Olson-Bellfi at [karlaolsonbellfi@gmail.com](mailto:karlaolsonbellfi@gmail.com).





## New Parking Rules at First Pres

First Pres received a letter from the City of Ann Arbor Fire Department identifying three violations. Two have to do with signage for, and access to, the fire department connection for the church – these have been addressed.

The third item has to do with posting and maintaining the necessary fire lanes around the church. This violation reads: “Install ‘No Parking – Fire Lane’ signs on the outer and inner drive on the north side of the building and around the perimeter of the building to ensure fire engine access around the building. Only diagonal parking that has been approved by the city can be used.”

The “No Parking – Fire Lane” signs have been posted. Please do not park in these areas. This is not just an issue of convenience for the fire department, it is a necessity for the proper equipment to have access to the building in the event of an emergency at the church.

The handicapped parking spaces along the sidewalk adjacent to the church (parallel parking spaces) are no longer available parking spaces – this is part of the posted fire lane. To make up for these spaces, several of the diagonal spaces across the aisle that were previously non-handicapped parking will be identified as handicapped parking for Sunday services and other special events. Thank you in advance for helping to keep these areas clear for fire department equipment.



## Key Volunteer Openings!

### Maybe God Is Calling You ...

We are in need of a church archivist, and a church librarian. Each position is unique and fulfilling, and incredibly helpful to the First Pres family. Both positions can be held by one person, or shared with two to three people who wish to work together. If you have the skills, gifts, or just the interest, we can train you! Contact Rev. Rogers to express interest in either (or both) positions.

## Center Yourself with Silence

Friday, September 27 to Saturday, September 28, Rev. Annette Fraser will lead a 24-hour Silent Retreat at St. Augustine House in Oxford, MI. Participants will leave Friday at 2:30 p.m. and return to church on Saturday around 8:30 p.m. To learn more or to sign up, contact Rev. Fraser at [nnttfraser@gmail.com](mailto:nnttfraser@gmail.com)

## Christian Meditation

Find peace and listen for God during Christian meditation Saturdays, August 3 and 17, at 8:35 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Contact Jeanette Kibler for more information.



## On the Road

### Mature Ministries is Heading to Meijer Gardens—with Family!

Circle Thursday, August 22, on your calendar for a different sort of adventure. Mature Ministries announces an intergenerational outing to Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids. Bring yourself and bring your family, too! Your day will start with a 45 minute narrated tram ride around the gardens, giving everyone an overview of what's to be discovered. But we've left the day open other than that so that everyone can enjoy exploration on their own—walking the gardens, taking in the gallery exhibits, enjoying the butterfly garden, etc. Lunch on your own in the Garden Café at 12:30 p.m. with our group or bring a picnic lunch to eat on your own schedule. Families welcome—and encouraged—or just come to enjoy the day with your friends.

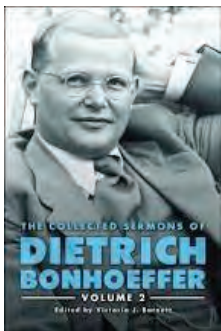
Bus leaves First Pres at 8:00 a.m; returns at 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$25.00 for adults; \$10.00 for children under 18 yrs. Includes transportation by bus, park admission, and tram ride. Lunch on your own. Payment is required by Thursday, August 8 to complete your reservation. Cancellations before August 8 will receive a 50% refund. Please note: your spot is not reserved without full payment.

Please register here: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/meijer-gardens-outing/>



## Stephen Ministry Library Book Reviews

The Stephen Ministry Library is located in Hillegonds Chapel. All are welcome to check it out!

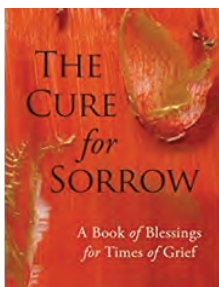


*The Collected Sermons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer* - Review by Chris Queen

*The Collected Sermons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, compiled and edited by Isabel Best, is a carefully chosen collection of sermons taken from throughout Bonhoeffer's preaching life that give us a portrayal of him as a preacher. He is considered one of the foremost theologians of the twentieth century but is not usually remembered as a preacher.

