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T2A2 members say, "Join us for Coffee Hour!"

## Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are beginning the season of Lent, preparing to welcome applicants to our Resident Ministry program, and finalizing plans for all sorts of spring and summer ministries. First Pres offers many ways to deepen one's faith. I hope that through them you are growing in your closeness to God and your fellow church members.

As Presbyterians, we value education. We emphasize the head as well as the heart and delve into the mysteries of faith, seeking to deepen our faith through increased knowledge and understanding. We learn from one another and benefit from having a number of different perspectives. We also are blessed to have some very gifted teachers in our midst.

I've started blending an educational piece into the brief worship service we have to begin each session meeting. We Presbyterians have a collection of eleven historical documents that make up Part One of our constitution Each

month your ruling elders and I will be looking at a different one of these and at the theological crisis which inspired its writing. By studying these statements, my hope is that we will better understand how circumstances have forced the church to clarify its thinking on what Jesus and the scriptures teach us. A side benefit will be growing more comfortable in articulating what we believe and how that has evolved over time. If you would like to study along with us, our creeds and confessions are available online at [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).

As we move toward Easter, may you know the deep love of God for all humankind, and give thanks.

Grace and peace,

Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor



### Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8



Remember to turn your clock ahead an hour.

### Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, March 29	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. & 7:07 p.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 2	7:30 p.m.
Good Friday, April 3	7:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service	6:45 a.m.
Worship in Sanctuary	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Worship in Monteith	10:00 a.m.

*There is no 7:07 p.m. worship service on Easter Sunday.*



# Lenten Opportunities

## Deepen Your Lenten Experience: Ponder the Psalms

Each week of this holy season focuses on a theme and a Psalm, in coordination with Dr. Fair’s preaching texts for Lent. The Lenten daily email devotion, written by members of First Pres of all ages – pastors, retired ministers, families, Stephen Ministers, elders, and more – focuses on these same texts and includes a short reflection and prayer. Sign up by to receive Lenten devotions by contacting Lisa Hadrill at [lhadrill@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:lhadrill@firstpresbyterian.org). Large print copies of the collected Lenten devotions are available outside the Church Office for those who do not use email. The schedule is as follows:

- March 1 - March 7 ..... Sin, Psalm 32
- March 8 - March 14 ..... Repentance, Psalm 51
- March 15 - March 21..... Mercy and Forgiveness, Psalm 130
- March 22 - March 28..... Trust and Confessing our Faith, Psalm 40
- March 29 - April 4..... Passion and Suffering, Psalm 118

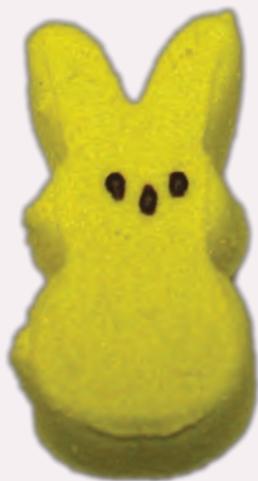


## Wednesday Evenings: Lenten Supper and Study

Two Psalm Study Group Times – 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. and 6:40 to 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings in Lent, join us for Lenten Suppers and Psalm Study. Come for a soup, salad, and bread dinner (with special food for kids) at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. From 6:40 - 7:30 p.m., take your dessert to an assigned room for a small group discussion about the Psalm of the week. Prefer an early evening? There is an “early bird” Psalm study group scheduled for 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. for those who wish to attend earlier. Two pastors will lead each discussion group, which will focus on scriptural study and deepening fellowship. The psalm and topic we will discuss will be the focus of the next Sunday’s sermon. Children’s activities will be held during the discussion time. The program is \$6 each Wednesday, or \$30 for the five-part series. Families pay no more than \$100 total.

All who attend dinner are encouraged to participate in a discussion group. If you usually come only for the meal, this will add only a half-hour on to your evening, and the spiritual discipline of psalm study during Lent will enhance the season and deepen your faith. Those who participate will be assigned to a Lenten study group. *Note: Children’s choir rehearsals proceed as normal at 5:15 p.m.*



## Get Your Peeps On!

**Peeps and Pizza Fair Saturday, March 21, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Social Hall**

Get ready for Peeps and Pizza! Team up with family and friends and create your own Bible story shoe box diorama using those crazy marshmallow Peeps. A pizza lunch will be provided to sustain your creative mind! The dioramas will be on display on Sunday morning March 22 for all to see.

