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Dear Friends,

Five hundred years ago a devout thirty-three year old Augustinian monk had a quarrel with the Roman Catholic Church. Martin Luther intended to spark a debate on church teachings and practices. Instead he ignited the Protestant Reformation, changed Western Christendom forever, and set in motion new ways of thinking about God, governance, education, the role of the church, and more. We see effects of the Reformers' thinking all around us but rarely give credit where credit is due.

Throughout the month of October, we will be considering the core assertions of the Reformers and reflecting upon how their work continues to be relevant today. You'll find this Reformation emphasis in our preaching, hymns, and classes. We Presbyterians descend from reformers more radical (in the sense of returning to the root of our faith) than Martin Luther, hence the often thrown-about phrase, *ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*, which translates, "reformed and always being reformed."

We tend not to include the critically important final phrase, *secundum verbi dei*, "reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God." Reform, where it is enacted, must find its grounding in Scripture. Whereas Luther advocated leaving out practices that were contrary to the Holy Scriptures, John Calvin went further and pushed the continued inclusion of only those practices mandated in scripture. (This is a short explanation for why the Presbyterian Church has two sacraments while the Roman Catholic Church has seven.) Church history - like all study of history - is fascinating!

This month we also will celebrate Carol Muehlig, who has been on our church music staff for twenty years. Carol is retiring to have more flexibility and time to spend with her sister Linda, who has recently retired and moved back to Ann Arbor. The two sisters love to travel - including to support University of Michigan teams. We will honor Carol at a reception October 15 and thank her for her years of service. Imagine how many notes Carol has played over the years to the glory of God! A bit of good news is that Carol is a member of First Pres and plans to continue to be among us, substituting on occasion for Sunday services, playing as needed for weddings and memorial services, and possibly singing with the Chancel Choir. I hope you will join me in expressing tremendous gratitude for the wonderful way Carol has shared her gifts with us.

October at First Pres means World Communion Sunday, the reception of new members, training for our newly elected officers, a congregational work day at Cass Community Service Center in Detroit, the dedication of the gifts we pledge to God's work in 2018, and much more. We are richly blessed with opportunities to worship and serve. We are blessed to be gathered by God at First Pres.

Grace and peace,

Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor





Celebrating 500 Years of Reformation



Celebrate the Reformation!

October is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's presentation of his 95 theses (complaints) against the Catholic Church which launched the Protestant Reformation. First Pres celebrates the Reformation with a Reformation sermon series and special Adult Education offerings.

SPECIAL ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

The Reformation: Then and Now

11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall

In 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This bold act is the starting point of the Protestant Reformation and ignited a transformation of the entire church. In October, our 11:00 AM Adult Education Course will explore the historical, biblical, and theological background of the five theological foundations, or "solas," of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura (by Scripture alone), Sola fide (by faith alone), Sola gratia (by grace alone), Solus Christus (by Christ alone), and Soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone). First Pres will welcome a series of excellent guest speakers from across Michigan as well as some familiar voices from Ann Arbor.

October 1 Sola Fide: By Faith Alone

Rev. Dr. Todd Cioffi from Calvin College will be our presenter. He directs the Calvin Prison Initiative and will explore the connections between "faith" and the ethics of our system of mass incarceration. Todd holds a degree from Hope College, and a M.Div. and Ph.D. in systematic theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor and has served several churches and ministries over the years.

October 8 Sola Scriptura: By Scripture Alone

How are biblical texts God's Word to us today? This class will examine the classical Reformed doctrine of Sola Scriptura (by Scripture alone) through an interpretative lens of those on the margins, and will include an opportunity for discussion. Presenters are Blair Buckley and Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Ministers.

October 15 Solus Christus: By Christ Alone

The reformers recognized the centrality of Jesus Christ to understanding God and to salvation. How do we understand who Christ is? And what does it mean as we seek to live as followers of Christ? Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister at First Pres, will be our presenter.



October 22 Sola Gratia: By Grace Alone

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, President of Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, will be our presenter exploring the theological and practical dimensions of the Reformation's theology of grace. Stephen holds degrees from Bucknell, Yale University Divinity School and Union Theological Seminary in New York and is an American Baptist Pastor and national church leader.

October 29 Soli Deo Gloria: to the Glory to God Alone

The Rev. Ed Koster will pull all the threads in this Reformation series together for us. Ed is a Presbyterian minister, an attorney, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Detroit, a teacher and active participant in the life of First Pres.