The sermons are drawn from the collected works of Bonhoeffer and range in date from 1926 to 1944. They cover various contexts in which Bonhoeffer preached, including congregations in Barcelona, London, and Berlin, the funeral sermon for his grandmother, Christmas meditations, prison meditations, and two baptismal sermons. Isabel Best presents the specific historical setting for each sermon. She describes each sermon and sets it in the overall circumstances of Bonhoeffer's life and times, identifying theological emphases that emerge. This presents the "historical Bonhoeffer" but also indicates the significance of Bonhoeffer's sermons for our own time.

Bonhoeffer had such a way of preaching, of constructing words and sentences together that not only made sense, but made you want to pay attention. I read this book slowly, one sermon at a time, and I thoroughly enjoyed learning from his words from the Word.



*The Cure for Sorrow, a Book of Blessings for Times of Grief* - Review by Cyndy Colton

This is Jan Richardson's sixth book, copyright 2016. As a writer and ordained minister she has a lot to say to us. The Forward as well as the Postscript dwells on sorrow—is there a cure for it? The many blessings she has written within result from the unexpected loss of her husband following four years of marriage. It is poignant, to say the least. "A blessing helps us to keep breathing—to abide this moment, and the next moment, and the one after that," she shares. Those who know loss will find familiarity amongst these pages. If it is not for you, perhaps this book could bring comfort to someone you know is in mourning.

## Divorce Support Group

If you are debating or in the midst of divorce we would love you to drop in to our Divorce Support Meet Ups at One Bowl Asian Cuisine on S. Forest at University (park at First Pres). No commitment, no cost, just love and support. Led by Rev Annette Fraser, Patti Acton, RN and Joy Kotr each of whom have been there. Meeting in One Bowl's Family Room 6.30 -7.30 p.m. on these Monday nights — July 22, August 5, August 19, September 9, September 16, Sept 30th. No need to sign up, just come for love, support, and understanding. God bless you. Questions? Contact Rev. Annette Fraser at [nnttfraser@gmail.com](mailto:nnttfraser@gmail.com).



## Faith In Action

### Thanks from Open Door

The Local Mission Work Group awarded a grant to Detroiters in the Garden (DIG) through the Open Door program this year. See our local mission funding at work!

Martha:

I just wanted to send a quick update on the Healthy Habits series we kicked off through the DIG (Detroiters in the Garden) grant you funded through the church. Everything is off to a great start! We have had three sessions, and the number of participants is growing. Yesterday, we focused on movement and mindfulness. The week before we strolled the garden and talked about the herbs and veggies that were growing. We made smoothies and salads from the lettuce in the garden. Most of our participants are low-income seniors who live in the nearby Section 8 housing. They regularly receive food boxes from us, and now we are building a relationship with some of them. It is definitely off to a good start! We are all going to gather at Fort Street church and cook a luncheon feast soon. I just thought you might be wondering what is happening so far... Thanks again! - Trish Hubbell, Open Door





First Pres and Ludwig kids having fun together.

## Keeping Up with the Ludwigs

On June 15 over 30 people gathered in Monteith Hall to learn more about Niger and the Christian presence there. Michael and Rachael Ludwig, whom the church helps sponsor, plus Jodi McGill, the newest PC(USA) co-worker in Niger, shared about their work in two separate locations in Niger. On Saturday, Beca Torres-Davenport planned activities for the children and on Sunday had the children in Sunday school come and learn more about life in Niger. Thirty-two people attended the luncheon that followed sponsored by the Mission Committee. For more information about Niger, the Niger Mission Network, and First Pres' involvement, contact Cheong-Hee Chang at [heechange2@gmail.com](mailto:heechange2@gmail.com)



## Children & Families

### Say "Hello" to Dave VanderMeer & Pack Care Bags for the Homeless

On Sunday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m., in the Social Hall, we'll welcome Dave VanderMeer with a potluck and pack care bags for those in need. During this hot summer, our homeless community needs our care and support.

