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# The Carillon

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## FROM THE LEAD PASTOR



Dear Friends:

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God (Col 1:9-10 NRSV).

It is God's desire for the Church to be "healthy and growing and full of love" (Eph 4:16). In order to help us make a faithful response to the Lord's instruction on this we are working on putting together a Growth Summit to take place late 2018 or early 2019. A book we recommend as resource in preparation for the Growth Summit is: "Autopsy of a Deceased Church" by Thom S. Rainer. The title is horrendous but the book has many valuable lessons. Copies will be made available to borrow as well as to purchase.

Yours in Christ's love,

Jeffrey Carlson

## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR



I've sung it before and I'll sing it again: "*Summer time and the livin' is easy!!*" Usually I have something serious on my mind but summer also especially brings out joy and giggles.

So, it's time for another all-church "SUMMER READ". Look for: *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, age 83 ¼*. [Hester Velmans is the translator](#). This book, while not about faith, is about living well. It's been translated from the Dutch language; it's been a best-seller in the Netherlands. Twenty-one different countries have bought publishing rights. The topic is universal: aging with fun and dignity. It takes the "Being Mortal" discussion into new places with poignant truths and wonderings. I think you *all* will like it.

The church library has a couple of copies and there will be some books to purchase in the parlor. You can also pick up a copy at most book-sellers and for e-readers, but be sure you order it in English or another language you can read!

While the book is often light-hearted there are some topics for discussion and suggested questions in the back of some editions. I'd love to hear your thoughts and opinions. We'll hold a potluck with discussion later in the summer. And never forget:

God loves you and so do I....

Pat Weatherwax



## NOTES FROM THE MAY MEETING OF SESSION

Carl McCune,  
Clerk of Session

A motion prevailed to hire Mary Christian as a Part-Time (up to 24 hours/week) Office Assistant.

A motion prevailed approving a resolution of support for a newly formed Safety Steering Committee. Its purpose is to develop a proposal to present to Session regarding strategy, structure, recruitment, training and equipment needed.

A motion prevailed approving a request from our Cub Scout Pack 301 to begin recruiting girls in September. They would be in a separate Den with appropriate female leadership. The Cub Scouts on a national level will make this change to allow recruitment of girls beginning on June 1, 2018. The Scouting Representative will report back to Session in the fall following the recruitment period.

A motion prevailed approving the Benevolence Committee recommendation to designate the Mission Component of the Sanctuary Refurbishment Campaign in the following way: \$6,000 toward creating a relationship with Safe Place, \$6,000 toward creating a relationship with the Women's Life Recovery program and \$500 set aside for an emergency contingency fund.

A motion prevailed approving a resolution of thanks and great appreciation to Tom Till for leading the confirmation program for our six confirmands.

**Membership Update** New members joining the church by confession of faith on May 13, 2018 were Katelyn Allen, Ada Compton, Justin LaFleur, Halaina Peevers, Marcus Peevers and Nichelle Wood. Current Active Membership is 313.

**Trustees** An internal financial review of church accounting procedures was completed.

**Board Reorganization Task Force** A motion prevailed to accept the Task Force request to delay their reporting until October 8.

Appreciation was expressed for the service of Mary Burg, Nan Jones and Denny Stults who have completed their time on Session.

The next regular Session meeting will be June 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. as part of the Leadership Organizational Conference.



## LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE

The next Leadership Organizational Conference is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. An optional light supper will be available at 5:30 p.m. at the church. This conference is for all deacons, trustees and elders who will be serving in 2018-2019, including those who have been newly elected. It is a training, orientation and organizational conference. There will also be time for the separate boards to conduct their regular monthly business meeting.



## SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer worship will be held in (the air conditioned) Fellowship Hall starting June 3. If you arrive late, you will gain entrance through the east ("Shaw") door.

During the summer the re-painting of the sanctuary will take place, the pew refurbishment project will continue, and the floor will be replaced. We hope the work will be completed by the first Sunday in October.





## OFF THE PRESS

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! Two of them are covered in this issue:

When you receive this *Canillon*, **Rebecca (Becca) Garver** will be very, very close to being a graduate and Alumni of Lakeview High School

Rebecca became a member of First Presbyterian Church on Mother's Day in 2017 along with her parents



Jennifer Garver and Mark Peevers. She was delighted to welcome siblings Ada, Halaina and Marcus to the church family when they joined the church in May.

