



# First Press

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### Dear Friends,

October is a beautiful month in Ann Arbor. It's the time when we settle into the rhythms of a new school year but do not yet have the joys and the pressures of the holidays. We begin the month with World Communion Sunday and a new member class and conclude it with a nationally known speaker, Tony Campolo, and the first of our quad fellowship brunches. In between, we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism, dedicate our gifts to God for 2016, and see the mixture of awe, pride, and delight in our third graders as they receive their very own Bibles as gifts of the congregation.

As I meet with our Director of Music Ministries, Tom Granum, and other staff colleagues to plan worship, I work very hard to ensure that each service has thematic unity, that the scriptural text and direction of the sermon are picked up in the prayers, hymnody, and other elements of worship. This month we will be considering how we receive the gifts of God and how we use what God gives us. It's a great theme to inform all of our lives.

Surrounded by the beauty of fall colors, practice gratitude as you move through the month ahead. Get in the habit of offering 'sentence prayers,' simple one or two line expressions of thanksgiving to God. Sentence prayers do not require a quiet space or a lot of time. Say a quick prayer as you tie your shoes or wait for your coffee to brew, as you drive across town, wait for a traffic light to change, or walk into your office, home, or a grocery store. As you pass by a school or playground, give thanks to God for children and for adults who nurture them. Give thanks to farmers as you fix and enjoy a meal. Give thanks to God for all blessings.

We all are blessed to be part of First Pres. Let's live our gratitude everyday!

Grace and peace,

*Fairfax F. Fair*  
Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor



### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Three Outstanding Speakers Visit First Pres

Look for more information in this issue and online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

#### Presbyterian Women

**Dr. Scott Ellsworth - "Racism in America"**

Wednesday, October 21, 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall

#### First Pres College

**Dr. Tony Campolo - "College & the Church"**

Sunday, October 25, preach at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.,

presentation at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Monday, October 26 at 9:30 a.m., Ann Arbor City Club

(Ticketed event)

#### Christian Life Academy

**Dr. Judy Fletcher - "A Living Theology for Today: Love, Justice, and Sin"**

Sunday, November 15

Preach at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m., Dinner and Presentation in Social Hall

Monday, November 16

Noon, Luncheon in Social Hall

7:00 p.m., Presentation in Social Hall

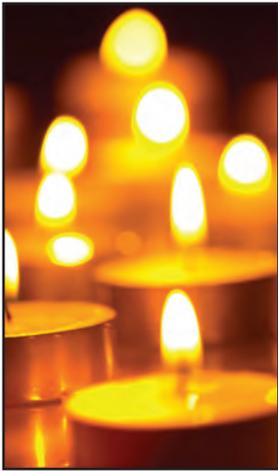
### Fall Back on Halloween!

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1. Remember to set your clocks back before going to bed on Halloween, October 31!





# Worship & Music



## All Saints' Day - November 1

### All Saints' Day Worship

Worship with us on Sunday morning, November 1, at 8:00, 9:30, or 11:00 a.m. for our observance of All Saints Day. Names (members and family members and friends of our members) of those who have died **in the last year** may be submitted online at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/all-saints-sunday-submit-a-name/> or in the Church Office by October 26.

### Requiem for the Living by Dan Forrest

On Sunday afternoon, November 1, at 3:00 p.m., the Chancel Choir and chamber orchestra will present *Requiem for the Living* by Dan Forrest and Giacomo Puccini's *Requiem* for viola, choir and organ. This one-hour program gives us an opportunity to celebrate through music our belief in the resurrection and to remember those who have died in the past year as well those from previous years.



