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# The Carillon

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DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>



Save the date!  
Plan ahead!  
Test your recipe!



ANTICIPATING  
CHRISTMAS

Our second annual  
combined event  
will begin at 11:15AM

More details about the chili competition will be  
coming soon from Jana Turpin!



October 1, 2018

We will meet in the Parlor to leave at 9:30 for  
Art Prize!

You will be dropped off and on your own for lunch  
and to see the public art. Then we will re-group at the  
drop-off point at 3 p.m. and ride back to the church.

This plan allows more time than our last trip to see  
more and eat at a place of your choosing in down-  
town Grand Rapids.

**RSVP to the church office NOW!**





From Our Lead Pastor

Dear Friends:

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1 NRSV).

David was a shepherd. He tended sheep. He had a knack for caring for these creatures who were often helpless and easily led astray.

There is something about a shepherd that tells us something about God. God is like a shepherd. David discovered this and later he would pen the immortal words that we know as Psalm 23. God is very much concerned about those of us who are often helpless and easily led astray.

Psalm 23 is one of the best known, best loved passages of the Bible. It speaks directly to the joys and fears of any human being. It reminds us of the goodness of the Lord toward his people. We are like sheep under the care and guidance of the Divine Shepherd.

Join me for the fall sermon series:

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A SERIES ON THE 23RD PSALM

September 30	(1) THE SHEPHERD'S PROVISION	Psalm 23:1
October 7	(2) THE SHEPHERD'S PEACE	Psalm 23:2-3a
October 14	(3) THE SHEPHERD'S PURPOSE	Psalm 23:3b
October 21	(4) THE SHEPHERD'S PROTECTION	Psalm 23:4-5a
October 28	(5) THE SHEPHERD'S PLACE	Psalm 23: 5b-6

In Christ's Name,

Jeff 

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 7 is World Communion Sunday and the date we move back into our sanctuary. World Communion Sunday was originally called World Wide Communion Sunday and is intended to promote Christian unity. It originated in the Presbyterian Church in 1936 and has since spread to many other denominations. First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek participated in that inaugural year and every year since.

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday using communion wine in addition to grape juice. The grape juice will be light in color and the communion wine dark red in color to allow participants to choose which form of the "fruit of the vine" they wish to receive.

STEWARDSHIP SERIES: THE GENEROUS LIFE

Join us in November for this three-part series.


November 4	(1) The Grace of Generosity	Acts 20:35
November 11	(2) The Transformation of Generosity	Romans 12:1-2
November 18	(3) The Outgrowth of Generosity	1 Corinthians 3:5-11

At the conclusion of this series we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will dedicate these commitments in the worship service on Celebration Sunday (the same day as our Celebration Luncheon and rededication of the building) November 18, 2018.

FirstPres

CALENDAR OCTOBER 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10A Worship 11:15A Sunday School	1 3P ECC Music First 5:30P Retreat Center Com. 6:30P Boy Scouts	2 7A Pray for the Church 10A Exercise Class 10:30A Toddlers Group 6:30P Cub Scouts 6:30P Stephen Ministers	3 9:30A PW Bible Study 11A Staff Meeting 5:30P Bible Study 6:30P Unafraid	4 7A Church at Prayer 8A Sr Pastors' Prayer Group 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal 7:30P Choir Practice	5 8A ECC Training	 Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 10A Worship... 11:15A Sunday School 1P Youth Group Turkeyville 6P Praise Team Rehearsal	8 10A Safety Meeting 3:30P ECC Music First 5:30P Trustees 6P Facilities Committee 6:30P Deacons 6:30P Boy Scouts 6:30P Session/Trustees Joint Meeting	9 7A Pray for the Church 10A Exercise Class 10:30A Toddlers Group 12:30P Lydia Circle 6P Cub Scouts 7P Miriam Circle 7P Boy Scout Committee	10 11A Staff Meeting 5:30P Bible Study 6:30P Unafraid	11 7A Church at Prayer 8A Sr Pastors' Prayer Group 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal 7P Elizabeth Circle 7:30P Choir Practice	12 9:30A Sew N Sews	13
14 10A Worship 11:15A Sunday School 6P Praise Team Rehearsal	15 3:30P ECC Music First 6P Cabinet 6:30P Boy Scouts 7P Worship Committee 7:15P Benevolence Com.	16 7A Pray for the Church 10A Exercise Class 10:30A Toddlers Group 5:30P Parent Coalition	17 11A Staff Meeting 5:30P Bible Study 6:30P Unafraid	18 7A Church at Prayer 8A Sr Pastors' Prayer Group 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal 7P Men's Fellowship 7:30P Choir Practice	19 8A ECC Training	20 1P Harold Grieve Memorial Service
21 10A Worship 11:15A Sunday School 6P Praise Team Rehearsal	22 3:30P ECC Music First 6:30P Boy Scouts 7P Connection Team	23 7A Pray for the Church 10A Exercise Class 10:30A Toddlers Group 6P Cub Scouts	24 11A Staff Meeting 1:30P Reorg. Task Force 5:30P Bible Study 6:30P Unafraid	25 7A Church at Prayer 8A Sr Pastors' Prayer Group 10A PW Coordinating Team 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal 7:30P Choir Practice	26 9:30A Sew N Sews 5P Master Singers Rehearsal	27 6P Master Singers
28 10A Worship 11:15A Sunday School 3P Youth Group	29 3:30P ECC Music First 6:30P Boy Scouts	30 7A Pray for the Church 9:30A Carillon Mailing 10A Exercise Class 10:30A Toddlers Group	31 5:30P Bible Study	 TRICK OR TREAT	 First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek 111 Capital Avenue, NE Battle Creek, MI 49017 Firstpresbc.org 269.964.3700	