Companion Resource Offered

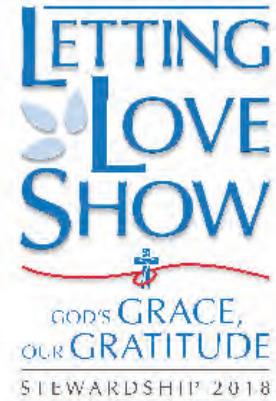
As a companion for our Reformation: Then and Now Series, First Pres will offer a guide to the Reformation: *Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers: 95 Key Events, People, and Issues* by Donald K. McKim for \$10. Purchase copies in the Church Office. McKim's book helps with questions such as: What does "Protestant" mean? What are the differences in worship among Protestants? Who were the Huguenots? What does the Reformation mean for us today? This new book provides the basic history of the Protestant Reformation.



Financial Stewardship

Letting Love Show

The Stewardship 2018 work group (Patrick and Diane Tamblyn, Chris Queen, John LeDuc, Bruce Clyde, Fairfax Fair, Anna Miller) met regularly through the summer. The materials to support the annual stewardship appeal are finalized and have been mailed to First Pres members. Photo devotionals will be delivered and Faith In Action stories will be shared from the lectern from September 24 through October 22. Follow up calls will be made and letters will be sent to encourage participation. Along the way, we wrestled with the question, what motivates people to respond? Among the multiple appeals for our support, what sets First Pres apart? Each of us has unique connections to the church, and our needs change as our lives unfold. God's grace, love, and His many blessings on all of us, are steadfast. Maybe the better question is, how do we adequately express our gratitude to God and allow ourselves to let love show in all we do? That's a question we all must wrestle with, and it takes intentional action to make a difference. First Pres needs and appreciates your financial support, and your active engagement in its ministries. We encourage you to share your gifts with First Pres in response to God's call. We also hope you will share your stewardship thoughts and questions with members of the work group. Thank you, and thanks be to God!



Financial Update:

The Session, First Presbyterian Church's governing body, along with the Finance Committee are committed to providing regular financial updates to you, our members and friends. The following financial information is for the month of August and the 2017 fiscal year which ends December 31, 2017.

For the month of August:

Total income received	\$ 130,082
Total expenses:	\$ 121,220
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 8,862

For the Year-to-Date through August:

Total income received:	\$1,209,241 (57.79% of our annual budget),
Total expenses	\$1,208,934 (57.78% of our annual budget),
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 307

Questions? Please contact Lucie Audette, Finance Committee Chair, at laudette125@hotmail.com or (734)214-2850.



Worship & Music



Celebrating Carol Muehlig

Carol Muehlig has been on staff at First Pres in various capacities for twenty years. She has decided the time is right for her to have a more flexible schedule and has announced her retirement as our organist and handbell director, effective October 23. She will continue to play for us from time to time as a substitute organist at weddings, funerals, and in worship. She also is a member of First Pres and we rejoice that she will continue to be a part of our church family. Join us to honor and thank Carol on Sunday, October 15 at Coffee Hour. We give thanks to God for Carol's many gifts and the generous way she has shared them with us.

Monday, October 2 - A Day of Organ Music

Invitation to an Organ Recital - You are invited to an organ recital presented by Dr. Jason Alden of Louis Vierne's *Symphonie IV*, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, . This event is open to the public at no charge.

Organ Improvisation Competition- First Pres is hosting the University of Michigan's Organ Improvisation Competition in our Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Three finalists from around the country will compete. They are given two musical themes on which they improvise for 20 minutes. The three judges rank their playing and award the prizes accordingly. Please join us. There is no admission fee.

Overture to Opera

Sunday, October 15, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a relaxed operatic experience as we explore two great warhorses of opera, Verdi's *Rigoletto* and Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*. Artists from Michigan Opera Theatre will give live performances of operatic hits that showcase these works, highlighting the 2017-18 Michigan Opera Theatre season. Musicologist Austin Stewart hosts, offering context and intriguing insights into these timeless operas. An opportunity to meet the artists will follow. There is no admission charge.



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All Saints' Sunday Worship Remembrance

Worship with us on All Saints' Sunday, November 5. Names of members and family and friends of members who have died in the last year may be submitted at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/all-saints-sunday-submit-a-name/> or in the Church Office by October 18. These names will be included in the bulletin.