# Annual Giving



## GOD'S MISSION MATTERS

### Step in, Step up – Every Commitment Counts

Stewardship season is in progress and lasts through Sunday, October 18. Our 2016 Stewardship theme is why God's Mission Matters. As we look forward to 2016, we ask that you please participate in stewardship at First Pres by committing your time, talent, and financial gifts. These will help our church continue to grow and reach out into our community and our world to spread the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Stewardship packets have been mailed and may have already arrived at your home. Please review the stewardship materials, which provide detailed information about our 2016 Annual Giving Goal—which is to increase our gifts to God by 5% to help grow all our church's ministries next year. Please note that our beautiful stewardship materials are a result of the gifts of time and talent of many members of First Pres. We are grateful for their generous contributions to the life of the church.

## Make Your Commitment by Sunday, October 18

We ask that each member prayerfully review the stewardship materials you receive, watch the short videos shared through Rev. Dr. Fair's weekly email, and then complete the 2016 Opportunities to Serve form and Financial Commitment (pledge) form that are included in your stewardship packet. Return these forms to church by dropping them off, completing them online at <http://firstpresbyterian.org/contribute>, or by mailing them back.

We hope to have most commitments delivered to the church in time for Commitment Sunday, October 18. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated and will alleviate the need for follow-up calls from church volunteers. It will also allow our church's Finance Committee the time they need to structure a budget before the church's fiscal year begins on January 1, 2016. If you have questions or concerns please contact either Lynnette Connors, Finance Manager at 662-4466 or [lconnor@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:lconnor@firstpresbyterian.org), or Lucie Audette, Annual Giving Workgroup Chair, at 717-8062 or [laudette125@hotmail.com](mailto:laudette125@hotmail.com).



## Stewardship Sharing

*Zach and Genevieve Monsma joined First Presbyterian Church in October 2014. This past January, Zach became a member of the Stewardship Annual Giving Workgroup. We asked Zach to share his stewardship story:*



I am a new member of First Presbyterian Church; my wife Genevieve and I officially joined last October. I have, however, a long-time connection to the Church. My parents Chuck and Norma Monsma have been active members for over 30 years, and we regularly attended as a family when I was growing up in Ann Arbor. Genevieve and I were also members for fifteen years at Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, where former First Pres minister Michael Lindvall serves. As a new member, I wanted to find a way to contribute to the Church community, and I volunteered to serve on the 2016 Stewardship Committee. I choose this avenue because I have always believed that if you choose to affiliate with an organization, then you have a moral obligation to support that organization.

My assumption is that if you choose to interact with an organization, it is because you receive some type of benefit from doing so. Whether someone spends a great deal of time as an active member, or only a little time as an occasional participant, the bottom line is that you wouldn't do so if you were not getting something in return. In most settings, the quid pro quo for receiving benefits is well defined. In a religious setting, it often is not. Unlike a golf club, there are no membership dues; unlike a university, there is no tuition; unlike a municipality there are no property taxes. In a religious setting, the amount of support you give is often entirely up to you. In truth, this is really one of the wonderful things that separate an affiliation with many religious institutions from most other types of organizations. At First Pres, it is our belief that it does not matter how much money you have to give, or how much time you have to volunteer; everyone is welcomed and accepted on equal terms. If you think about it, this is a rather rare relationship in society today, and truly a sign of God's grace. But here is the important part: Just because ones relationship with the church is often less structured, it in no way lessens the obligation to support it. One could argue, it actually increases that obligation.

When I ask myself what I receive from my relationship with First Pres, the benefits are big and small: a place for weekly fellowship, a Christian education for my 12-year-old son, sermons that inspire, free fair-trade coffee, and a conduit for helping others in the local and global community. As a result, I choose to volunteer my time as a Stewardship Committee member; my wife teaches Sunday school and, as a family, we make a financial pledge to our church each year.

During this Stewardship season, I ask you to do the same. Whether you are an active member, a regular visitor, a part-time attendee, or a radio listener to the service on Sunday morning; please ask yourself what you can give back to First Presbyterian that is commensurate with the resources God has bestowed on you.

