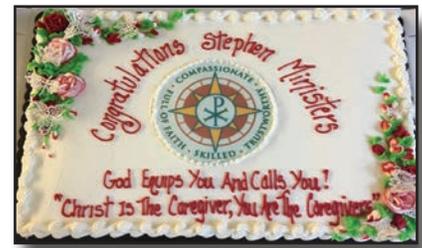




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Dear Friends,

As we move toward summer, I think about the words from Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Temperatures, as I write this, indicate that summer is here and it is time to plant and tend our Rehobeth Garden, the bounty of which will go toward neighbors in Washtenaw County in desperate need of fresh produce. It is time to celebrate the accomplishments of young people who are graduating from high school or college or who are completing graduate work. It is time to say good-bye to Resident Minister Emily Béghin as she prepares to leave us for her first installed position at a church in Virginia Beach. It is time to enjoy the additional hours of sunlight and the beauty of creation and make the most of them by getting together outdoors with friends and family. Several years ago the session committed to reporting three times a year to the congregation about the church's financial condition. It's that time again! On June 4, members of the Financial Stewardship Committee will present data and answer questions after each worship service.

With the completion of the work of the youth, campus, and mission overview/re-imagining groups, it is time for the session to engage in thinking strategically about the next period of our church's life. A common theme in each of the study group's reports is the need for enhanced multi-generational opportunities. One June 11, we will gather for

our annual all-church picnic. Come and enjoy being with people of all ages! Watch for new ways to get to know others across the age spectrum, remembering that everything begins with our relationship with God who creates us in love and calls us to love one another.

It always is time to pause and say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all the many blessings we tend to take for granted. Pausing to focus on God does more than change one's perspective. It reminds us of a relationship that transcends earthly annoyances, travails, and traumas. As you take time this summer to enjoy a range of activities, don't forget to give thanks to God for the gift of each day, the quiet of the early morning, the thrill of new experiences, the wonder of new life, and the comfort of loved ones. Give thanks to God for the gift of our community of faith where everyone is welcome and accepted for who we are. Give thanks because God is good.

Grace and peace,

Fairfax F. Fair
Pastor/Head of Staff



Summer Worship Schedule

June 11 – 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, **No 11:00 service – CHURCH PICNIC**

June 18 - July 30 – 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, **9:30 a.m. – OUTSIDE WORSHIP**

In case of inclement weather, 9:30 a.m. worship will be in the Sanctuary

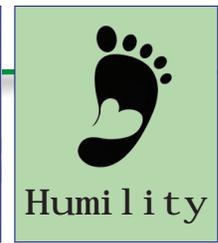
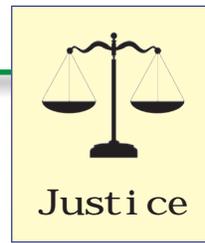
August 6 - September 3 – 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

September 10 – Fall worship schedule resumes.





WALKING WITH JESUS: Mercy, Justice, Humility



Our Theme

This summer, First Pres invites you to walk with Jesus in our worship, reading, talking, and, yes, – walking – as we lean into the ageless practices of mercy, justice, and humility. We are in constant motion – that’s a fact of modern life. Yet life never seems to settle down, or to fall out as we imagine, so we are constantly harried. In a world that teases us with its harsh edges and plentiful injustices, creating a workable hands-on Christian spirituality is a challenge.

Drawing on the timeless words of the prophet Micah, Walking with Jesus will be shaped by three themes: mercy, justice and humility. Daily email devotions authored by friends and members in our First Pres community and delivered daily to your inbox will set the tone. The rhythms of Sunday worship will follow these three themes. Walking—on your own or in a group – will get you moving in and about Ann Arbor. Like last summer, there will be open “ConnectED conversations” following the sermon and worship at 11:00 a.m. offering time and space for hearty conversation. Families and children will follow the same themes with curated books and activities that draw upon themes of mercy, fairness, and walking with God. Young people will plug in with fun activities and ministries of service.

Random KINDNESS - Do Mercy on June 4

As we kick off our theme, “Mercy/Kindness - Justice - Humility,” the Deacons will provide 100 red geraniums in worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Members and friends are encouraged to take a geranium after one of the worship services to someone that needs some kindness. Have a neighbor who is sick, or a colleague who is struggling, or a friend who is bummed about life? Take them a geranium! Send your stories of caring to Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. Join our Deacons to share the beautiful ministry of kindness and caregiving to those you know who would be blessed by your humble effort.