How will the Peeps Fair work? Sign up for the pizza lunch by contacting Debbie MacVey at [dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org) or 662-4466. Lunch is \$5. Gather friends and family and pick out your favorite Bible story. Plan out how you might recreate it as a diorama using Peeps and other materials. Come to First Pres on March 21. We supply the Peeps, shoe boxes, tables, construction paper, scissors, and glue. Do you want to use gummy worms, fabric, plant material, your own shoe box? Bring them with you on March 21.

## Easter Lilies in Memory or Honor of a Loved One

Donate an Easter Lily by Monday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m., to decorate the chancel on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one. Sign up in the Church Office or by clicking here: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/easter-lilies/> The cost is \$17. After worship, deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends of our congregation who are ill, grieving, or shut in.

## Lent Madness Is Back!

Sundays through April 5

It's time for LENT MADNESS. It's like basketball's March Madness, but has to do with people who are saints in the church. Join us on the following Sundays and let the fun begin! (Learn more at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org).) Scorecards are \$2. Email Lindsay at [lconrad@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:lconrad@firstpresbyterian.org) for locations and more information. The meeting schedule is:

Sunday, March 8 at Noon for Brunch

Sunday, March 22 at Noon for Brunch

Sunday, April 5 at 5:00 p.m. for an Easter Potluck Dinner Finale



Charles Wesley was the victor of Lent Madness 2014.



## Worship & Music

### From Age to Age: sounding light

Join us as *sounding light* sings timeless choral masterworks on Saturday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. Travel through time to discover the true treasures of music history with the golden voices of sounding light as your guide. This acclaimed chamber choir will share sparkling gems by Johann Sebastian Bach, Johannes Brahms, and Felix Mendelssohn as well as cherished riches by Alexander Gretchaninoff and Sergei Rachmaninoff. Tom Trenney will lead sounding light's master singers in a wealth of music of the masters in a concert for the ages. For more information about sounding light visit [www.manyvoicesonesong.org](http://www.manyvoicesonesong.org).

### Thank You from Rev. Dr. Brewster (Budge) H. Gere:

*A note from Rev. Dr. Brewster (Budge) H. Gere, a retired Presbyterian Minister who with his family continues to worship with our congregation. Budge was Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor from 1970-75 and again from 2007-2013.*



To the members and friends of First Pres,

Let me share my sincere thanks for your overwhelmingly positive reception of the hymn Give Thanks for Hope that was commissioned in honor of my ministry and sung for the first time Sunday, January 11 at the morning services. The memory of the day will live with me forever, and may the hymn bring glory to God and recognition to the generosity of the hope-filled spirit of the congregation every time it is sung. A special thanks to Dr. Fairfax Fair and Tom Granum for their efforts in bringing the hymn to fruition. Blessings to you all!

*Budge*



## Congregational Life

### Green Burials: More Options!

A year ago, Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor, started researching current burial practices and the impact on the environment by the use of cement vaults and caskets. Concerns have been raised by environmentalists for years, but only recently has this become the focus of local interest. Rev. Rogers partnered with Marilynne Rush, a local expert on home funerals and green burial, to present a seminar for clergy to educate about the impact of our current burial practices, to consider the need for greater options for more sustainable burials, so-called "green burials," as well as new practices to hold memorial services in homes. A few months after the seminar, Marilynne and Rev. Rogers gathered local clergy and other religious leaders and formed the A2GBN – the Ann Arbor Green Burial Network. A2GBN advocates for more options for sustainable death practices. People who care about the earth should have more choices about what happens when they die. Cremation is one reasonable option, but what are other alternatives? Are local cemeteries concerned about this topic, and are they flexible to



**Ann Arbor  
Green Burial Network**

work with those who want more choices?