*Jotham "Zach" Monsma*



## Faith in Action

### Nicaragua Intergenerational Mission Trip Plans for Spring Break!

The Nicaragua mission team is discussing plans for its third trip involving parents and youth (13+). The expected dates are the first week of April to coincide with the AAPS spring break. Contact Resident Minister, Rev. Angela Ryo, [aryo@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:aryo@firstpresbyterian.org), for more details, or to express interest, as soon as possible. We are happy to share past experiences!



## Cass Fall Work Day - October 17

Volunteer opportunities are available at Cass Community Social Services on Saturday, October 17! Cass, a Detroit-based agency that works across the city in areas of concentrated poverty to provide programs for food, health, housing, and jobs, has expanded its physical plant by purchasing a building located near its current campus. This is a tremendous opportunity to expand its services for the homeless and disadvantaged populations. Although the building is in good shape, much volunteer work is needed to adapt the building to the needs of Cass. Sign up online at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/cass-work-day/> or contact Sue Jeffers at [sjeffers1@me.com](mailto:sjeffers1@me.com).



## Buy Apple Pies and Rum Cakes to Support Haiti Mission Work



Make room in your freezer for holiday baked goods! The Haiti Medical Mission Team is making frozen apple pies for purchase (\$12) that can be picked up after each of the worship services on Sunday, October 25. We give you instructions for baking the pie from freezer to oven. You can also buy a fresh-baked Haitian Rum Cake that same day. The rum cakes are wonderful and moist when they are freshly baked or you can pop them in the freezer for later. The large rum cakes are \$30, small are \$8 or just have a slice for \$3. Enjoy homemade pastry and support mission in Haiti at the same time! Reserve your treats online <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/haiti-apple-pie-rum-cake-sale/> or contact Rosemarie Rowney, [rrowney@comcast.net](mailto:rrowney@comcast.net).

## Keeping up with the Ludwigs



The Ludwigs have returned to their home in Niger and they continue to see the desperation of life there, but also the hope of great possibilities of the impact they can have in helping the church share the Good News of the love of Christ. Exciting upcoming projects that the Ludwigs are participating in include the church starting a sustainable rickshaw taxi business, a program integrating new “church plantings” and providing secondary education for Christian and Muslim children from “the bush.” Please continue to pray for the Ludwig family and friends as it is malaria season in Niger and many are sick or recovering (including the Ludwig children). Pray also for the church work Michael and Rachel participate in, and for their continued language learning and the good relationships and conversations that come through it.

Note: The Peace and Global Witness special offering, which promotes local and global peace, justice, and reconciliation, will be received next Sunday, October 4. The Mission Committee has allocated 25 percent of this offering to support ongoing efforts by Michael and Rachel Ludwig in Niger, Africa. In addition to monetary support, we ask you to hold the Ludwig family in your prayers.

## Be a Hero. Save lives. Give Blood Monday, October 19

The Deacons' Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Blood from one donor can help save the lives of three persons in urgent medical need. As the Red Cross says “The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.” Sign up online to donate blood at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or at the Blood Drive table at Coffee Hour. Questions? Contact John Yodhes at [jyodhes@gmail.com](mailto:jyodhes@gmail.com), or Susan Sweet Scott at 320-5819.

## IPMT Annual Cinnamon Roll Sale

The Israel/Palestine Cinnamon Rolls Sale is back! Order cinnamon roll pans – plain, with raisins, or with pecans – for \$10 each during Coffee Hour on Sundays, October 20 and October 27. The cinnamon rolls are produced and baked by members and friends of the Israel/Palestine Mission Team with loving care. The proceeds provide financial support for the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, which help support schools for children in the Palestinian village of Ibillin, Israel, established by Father Elias Chacour. If any would like to join in the preparation, baking, and packaging of the cinnamon rolls, on Saturday, October 31, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., contact Margaret McClamroch at [mmclamroch@hotmail.com](mailto:mmclamroch@hotmail.com) or 734 971-3949. Place your order online at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/israel-palestine-mission-teams-cinnamon-roll-sale/> All cinnamon roll orders are to be picked up in the Social Hall on Sunday, November 1, 8:45 a.m. - noon.