WALKING with Jesus

This summer there will be a series of five different “WALKS”, ranging from a few miles to thousands of miles. Each walk represents a time in history where God’s people chose or were forced to walk. You can do one or several walks. Those with greater distances can be done as a group or family. Running, swimming, roller skating, biking will all count as well as walking. Brochures for each walk, containing some history, questions to ponder, and a map, will be available June 18. The walks will continue throughout the summer, ending August 27. Here’s a short description of the five walks.

Selma – The 1965 Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. A total of 54 miles.

Women’s March of 1913 – This was the original Women’s March, taking place the day before Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated. There is the March in DC which was about 1 mile, and an additional march from NYC to DC in the weeks leading up to the Suffrage March – a distance of 234 miles.

The Trail of Tears – In 1838, the US forced the mass migration of the entire Cherokee Nation from their lands east of the Mississippi to central reservations west of the Mississippi (present day Oklahoma). This was an estimated walk of 2200 miles, through all kinds of weather.

“El Norte” – A walk from the Guatemalan border to the Texas border – to escape poverty and increasing violence. Individuals and families will walk a distance of 1000 miles.

The Salt March – In 1930, Ghandi walked 240 miles to the sea, in protest of British Authority.

Gather your favorite group of walkers, and commit to completing one or more of these “Walks”. Questions? Contact Sandy Talbott at stalbott@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466.



DEVOTING with Jesus

This summer, we are doing a new thing! The cherished Advent and Lenten Email Devotionals will be the SUMMER EMAIL DEVOTIONAL. From June 4 - September 3, there will be a daily devotional, written by a church member or staff member, which comes to your email inbox. Most are 100 words or less, and will be based on the theme for each month. If you have never received email devotionals, you will want to sign up by emailing Lisa Haddrill, lhaddrill@firstpresbyterian.org. Stay in touch with your faith, our themes of mercy, justice, and humility, and get to know people at church who write for our devotion. Almost 100 people have signed up to pen these lovely inspiring devotionals. We hope you will participate by reading along, praying, and growing deeper faith with our theme for summer 2017.

READING with Jesus - Summer Reading Themes

Adults Reading

Be Fair, Be Kind and Walk With God

Our First Pres Summer READS will be shaped by three books — in June: *Hallelujah Anyway* by Anne Lamott; in July – *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson; and in August – *Reaching Out* by Henri Nouwen. Micah, the prophet, gave us a question that resonates today, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

Writing in *Hallelujah Anyway*, Anne Lamott notes that “kindness toward others and radical kindness to ourselves buy us a shot at a warm and generous heart, which is the greatest prize of all.” *Just Mercy* is an unforgettable account of an idealistic young lawyer’s coming of age, a window into the lives people of real people he has defended, and a case for compassion in the pursuit of justice. In *Reaching Out*, Nouwen, the spiritual master writes that “I am convinced that I will truly be able to love the world when I fully believe that I am loved far beyond its boundaries.”

Worship will be framed month by month and week by week as we move through the books. Books may be purchased online at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/first-pres-reads-book-order/> or through the Church Office. Get yours today and read with First Pres and Jesus on this summer journey of faith!



Children Reading

As the adults in the congregation work their way through three book selections for the summer, we have put together a suggested reading list for our children. All of the books fall into the picture book category, but would appeal to a wide range of readers. Suggested ages range from four to eleven years old. One copy of each book will be available at First Pres for you to look at. All are widely available from local bookstores, Amazon or at the Ann Arbor Public Library. Some are poignant, some are humorous, and some remind us of our daily lives. All selections show us how to live with fairness, kindness, and how to walk with God. (Be fair, be kind, and walk with God - Micah 6:8)

June – Be Kind

I'm New Here by Anne Sibley O'Brien
Hank Finds an Egg by Rebecca Dudley
A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead
Enemy Pie by Derek Munson

July – Be Fair

My Two Blankets by Irena Kobald
The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye
Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist by Cynthia Levinson
The Journey by Francesca Sanna
The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade by Justin Roberts
Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey by Margaret Ruurs, translator Falah Raheem