John Rutter's Requiem

Special All Saints' Day Music Presentation

Chancel Choir, Treble Choir, and chamber orchestra will present John Rutter's *Requiem* on All Saints' Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 p.m. as we remember those who have died in the past year. Come join us for this special music and time of remembrance. This program is supported by our Sacred Music Fund, and there is no admission charge.



Congregational Life

Give Blood – Save Lives

The Deacons' Blood Drive is Thursday, October 19, 1:30-7:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Please help save lives of those in critical need. Sign up to donate blood, either online at www.redcrossblood.org, or at the Blood Drive table at Coffee Hour. If you have questions or need help signing up, contact Barb Brewster at dexter4brews@aol.com or 646-557.

Random Act of Mumness

Random Mum Sunday is October 22. Our sanctuary will look glorious with 100 small 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! Thanks to our Deacons for sharing the glory of fall with you and brightening the sanctuary.



Become a Member of First Pres!

Our next new member class is October 1, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., with joining on October 15, 8:00 a.m. The next series of new member classes will be Wednesdays, November 29 and December 6, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. with joining on Sunday, December 10. Contact Rev. Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org to become a member - full or affiliate. We want you – to be a member of First Pres!

MATURE MINISTRIES EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

New members, guests, friends, and people not yet 60 and up are always welcome!

Tuesday, October 3 Hike at Goll Woods Nature Area

Enjoy a colorful fall walk amid giant bur oak trees and lunch at Sauder Village. Interested in carpooling? Contact Rev. Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org for more information.

Thursday, October 5 Spiritual Prompt Writing Group

Join us for our Mature Ministries "Spiritual Prompt Writing Group." Contact Rev. Rogers to attend. Facilitated by Meg Brown, we invite you to bring your laptop, write for 30 minutes, then share with others in the group. 10:30 - Noon, in the Vance Room.

Sunday, October 8 Option B

Book discussion at Mary Smith's home on Sheryl Sandberg's *Option B*.



Thursday, October 12 Berit Ingersoll-Dayton at Hilltoppers

Hot lunch (\$5) at noon in the Social Hall

Professor Berit Ingersoll-Dayton is the director of the Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science and studies families in later life. She focuses on positive and negative aspects of support, gender differences, issues of equity and reciprocity, and cross-cultural differences in marital and intergenerational relationships. She has assessed various group interventions with the elderly, intergenerational family therapy approaches, and methods of assisting employed caregivers of the elderly. Sign up in the Church Office to have a delicious lunch with us!

Greeters Needed!

We are hoping to add a few more friendly faces to the list of people who welcome you to First Presbyterian on Sunday mornings and special events, can you help? We are looking for people who would like to greet folks as they enter the building on Sunday mornings before the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. You will receive an email about once every month inviting you to sign up. It's easy, fun and you aren't making a long term commitment. We are also looking for folks who would like to be asked to greet occasionally for special events at church, again no long term commitment, just an email periodically asking if you can help. If you are interested, please contact Karla Olson-Bellfi at karlaolsonbellfi@gmail.com or 734 730-2665.



Quad A Brunch

Members of Quad A and their families and friends are invited to attend the annual Quad A brunch on Sunday, October 22. The festivities will begin at noon in the Social Hall. Quad A includes people in North and Northeast Ann Arbor. Quad A deacons will be contacting their chapel members to invite them to attend. Members will be asked to bring either a salad, vegetable dish, fruit, or dessert. Please join us to meet your fellow chapel members, get to know your deacon, and share fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal! For more information contact Heidi Dodson, heidi.dodson@comcast.net.

Say "Hello" to Robin on Sunday Mornings



There is little better than being able to reach a knowledgeable and friendly person when you have a question. And to that end, the Church Office staffing schedule has been shuffled a bit so that our Administrative Assistant, Robin Agnew will be available to church members in the Church Office most Sunday mornings effective immediately. Robin is already familiar with the office routine, knows where the sign-up sheets can be found, and will be able to answer immediately most of your quotidian questions about church activities, supplies, and programs. Please introduce yourself to her. If Robin looks familiar to you, perhaps you are a reader of mystery books. She and her husband have owned and operated Aunt Agatha's Mystery Bookstore in town for over two decades. They are this year's winners of the Community Book Award at the Kerrytown BookFest in honor of their work in the literary area and 2014 winners of the Raven Award presented by the Mystery Writers of America.