The network has worked to gather names of those who are concerned about this issue to present to City Council and to funeral homes locally to say, “there is demand” for greater options. The network has written a letter outlining the issues and includes a petition to sign to encourage our city and local funeral homes to work with our group to increase options. To attain a copy of that letter, and express interest, contact Rev. Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), or 355-2351. Alternatively, you can read what the petition states and possibly add your name at [http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/support-the-a2-green.fb47?source=s.icn.fb&r\\_by=12422771](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/support-the-a2-green.fb47?source=s.icn.fb&r_by=12422771)

### Hilltoppers – “Why Am I Taking So Many Pills?”

On Thursday, March 12, in the Social Hall, First Pres member and geriatrician, Dr. Ted Suh, will help us think about the overload of medications we take, how to advocate for oneself, and what we need to know. Join us! A hot lunch (\$5) by Chef Christine is at Noon, followed by Dr. Suh’s presentation and discussion. Bring friends! Sign up in the Church Office, or email Rev. Rogers, [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). Enjoy great fellowship and a few laughs, as well.



### Quad D ... Get Your Green On!

Quad D is getting together to celebrate friends, good food, and a little “wearing o’ the green” in honor of St. Patrick’s Day on Sunday, March 16, at noon in the Social Hall. Quad D includes those in the 48108 zipcode, Saline, Chelsea, and outlying areas such as Brighton, South Lyon, and Whitmore Lake. Come and share fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal with us! Bring a dish to pass – a side, salad, or dessert. Deacons will provide the main dishes. Questions? Contact Peggy Hodgson, [peggyhodgson@comcast.net](mailto:peggyhodgson@comcast.net).

### Call for Church Leadership

The 2015 Congregational Nominating Committee of First Presbyterian Church has begun discerning who God is calling to serve as elders, deacons, and the 2016 Congregational Nominating Committee. We seek the insight of members of the congregation to identify potential church leaders.

According to the Book of Order, individuals who undertake particular ministries including ruling elder and deacon, should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. All nominees for church office and Nominating Committees at First Presbyterian must be active and contributing members for at least one year prior to election, which occurs in October, with all terms beginning in January. Terms of office are three years for elders and deacons, and one year for the Congregational Nominating Committee. Consecutive terms are generally not permitted, but officers are eligible for re-election one year after completion of a term. Officer training is provided between October and December. A summary of the training and job descriptions for elders and deacons are posted outside the Church Office and at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org) along with a web-based version of this form.

Please submit your suggestions for nomination to the Nominating Committee’s box on the table outside the Church Office by April 30, on the church website, or contact a committee member. The Members of the 2015 Congregational Nominating Committee are Helena Prince (Chair), 971-8519, Linda Dabrowski, Becky Gaffney, Doug Gottliebsen, Larry Lohr, Jim Lombard, Bill Parker, Dick Rigerink, Peter Santinga, and Margie VanTuyl.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended for (Check all that apply):

Elder     Deacon     Nominating Committee

Nominee’s Special Qualities/ Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

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Person Nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

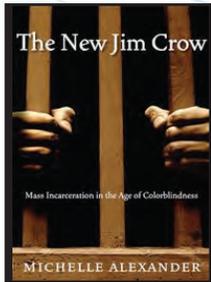


## T2A2 Upcoming Events:

**Ladies Tea** – Saturday, March 14 at 3 pm at Catalina Esguerra and Nick Metheny's house. please bring tea, tea sets/cups to share, and a light snack (if you can!). Catalina will provide a light treat and some tea, as well as coffee for those who prefer! Questions? Contact Catalina at 202-556-6890. See you there! This event was rescheduled due to the snowstorm on March 1.



**Calvin and Hops** – First Pres has a beer-brewing group! We are “Calvin and Hops.” Are you interested in hearing more? Do you brew? We are having an upcoming “Brew Day.” Email Lindsay Conrad (lconrad@firstpresbyterian.org) or Paul Smith (psmith6641@aol.com) if you would like to get involved. It will be held Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at White Oaks Farm, in the garage of Paul and Carol Smith.



**New Twenties and Thirties Book Group** – Join Us! Our first meeting is Saturday, March 21, at 11:00 a.m. The selected book is *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander and is available from the bookstore of your choice or on Amazon. Read chapters 1-3 (139 pages) before meeting on Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. at Campus Minister Rev. Renée Roederer's home. If this new activity is successful, the group will continue with another book. Want to participate? Contact Renée at 662-4466 or rroederer@firstpresbyterian.org.



## Faith in Action

### Mun gode. We thank you!

#### A Message from Our Mission Co-Workers, the Ludwigs

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor,

Thank you for your support! We are very encouraged by you! We would like to thank you for all the ways you have supported us and God's work in Niger. We have now been in Niger for six months! The past year has been filled with many joys and struggles. Everyone in our family needed extra TLC at some point due to the challenging changes and that is where your support encourages us the most. We are so grateful for your partnership through prayer and financial gifts.