## Connection Team

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to share God's love and grace with all people and celebrate the truth of Jesus Christ. One way we do that is through the LUKE 10 MINISTRY. Three years ago, the Connection Team started an outreach ministry to our neighbors. Each month, teams of two walk out of our church and into our neighborhood for the purpose of getting to know our neighbors and to become the best neighbors we can be.

Recently, God has pointed us toward another neighbor – the students, staff, and parents of WK Kellogg Preparatory High School. Meetings with Principal Calvin Williams are currently taking place to realize the good works God has planned for First Pres to carry out our mission. More information will be coming as the discovery process unfolds. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Pat Weatherwax, Lisa Brown, and/or Colin O'Brien.

## VOLUNTEER VIBE!

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help in our crib and walker nursery. With enough helpers, each is only needed every other month.

**SUNDAY YOUTH EDUCATION** Substitute teachers are needed for 5-8th graders. See Pastor Pat Weatherwax.

**SAFETY TEAM** If interested in participating in the newly formed team, see Belinda Bullard or Pastor Pat Weatherwax

**KEEP THE COOKIES COMING** for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. If you can provide prepared finger foods like fruit, veggies, sweet and/or salty treats, leave these in the kitchenette next to the Parlor on Sunday morning.

**LIGHT DESSERTS** are needed for the Wednesday night Unafraid book club discussions. Sign up sheets with dates are in the main hallway.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CONNECTIONS (ECC)** programs at our church need volunteers. The Music First Program is Mondays 3:30-4:30PM and the Toddlers' Play Group is Tuesdays 10-11AM. Both are held in the Youth Center. Sign up sheet available or see Jean Parker.

**HELP IS NEEDED FOR FUNERAL RECEPTIONS** for providing food and helping serve. Signup sheets available or contact church office.

**CHARITABLE UNION** is one of our "Mission Focus" agencies and needs help with its October Winter Coat Distribution at WKKellogg School. Help to setup on Friday, Oct 19, 8:30AM-1:30PM, distribution on Monday Oct 22, 12:30-6PM; Tuesday and Wednesday October 23&24 2:00-6:00PM and take-down Thursday Oct 24, 8:30AM-1PM. If you can help, please call Tammy at Charitable Union at 269-964-7234.

"Volunteer Vibe" is a monthly feature from the Connection Team, focusing on places where volunteers are needed and who to contact to offer service. If your group or program has a special need for volunteers, contact Jan Emery Barney AT 269-979-4734 or jyreme@aol.com to have your request in the next issue of the Carillon.



Sharon Weaver	10/1
Martha Hardenburg	10/3
Fred Sawchuk	10/4
Louse Newlands	10/5
Halaina Peevers	10/5
Nick Martens	10/5
Ellen Golda	10/6
Jack Mawdsley	10/8
Morgan Burns	10/9
Sadie Bauer	10/9
Sally Gubitz	10/10
Helga Carpenter	10/12
Paula McPhee	10/12
Faith Sellers	10/13
Jeanne Hickman	10/14
Tom Till	10/14
Dennis Stults	10/15
Isabella Trainor	10/16
Jeannie Kerner	10/16
Francie Winslow	10/20
Sandy Carlson	10/20
Simon terAvest	10/22
Rebecca Garver	10/25
Marjorie Weil	10/29



If you have a copy of the book: "A Harmony of the Four Gospels" from the Sunday Education class and remember you liked the discussion, please come back to the class! We are starting to explore the last week of Jesus' life as presented in all four gospels.