First Pres meets Hollywood

First Pres had the unique opportunity the last week in August to provide space for filming of kitchen scenes for a movie, *Last Requests*. According to film producer Kerry Girvin, “The cast and crew of *Last Requests* was honored to be able to film at First Presbyterian Church. *Last Requests* is based on the short story by Giles Smith and has been adapted into a short film by director Courtenay Johnson, an Ann Arbor native. Courtenay was baptized here at First Presbyterian.”

The movie tells the story of Maggie, who prepares the last meals of convicted men in Huntsville Prison in Texas. She’s cooked at the Huntsville Death House for 30 years but is retiring because the Governor of Texas abolished the last meal requests of inmates. Maggie is an incredibly strong woman who looks past these men’s heinous crimes and shows them compassion before their execution, putting love and care into their last meal. She looks at these men as human beings, without passing judgement. The making of part of this film at our church is a logical fit with our summer study of mercy, justice, and humility.



October Presbyterian Women Gathering

Wednesday, October 18

9:30 a.m. – Bible Study, Lewis Room

Rohn Federbush leads Lesson II “In Community with the Living God”

10:00 a.m. – Mission Co-Worker Video Presentation, Lewis Room

A video introducing Jeff and Christi Boyd (Mission Co-Workers and PW Prayer Partners) will be shown, in preparation for their visit to First Pres on Sunday, October 29.

10:45-11:00 a.m. – Business Meeting, Monteith Hall

Discuss sponsoring Coffee Hour, October 29th, to welcome Jeff and Christi Boyd and promote Thank Offering

11:00 a.m. – Program, Monteith Hall

A presentation on “Assisting Families Out of Poverty” will be given by staff from Friends-in-Deed including updates about Circles of Washtenaw County, FID’s new program. PW’s cloud of witnesses will find out how they can support volunteers of Circles of Washtenaw County.

Reaching Across Differences: Conversations that Matter in Today’s World

Some have asked, “How do I talk with people who see life from such a different points of view?” Others have said, “I just want to be a better listener.” And still others wonder, “Are there better ways to connect with those who don’t think like me, look like me or practice like me?”

A current crisis in our society is our ongoing struggle to truly hear each other and to help each other discern what sits at the heart of our beliefs, our fears, and our desires for a wholesome life. What are some deep listening and inquiry practices that can bring us closer together rather than further apart? The Interfaith Round Table invites you to come explore and practice conversations that will expand our ability to listen more deeply. Four October evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., three Tuesdays (Oct. 3,10,17) and one Thursday (Oct. 26). The four core attributes (trust, hope, love and clarity/light) will be covered through self-examination, small and large group discussion. Join us at Zion Lutheran Church with facilitator, Rev. Susan King, IRT Co-Director. The cost is \$40 (all materials included). Reserve a place by registering via email at gbrides@umich.edu.



Faith in Action

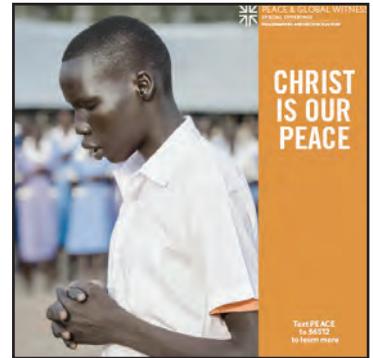
Feeding Our Neighbors

First Presbyterian Church rescues food from the UM Stadium and Crisler Arena with the support of the Sodexo organization. This food is made available to us after the football and basketball games and First Pres members save the food for later distribution to Cass Community Services and Second Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, both in Detroit. Volunteer online on our First Pres website or contact Rev. Jay Sanderford at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

Christ Is Our Peace

Support the Peace and Global Witness Offering October 1

As millions flee violence and persecution in South Sudan, they and others are striving for peace in villages, refugee camps, and at the highest levels of power. Give to the Peace and Global Witness Offering to support those working to share the dream of peace, and reconciliation around the world, as proclaimed by the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. South Sudan won its independence in 2011. But within a few years, this young country's hope and celebration turned to violent political infighting. Nearly 3.4 million people fled their homes in search of safety, including 1.8 million children. War has led to famine as homes and crops have been destroyed. An estimated 5 million people face severe food shortages. Our support aids that country and groups like RECONCILE, an ecumenical Christian organization that works for peace and democracy in South Sudan. Give to this special offering on Sunday, October 1. Locally, to continue this focus, our First Pres Mission Committee has selected the program area of Racism and Economic Justice at Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice in Ann Arbor to receive the local portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Learn more about the project by visiting <http://www.icpj.org/program-areas/racial-economic-justice/>. This group works to actively challenge racism and economic injustice locally and nationally.