## The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 11

The CROP Walk raises money to help alleviate hunger around the world, largely through self-help development initiatives. 25% of the funds raised will go to nine local organizations. Please consider participating either by walking or by sponsoring a walker. To register and join Team First Presbyterian Ann Arbor, contact Jim Schaafsma, at jschaafs@umich.edu.



## “Places of Faith”

The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County hosts another “Places of Faith” series of visits and conversations. This October begins with three visits to Beth Israel Congregation – giving others in our community the opportunity to deepen understandings of other faith traditions. The cost to participate is \$35.

- **Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.** - Participants meet at Beth Israel with a small group from the congregation. The conversation will center around “What it is like to practice Judaism in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County”.
- **Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m.** - Participants will meet at Beth Israel to experience a Sabbath service with the synagogue community.
- **Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.** - Participants and a small group of Beth Israel congregants share a meal and conversation together.

Register online at [www.irtwc.org](http://www.irtwc.org) or by contacting George Lambrides at [gbrides@umich.edu](mailto:gbrides@umich.edu).

## Thank You from Alpha House

Plan Ahead for November 16-22



Many thanks to all of you who helped with Alpha House in September. Over 45 of us provided food, served and cleaned up from meals, entertained children (all 12 of them), and slept there overnight in case a guest needed to go to the hospital. It was a fulfilling and at the same time sobering experience. As one volunteer put it, “I have a new understanding of what experiencing homelessness means in the lives of children.” Our congregation has another opportunity to serve the guests at Alpha House in November. Sign up during Coffee Hour between October 25 and November 15.

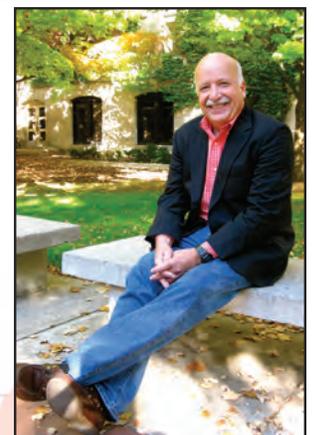


## Opportunities for Women

### Dr. Scott Ellsworth Speaks on “Racism in America”

PW Gathering - Wednesday, October 21

All women are invited to attend the PW Gatherings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month. The gathering begins from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. with the study of the third lesson of *Come to the Waters*, the Horizons Bible Study for this season, led by Bonnie Kerschbaum. At 11:00 a.m., Dr. Scott Ellsworth, historian and First Pres member, discusses the nation’s current racial crisis, and how the past can help point the way forward. Despite the fact that the nation elected and re-elected its first African American president, schools and neighborhoods nationwide remain doggedly segregated, equal opportunity remains an elusive dream for the nation’s poorest citizens and too often newspaper headlines and cable news shows tell of accounts of citizens of color dying while in police custody. Lunch follows at noon in the Social Hall (\$7.00)



### Women’s Reading Group

Everyone is invited to meet on Wednesday, October 28 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the home of hostess Sue Dempsey for continued study and discussion of *The Road to Character*, by David Brooks. Meg Brown will lead the discussion.



# Adult Education



## Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Classes begin Sunday, September 13

### @ 9:30 a.m.

9:30 -10:45 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30** French Room/Library

*Join us for Bible exploration, presentation and conversation.*

The Bible @ 9:30 continues a new study of the Gospel of John, the fourth and to many the most beautiful and perplexing of the Gospels. William Barclay called John “the most precious book in the Bible.” The class is led by Rev. Ed Koster. All are welcome!

9:30 a.m. **First Couples** October 4 - 25 Monteith Hall

*Come for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals.*

#### October 4 - Meet our New Resident Ministers

Emily Beghin, Daniel Ervin, and Rev. Angela Ryo share their stories of faith and calling.