August – Walking with God

Is There Room on the Feather Bed? by Libba Moore Gray
The Gift of Nothing by Patrick McDonnell
Tawny Scrawny Lion by Kathryn Jackson
If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson

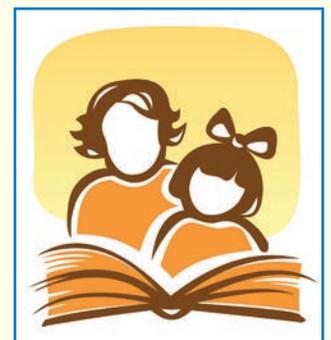
September – Be Fair, Be Kind, Walk with God

Older Reader

Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty
by Linda Glaser

Younger Reader

This Little Light of Mine
by E. B. Lewis



ADVENTURES with "FLAT Jesus"

Make Facebook Great Again!



What? Adventures with Flat Jesus? You heard us right! This summer, as we enter the travel season, we want you to take Jesus with you...yup, FLAT JESUS! (This is our take on the popular Flat Stanley books.) Pick up a copy of Flat Jesus at the church picnic on June 11 or any other Summer Sunday, or go to www.firstpresbyterian.org and download the Flat Jesus pdf. Color him in, take pictures of him wherever you go and share your pictures with us by sending them to dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org or lhadrill@firstpresbyterian.org. We'll post your pictures to the First Pres' facebook page.

While we hope you will be in worship with us throughout the summer, if you are away we want you to take Flat Jesus along as your traveling companion. Flat Jesus can accompany you by car, plane or boat. He can travel in your suitcase or your backpack. He can be near your computer when you are reading your daily summer devotional! Take Flat Jesus out to dinner with you, to the beach, to hang out with your family and when you meet friends all over town. Take Flat Jesus to interesting spots like the Wave Field, on North Campus, or kayaking on the Huron River! This summer we at First Pres will be walking together in our summer project called "Walking with Jesus...Mercy, Justice, and Humility." Flat Jesus can go along with you on one of your planned walks. Using Flat Jesus is a great way to be reminded that Jesus is with you wherever you go. Take Flat Jesus everywhere, snap lots of pictures, and share them with us. If you share your pictures on Facebook or Instagram remember to tag our church account by adding [@firstpresa2](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresa2) #flatjesus.

Flat Jesus' adventures so far ... where else will he go?



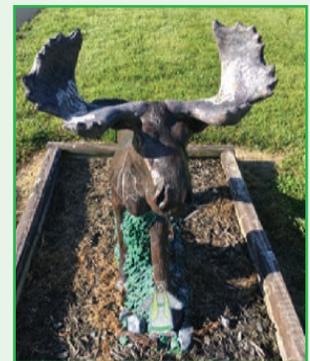
... taped to a broken plastics extruder at a factory in Berea, OH. (The plant manager mentioned that the machine started running after Flat Jesus' visit ... prayers answered!)



... visiting Dow Gardens in Midland, MI.



... hanging out in a hotel's decorative tall grass.



... relaxing nest to a moose sculpture.



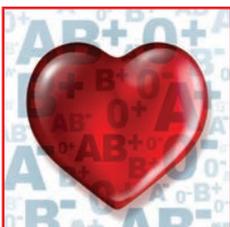
Faith In Action

June & July Communion Sunday Food Collections

On the first Sunday of each month, as we come to the Table for Communion, we receive food and funds to support various organizations that feed the hungry. This summer, the food collections will be sponsored by the Local Mission committee on June 4, with donations given to Food Gatherers; and Mature Ministries on July 2, with donations given to Hope Clinic. Non-perishable, healthy items are best!

Keeping Up with the Ludwigs

The month of April was packed full of preparations and travel for the Ludwigs. They finished the month in Rwanda at an Africa Regional meeting for the PCUSA. Please keep them in your prayers!



Help Save Lives! Give Blood Thursday, July 13

The Deacons' Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. As the Red Cross says, "The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood." Please help! Sign up to donate blood, online at www.redcrossblood.org. Questions? Contact John Yodhes at jyodhes@gmail.com, or Susan Sweet Scott at 320-5819. Donating blood is a simple thing to do, and it will make a huge difference in the lives of others.