Fall Cass Workday Is Now Cass Fun Day!

We're changing it up



Our next work day – Saturday, October 14 – will provide work and play opportunities for all ages! We will have an opportunity to provide fun fall activities and interaction with the Cass children and parents who are housed at its facilities on that day and share a cookout lunch with them. We need lots of help preparing craft projects, preparing cookies for decorating, providing lunch items, etc. We are looking especially for families with 4th and 5th grade children and older. For those of you wanting to help with the usual fall clean-up of gardens, you'll be put to work as well. We'll all gather and eat lunch together before departing for Ann Arbor. Sign up by contacting Sue Jeffers, sjeffers1@me.com.

Bringing Light to Quebrada Honda

Like many Nicaraguan women, Norma seems ageless. She has little gray hair and her face is unlined. Her smile can light up the room. She is a terrific cook! But what makes her remarkable is her vision for herself and her community. Norma is a wife, mother, and land owner. Her farm is perched on a hill overlooking the school in the remote community of Quebrada Honda. She is a well-respected leader in the community. After doing her daily chores and making tortillas and cheese for the market, Norma teaches preschool in a neighboring community. On Saturdays she makes the four hour trip, walking many miles to catch a bus, to attend the university in Jinotega, and after classes makes the return trip. With each year completed at the university, Norma becomes qualified to teach another grade level. That's how it works in Nicaragua.

We, the Nicaragua Mission Team, got to know Norma and other members of the community through our work in Quebrada Honda. In 2016, we collaborated with CEPAD and the community members to help construct a new classroom there. In 2017 we painted the classroom and built five much needed bookcases for the school. We spent time talking and dreaming with the community about the future and what is resoundingly clear is that the community considers education for their children a high priority. They have expressed desire to bring electricity to the school, to light up the classrooms. With God's grace, careful planning and with cooperation of the Nicaraguan government, the Nicaragua Mission Team hopes to light up the classrooms in Quebrada Honda.



Meet Our PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers

This fall, several Mission Co-Workers will visit First Pres and you will have the chance to meet them in person and share their stories of how God is at work in the world.

Ellen Smith - Russia Mission Co-Worker

Friday, October 6, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Social Hall



You are invited to attend "Between Worlds," a dinner and program hosted by the Russia Mission Team. PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker Ellen Smith will speak on "Ministry in Russia," including updates on our congregation's connection with the church and summer camp in Davydovo. Also, Dr. Laura Kline of Wayne State University will present "The Intersections between Politics, Faith, and Culture in Russia Today." Register to attend at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/russian-mission-dinner-between-worlds/> by Tuesday, October 3. Dinner is \$7.00 per person or \$30.00 per family.

Sunday, October 8, 12:15 p.m., Curtis Room

Join the Russia Mission Team for a special Mission Forum lunch (from Pizza House) and a presentation by Mission Co-Worker Ellen Smith on "Today's Pressing Issues in Russian Ministry."

Jeff and Christi Boyd - Central Africa Mission Co-Workers



Sunday, October 29

Presbyterian Women will sponsor a special Coffee Hour to welcome Jeff and Christi Boyd, Prayer Partners and Co-Workers from Central Africa. At noon you are invited to learn more about the work accomplished by Jeff and Christi at the "Prayer Partners – World Partners" luncheon. The Boyds have 20 years of experience promoting education and setting up programs to remedy marginalization of women and children in Central Africa (Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Niger, Rwanda, South Sudan, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea).

Justin and Renée Sundberg - Nicaragua Mission Co-Workers



Justin Sundberg, our Mission Co-Worker from Nicaragua, plans a visit to First Pres in early November 2017 for conversations with our Mission Committee and Nicaragua Mission Team. Working with Justin and his spouse Rev. Renée Sundberg, First Pres has strengthened a relationship with several rural communities in Nicaragua as well as with CEPAD, the Council of Evangelical Churches of Nicaragua. Together, we are working to improve the lives of economically impoverished communities in Nicaragua by promoting justice and peace, working to upgrade schools and launch income-producing ventures such as bakeries in small towns. A team from First Pres visited Nicaragua in spring 2017 and future trips are planned.