**Care Bag Donations Needed** - Want to help? Bring in some of the items listed below during the next two weeks or bring them to the potluck. We will work together to pack care bags that will be shared individually with those in need in Ann Arbor and surrounding communities. Care bags will be packed into sandwich-sized bags to make them easy to carry and pass out. Many of these items are easily purchased in bulk at Costco, Sam's Club, and Meijer. **Questions?** Contact Beca Torres-Davenport at [btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org).

Travel size toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste & deodorant	Soft/chewy granola bars Snack packs (non-perishable) Sunscreen	Disinfectant wipes (wet wipes) New combs (for all hair types) Bus tokens
Foot powder Nail files Feminine hygiene products Mini water bottles	Bug repellent Chapstick Pocket tissues Travel hand sanitizer	New rain ponchos Bike locks Earbud headphones

### The Lord's Prayer Summer Curriculum

Sunday mornings, after the 9:30 a.m. children's message, the children and youth have been exploring The Lord's Prayer's through games, color, stories, and discussion using the Illustrated Children's Ministry© summer curriculum. "Through the use of inclusive language and meaningful theology, children have opportunities to explore our belongingness and connectedness with each other, the world, and God." -ICM©, The Lord's Prayer Curriculum

### Blessing of Our Labors

Sunday, September 1

Everyone, members and visitors, children and adults, is invited to bring their bags, backpacks, briefcases, purses, etc., and join in praying and blessing the tools that help us in our labors. Fall is a time that represents transition. Those who would like, will receive a cross carabiner and bag tag/card to remind them that their church family is thinking of them and praying for them.



**Bring a School Supply to Donate** - As part of this year's church school backpack event, the congregation is invited to bring a new school supply to support the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Education Project for Homeless Youth. Needed supplies include backpacks for all ages (laptop compartments preferred for older students), colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, washable markers or crayons (box of 24), yellow highlighters, scissors (blunt and pointed), pink erasers, rulers, tab dividers, pencil boxes and bags, 1" binders, calculators, and scientific calculators (gently used ok.)





## Youth Ministries

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### Triennium 2019 - PC(USA) National High School Youth Event



For five days in July, three of our youth joined nearly 70 other youth and 15 leaders from Detroit Presbytery at Purdue University for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium of 2019! This event is held every three years and draws thousands of youth from around the nation and several countries. From large outdoor recreation events to immersive worship, our students discovered multiple ways to engage their peers around faith and God.



## UKirk@UMich

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### Know of College Students Coming to the A2 Area?

If you know of any students attending UM or a nearby school (EMU, MSU, WCC, etc.), contact our campus ministry program! Our Campus Ministries Coordinator Rev. Evans McGowan would love to reach out to them, connect them to various campus ministries, and take them out for coffee or lunch if they are interested! Please send him a name and any contact information you have at [campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org). Even if you just have a name and meet the student in worship, this is very helpful, as you are the eyes and ears of Christ inviting them into a beloved community!



## Adult Education

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### Receptive Reverence An Interfaith Series

On Sunday, August 4 at 11:00 a.m. join us in the Founders Room for the final class in this series. Member Carol Gottliebsen leads a discussion on *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Young people ages five and up are invited to come for their own concurrent breakout session.

### Field Trips to Zen Buddhist Temple & Temple Beth Emeth Sunday, August 11

We continue to learn about other faith traditions by touring local worship spaces where others encounter the holy. Meet at First Pres at 12:30 p.m. to carpool. Our first stop is at 1:00 p.m. at the Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard Street. The second stop is at 3:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard St, Ann Arbor. Can you only visit one location? Feel free to meet at either place. Questions? Contact Rev. Blair Buckley at [bbuckley@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:bbuckley@firstpresbyterian.org).





### Saying "Goodbye" to Old Friends ...

#### Farewell & Godspeed to Blair, Eric, Essie & Dorothy

Summer is a time of transition and a season of farewells as we say goodbye to our beloved Resident Ministers who depart First Pres for new calls to new churches in new places.

**Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke** begins a call in late July as an Associate Pastor at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware, where his focus will be youth ministry, pastoral care and worship. Eric departs First Pres with his wife **Essie Koenig-Reinke**, who has served two years as our Coordinator of Youth Ministries. She is headed to Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, to serve as the Director of Outreach, Mission, and Education. Eric and Essie will live in Northeast Maryland, midway between Wilmington and Baltimore.

