

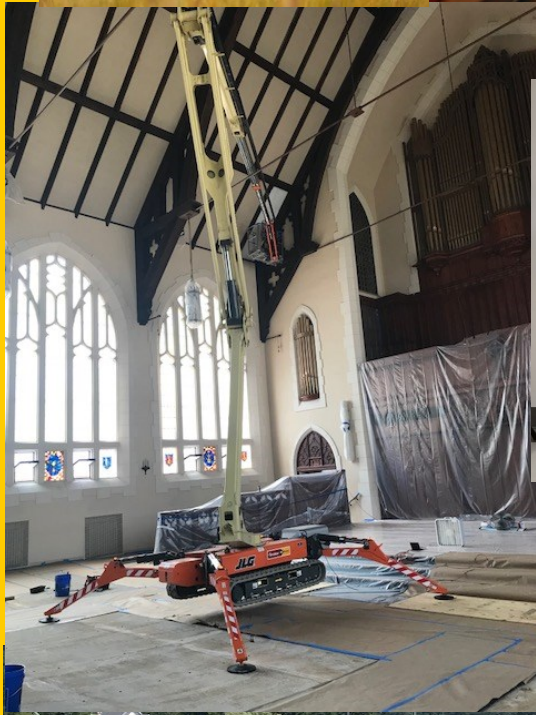
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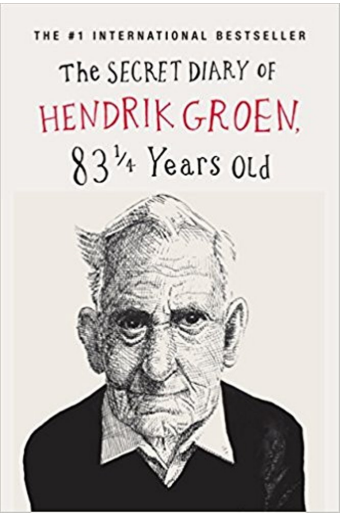
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Plan Ahead!

The Fall Michigan Presbyterian Pilgrimage will be taking place October 25-28 at Camp Henry near Newago. See Pastor Pat for information.



Book Discussion and Potluck

August 29th, 6PM, in the Parlor. Bring a main dish or salad and dessert. Discussion guides available!



"COPS N DONUTS"

September 9th 11:15AM

Our fall kick-off theme is "Safety First" with our Battle Creek Fire and Police Department, and donuts!

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From our Associate Pastor



As I studied about worship in the time of King David, about 3,000 years ago, I noticed that not everyone agreed, even back then! Preferences, both personal and corporate change over time. But the more things change, the more the constants rise to shine in our worshipping God.

David and other Psalmists of the Old Testament sang: “God’s faithful love endures forever!” (1 Chron. 16:34). The modern song writer Cory Asbury, and others from David until now, all assure us: “And I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, ... the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God!”

Whatever is happening in your life and family, lovely or challenging, the love of God is with you and your church family cares.

May God’s mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance! (Jude 2)

Pat Weatherwax

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A New Year for Presbyterian Women

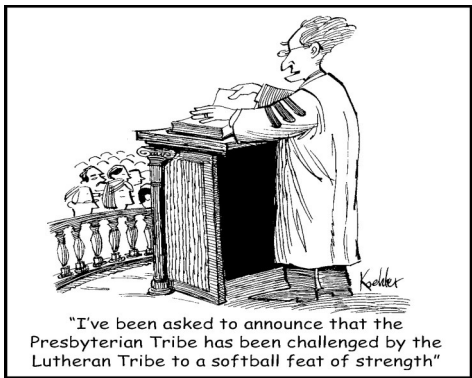
Mary Colburn and Kathy Sawchuk, Co-Moderators

“God’s Promise: I Am with You” is the theme for Presbyterian Women (PW) for the 2018-2019 year. Presbyterian Women, through our circles and programs, have the opportunity to enrich our spiritual lives. Francie Winslow will lead our Bible Study again this year. Our first study will be held on Wednesday, September 5, at 9:30a.m. in the Church Parlor. All women are welcome.

The PW Coordinating Team will meet in the Parlor at 10a.m. on August 23rd to plan and prepare for the coming year.