#### October 11 - Bringing the Message of *Being Mortal* Home

Together, discuss and personalize the learnings from the *Being Mortal* sessions. (See more below.)

#### October 18 - Listen - Praying in a Noisy World Part I

Using materials from Reuben Job, a spiritual director, watch and discuss part one of *Listen - Praying in a Noisy World*.

#### October 25 - Listen - Praying in a Noisy World Part II

Watch and discuss part two of *Listen - Praying in a Noisy World*.

### @ 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Common Ground** October 11 - November 1 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. The class is conversational in style and is led by First Pres members, pastors, and knowledgeable presenters.*

*Common Ground is open and welcoming. Join for one Sunday or every Sunday.*

#### Dialogue on the Bible, Family, and Same Gender Marriage Series

##### October 11 - “Making Sense of the Old Testament Stories” Part I

Hear real life stories from First Pres members and then enter a dialogue on “Making Sense of the Old Testament Stories” with Rev. Jay Sanderford and other presenters.

##### October 18 - “Making Sense of the Old Testament Stories” Part II

A continuation of the sharing of real life stories from First Pres members and a dialogue on “Making Sense of the Old Testament Stories” with Rev. Jay Sanderford and other presenters.

##### October 25 - “The Family in the World of the Bible, Church, and U.S. History”

A continuation of the sharing of real life stories from First Pres members followed by a presentation on “The Family in the World of the Bible, Church, and U.S. History” with Rev. Jay Sanderford and other presenters.

##### November 1 - “Presbyterians and Marriage”

A continuation of the sharing of real life stories from First Pres members followed by a presentation “Presbyterians and Marriage” with Rev. Jay Sanderford and other presenters.

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Exploring the Faith October 4 - 18 Monteith Hall**

*Exploring the Faith is the new name for the 11:00 a.m. adult education class. The class is always interesting and full of warm welcome to all adults. Below is a description of the first three classes in the series.*



### **Being Mortal: Grappling with Our Life's End Series**

#### **October 4 – What is a Death Cafe?**

Explore “What is a Death Cafe?” with Merilynne Rush, and join an open conversation about end of life issues. Merilynne leads a monthly death cafe in Ann Arbor at the Crazy Wisdom Tea Room. Hear what she has experienced at those gatherings.

#### **October 11 – Home Funeral and Green Burial**

Join Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers and local home burial expert Merilynne Rush from the A2 Green Burial Network to explore the idea of simple home burials after the death of a family member or loved one. Explore the simple traditions and practices of faith and compassion that have been in place for communities around the world for centuries.

#### **October 18 – Five Wishes**

Debbie Mattison, LMSW, who teaches a course on grief at UM and works with the Cancer Center, will conclude the series - and lead our discussion on end of life issues. Parish Nurse Sandy Talbott BSN will present the concept of “Five Wishes” and other helpful documents to assist participants in making more formal choices.



## Campus Connection

### **Dr. Tony Campolo Visits First Pres**

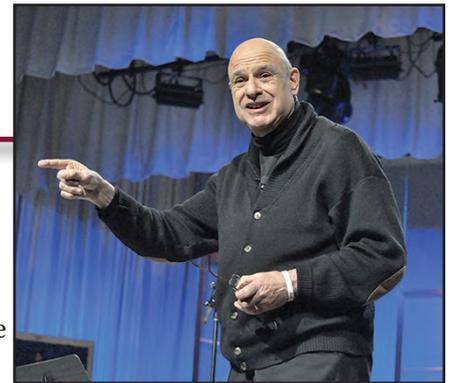
**Sunday, October 25 & Monday, October 26**

“College and the Church: Why We Are Better Together” will be the special message international author, speaker, and sociologist Dr. Tony Campolo will bring to our church at both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services and then in a college-directed form on Sunday night, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the entire college community.