If you have a book and never use it, please consider donating it back; we have no spare copies. Bring it and/or yourself to room 14 on Sundays after worship.



To My Church Family,

*What a support you are! While at the PW Churchwide Gathering in Louisville I had a bad fall, fractured a hip and had to have a partial hip replacement. I was so appreciative for all of the assistance of Jean Parker and Pastor Pat.*

*Upon arriving back in Battle Creek to my room at the Oaks on August 12, it was so special having the Sunday service flowers there greeting me. Thank all of you for your prayers, flowers, cards and food while I was doing rehab at the Oaks and also at home. I appreciated so much all who visited and all your phone calls. You truly demonstrate Christ's love and care.*

In His Love,

Annettie Tribbett



**Are you seeking** an opportunity to get away, ponder your life of faith, and to reconnect or renew your relationship with God? How about a chance to experience an abundance of God's grace and love while enjoying a beautiful Michigan setting? If any of these ideas resonate with you – **There's still time to register for the Michigan Pilgrimage October 25-28!** See Pastor Pat or Sue Keitel for a form.



## OFF THE PRESS!

September saw the youth say goodbye to summer with a lot of water balloons out at the Retreat Center. Everyone had a good time and got really wet. We kicked off Fall with a cereal themed Escape Room at the Youth Center. The youth (with some adult help) saved the city from the evil Captain Crunch and made it out with 15 minutes to spare. There were a lot of laughs while they solved the clues.

On Saturday, October 13th, we will be heading out to Cornwell's Turkeyville to check out their corn maze and haunted adventures. Then on Sunday October 28 we will be carving and decorating jack-o-lanterns for some church members. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for more info.

Be on the lookout for new fundraisers coming in the next few months as we begin preparing for 2019 (yes, that's right 2019) Caravan!! I am so excited about this trip. - Doug McCune

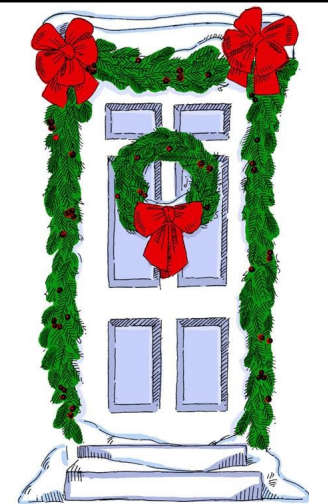


To Nathan Marten and family following the death of Nathan's father, Ron Marten.

To Diane Cole and family following the death of her mother, Rose Ford

To Annettie Tribbett and family following the death of her sister, Barbara Hastings

To Joy Miller and family following the death of her father-in-law, Eugene Miller.



## Holiday Greens Sale Oct 21 - Nov18

Order sheets on elevator, parlor, & youth bulletin boards or call the church office.

All made with freshly cut greens. Swags and wreaths have red bows. Wreaths also have pinecones.

**DOOR SWAG**  
16" long - \$15

**WREATHS**  
24" in diameter- \$20  
36" in diameter - \$30

**FRESH ROPING**  
20' - \$20

Pick up after service on Sunday, November 25

Profits will go toward the youth summer mission experiences.

## Purple Roses

To all who participated in and contributed to the **2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's. The BC First Pres Walkers raised over \$3,200 and was the second highest fundraising team.**

Thanks for your overwhelming response to help fund research for a cure.



## Notes from the September meeting of Session

Carl McCune,  
Clerk of Session

A Safety Steering Committee update was given by Larry Turpin. A motion was approved to:

1. *Adopt an overall Safety Ministry Program whose vision is to protect the safety and security of our Congregation, Staff and Visitors for all situations and events, while maintaining a friendly and welcoming environment. It will align with our Core Values, guidance from the BC Police and Fire Departments and guidance from our Church Insurers.*
2. *Recruit volunteers to lead components of Safety Ministry.*
3. *Schedule training by the BC Police Department (possibly in November, 2018)*

A second motion was approved to:

*Upgrade our security camera system at a cost not to exceed \$6,500 and authorize the Safety Steering Committee to proceed with equipment selection and placement.*

Great thanks were expressed to the Committee for their work over the summer which included implementation of many safety procedures.