The first event of our year will be the Fall Gathering on October 6th from 10AM to noon in the Church Parlor. The program will follow the new theme “God’s Promise: I am With You”. It’s a study that approaches God’s promise, to be with us in good times and bad times and to never forsake us, through examples in the Old and New Testaments. Each of us are blessed knowing that God keeps his promises. It is a pleasure to announce that Deb Stanley will be our guest speaker. She will expound on how we can count our blessings each day knowing and feeling God’s presence in our lives.

First Pres Calendar		firstpresbc.org 269.964.3700		AUGUST 2018		Icons: Shell, Sun, Ice Cream, Book, Moon	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
5 Our 1stPres softball team continues their rally in this year's Christian Fellowship League. Come on out to Hamilton Park, 151 Academy St. in Post Edition on the 7th and 14th at 6:30P to root-root-root for the home team! Church PICNIC Outdoor Worship 10A Annual Picnic to follow	6 XYZ Coldwater 10:30A	7 Pray for the Church 7A Exercise 10A 1*Pres v St. Mark	1 Staff 11A Choir Camp PEO 10:30A Staff 11A	2 Church at Prayer 7A Sr Pastors' Prayer 8A Uke & Drum Band 6P	3 Choir Camp Performance 7P First Congregational	4 Community Breakfast 7A	
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Our **First Pres Softball Team** will be finishing out their 2018 season on the Christian Fellowship Softball League this month. All games are played at Hamilton Park, 151 Academy Street in Post Edition Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. On August 7, our team goes up against St. Mark Lutheran and on August 14 we close out the season playing Faith Baptist. Everyone is welcome to come cheer on the home team!. Team members join fans for ice cream after.



This month's XYZ outing is August 6th when we travel to the Coldwater Wing House Museum after lunch at Stoagies. The museum has a \$5 admission. We leave at 10:30a.m. Call the Church Office for a reservation.



The First Pres Walkers will again have a team in the Calhoun County "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on August 25th at Stuart's Landing in Marshall. Plan to walk and fundraise or support our walkers Susan Keitel and Pastor Pat. You can see them or go to act.alz.org for Walk information and to pledge on line.



Wednesday, August 22 will be our final Summer Movie Night. We will begin at 5:30 with a potluck supper and the movie will begin at approximately 6:15-6:30 all in the Fellowship Hall. To go along with our Heaven theme the movie will be "I Can Only Imagine". Come and bring your family and friends for an evening of food, fellowship, popcorn and a movie.



CHOIR CAMP for kids from 1st - 8th grade begins August 6 at First Congregational Church. The camp concludes with a

public performance of the musical "Rescue In the Night", the story of David in the Lion's Den, on **August 10 at 7pm**. This is a great summer program for kids that First Pres co-sponsors. Information available in the **church office**.

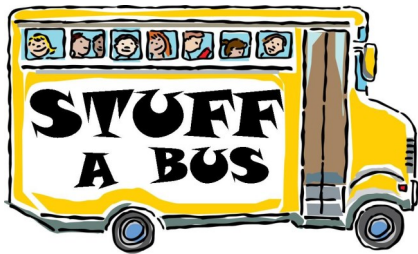


Kim Lafleur	August 1
Ilene Woodman	August 1
Helen Noble	August 3
Nan Spindler	August 7
Nan Jones	August 8
Deane McCarthy	August 9
Steve Heeter	August 13
Paula Colburn	August 14
Melva Zaharion	August 14
Robert Moore	August 16
Joel Ritter	August 18
Susan Stults	August 19
James Burns	August 21
Marla Colburn	August 23
Pam Flanders	August 25
Beverly Frey	August 25
Dena Haas	August 26
Taylor Brown	August 28
Margaret Fox	August 28
Bill Winslow	August 28
Megan Hagist	August 30



A Stephen Ministry training class on Tuesday evenings at Chapel Hill UMC will be starting soon! See Pastor Pat for an application and details.

Also, supervision and Continuing Education continues at First Pres on the first and third Tuesday evenings.



Our Backpack Project With CityLinC Ministries

CityLinC is a non-profit, faith-based organization in Battle Creek whose primary mission is to help high-risk children and their families in times of crisis and transition.

During the annual Stuff-A-Bus, donation bins are set up around town for school supplies. These are sorted, put into backpacks and delivered to schools for children who need them when they return in the fall.