Possible Trip to Russia

The Russia Mission Team, if the way be clear, is planning a trip to Davydovo, Russia, October 10-18. Persons of all ages are welcome to participate, sharing in the life of the parish community as we build relationships there. There will be a special church festival on October 14 and the customary Sunday service on October 15. Visiting Davydovo always involves enjoying meals, music, and stories of faith. Mission Co-Worker Ellen Smith will accompany the group.



While still in Davydovo, the group will visit nearby Rostov, the earliest bishopric (think “Presbytery”) of the Russian Orthodox Church, home of some intriguing old churches and monasteries, and a place where new church leadership is being developed. The trip will begin and end in Moscow, with some time there for sight-seeing. It will be possible to extend the trip (independently) to St. Petersburg. Contact Jay Sanderford for further information.

Local Mission Grants Awarded

Thanks to your generosity, First Pres. is again able to make an impact in our community, providing support to some of the most vulnerable of our neighbors. For 2017 we updated the Local Mission Grant application and evaluations to better align with the Mission Reimagined core values of Partnership/Relationship Reconciliation/Healing; Empowerment/Advocacy/Justice; Service/Servanthood; and Sustainability/Self-Reliance. We continued to place top priority on three areas of local need: 1) Shelter/Housing/Homelessness, 2) Hunger/Food/Nutrition and 3) Community Mental Health. Additional priority areas include: Emergency Assistance & Coordination of Care; Social Justice, Advocacy and Education; Refugee Care, Immigration Issues and Resettlement; Employment Assistance and Job Training; School-Age Youth. We received applications from 22 local community agencies. Each application was evaluated by several members of the Local Mission Committee, and was then discussed with the group to determine the award amount. Top awards included: Habitat for Humanity’s House of Faith in Ypsilanti; Food Gatherer’s Healthy School Pantry Program; The Corner Health Center’s Psychiatry Services for Adolescents/Young Adults; and Cass Community Social Services’ Tiny Homes Project.

\$75,500 in grants have been awarded to 22 local organizations through Local Mission. For a full list of grant awards, visit <http://firstpresbyterian.org/mission/local-missions/local-mission-grant-program>.



Children & Families



Register Now for Summer Vacation Bible School

Summer Vacation Bible School – Marketplace 49 A.D., Travels with Paul – is June 20, 21, and 22, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. All children who turned five by November 30, 2016 through current fifth graders are invited to strap on their sandals and step into the Bible! New this year – on Wednesday, June 21, Howell Nature Center will bring “Animal Architects” for all to see. VBS is open for all First Pres families, their friends, and neighbors. Register online at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/vacation-bible-school-child-registration/>

Volunteer spots are still open! There are many ways that adults, middle schoolers, and high schoolers can volunteer and be a part of this great activity. Volunteer at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/vacation-bible-school-volunteer-registration/>. Questions? Contact Deborah MacVey at dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org or Cindy King cking@firstpresbyterian.org.

Families at First: Wholehearted Parenting Class

We all want our children to live with gratitude, but how do we nurture it in our children? Families at First: Wholehearted Parenting Class invites you to a very special meeting on Sunday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. Annie Zirkel, MA LPC, an author and local specialist on family issues, will engage us in a discussion on gratitude, children, and families. Annie is a Parenting Consultant and author of the book on gratitude, *You’ll Thank Me Later*. Come join us! You will walk away with fresh insights and practical ways to nurture gratitude in your children. You will thank us later!





Stephen Ministry

We welcome our most-recently trained class of Stephen Ministers: Deborah Campbell, Barb DeLancey, Sue Dempsey, Patricia Gilbreath, Cheryl Gulbranson, Chris Queen, Susan Sweet Scott, and Beca Torres-Davenport. Having committed to a term of at least two years' service, they join a roster of 20 currently active Stephen Ministers. Their 50 hours of training have built on their lives as faith-filled Christians, equipping them to listen with compassion and insight, to maintain strict confidentiality, and to bring God's love and light into some very dark and confusing places in the lives of their care receivers. Please offer them your congratulations and pray that God will bend the hearts of those in need toward receiving the care of this ministry. And most importantly, if you would benefit from the one-on-one care of a Stephen Minister, call Rev. Rogers or Kathy Wirstrom for a confidential referral.



