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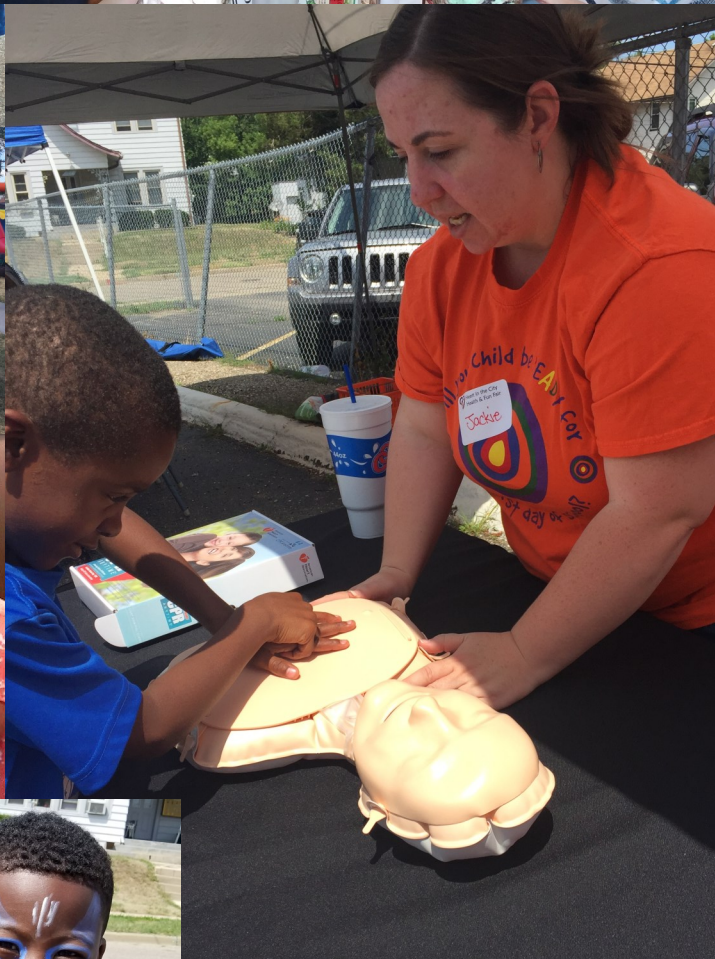
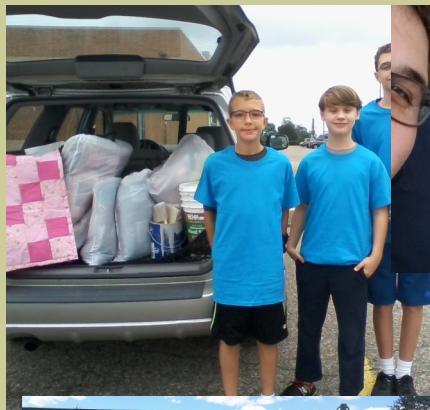
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The Carillon





From Our Lead Pastor

Dear Friends:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:3-6 NIV).

Paul writes, "I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." "From the first day" may simply be a figure of speech or it may be that Paul is referring to the literal first day he met someone who would become part of the church in Philippi. The person he met was a business woman named Lydia (Acts 16:14). She responded in faith to the Good News concerning Jesus Christ. She then expressed her faith through a willingness to extend hospitality to Paul and his colleagues and support the work of spreading the message of Christ. She was so grateful for what Jesus Christ had done for her that she wanted others to hear this Good News, also.

Later on in Acts we read that the city jailer also came to faith in Christ (16:34) and, like Lydia, expressed the same willingness to extend hospitality and support the work of spreading the Good News of Christ.

Partnership, as it is used here, means participation, that is, participating together in the life which Jesus Christ offers. I am so grateful for our partnership at First Presbyterian Church. This has been underscored in recent weeks with my illness. Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement. May God richly bless you.

Yours in Christ's love,

Jeffrey Carlson

*Dear members and
friends of First Pres,*

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts. The TAVR procedure was completed on Friday August 10th with a new valve in my heart. I returned home on August 13th and am doing well. We also want to express our heart filled thanks to Pastor Pat and Pastor Jeff for their support during this medical challenge.

Pete & Carolyn Christ

A thought for Labor Day:

Come work for the Lord.

*The work is hard,
the hours are long
and the pay is low.*

*But the retirement
benefits are*

out of this world!

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers will meet for supervision at 6:30PM on the first Tuesday of the month, in the parlor. They will also meet at Chapel Hill UMC on the third Tuesdays, for continuing education.

Former Stephen Ministers are encouraged to consider returning to the program. No training class is scheduled at this time.



From Our Associate Pastor

What are you afraid of?

We all have things that bother us, make us anxious. I don't *like* circumstances that put pressure on me, but I'm not really afraid of them. Fear goes much deeper. There are also deeply spiritual ways to address all the different reasons for fear in our lives.