**Rev. Dorothy Piatt** will soon be serving as an Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, Virginia, a sizeable and vibrant church located adjacent to the grounds of the University of Virginia. Building on her ministry in Ann Arbor with young adults and students here, Dorothy's work in Virginia will be split between the university community, worship and outreach and mission. She begins work in early August.

**Rev. Blair Buckley** continues to search for a call that fits her gifts, skills, interest and geographical preferences. With numerous paths before her, Blair looks to finalize her new call before mid-August.



### ... And "Hello" to New Ones

#### Welcome Andrew Frazier, Rev. Khayla Johnson & Rev. Amy Ruhf

**Andrew Frazier** arrives in Michigan from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He grew up Presbyterian in Carrollton, Georgia, and as the son of two singers, Andrew's childhood was filled with music. It's not surprising that he graduated from University of Georgia with a degree in voice performance. He spent the years between college and seminary waiting tables, and he says of that time: "I learned about myself in ways I would not change and it was through those sometimes painful experiences that I was called back to the church and to seminary." A member of Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas, Andrew feels particularly called to pastoral care, worship and congregational life. He says: "I believe we grow the most during transitions – times when we're invited to draw nearer to God and to one another – and I'm excited to grow in faith and love with the First Pres community"



**Rev. Khayla Johnson** was born in Charleston, South Carolina, surrounded by a large family – her great grandmother had fourteen children – and raised in the Presbyterian tradition. Khayla writes that "on any given Sunday you can see four generations of my relatives worshipping together at St. James Presbyterian Church. My unique Christian family understands the values of our faith tradition and teaches that tradition to their children and grandchildren." After her undergraduate years, Khayla worked in youth and young adult ministry. Having graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in May, she is now poised for the next phase of her growth as a leader. She observes, "I am passionate about the work of social justice and advocating for those around me. I am passionate about the importance of teaching in the church and helping individuals deepen their relationships with God. God has called me to lead; God has called me to preach, teach, and build up communities in a variety of places." Her interests include photography, drawing, and sports. "Photography gives me a chance to capture authentic moments of people-seeing people in ways they don't see themselves and giving people memories. I enjoy spending time behind a camera, rather than being in front of one. While in seminary in Atlanta, I used photography to create the "We Are Columbia photo exhibit," a visual story about the people, history and future promise of seminary students and leaders, past and present.







**Rev. Amy Ruhf** comes to us by way of Messiah College, California University of Pennsylvania and Princeton Theological Seminary. After completing an undergraduate degree in sports medicine, Amy served as the athletic trainer for Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania, school district from 2008 to 2016. She received a commission in the US Navy Chaplain Candidate Program at the rank of Ensign in 2016 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade on April 20, 2018. Amy completed her Master of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2019 and was ordained in her home church in Ambler, Pennsylvania on June 30. Upon leaving Ann Arbor in 2021, Amy will serve as a Navy Chaplain, wherever that might be.

Prior to attending seminary, Amy served as a deacon, a small group leader, a teacher and has been active in the music ministry of the church. She's organized successful fundraising events to benefit children with severe disabilities. While at Princeton, she completed a meaningful program in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Residency at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital that prepared her well for the challenges of pastoral ministry. Amy enjoys anything that gets her outside – backpacking and hiking, running, playing softball and fly fishing. She's a reader, a singer and a handbell player. Amy says "my greatest interest in ministry is relational living. I seek to live in healthy relationships with God, with other people, and with nature and seeks to help others do the same."



## Financial Stewardship

### About Legacy Giving ...

Legacy gifts promote charitable giving through estate planning. Support First Presbyterian Church to insure the quality of Christian worship, outreach and care that you treasure in your community will continue. The benefits of your gift will be felt far into the future. The size of anyone's gift is personal and gifts of any size are greatly appreciated.