FirstPres is once again the site for donated supplies to be sorted and packed. Our Mission Focus Funds will purchase a number of backpacks at wholesale prices.

Join volunteers from throughout our community to be a part of this great program to help local kids!

Donate school supplies. A list is posted in Fellowship Hall.

Help Sort Supplies August 6th.

Provide Snacks for volunteers.

Pack Backpacks August 14-17th.

Pray for the students, teachers, and school administrators.

Sign up lists are in Fellowship Hall or contact Dena Haas at 269-962-8081 or Abby Boyer, CityLinC Stuff-A-Bus Coordinator at 269-969-9181

Women's Life Recovery Program
www.thehavenbc.org/womensliferecovery

The Women's Life Recovery Program (WLRP) is a faith-based program to help women overcome addictions while identifying self-defeating behaviors and maximizing their potential to live and work in the community. It is part of the Haven of Rest Ministries. It began in 2013 as a residential program but due to difficulty in obtaining grant funding for substance abuse, it is now a day program. WLRP is housed in a building owned by Rhema Word Outdoor Center. WLRP is using this building rent free but pays the utilities.

This ministry was created to keep families together through recovery. Services available are individual and group therapy, spiritual counseling, life skill classes, relapse prevention, referrals to community resources, and physical fitness. The program is a 9-12 month commitment, with support continuing for as long as needed. There are approximately 16-20 women of all ages in each class with no charge for the program.

Our Benevolence budget has supported this program since its beginning. Our Sanctuary Project now allows us to add them as a "mission focus." We will be providing them the opportunity to use our facilities, work with our volunteers, and receive additional financial support for their programs.



OFF THE PRESS! **By Doug McCune**

Another Caravan is in the books. For 2018 we headed to Lewisburg, West Virginia. The six high-schoolers, one college student, and three adults on the team spent the week working on a house in Rurpert, WV. This was another house that was damaged during the 2016 flood. We put up siding and put in a wheelchair ramp on the front of the house.

All of the students used power tools. For some, it was their first time. Our project manager, Gary Ratliff, did an amazing job teaching the kids how to use them safely. Gary also had his home damaged in the flood, he's been rebuilding while working on other 's homes.

We finished our projects by Thursday, so on Friday we worked at Gary's house. We put shelving on his barn so he had a place to sort out materials for the various projects. (See cover picture) It was really great that we were able to help him out.

On Wednesday, Gary showed us around the area. We started at Bear Town Nature Park with a lot of limestone caves and canyons to see. Next, we headed to Droop Mountain Battlefield, a Civil War site with a really neat museum and a tower from which you could see a long way. Then we headed to the Falls of Hill Creek. There were three waterfalls to see and 400 steps to climb. We finished the day at the city pool. On Thursday we had a karaoke night at the church. There are some awesome videos of this with lots of laughter by the audience. On Saturday we explored the Lost World Caverns. At one point we were twelve stories underground!

It was a fantastic week. It was really fun to see the group come together as a team. The kids all did an amazing job. I want to say thanks to my adult leaders Jim Hoglen, and Kathy Baker and also to our college student Josh Liechty. You made my job a lot easier. I am really looking forward to what happens next year.

Thank you also to the congregation for your financial support and prayers.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the church for your thoughts and prayers upon the passing of my sister Joanne. I have appreciated your kindness in simply asking me how I am doing. You have truly brightened many of my days. It's the little things



that have mattered the most. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Marie Davy

Roses to our youth caravan team and especially their adults: Doug McCune, Kathy Baker and Jim Hoglen (Jr.)

Roses to Carl McCune and Steve Owel for their help with Kathy Baker in painting the Youth Center.



We celebrate with Alex (maybe you call her Lexie) Smith!

Alex graduated from Pennfield High School on June 3, 2018. Alex was very active in our middle school youth group, went on a youth caravan and went through confirmation at First Pres.

VOLUNTEER VIBE

August brings Volunteer opportunities with Charitable Union and their "Back to School" (BTS) clothing distribution. Location this year for Battle Creek Schools is First Congregational Church: Mon. Aug. 27, Tues. 28 & Wed. 29th; All times will be 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Thirty volunteers are needed for each clothing distribution day. Call Tammy at Charitable Union to volunteer, 964-7234.