Here are a collection of pictures that shows some of our transition process and important events during this year. We started the year as home owners and attending our orientation. We spent some great time visiting churches, doing trainings and fitting in as much family time as possible. By August we had moved ourselves to Niger in seven suitcases. Step by step we have been transitioning to life here, making new friendships and learning Hausa. Thank you for walking these steps with us by keeping up with news, supporting us financially and praying for us. We could not be working here without you.

Thank you,  
*The Ludwig Family*



### Sign Up Now for Habitat: House of Faith 2015

Do you want to learn new construction skills? Do you want to enjoy great fellowship with Christians from First Pres and other area churches? “Shirley” you'd like to create a wonderful home for a Christian family! If you answer yes to any of these then sign up to help with the 2015 House of Faith. The 2015 House of Faith project starts the first of April and runs through May. The home is located at 1301 Shirley in Ypsilanti Township. It has three bedrooms, a full basement and a two car garage. Work days are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, starting April 9. Lunch is served each day by one of the participating churches. Sign up in the Social Hall during Coffee Hour, or email Don Redding at dredding58@yahoo.com.





## Building a Shared Society Together: Multicultural Education and Peacemaking in Israel

First Pres is co-sponsoring, with Temple Beth Emeth and other Ann Arbor congregations and organizations, a special interfaith, multicultural event. Please consider coming. It will be held on Saturday, March 21, 8:00 p.m., at St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Street. The keynote speaker is Lee Gordon is the co-founder of Hand in Hand, Center

for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel. Hand in Hand is a network of integrated, bilingual schools for Jewish and Arab children in Israel. Hand in Hand now operates four schools with more than 900 Jewish and Arab students. ([www.handinhandk12.org](http://www.handinhandk12.org)) Questions? Contact Rev. Kristin Riegel or an Israel Palestine Mission Team member .

## One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the oldest special offering at First Pres, having first been organized during WWII. The goal of this ecumenical effort remains the same as when it started — to assist those in need. Still today the funds are aimed at disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid, and more. We will be collecting this special offering on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015. Join in and be generous!



## Voices from the Border and Beyond

Sunday, March 22, at Noon in the Lewis Room

“Voices from the Border and Beyond” was a PC(USA) Travel Study Seminar to US/Mexico Border & Central America that took place in early 2015. Led by Presbyterian World Mission and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, a group of 15 Presbyterians took part in a “reverse migration experience” in an effort to better understand current Central American migration. The trip began with a visit to Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, AZ and visits along the US/Mexico border with Presbyterian Border Region Outreach (PBRO) ministry. The group visited with ministries at each border as we journeyed through Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador, learning about the realities of those who had left their homelands as well as those who stayed. Visits were organized through our PCUSA mission co-workers and our ecumenical partners. An effort was made to listen to the voices of families sharing why they or other family members make the difficult decision to head northward.

Susan Krehbiel, daughter of David and Martha Krehbiel, works for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Louisville. Susan led a group of fifteen Presbyterians on a trip to Central America in an effort to better understand the context of the current Central American migration to the United States. On Sunday, March 22 at noon in the Lewis Room, Susan will tell us about their journey. Join us and learn more about those who left their homeland to head northward seeking safety.



## Campus Connection

### So what's UKirk?

Campus Ministry at First Presbyterian Church has joined the UKirk network! What is UKirk? At the 2012 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a new movement began to start 101 new congregational-based campus ministries around the United States. It is vital for students to have a spiritual “home away from home” while they’re in college. Our PC(USA) recognizes that congregational-based campus ministries can uniquely provide an important experience as students develop Christian discipleship during their college years. Our denomination is doing great work in recognizing congregations that provide a spiritual home away from home during college, inviting students to build relationships with people of all ages as they learn and serve in their faith. First Pres is registered within the network. Learn more at <http://www.ukirk.org>. We celebrate all the ways that our congregation is providing care for students and engaging in great ministry alongside them. Learn more about Campus Ministry at First Pres and our partnership with Young Life. Click [here](#) to read *Campus Ministry Connections* the campus ministry newsletter produced by the Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation.