Keeping Up with the Ludwigs

The Ludwigs have returned to Niger. Their time in the US ended well after special times with family and a good Niger Mission Network meeting. The children are again thriving and re-adjusting to life that is thankfully more structured and regular. The four CHE evangelists that were selected at the training in March have continued to be busy with farming and talking to people. Please pray for the connections the evangelists are making and that they will not be discouraged.



Save the Date!

2017 Forward in Mission – Not Your Granny's Bazaar

Join us at the Forward in Mission Christmas Bazaar on December 3 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. You will once again have the opportunity to shop for thoughtful gifts, purchase shares supporting our mission teams and learn more about the many opportunities to be involved in mission at First Pres. See you there!

Save the Date for the Philippines Pig Roast!

Saturday, November 11, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall

The Philippines Mission Team invites you to their authentic pig roast dinner! Enjoy Roast Pork, Chicken Adobo, Pork Adobo, Eggplant Casse-role, Pancit with Chicken and Shrimp, Coleslaw, Rice and Rolls, Vegetarian Pancit, Mango Cake, and Macaroon Cookies. Tickets must be purchased **IN ADVANCE**. Cost is \$15.00 per adult and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased during Coffee Hour on October 29 and November 5, by making a reservation in the Church Office, 662-4466, or by contacting Bob Wallin at 769-1163. Dinner is served at 5:00 with the program immediately after dinner. Proceeds support projects of the Philippines Mission Team that develop relationships, promote self-sufficiency, and meet the needs of the Dumaguete area community through education, health and welfare, and projects that promote livelihood.



Campus Connection



Campus Ministry Is Now UKirk@UMich

Campus Ministries is in full swing. Students are attending the 11:00 a.m. worship service together before going out to lunch to build relationships and share in each other's lives. It has been a good mix of first time visitors and returning core members. All college students are invited to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service and walk with us to a local lunch spot reserved ahead of time. For more information contact Rev. McGowan at emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org. We also invite you to meet for "Wednesdays @ 8:00," a weekly gathering for fellowship, snacks and faithful conversation at the Michigan League. For more information, please contact Rev. McGowan (emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org) or Resident Minister Blair Buckley (bbuckley@firstpresbyterian.org).



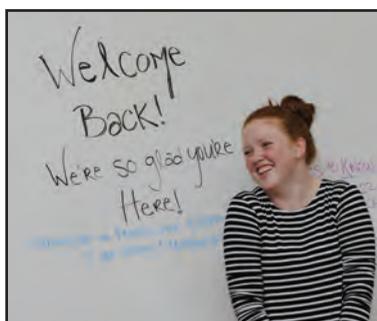
Youth Connection

Middle School LOCK-IN!

Saturday, October 21 - Sunday October 22

7:00 p.m. - 10:30 a.m.

All Middle Schoolers (6-8th grade) are invited to spend the night in church! There will be epic games, late night outings, stellar movies and some serious snacking. Cost is \$10 + your favorite late night snack to share. Want to come? RSVP to Essie at essie@firstpresbyterian.org by Friday October 8. Hope to see you there!



A Fun, Festive Fall Afternoon for High School Students

All High Schoolers are invited to join us on October 22 for afternoon outing (2:00 - 5:30 pm) to Alber's Orchard & Cider Mill. There will be fellowship, apples, cider, donuts and MORE – It's sure going to be a great time! The cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to Essie (essie@firstpresbyterian.org) by Friday, October 8. Join us for some fall fun!



Adult Education

Conveners: Various



Sunday Morning Offerings

@ 9:30 a.m.

The Bible @ 9:30 French Room/Library October 1 - 29

The Bible at 9:30 continues a study of the book of Acts. Rev. Ed Koster is the presenter. All are welcome for a solid biblical study and robust discussion.

First Couples October 1 - 29 Monteith Hall

Spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. Presenters are class members

October 1 - Exploring Our Stories of Faith

Recall your own story of faith as you hear the faith-story of Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt, one of our cohort of Resident Ministers 2017-2019.