Dr. Campolo is a powerful speaker who is funny, engaging, research sound, and been engaged for years with energizing all ages to put our faith in action wherever God brings us. He has written 35 books. He is known as one of the most influential leaders in the evangelical left and has been a major proponent of progressive thought and reform within the evangelical community.

A more personal encounter with Tony has been planned. On Monday, October 26 at the Ann Arbor City Club, the Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation Board will host a fund raiser breakfast where Dr. Campolo will share with the audience and hold a Q&A session following his remarks. For more information, or to purchase of tickets to this event and help in the funding of our College Ministry, please contact Meg Brown at 623-4323 or [lmeg-brown@gmail.com](mailto:lmeg-brown@gmail.com).

The Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation and our College Workgroup are thrilled to bring Dr. Campolo to First Pres Ann Arbor. Join us in welcoming him!



## Youth Connection



### **The Pittsburgh Project is November 6 - 8**

Our high school youth ministry will continue their partnership with the Pittsburgh Project with a weekend mission trip November 6-8. Twenty-four youth will travel to Pittsburgh and spend Saturday and Sunday morning rehabbing homes. The group will stay in a safe dorm with bunk beds and hot showers. Each evening a band will perform and a speaker will share how the work that youth do with the Pittsburgh Project makes a difference in the city. This trip often fills up quickly. The cost is \$150 and scholarships are available. To sign up, pick up release forms and put your name on the list with Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry and trip leader.



# Congregational Life

## Mature Ministries Kicks Off with John U. Bacon and Coach Ron Warhurst!

All are invited to join the Mature Ministries Kick-Off on Thursday, October 8. Reservations are required. Famed UM Running Coach and Vietnam Veteran Ron Warhurst, who currently trains Olympian and New Zealander Nick Willis, will speak about his fascinating life experiences at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch. John U. Bacon, best-selling New York Times author, will speak after lunch. Pick up a copy of his book, *Endzone: The Rise, Fall, and Return of Michigan Football* at local bookstores or on Amazon.com to read ahead and bring to be signed. Lunch is \$10. Sign up on the website, in the Church Office, or by emailing Rev. Rogers, [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

## Random Act of Munnness

Random Mum Sunday is October 18. Our sanctuary will be filled with beautiful fall mums. After the 11:00 a.m. service, the mums will be delivered to church members randomly selected by our Deacons. Perhaps you will be one of the recipients! Whether or not you are a random recipient, your Deacons want to share the glory of fall with you by brightening the sanctuary. Praise be to God, from whom all blessings flow!

## Restore Hope Support Group

Do you have a mentally ill family member that you care about? Perhaps you could use some support yourself? The Restore Hope Support Group invites you to join us. The group will meet alternate Tuesdays, October 13 and 27, November 10 and 24, and December 8 and 22, on the 100 Level at First Pres. At our meetings, we help one another cope with the difficult issues related to loving and caring for a family member with serious mental illness. We are an accepting and caring group of people who understand what you are experiencing. For more information, contact Linda Koopmann at [writingresource@comcast.net](mailto:writingresource@comcast.net), or Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) or 355-2351.



## Get Ready for Quad Brunches!

Come see old friends, meet new neighbors and enjoy a delicious meal. Bring a fruit/vegetable side dish, salad, or dessert. Deacons will bring a main dish casserole or meat. Your deacon will contact you soon for your reservation. Please feel welcome if you cannot bring a dish, or decide at the last minute to attend. There is always plenty of food and a place at the table for all. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Quad A Brunch** takes place on Sunday, October 25, in the Social Hall following the 11:00 a.m. service. You are in Quad A if you reside in the northeast section of Ann Arbor. Every Quad A family will receive a postcard from their deacon. Please respond and let your deacon know what dish you plan to bring and how many people are coming with you. Questions? Contact your deacon or Quad A leader Lynne Lande at [lynnelande@me.com](mailto:lynnelande@me.com) or 649-0583.