Farewell from Rev. Emily Béghin

As my residency approaches its end I am happy to share with you that I have been called to serve First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach as their Associate Pastor beginning July 1. My new position will concentrate on ministry areas of pastoral care, young adult ministry, worship, and congregational life. As I reflect upon my time here I am filled with gratitude for this church family's love, generosity, and support. It is at First Pres Ann Arbor that I have truly grown from student to minister and I will forever carry the wisdom gained here with me into the future. It has been an honor to serve, grow, and be amongst the leaders, mentors, and people of this church. Thank you.

All-Church Picnic

There's Still Time to Reserve Your Spot!

Be sure to save your spot at the June 11 all-church picnic following the 9:30 a.m. service. We'll enjoy the delicious barbecue provided by Ann Arbor's Satchel's BBQ; have giant inflatables for little kids as well as big ones; enjoy games for kids of all ages; and welcome the band Thunderwüde. The cost is \$8 per person if you pay ahead online, or \$9 at the door. The nuclear family maximum cost is \$40. Children 5 and under eat for free. Sign up now at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/all-church-picnic-reservation-2017/>



Summer T2A2 Small Groups

This summer, T2A2 small group will meet on June 4, 18; July 9, 16, 30; and August 6, 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us. Questions? Contact Rev. Ryo at aryo@firstpresbyterian.org, or Rev. Ervin at dervin@firstpresbyterian.org.

MATURE MINISTRIES ON THE MOVE!

Freer House and the Whitney Restaurant - Join Mature Ministries Thursday, June 8, for an outing to two Detroit landmarks—the Charles Lang Freer House and the Whitney Restaurant. Freer was a successful Detroit businessman and art collector—best known for being Whistler's patron—whose personal collection forms the basis for one of the Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C. A small non-profit group is working to restore his Detroit home and to share the exciting story of Freer's local roots. We'll enjoy a look at this work in progress and discover yet another great Detroit story. The outing continues at the Whitney Restaurant on Woodward Ave. where afternoon tea will be served. As the Whitney website says, "Put on a beautiful hat...and enjoy the Whitney lifestyle over tea, scones, soup and salad duet, finger sandwiches and pastries." A relaxing conclusion to our afternoon exploring Detroit's past. Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers or the Church Office to reserve your spot on this special outing. Limited to 40 people (15 spots remain!) We will depart at noon by bus from First Pres and return by 5:00 p.m. (Cost: \$35.00).

Diamond Jack River Tour - While we know Detroit today as the Motor City, much of the city's history was derived from its position on the river and the access it provided to the Great Lakes. Join Mature Ministries for a ride on the Detroit River on

Tuesday, August 8. Reserve your place on a private two-hour narrated Diamond Jack River Tour cruise designed to slow your summer and reconnect with your favorite Detroit landmarks. Dinner follows at another local landmark—Sindbad’s Restaurant—located on the Detroit waterfront – where a view of the docks filled with sailboats and pleasure craft will allow your day on the river to continue. We’ll leave time to walk around and explore the waterfront before we head home – the perfect end to our day on the river. Contact Rev. Rogers or the Church Office to reserve your seat. Cost: \$35 (vegetarian meal and boat trip); \$45 (meat/fish meal and boat trip) inclusive. Scholarships offered for those in need. We hope all will participate! Time: Tuesday, August 8, approximately 12:00-7:00 p.m.



Carson Smith - PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer

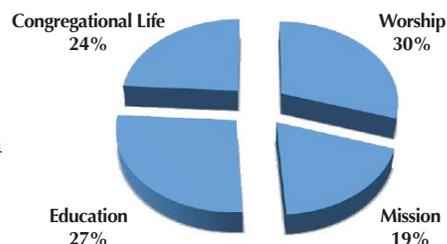
We celebrate with Carson Smith, a member of our congregation and a 2017 graduate from the University of Michigan, as he prepares to be a Young Adult Volunteer in Columbia this coming August. The YAV program is a one-year service position in the PCUSA that has locations all around the world. YAVs live alongside others of faith, participate in the needs of their community, and experience new and meaningful relationships. We send our prayers and blessings as Carson embarks on this new adventure and we look forward to celebrating with him in the near future!