October 8 - *The Lesson*

First Couples will attend the play *The Lesson* at The Yellow Barn, 410 W. Huron. Tickets are \$12.

October 15 - Exploring Our Stories of Faith

Recall your own story of faith as you hear the faith-story of Blair Buckley, one of our cohort of Resident Ministers 2017-2019.

October 22 & 29 - First Couples Joins the Reformation: Then & Now Series

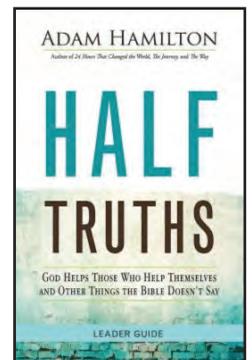


@ 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall

Then and Now Series on 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Small Groups: Half Truths

Be a part of a small group from your quad this Fall, meeting every other week at a home of a member. The small groups will study bible texts and Adam Hamilton's short book *Half Truths – God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*. We will explore together popular sayings that sound like something you might find in the Bible, such as "everything happens for a reason". Such phrases capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. We will join Adam Hamilton in his search for the whole truth by comparing some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture. Books (\$14) are available for purchase in the Church Office. Please check the schedule below. Sign up in the Church Office, online at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/fall-small-groups>. Don't miss this powerful opportunity to journey together!



QUAD A (North-East)

Sundays, 7:00 p.m. Every other week starting October 8

Hosts: Nicole and Olivier Jolliet

Convener: Susan Morville

QUAD B (South-East)

Sundays, 4:00 p.m. Every other week starting October 8

Hosts & Conveners: Doug and Carol Gottliebsen

QUAD C (West)

7:00 p.m. Every other week starting October 8

Hosts: Lucie Audette and Rob Bauman

Convener: Alice Holderby

QUAD D (South West)

Fridays, 7:00 p.m. Every other week starting October 6.

Host: Marcey Terrien

Convener: Robin Fosheim-Hoag

T2A2 (Twenties and Thirties)

Sundays 7:00 p.m. Every Sunday starting January 7

Host: Chris Wahl



Residents' Corner

Ninth Cohort 2017-2019

First Pres welcomed our Ninth Cohort of Resident Ministers on August 15. Blair Buckley, Eric Koenig-Reinke and Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt arrived full of energy, vision and passion for ministry and leadership here in Ann Arbor and immediately began an intentional process of on-boarding here into the life of First Pres. This cohort is more keenly focused on young adult and college ministry, social justice issues, teaching opportunities, congregational care and ministry to all generations than previous groups. They hope to be involved with Deacons, Congregational Life, Stephen Ministry, New Members and other programs, all new areas of ministry for Residents.

Blair Buckley - Blair will be ordained on Sunday, November 5, 2017 in Faith Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, CO, her home church, by Pueblo Presbytery.

Eric Koenig-Reinke - Eric will be ordained on Sunday, October 29, 2017 in Noble Road Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, OH, his home church, by Western Reserve Presbytery. Both of his parents, Presbyterian pastors, will be involved. Eric is married to Essie Koenig-Reinke, our Youth Ministries Coordinator.

Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt - Dorothy was ordained on Sunday, July 9 in her home church, New Hope Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga by the Presbytery of East Tennessee. In a festive worship service attended by old and new friends and colleagues, she was commissioned to a life of service and witness as a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church USA. Dorothy's spouse, Jessica Parks-Piatt, now works as a Graduate Program Coordinator in the University of Michigan's Department of Sociology.

Eighth Cohort 2015-2017

Rev. Emily Béghin - Emily began her call as an Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia on July 2. She is the Associate for Congregational Life, Ministry to Young Adults, and Worship. Rev. Jay Sanderford was the preacher for Emily's Installation Service, Sunday, August 6, in Virginia Beach.

Rev. Daniel Ervin - Daniel will begin his call as the Designated Pastor at Lovejoy United Presbyterian Church, Wood River, Illinois in mid-October. He will serve as the pastor of a healthy progressive church east of St. Louis, Missouri that is the result of a merger of two congregations with strong sense of identity, worship and mission. Daniel will be preaching, launching an adult education program, and working in the community in this vibrant area.

Rev. Angela Ryo - Angela is the Assistant Pastor for Christian Formation, Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI, beginning her new ministry on August 1. At the Kirk, another church in our own Presbytery of Detroit, Angela guides the children and family ministries area and shapes all manner of adult learning opportunities.



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