# Adult Education

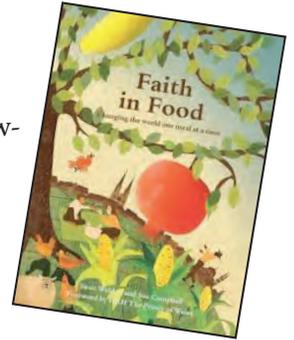
## Faith in Food Book Study

You are invited to join Faith in Food, a new book group that will meet to discuss the connections between food and faith in different religious traditions. We'll meet four times –twice as a book group at First Pres and twice at larger community events where we'll discuss food and faith with friends from different faith communities in Ann Arbor. Please know that you are welcome to be part of this book group, even if you are only able to attend one or two of the gatherings. Copies of *Faith in Food* are available at the Ann Arbor District Library—Downtown Branch.

### Faith in Food Book Group Gatherings at First Pres

#### Session Two

Monday, March 9, at 12:00 p.m. in the Lewis Room **OR** Monday, March 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lewis Room. Didn't attend session one? You are still welcome to join us!



### Community Gatherings with Friends from Different Faith Traditions

#### Friday, March 13th, 12:00 p.m

“Lunch and Learn: Food Justice” at Temple Beth Emeth (2309 Packard Rd.)

#### Thursday, March 19th, 7:00 p.m.

“How Faith Communities Can Change the World One Meal at a Time” Discussion at the Ann Arbor District Library, Downtown Branch (343 S. Fifth Ave.)

## Sundays @ 9:30 A.M.

**The Bible @ 9:30 - French Room/Library**  
*Bible Exploration and Conversation*

#### March 1 - 29

The class, led by Rev. Ed Koster, continues a fascinating study of the first book in the Old Testament, Genesis.



## First Couples - Monteith Hall

*This group offers spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals and meets in Monteith Hall.*

#### March 1 - 29 **24 Hours That Changed the World**

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this Lenten journey, Pastor Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life with a DVD presentation filmed in Israel and discussion. The presenters are class members.

## Adult Education on Sundays @ 11:00 A.M.

### Common Ground - Lewis Room

*Common Ground is a fresh group at First Pres where new and longtime members alike find a place to grow in faith and develop friendships. All are welcome! The class is conversational in style and is led by First Pres members, pastors and knowledgeable presenters.*



#### March 1 and 8 **Prayer: Beginning and Continuing a Life of Prayer**

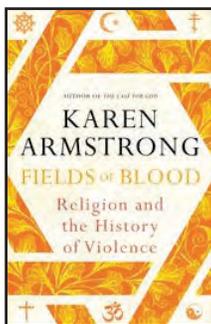
Join with Rev. Lois Colon as she deftly guides us to prayer and being open to the action and movement of God. Lois is a retired pastor and spiritual director.



### March 15, 22, 29 Belhar: A New Confession for Presbyterians

This summer, General Assembly approved an Overture to include the Belhar Confession of our Book of Confessions. Presbyteries are now voting on the inclusion. This series will look at apartheid as the context for the writing the Belhar Confession, and the path of its adoption by the Dutch Reformed Church, PC U.S.A and other reformed denominations. Belhar's themes of Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice from biblical and social perspectives will be the focus of this study. Described as "a cry from the heart" we will also look at what Belhar means as a 21st century addition to our Book of Confessions and what it means to use Belhar individually, as a church, and as a denomination. Presenters are Ned Simpson, an Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor and a skilled interpreter of Belhar, and Rev Jay Sanderford.

### Exploring the Faith (Monteith Hall)



#### March 1, 8, 15 A Conversation about Religion and Violence

Join a continuing dialogue about violence and religion. With Pope Francis and President Obama joining the conversation, and spasms of violence wracking our world in the name of religion, come and explore this fascinating topic. Karen Armstrong's recent book, *Fields of Blood*, will launch our exploration. The presenters are Dr. Wally Schmeichel and Rev. Jay Sanderford

#### March 22 and 29 Revolution and Religion in Cuba

Over more than half a century, the relationship between the church and the government in Cuba has gone through many stages -- taking many different twists and turns, as Prof. Silvia Pedraza emphasizes. She is Professor of Sociology in American Culture at the University of Michigan.