There are many ways to consider legacy gifting. Bequests, a beneficiary designation through retirement plan and life insurance or allocating stocks, bonds, and trusts are types of provisions. We would love to start the conversation and explore what is really important to you and how you can help ensure the longevity and perpetuity of First Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in learning how to provide for the future of our church through a legacy gift, please contact Doug Gottlieb-[sen at dagottlieb@aol.com](mailto:dagottlieb@aol.com), Marita Servais at [maritaservais@gmail.com](mailto:maritaservais@gmail.com), or Anna Miller at [amiller@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:amiller@firstpresbyterian.org)



### Legacy Partner - Dallas Dort

Sharon and I joined First Pres about eight years ago, and Fairfax married us a year later. The theme of our wedding reception was "walking toward the light" together, and that probably says all that needs to be said about how important the church is to us.

Sharon became a deacon. A little after that, I became an elder. We've made good friends. We contributed to the campaign to endow the resident ministry program. For all those reasons, a few years ago we arranged for a bequest to be made to First Pres.

Maybe it would be good to add something about our sense of the future. Knowing that attendance has been declining in Presbyterian churches across the country, and at our own church, we confess to being a bit worried. On the other hand, we both believe that our church offers something all the more important in these days of angst and anxiety, and anger and woe. Life on life's terms seems harder for the families coming behind us than it did for us. Job insecurity, marital insecurity, pressures on children and teenagers, the opioid explosion – we see that our church and our faith give us and our fellow church members a measure of comfort and strength and direction, and a chance to serve others, that are more needed than ever in these trying times.

Part of this challenge is financial: it appears to us that young families may not be able to give as much as our generation can. So we'd like to help build an endowment that can produce some extra income for the church, taking a little pressure off the annual giving campaigns. So, out of gratitude and love and belief in the role we hope First Pres will play in the decades to come, we have named the church in our trust, and we encourage you to do so, too.



## All the Ways to Donate to First Pres

How can you donate to First Presbyterian Church? Consult the list below and see what works best for you!

- **In Worship** - Place your cash or check (payable to First Presbyterian Church) in the offering plate during any of our worship services. Pew envelopes are available for your use.
- **By Mail** - Send to Finance Office, First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.
- **Online** - Schedule a recurring or one-time donation charged to either your debit or credit card or directly as an ACH from your checking account. Visit <https://firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/donate-first-presbyterian> and select "Donate online here".
- **Donate Stock** - You can donate stock to First Presbyterian Church by having your broker send the stock to our account at RW Baird. Instructions are available in the finance office.
- **IRA direct contribution** - Do you have an IRA that requires you to take a Required Minimum Distribution? You can have your contribution paid directly to First Presbyterian Church from your IRA. Contact your financial advisor for instructions.
- **Automatic Bank Pay** - Go to your bank's website, log in to your individual bank account and follow your bank's instructions to set up First Presbyterian Church as a new payee. Your bank will print and send us a check.
- **Text to Give** - Using your smartphone, text the dollar amount that you wish to give to 734-441-6148. The first time you use this option you will enter your credit card and contact information.
- **Give + App** - Download the free "Give+" app by Vanco Services. Search for First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor. Select the fund and amount to give, provide your credit/debit card information.

For more information about any of these ways to donate contact Anna Miller, Finance Manager, at 662-4466 or [amiller@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:amiller@firstpresbyterian.org).



## Transitions

### We Grieve the Death of:

Katie Dutton June 30, 2019  
Rev. Karl Geider, July 28, 2019  
Sue Leong, July 31, 2019

### We Celebrate the Marriage of:

Nicholas Blogin and Lindey Gloyd, May 25, 2019  
Annie Tamblyn and Zak Showalter, June 22, 2019  
Charlotte Anderson and Reid Sawtell, June 29, 2019  
Carrie Kennedy and Ronald Shunia, June 29, 2019

### We Celebrate the Birth of:

Isla Joyce Cameron, born April 8, 2019, daughter of Kelly and Matt Cameron, and granddaughter of Jim and Linda Cameron

Hannah Elizabeth Bowles, born June 3, 2019, daughter of Ashley and Brent Bowles, and granddaughter of Carol and Paul Smith

Elizabeth Sickles born July 14, 2019, daughter of Kate and Michael Sickles, granddaughter of Tom and Lisa McKarns



*Parish Nurse Sandy Talbott with Carolynn Beuhler*