Becca was a part of the LHS National Honor Society, Student Government, the Yearbook, the LINK Crew and track. She was also chosen as a 2018 April Student of the Month by the Lakeview Kiwanis Club. With the ultimate goal of being a nurse, she will be attending Kellogg Community College this fall and then transfer to Western Michigan University to complete her degree.

Becca shared that during high school, her faith helped her keep a straight head and showed her the path in life that she wants to take.

Rebecca sends a SHOUT OUT and thank you to her ENTIRE family for always encouraging her to follow her dreams.

**Kennedy Allen** will be joining the ranks of LHS Graduates and in the audience cheering her on will be her parents, Chris and Jackie, and little sister, Katelyn.

Kennedy found high school to be an interesting experience and had success beyond her expectations

She was clarinet section leader with the Spartan Marching Band and competed in the 2017 State MC BA Competition.

She plans to attend KCC and Ferris



to pursue a degree in Graphic Design. Her ultimate goal is to be an animator for Pixar because someone has to make Mickey move and it might as well be her!

When Kennedy thinks about being a part of First Pres, three things come to mind. First, being a Youth Deacon. The second is her favorite service—Christmas Eve—since it gets her into the spirit and she is passionate about the joy that happens to so many people. The third would be going on the Senior High Caravans. Her favorite Caravan memory was going to Shiloh and playing Apples to Apples with peers. "When we were playing, my friend Betsy Martens was a tad hyper and ran around the place with a giant box of nerds and KB tackled her in order to calm her down."

"My faith impacted my high school experience by guiding me through the ups and downs. Many times, I was crammed with AP homework; study material, the feeling of drowning in school work. But my faith brought me back up and showed me how strong I can be. It is with the Lord's help that I was able to succeed in school and achieve my goals."

Kennedy concluded by saying, "A shout out to my parents for always supporting me and my cars for always being a fluffy support pal and pillow."



Please pray for the Caravan team as they head to Lewisburg West Virginia.

Doug McCune, Jim Hoglen, Kathy Baker, Josh Liechty, Kennedy Allen, James Burns, Daniel Janz, Betsy Martens, Nick Martens, Lauren LaFleur and Nichelle Wood will be providing flood relief construction work from June 17 through 24th.

They will be reporting on their trip Sunday July 1st.





## Ribfest 2018 Report



Success! 68 people (31 neighbors + 37 First Pres family) enjoyed delicious food and great fellowship in Fellowship Hall! We had a great time getting to know the neighbors better. The day began at 9:30AM when the smoker was stoked. Our neighbor, Terence, put his special rub on the ribs and spent the whole day cooking them so they would be just right, and they were! Meanwhile, around 3PM the kitchen was buzzing! Under the leadership of Jana Tustin, a dozen church members worked together to prepare and serve all the donated food. The baked beans, mac 'n cheese, fruit salad, and chocolate sheet cake were the perfect accompaniments. There were also some delicious potluck items for all to enjoy! Those who came to eat the abundant feast could feel the joy and excitement in the air as soon as they entered and the majority lingered for more conversation long after the meal was finished. Praise God! What a joy it is to participate in his work! Plans for Ribfest 2019 are underway!!!!



## WE WELCOME SIX NEW MEMBERS

On May 13<sup>th</sup> six teens were received into membership. Our newest members are in order from left to right in the picture above:

Justin LaFleur finishes the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Harper Creek this month. He enjoys drawing, reading, astronomy, engineering, science, sports and video games.


Marcus Peevers is also finishing the 7<sup>th</sup> grade; he's at Endeavor Academy. He enjoys music and wants to study meteorology to be a weather forecaster.

Halaina Peevers is finishing the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Lakeview. She enjoys running, reading, skiing and listening to music

Ada Compton is finishing 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Lakeview. She likes to sing, act and draw.

Nichelle Wood is finishing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Pennfield. She enjoys dance, baking and crafts.

Katelyn Allen is finishing the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Lakeview. She is active in dance and theater and plays the trombone in the band.