Financial Stewardship

Financial Update:

Dear members and friends, thank you for your continuing financial commitment to First Presbyterian Church. We are financially self-sustaining, and each year we match our expenses to our income. After estimating the allocation of certain common expenses, expenditures by our four primary ministries are Congregational Life - 24%, Worship - 30%, Education - 27%, and Mission 19%.



Your support allows us to continue to spread the good news of Jesus Christ throughout our church community--to our young toddlers and elementary school-age children, to youth and college students, to families, empty-nesters, and senior members. We are enriched by vibrant worship and music, thought-provoking Christian education offerings, and meaningful mission activities in our local community and throughout our country and the world. With your help our church community continues to grow, learn, and serve.

The following financial information for First Presbyterian Church is for the month of April and the 2017 fiscal year which ends December 31, 2017.



Income and Expenditures	April	Year-to-Date
Income Received	\$170,206	\$704,765
(Under)/Over budget	\$ (4,170)	\$ 7,261
Actual Expenses	\$158,043	\$608,174
(Under)/Over budget	\$ (16,333)	\$ (89,331)
Budget for 2017 Year:	\$2,092,513	



College Connection

Wrapping up 2016-2017

We have just wrapped up First Pres College first year of College Ministry and we could not be happier! Over the past year we have become a registered College Ministry with UM, sustained a weekly meeting on UM campus, traveled to Belize to work with San Pedro Anglican School, shared faith, and talked about hopes for the future. It has been a year of grace and gratitude. Congratulations to our graduating seniors and thank you to everyone who dedicated time to make this year a success!





Congratulations 2017 Graduates!

High School Graduates

Bedford North Lawrence High School (Indiana)

Joshua Herold

Son of Tim Herold
Attending University of Evansville

Community High School

Ally Einhaus

Daughter of Gail & John Einhaus
Attending Eastern Michigan University

Phoebe Griggs Engel

Daughter of Jennifer Griggs &
Steven Engel
Attending the University of Michigan,
Residential College

Claire Colvin-St. Cyr

Daughter of Anne Colvin & Mike St. Cyr
Attending Washtenaw Community College

Sean Tichenor

Son of Sharon Watling & Paul Tichenor
Attending Tulane University

Grand Ledge High School

Kristin Therese Cebelak
Granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Pierce
Attending Ferris State University

Greenhills High School

Johnny Dodson

Son of Heidi & John Dodson
Attending the University of Michigan

Kate Shaffer

Daughter of Kris and Karl Shaffer
Attending New York University

Huron High School

Elisabeth Jahnke

Daughter of Margaret & Harold Jahnke
Attending the University of Michigan

Lara Elizabeth Pierce

Granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Pierce
Attending Purdue University

Laura Stahl

Daughter of Gary & Jennifer Stahl
Attending the University of Michigan

Pioneer High School

Kevin Knibbs

Son of Randy & Diane Knibbs
Attending Washtenaw Community College

Jack Pakela

Son of Gregg & Stacey Pakela
Attending the University of Michigan

Rachel Shearon

Daughter of Michael & Tempie Shearon
Attending Western Michigan University

Saline High School

Luke Bilby

Son of Keith & Sheila Bilby
Attending the University of Michigan

Madison Potter

Daughter of Missy Smith-Potter &
Scott Potter
Attending Ohio University

Skyline High School

Trip Apley

Son of MariAnn & Dale Apley

Morgan Eddins

Daughter of Joseph & Angela Eddins
Attending Temple University

Anna Kaehr

Daughter of Monte & Makie Kaehr
Attending the University of Michigan

Claire Moreville

Daughter of Susan & Peter Morville
Attending the University of Maryland

Tecumseh High School

Anna Swindle

Daughter of Martin & Connie Swindle
Attending Michigan State University

Undergraduate /Advanced Degrees

Zachary Arrington

Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology
University of Michigan