**Quad B Brunch** will be held on Sunday, November 8, in the Social Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Quad B includes chapels 20 through 28, the neighborhoods around the church: downtown, parts of Geddes, Ann Arbor Hills, Buhr Park, and Burns. Questions? Contact Martine Blogin, Quad B Leader at [mblogin@comcast.net](mailto:mblogin@comcast.net).

## Join the First Pres Family!

Regular attenders, we want you to become a part of our church family. The next new member class is Sunday, October 4, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room. You can join as a full member or an affiliate member (which means your primary membership is lodged elsewhere). Contact the Church Office or email Rev. Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) to sign up. Lunch is provided and childcare is available by reservation. New members will join October 18. The next opportunity to join First Pres will be in late November.



## Wednesday@First

We've had some confusion about the cost for the meals for Wednesday@First. Dinner is \$6 per person if you register and pay in advance (see details below). If you are a "walk in" or do not register and pay in advance, it is \$9/person. Please note: To receive the \$6/person rate, payment for the upcoming Wednesday must be received by the end of day on the preceding Monday. Pay in person before the Church Office closes at 5:00 p.m. or register online before the end of day Monday to get the savings! Gather friends and family and come enjoy a great meal! Reservations help us know how much food to prepare – click here to make a reservation!



### Deadlines for Advanced Registration

October 7	Deadline is Monday, October 5
October 14	Deadline is Monday, October 12
October 21	Deadline is Monday, October 19
October 28	Deadline is Monday, October 26
November 4	Deadline is Monday, November 2
November 11	Deadline is Monday, November 9
November 18	Deadline is Monday, November 16

## College of Elders

The fall meeting of the College of Elders is Saturday, October 3, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. If you are a PC(USA) elder or minister who did not receive an invitation, please call the Church Office to be notified of future College of Elder gatherings.

## Fall 2015 Photo Show!

The Fall First Presbyterian Photo Show opens October 10 and runs through November 1 in the Social Hall. You are invited to come and meet the exhibitors on Sunday, October 10, during Coffee Hour. Photographers who are church members or associates invite you to enjoy their visual delights from their favorite images and travels. If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please contact Marion Powers (761-9859, or mmpowrs@umich.edu). Space is limited but your participation in future shows is welcome.

*Greek Orthodox priest at Jacob's Well in Nablus, Palestine - Mary Lynn Thomson*



## Identity Theft: Protect Yourself

The Michigan Attorney General's Office is presenting a special one-hour program at First Pres on Thursday, November 5 on identity theft. Come join us in the Lewis Room to learn about the signs of identity theft, how to protect your personal information online and off, and what to do if you become an identity theft victim. The presenter is Justine Bykowski. All are invited! Make your reservation in the Church Office, or by emailing Rev. Rogers.

## The Directory is Coming! The Directory is Coming!

The new First Pres photo directory is at the printer! We hope to have it by the end of this month. If your picture is in the directory, you will get one for free. A postcard will be sent to you which you will use to pick it up on Sundays in November or in the Church Office. Those whose pictures are not in the directory will be able to purchase one per family for \$10.



## Transitions

### We Celebrate the Birth of:

Naomi Virginia Nickel, born to Rev's Matt and Emma Nickel, September 23, Louisville, Kentucky (Matt was a Resident Minister at First Pres, 2009 - 2011)

Everleigh Autumn West, born September 23, daughter of Brady and Laura West.

Milena Sandra Robakiewicz, born September 30 to Katelyn and Kamil Robakiewicz. Mila's grandparents are Sandy Talbott and Mark Lindley.

### We Celebrate the Marriage of:

Mitchell Dudley and Rachel Paternoster, September 5

### We Say Goodbye to Those Who Are Moving:

Rebecca and Lawrence Lohr, to Brevard, North Carolina