We are grateful for those who helped these great young people in the confirmation process, especially Tom Till, who led their class. 



Come see a movie in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will start with a potluck dinner at 5:30 with the movie beginning around 6:15. The June 20 feature will be "Heaven is for Real". Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

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## VOLUNTEER VIBE

**Summer Painting** - The Youth Center and Balcony hall floor need sprucing up. Use the sign-up sheets in the main hall to indicate your availability to help.

**Looking for those who might like to provide special music** at church for our summer Sunday services in Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets for providing this special music are up now in the main hall starting with the June 3rd service.

**Nursery Help** is needed for our smallest of Christians. Volunteers needed to help in our Crib and Walking Nursery. If enough helpers are available you would be needed every other month. Sign up in the main hall or contact Kiran Bilanow 968-3296 or [bilanowk@aol.com](mailto:bilanowk@aol.com).

**Second Mile Center Health Fair, Detroit MI on Tues. July 17<sup>th</sup> 2018.** Volunteers needed to assist outside with games and prizes, inside, assist the Health Team with recording information, and helping people move from station to station. Leave the church at 8:30 AM, arrive back to the church around 8:00PM. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the first floor hall.

**Neighborhood/Community Health Fair, First Presbyterian Church Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 5 PM.** Volunteers needed to assist outside with games and prizes, inside, assist the Health Team with recording information, and helping people move from station to station. Setup at 11:00 AM. Cleanup at the end. There were 175 people that attended last year's Health Fair so volunteers are really needed! Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the first floor hall.

**Breakfast Program at St. Thomas Episcopal** Can you save a day or two during August 13 through 17th to serve? The Deacons have picked that week for 1st Pres members to help out. Please contact Steve Owl.

~~ "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](mailto:jyreme@aol.com) to have your request listed in the next issue of the Carillon.

## BENEVOLENCE REPORT



The Jail Ministry provides religious services for the residents of the Calhoun County Correctional Facility. It is officiated by Chaplain Brent Folkema and funded through the Haven of Rest Ministries. There are up to eight separate worship services conducted in English each Sunday, plus one in Spanish and two in Chinese with the help of volunteers. Bible studies are offered Monday through Friday in the same languages. An additional "Ladder of Recovery" program (based on Romans 7 and 8) is offered weekly to five groups. The Chaplain's office also maintains the jail library and distributes four daily devotions; plus providing counseling services as requested. Special services and additional activities are provided for holidays. The Correctional Facility has some 650 beds and averages around 580 residents (of which about 230 are from Calhoun County, 150 from other municipalities, and 200 are housed for Immigration & Customs Enforcement through rental agreements).







## A VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE CAN BE YOURS THIS SUMMER! **HEALTH FAIR – MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**TUESDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> AT THE SECOND MILE CENTER IN DETROIT, MI (12–5:00 PM)**

We leave the church at approximately 8:30AM, transportation is provided.



Take a sack lunch, and after eating lunch you can help with setup of the Health Fair and Games.

**Inside Activities** – Assist the Synod Health Team recording information from the individual screenings and whatever else they need done.

Or you can assist people moving from screening station to screening station

Those with medical backgrounds we need to assist with blood pressure, heights, and weights

**Outside Activities** – Assist with games, snow-cones, popcorn, and prize table. Tickets are redeemed for prizes

We stop for dinner on the way home and arrive home at approximate 8:00PM

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 HERE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
(1–5:00 PM)**

We will begin setup at 11:00AM and need volunteers for this.

Then, we will need two shifts of volunteers during the Health Fair. 1-3PM and 3-5PM for the following:

**Inside Activities** – Fellowship Hall, You will assist the Synod Health Team in recording information from the individual screenings and whatever else is needed.

OR you will assist people in moving from screening station to station.

If you have a medical backgrounds, we need you to assist with blood pressure, heights and weights

**Outside Activities** – Assist with games, crafts, face-painting, snow-cones, popcorn, prize table, serving food, food preparation, and parking.

Clean-up afterwards.



### **OTHER WAYS TO HELP WITH THE HEALTH FAIRS**

**Prayer** – that we can reach those that need the health screenings and through the screenings, their life will be healthier.