Andrew Charles Barber

Bachelor of Science
Neuroscience
University of Michigan

Kelsey Marie Bird

Bachelor of Engineering (Environmental)
Michigan Technological University

Nicole Ashley Bird

Bachelor of Engineering (Geological)
Michigan Technological University

Brent Chase Bowles

Master of Science, Predictive Analytics
Northwestern University

Sarah Chen

Bachelor of Arts, Cognitive Science & Art
University of Michigan

Amy Chronis

Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology/
Sociology
Kalamazoo College

Jennifer Chronis

Doctor of Medicine, Family Medicine
Wayne State University

Lang DeLancey

Bachelor of Science, Biology
University of Michigan

Margaret Sally Jones

Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education
University of Michigan

Susan LaMoreaux

Bachelor of Arts, German
University of Michigan

Lilian Berit Larson

Bachelor of Science, Physics
Ball State University

Katherine Panning

Doctor of Medicine
University of Michigan

Ryan Snyder

Bachelor of Arts, Business
Eastern Michigan University

Undergraduate/Advanced Degrees (Cont.)

Alexander Swindle

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
Michigan State University

Anne Elise Tamblin

Bachelor of Arts, English and
Communication Arts (Dual major)
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Sarah Taylor

Master of Accountancy, Accounting
College of William & Mary

Andrew Twining

Electrical Engineering
Calvin College

Pearce Washabaugh

Ph.D, Mathematics
University of Colorado, Boulder

Jason Whitmer

Associate in Applied Science, Radiography
Washtenaw Community College



Youth Connection

Costa Rica Mission Trip



The Costa Rica Mission Trip is right around the corner, June 18-27. We fly from Detroit to San José where Jorge Zuniga, the Portantorchas Mission Coordinator, will meet us at the airport and transport us to the neighborhood of Grand Blanc. At night the team will stay in bunks and will have hot showers on a beautiful, secure campus. Our meals will be served in the main house. We will travel by motor-bus to our worksites out in the community. As the end of the work week we will travel to Quepos on the Pacific Ocean and stay in a local hotel. We will swim at one of the world's most beautiful beaches and visit Manuel Antonio National Park to see howler monkeys, sloths, caimans, and all kinds of birds.

Rev. Jay Sanderford and Peer Minister Lex Allum will lead the trip along with Mrs. Jennifer Wilson, and college students Josh King and Erin Tichenor. For more information, contact Rev. Jay Sanderford at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org, 662-4466, ext. 340.

High School Ministry Summer Activities

Summer activities for high schoolers are well under way!

June 4 Let's Go for Ice Cream - Middle School and High School students and families are invited to come to the 11:00 a.m. service to enjoy worship together. Following the service, everyone is welcome to join as we walk to Ben and Jerry's on State Street. Join us for this delicious event!

July 9 High School Trip to the Cascades! - Join us as we sit together for the 11:00 a.m. service and head to Argo Park afterward for some fun in the sun! If you have a blow up tube, please bring it. Cost is \$10 to rent tubes at the park. Rides provided. Let Lex know if you are coming!

July 20 - 23 Ann Arbor Art Fair - We are looking for high school students who are willing to help with parking over Art Fair weekend. Money raised goes towards youth mission and fundraising for mission trips. Interested? Email Rev. Jay Sanderford at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org, or Lex Allum at aallum@firstpresbyterian.org for details.

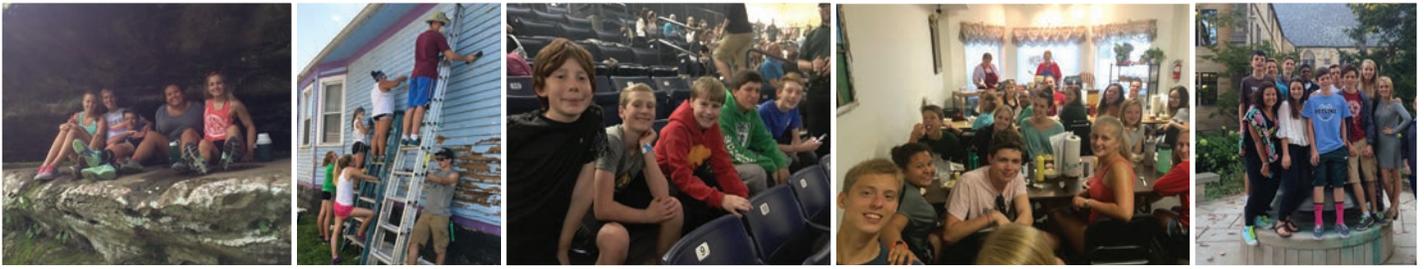


In the next couple months we will be headed to Cedar Point and Costa Rica, planning bonfires, scavenger hunts, and lazy river days. Stay tuned for more details!