A motion from the Ministry Advisory Council was approved to create an ad hoc Personnel Task Force to consider changes to Rev. Pat Weatherwax's Terms of Call and job description and to bring its proposal to the Joint Session/Trustee Meeting on October 8. Tom Cole, David Lucas, Mary Maley, Jean Parker and Bill Winslow were then named to be members of this Personnel Task Force.

A motion was approved to authorize the baptism of Connor Sherk (son of Joshua and Stephanie Sherk) on October 14, 2018, if that date is agreeable.

**Membership Update** Session granted the request from Denny and Susan Stults to transfer their membership to the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan. We expressed much appreciation for their participation while members at our Church. Current Active Membership is 308.

**Associate Pastor** The Connection Team is exploring a partnership with the Alternative High School which meets at the former W K Kellogg Junior High building.

**Lead Pastor** Pastor Jeff reported improvement in his health condition and expressed appreciation for the prayers and support he has received.

**Mission Focus** A decision was made to donate \$320 to sponsor a table at the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration of CityLinC. They are inviting to the celebration banquet the children, youth, men and women to whom they minister (using the suggestion of Luke 14:13).

**Board Reorganization Task Force** A recommendation will be brought to the Joint Session/Trustee Meeting on October 8.

The next regular Session meeting will be a joint meeting with the Trustees on October 8, 2018 at 6:30p.m. in the Parlor.

### NEW SUNDAY MORNING GROUP "SACRED RHYTHMS"

Could you be suffering from CFS (Christian Fatigue Syndrome)? Meetings, volunteer commitments, church activities and community involvement can often become overwhelming and make us wonder if our lives have somehow gotten out of balance. In our eagerness to serve, we tend to push harder, work longer and strive more but still feel that there has to be something more to the Christian life. This study encourages us to find our own "sacred rhythms" which will help us discover the "more" of God amid our busy lives. Join this new group to be led by Francie Winslow in **room 12 beginning Sunday, October 7** following morning worship. Books are available in the Parlor.



### From Our Associate Pastor

I think a lot about white privilege, cultural understanding and societal expectations. I understand that my life is different from many of our nearest neighbors for a variety of reasons. Some of those reasons go back many generations. Many of those reasons relate to privilege, understanding and expectations. At First Pres we claim to have a "heart for God in the heart of the city". God's commandment is to love God, neighbor and self; our love for God is expressed in love for others.

How do you show love toward God? How do you show love toward our neighbors? How do you show self-love? Worship and spiritual disciplines help us with loving God and self. Helping others know God's love *and* know our love is important, too.

We have so many opportunities to make the world a better place, by living out our mission. You will find many listed in this newsletter and on our website. "The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to share God's love and grace with all people and celebrate the truth of Jesus Christ." Let's hope for a world that's made new.

"May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filing all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
Singing, share our joy with all;  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call."

God loves you and so do I!

Pat Weatherwax

### The Deacon Corner

The **Franklin Food Pantry** serves some 600-700 families a month in the Post-Franklin Schools neighborhood. Eligibility is based on family size and income. The food pantry operates out of the basement of the First United Methodist Church. Our church supports the pantry in many ways: By a direct annual devotion of \$1,500 through the Benevolence budget plus 40% of the Pentecost offering. Also, by member donations of funds and non-perishable food items that average a total of 20-25 bags each month. And finally, the fourth Tuesday of each month we provide a team of volunteers to process client eligibility and hand out food.

### The Benevolence Committee

The mission of **Buckhorn Children and Family Services** is to provide a sanctuary of health, healing and hope for at-risk children, youth, and families. It is located in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky with residential campuses in Buckhorn and Pine Ridge. They offer safe, compassionate and therapeutic communities to their kids. They are known for taking on the toughest kids, building an individual program for them, and sticking with them until they finish the program at their own pace. These are children who have experienced significant abuse, trauma, and/or neglect issues within a previous biologic, adoptive, or foster care home.

They have discovered that children thrive best in a safe environment that provides consistency, structure, and nurturance. Their services are delivered with an empathetic response that includes the child, family, and community's voice and participation which leads to individualized, strength-based interventions. This approach builds skills that strive for sustainable outcomes. Donations should be made payable to Buckhorn Children's Foundation; and mailed to Buckhorn Children and Family Services, 116 Buckhorn Lane, Buckhorn, KY 41721. Or, online donations may be made by going to [www.buckhorn.org](http://www.buckhorn.org).