**Donations for prizes are needed** such as inexpensive games, toys or art supplies for the kid's prize table and paper products, laundry and cleaning supplies for the adult prize table.

**Items for Health Kits** – Each family or single attending the Health Fair receives a Health Kit. For these we need donations such as Chap Stick, Bar of

Soap - Bath Size, Washcloth, Toothbrush, Toothpaste 6.4 oz., Dental Floss, Deodorant, Shampoo – 15 fl. oz (or close), Conditioner – 15 fl. oz. (or close) Health Kit items and prizes can be placed in the "Mission Corner" of the Parlor

Monetary donations will be accepted at the church office.

**SIGNUP SHEETS ARE IN THE FIRST FLOOR HALL.** Questions? Contact Jean Parker, 965-8776

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## XYZ

June 4, 2018

Join us for lunch at Clara's on the River

*after lunch*

A tour of the Battle Creek Museum on Jackson Street

We will gather to carpool to Clara's at 11:15AM

We are due at the museum at 1:00PM

RSVP to the Church Office 964-3700

July 9, 2018

It's Time to Do It Again!

Saugatuck, Butler for Lunch

1PM Star Line Cruise on the River

Will leave church at 9:45AM

RSVP to the Church Office

August 6, 2018

To Be Determined

October 1, 2018

Watch for details for ART PRIZE!



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL TRI-CHURCH SALAD SUPPER



This year's event takes place at Westlake Presbyterian Church on June 12th at 6:00PM. The program, "Letters to First Ladies" will be given by Jody Owens. All women are invited and encouraged to bring a friend! RSVP to Kathy Sawchuk 965-5023 or Kiran Bilanow 968-3296.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY SUMMER PICNIC

JULY 24TH AT 6PM

AT OUR RETREAT CENTER

All past, present and (potentially) future Stephen Ministers are invited to attend. Bring a side dish to pass. Tableware, main dish and beverages are provided. RSVP to Pastor Pat.



### A HEARTENING HERITAGE SUNDAY!

On this, the 135th year of the founding of First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek, our Celebration of Generations on Heritage Sunday recognized 79 individuals who have been members of our congregation for 50 years or more.

Our Historian Martin Ashley put together several marvelous displays covering the life and work of A.B. Chanel, Architect of our magnificent house of worship. A number of Chanel's descendants traveled from across the country to share with us their personal stories of the man who drew the plans for so many historical buildings and homes in Battle Creek.

Thank You Pat Gault for lending your photographic expertise to record Heritage Sunday. We're looking forward to seeing the pictures! And three cheers to Martin Ashley for bringing together such an interesting look into our history.







Roses to Jean Parker, Loretta Gold and Julie Chapman for serving lunch to the Confirmation Students, their families and the session on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**A big thanks to** all who donated food, pot-luck dishes



and/or money for **Ribfest**. **EVERYTHING** needed was covered through the generosity of our church family. Thank you to all those who helped in the kitchen—Mary Burg, Daniel Janz, Debbie Janz, Steve Janz, Josh Liechty, Grant Maichele, Tom McClure, Denny Stults, Tom Till, Jana Turpin, and Larry Turpin. A special shout out to our neighbors, Terence Cowan and Jackie MacCannell for their help with the meal. And we can't forget the lead organizer of Ribfest: Lisa Brown!!!

**Many thanks** to the volunteers that provided treats for the **Sunday morning coffee hour**. The Lemonade Stand takes over beginning with the June church services in Fellowship Hall. Coffee hour with treats will resume again in the Fall when we are back in the sanctuary for services. Again many thanks to those providing treats for us this past season.



Tyler Hagist	June 6
Christopher Newlands	June 6
Bruce Davy	June 9
Jan Horton	June 9
Kaylee Janz	June 9
Pete Christ	June 12
Josh Liechty	June 12
Nancy Bartlett	June 14
Patricia Carr	June 16
Richard Colbum	June 22
Marilyn Loving	June 22
Alex Bullard-Marshall	June 23
Tad Randolph	June 23
Marcia Reynolds	June 23
Edythe Walter	June 23
Janett Bundy	June 26
Joy Miller	June 27
Shawn Aimesbury	June 28
Ed McCrozy	June 29

## Introducing...



We introduce to you the newest addition to our staff, Mary Christian, Administrative Assistant. Many of you have already encountered her delightful presence as she has been with us as a temp since the middle of January. Mary is a Battle Creek native recently relocating back to BC from Traverse City. She comes to us with a background of working with numerous non-profit businesses and fits right in with our needs. Please take some time to meet and welcome her as she joins our staff family.