First Pres Youth Ministry Update

Everything we do in Youth Ministry at First Pres is in response to the grace of God. God's grace stirs our ministry with young disciples and families and provides a safe, healthy place for students to explore and grow a strong Christian faith, connect with other young people and support busy families. Youth Ministry is and remains a critically important ministry in the life of First Pres. In April, our First Pres Christian Education Team, with advice from our Personnel Committee and staff, named a Youth Ministry Transition Team. Linda Dabrowski is the Chair. Young people on the team are James Dabrowski, David Endicott, Nicole France, Mia McCallister and Sean Tichenor while the adults are Ben Carlisle, Sarah Glinka-Endicott, Carole German and Jim Mulcrone with Jay Sanderford helping as staff liaison.

This group of young people and adults has two major goals. First, recruit excellent leadership for our Youth Ministry, including an Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Peer Ministers, Summer Youth Interns as well as adult youth group volunteer leaders



and Sunday school teachers for Mids, Confirmation and Keys. Second, continue and build upon our current youth ministries. Bring young people together with fun, lively events and projects for spring and throughout the summer, celebrate important passages such as Confirmation and high school graduations, plan a robust schedule of captivating activities for September and beyond.

Our commitment to young people is unwavering even as we navigate this season of change. A position description for an Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministries has been drafted and approved and is currently in circulation around the country in a nation-wide search for an energetic and proven youth leader. Interviews with potential Peer Ministers are ongoing. We have several applications from our own young people for Summer Youth Interns on hand. Interest in our Youth Ministry remains high.

Keys and Mids will continue to meet this spring and summer—for more information, see the Youth Ministry Summer Schedule here. Highlights include a trip to Cedar Point, a float trip on the Huron River and events for Mids and Keys to continue their good relationships. We will celebrate our high school graduates on June 11 in worship. Our Keys high school mission trip to Costa Rica June 18 –25 is moving ahead full-steam, with a group of strong leaders, and Rev. Jay Sanderford as key staff. Peer Minister Lex Allum continues her robust ministry with our students and families until June 30. More news will be posted as our leadership search continues. Check www.firstpresbyterian.org and follow our Mids and Keys weekly email newsletters.



Resident Minister Corner



Dr. Deborah Forger - Deb served as a Resident Minister at First Pres in the Residency Class of 2007 along with colleagues Aaron Janklow and Jana Reister after earning an M.Div. from Duke Divinity School. Deb successfully defended her dissertation at the University of Michigan in May 2017 and completed the requirements for a Ph.D. Her dissertation was titled “God’s Embodiment in Jewish Antiquity.” Prized as a graduate instructor, she has been named one of the 2017-18 Frankel Institute Fellows at the University of Michigan. Deb is married to Daniel Forger, Professor of Computational Medicine & Bioinformatics and Professor of Mathematics at the University of Michigan. The Forgers have two children, Daniel and Olivia, and are active in the life of First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers - A member in the Residency Class of 2011, Mary Elizabeth’s colleagues at First Pres were Brennan Pearson Blue and Evans McGowan. Now living in Troon, Scotland with her husband the former First Pres Campus Minister David Prentice-Hyers, Mary Elizabeth has been active in the Presbyterian Church of Scotland as a leader, pastor and sought-after preacher. In Troon, David serves as the Pastor of the Old Troon Parish Church. David and Mary Elizabeth have a son, Finley, three, and have just welcomed Angus Carson Prentice-Hyers, born May 7, 2017.



Rev. Lal Rodawla - Lindsay Conrad and Kristin Riegel shared the First Pres Residency Class of 2015 with Lal Rodawla. Now serving as the Associate Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, Lal is involved in a broad range of important ministry areas at Providence, including preaching, leading worship, teaching and community ministries. Lal’s church recently celebrated its 250th anniversary and he was involved in all the festivities. Lal is also involved in his community with outreach and worship among Burmese and other immigrant peoples.