## Children & Families



### Children and Youth Invited to Camp Westminster

Now is a good time to consider Camp Westminster, sleep-away camp for current second graders through current eighth graders. Over 20 children from First Pres have already registered. Our Adventure week of camp is July 26 – August 1. Camp Westminster is a traditional camp experience, with swimming, boating, archery, soccer, arts and crafts, singing, campfires, and more. Older campers, sixth through eighth grade complete, will have a canoe trip on the AuSable River. Time is set aside each day to grow in our faith together. First Pres kids go to camp with children from First Presbyterian, Northville and University Presbyterian Church of Rochester Hills. First Pres staff assists the Camp Westminster staff in leading the week-long program.

Registering is a two-step process. First, complete a pre-registration form with First Pres by going to <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/camp-westminster-preregistration-form/> For those who prefer it, a paper registration form is available on tables in the 100 and 400 level hallways. After completing the pre-registration, you will be sent an access code to complete your registration on the Camp Westminster website. If a Camp scholarship would be a help to your family, check with any pastor or with Debbie MacVey. Note: If you complete your registration by March 15 there is a modest savings. Questions? Contact Debbie MacVey ([dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org)) or Jim Monnett ([jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org)).

### Plans Are Set for Summer Vacation Bible School!

#### This year's theme is "Christ's Chosen 27-28 AD"

Children who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate in our Vacation Bible School program "Christ Chosen 27-28 AD." Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday, June 16 through Thursday, June 18 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., on the grounds of First Pres. Children will experience what life was like when Jesus lived. They will relive Biblical



events, occupations, the synagogue, family life, and experience being part of a typical Bible time family. Our children will visit the shops of the marketplace and try their hands at many crafts, travel to the storytellers tent, and witness events in Jesus' life re-enacted by our street players. Register online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). Brochures with registration forms will also be mailed at the end of April. There are many ways that adults, middle schoolers, and high schoolers can volunteer and be a part of this great activity. For additional information please contact: Debbie MacVey at [dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org) or Cindy King at [cking@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:cking@firstpresbyterian.org).



# Opportunities for Women



## March PW Gathering Welcomes Rev. Rodawla

Rev. Lal Rodawla will discuss “Christian Minorities in Myanmar,” at the PW Gathering on Wednesday, March 18 at 10:45 a.m in Monteith Hall. The gathering begins with Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., and lunch in the Social Hall will follow the presentation.



### Other PW Events:

- **The PW Reading Group** will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25 at the home of Mary Lynn Thomson. Chapters 13 -14 of *Who Is This Man?* will be discussed.
- **The Women’s Evening Bible Study (WEBS)** will meet on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Curtis Room.



# Transitions

## We Grieve the Death of

Dorothy Platte, January 28, 2015  
Dorothy Steiner, February 1, 2015  
Margaret Ressler, February 14, 2015

## We Celebrate the Birth of

Clare Avery Tharp, born February 9, 2015, daughter of Kerry and Darin Tharp and granddaughter of Sandy and Mark Fogarty

## We Say Good Bye to

Adrienne, Sam, and Marion Smith who are moving to Seattle, Washington



## How Well Do You know the Program/Pastoral Staff?

Can you match up the trivia with the staff member? Email your answers to Mary Jones at [mjones@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mjones@firstpresbyterian.org) by March 13. Names of those who get the correct answers will be placed in a drawing on March 16 for a free dinner at the Lenten Suppers.

### Match these facts .....

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I worked as a spotlight operator for rock concerts for the Allman Brothers, Grateful Dead, James Taylor, Jimmy Buffett, and others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I won a Jewish Sunday School teaching award.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Someone in my immediate family was an actor in the motion picture Wes Anderson’s *Rushmore*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The first money I ever borrowed was to buy the comic book *Howard the Duck*, Issue #1, for \$20. I had to repay my Dad with monthly interest charges.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I’ve climbed an active volcano and touched moving lava with a stick.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I have raced through an ancient Olympic stadium.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I usually carry Tabasco sauce with me wherever I go.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I have never been to a baseball game.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. I have several olympic medals ... for singing!

### ...with these staff members!

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| A. Kristin Riegel      | F. Renée Roederer |
| B. Lal Rodawla         | G. Fairfax Fair   |
| C. Melissa Anne Rogers | H. Sandy Talbott  |
| D. Debbie Macvey       | I. Lindsay Conrad |
| E. Jay Sanderford      | K. Jim Monnett    |