Virginia Burke	July 2
Sarah Hopkins	July 2
Donna Hodges	July 5
Mary Ann Price	July 5
Larry Bartlett	July 6
Carolyn Christ	July 6
Susan Keitel	July 6
Kathleen Strang	July 6
Larry Turpin	July 6
Mary Lusk	July 9
Patricia McCrozy	July 9
Sally McCune	July 9
James Kemer	July 14
Kathleen Medaugh	July 14
Pat Weatherwax	July 14
Mike Scheid	July 15
Ray Luts	July 16
Mary Beth Shivley	July 16
Karen Rich	July 18
Sally Fisher	July 21
Patricia Brewer	July 28
Emilee Janz	July 28
Jacqueline Wells	July 28
Pearl Hickey	July 29
Norma Mawdsley	July 29
Carl McCune	July 29
Neil Sharp	July 29
Jim Nelson	July 31

## Congratulations!

**AMY ROSA!**

Amy has been honored by Harper Creek Community Schools as their Distinguished Alumna of 2018. She was recognized for her 50 years serving Battle Creek schools districts, for being a Patron of the Arts for directing countless theater productions in the area, and her involvement in the community and our church.




# FIRST PRES CALENDAR

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## JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Worship 10A moves to Fellowship Hall	4 XYZ Outing 11:15A Boy Scouts at Retreat Center 6:30P	5 Pray for the Church 7A Exercise 10A Safety Team 11A Stephen Ministry 6:30P	6 Staff Meeting 11A	7 Church at Prayer 7A Senior Pastors 8A	8 Sanctuary Packing 9A	9
10 Worship Installation of Officers 10A	11 Leadership Organizational Conference 6:00P (Light Dinner 5:30P)	12 Pray for the Church 7A Exercise 10A Cub Scouts 6:15p	13 Staff Meeting 11A	14 Church at Prayer 7A Senior Pastors 8A	15	16
17 Worship 10A 	18 Cabinet 6P Worship Com 7P Benevolence 7:15P	19 Pray for the Church 7A Exercise 10A Parent Coalition 5:30P	20 Staff Meeting 11A Potluck and Movie Night 5:30P	21 Church at Prayer 7A Senior Pastors 8A	22	23
24 Worship 10A	25	26 Pray for the Church 7A Exercise 10A	27 Charitable Union Picnic/Retreat Ctr 10A Staff Meeting 11A Bible Study 5:30P	28 Church at Prayer 7A Senior Pastors 8A	29	30

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# JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 10A	2	3 Pray for the Church 7A Exercise 10A	 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 Church at Prayer 7A Senior Pastors 8A	6	7
8 Worship 10A	9 XYZ Outing to Saugatuck 9:30A	10 Pray for the Church 7A Exercise 10A Toddlers 10:30A	11	12 Church at Prayer 7A Senior Pastors 8A	13	14
15 Worship 10A	16	17 Pray for the Church 7A 2nd Mile Center 8:30A Exercise 10A Toddlers 10:30A Stephen Ministry Picnic at Retreat Center 6P	18	19 Church at Prayer 7A Senior Pastors 8A Handbells to GR 8:30A Men's Fellowship 7P	20	21
22 Worship 10A	23	24 Pray for the Church 7A Carillon Mailing 9:30A Exercise 10A Toddlers 10:30A	25 1-5P  Health FAIR	26 Church at Prayer 7A Senior Pastors 8A	27	28
29 Worship 10A	30					



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**Picnic Plans**  
August 5th

Worship 10AM  
and Picnic to follow  
at our Retreat Center.



**CHOIR CAMP**

August 6—10th

Watch the bulletin for  
details.



**BREAKFAST SERVERS**  
at St. Thomas

August 13—17th

Be a part of the  
1st Pres Team!