BTS distribution is scheduled for Marshall on Tues. 8/21; at Harper Creek, Wed. 8/22; and Albion on Thur. 8/23. Again call Tammy at CU to volunteer, 964-7234.

Through the month of August we will be assisting with City LinC's "Stuff A Bus" campaign. You can help in several different ways: donating school supplies-now through Aug 14; sorting them; providing snacks for volunteers; August 14-17th packing the backpacks; and praying for our students, teachers and administrators. Be sure to read the "Stuff A Bus" article elsewhere in this month's Carillon and sign-up on the sign sheets on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. (Both of the above projects receive funding from our Campaign for Renewal Mission Focus.)

If you are interested in teaching toddlers, children or youth in our fall education classes, please chat with Pastor Pat.

WANTED ... Feet (and bodies) to participate in CROP Walk on September 30 or be a sponsor of one of our walkers. Contact Kathy Baker or Finley McRae for more information.

Volunteers are still needed yet to fill some open slots for the August St. Thomas breakfast program. Sign up on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall or contact **Chris Owel**, 963-6308.

"Volunteer Vibe" is a monthly feature from the Connections Team, focusing on places where volunteers are needed and who you can contact to offer your services. If your group or program has a special need for volunteers contact Jan Emery Barney at 979-4734 or jyreme@aol.com to have your request listed in the next issue of the Carillon.

NAVARAC

NAVARAC (CARAVAN spelled backward) was first held the summer of 1987. NAVARAC helps our middle school youth (6th-8th grade) prepare for mission trips they will go on in high school.

This year Alex and Justin LaFleur and Liam Gault joined Kathy Baker in helping with a project at our Retreat Center – re-staining stairs, helped with games at the Heart of The City Health Fair, did a small painting project at the Youth Center and helped deliver quilts made by the SEW n SEWs to area agencies.

How nice for these 3 young men to be on the giving end of helping our own church and then learn a little about agencies that help others in our community.

Notes from the June meeting of Session

(a joint meeting with the Trustees and Deacons)

Carl McCune, Clerk of Session

There was a correction to the wording of a motion from May. It should have read:

A motion prevailed approving the Benevolence Committee recommendation to designate the Mission Component of the Sanctuary Refurbishment Campaign in the following way: \$12,000 to be divided between Safe Place and the Women's Life Recovery program in shares determined by the Mission Task Force, with an additional \$500 set aside for an emergency contingency fund whose use will be determined by the Benevolence Committee.

A motion prevailed to appoint Pete Christ and Annettie Tribbett to 3-year terms on the Ministry Advisory Council (class of 2021). They join Mary Burg and Jean Parker (class of 2019) and Larry Turpin and Francie Winslow (class of 2020).

Membership Update The deaths of Bill Carr on May 28, 2018 and Marilyn Loving on June 5, 2018 were reported. A motion prevailed to approve the request of Leanne Cole to transfer her membership to the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Current Active Membership is 310.

Session Elections and Assignments:

Clerk of Session: Carl McCune Associate Clerk: Carol Gault

Commissioners to Presbytery: Jim Nelson and Carl McCune (Annettie Tribbett as an Alternate)

Nominating Committee: Annettie Tribbett and Jeannie Kerner (Annettie Tribbett as moderator)

Church Treasurer: Pete Christ

The following appointments were made:

Liaison to the Personnel Committee: David Lucas

Liaison to the Board of Trustees: David Lucas and Pastor Jeff as available

Benevolence Committee: Belinda Bullard, Carol Gault, Jeff Wolf

Christian Education and Discipleship Committee: Carol Gault

Connection Team: Francie Winslow

Worship Ministries: Carrie Hoglen

The Deacons reported:

Judy Yettaw (Moderator)

Amy Rosa (Vice-Moderator)

Steve Owel (Secretary/Treasurer)

Finley McRae and Bette Miller (Communion Elements Coordinators)

Steve Heeter (Deacon member of the Nominating Committee)

Their meeting time has been changed to 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month.

The Trustees reported:

Doug McCune (President)

Larry Turpin (Vice-President)

Mary Maley (Secretary) with Donna Bidelman as a backup

Jean Parker (Trustee member of the Nominating Committee)

Their meeting time has been changed to 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month.

The next regular Session meeting will be September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 14.