In a six week book and video series this fall, Adam Hamilton will coach us on being:

“Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times”

This group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30PM at the YOUTH CENTER, beginning on September 19th, and ending before Halloween!

We're all afraid sometimes, but we don't want *all* of us to attend this group, this time. *This* discussion group is going to be especially for our younger members and new friends. You can attend IF you consider yourself young, or if you bring a new-to-First Pres friend. Just walk across the room and invite someone! Printed invitations will be available for you to use. We probably will hold the course again; it looks **THAT** good!

If you are struggling with fear, you might want to pick up a copy of Adam Hamilton's newest book or check in with me to chat.

In our *Glory to God* hymnbook #76, and in Isaiah 43 (and of course in many other places in scripture and in our prayers) we are encouraged by God: “Do Not be Afraid, I Am with You”.

Thanks God, for never forgetting us. Remind us when *we* forget.

God Loves You and So Do I!

Pat Weatherwax

Pat Weatherwax

Sunday Education Classes Begin on September 16th *Most of them, anyway...*

Pre-schoolers will have a story time in the nursery during worship.

5-8th graders will use PCUSA materials and meet in a re-designed 2nd floor kids' area.

9-12th graders will use materials designed to complement our recent confirmation class.

They will meet in the Youth Center.

For Adults:

Sermon Talkback will resume in the chapel

The Harmony of the Gospels class will meet in Room 14

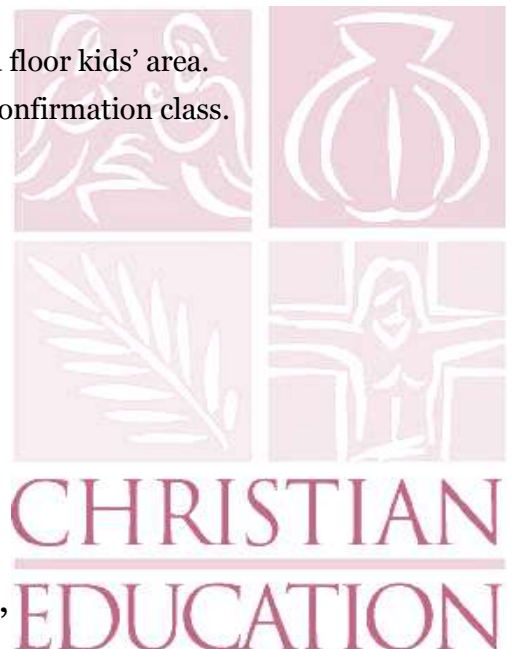
“Sacred Rhythms” meeting in Room 12 will start on October 7th.

Watch for more details on Rally Day!

Wednesday Night Classes

The Wednesday Night Bible Study resumes in the parlor at 5:30 PM on September 26th. For the first class, read Galatians.

If you are interested in bringing a friend and/or attending “**UNAFRAID**”, sign-up on the kiosk or talk with Pastor Pat.



900 walks...107,000 hunger fighters ... one purpose: Change the World

Sunday, September 30 at 2PM and the days leading up to it is a chance for all of us to help change the world. CROP Walk Battle Creek will take off that day from First United Methodist Church and the First Pres Walkers will be there. It is one of many community-led fundraising events to impact world hunger and a way to show solidarity with millions who walk miles EVERY day in search of food and water

This year, 25% of our CROP Walk funds will remain right here in Battle Creek to help three area agencies provide food support for local residents. The other portion of funds go to development projects to end hunger and disaster relief of wild fires, hurricanes and super storms around the world including here in the United States



How can you help? **Walk** - join the First Pres Walkers taking part this September 30th. Or make a **donation** to a walker - First Pres Walkers' names will be posted and a link to donate online is coming. And **pray** for those walking and for those receiving the funds to help others.

There's a *Special Under 21 Challenge* also this year. Any group of at least three people under age 21 who raise \$250 will receive an additional \$125 from an anonymous donor!

VOLUNTEER VIBE!

Coffee Hour is back and will be served in Fellowship Hall following worship. Volunteers to provide **light finger foods** like fruit, veggies, sweet and/or salty treats are needed. Simply leave these in the Fellowship Hall kitchen Sunday before 10AM. Many thanks!

Light desserts are needed for the Wednesday night Book Study. Please sign up on the list in the main hallway and bring the desserts to the kitchenette next to the Parlor.

Wanted! Volunteers to **participate in CROP Walk** on September 30 or to be a sponsor for one of the walkers. Contact Kathy Baker, 964-6642 or Finley Mc Rae, 962-3407.

Looking for women (or men) who like to **sew at home**, to make Walker Totes for Washable Sanitary Pads. Contact Kathy Baker for details, 964-6642.

Want to know what other volunteer assistance we need? Go to the church website, **firstpresbc.org**; click on "serve" at the top of the screen, then choose the category "church or community", from there click on "area of interest" then fill in the pop-up form and "submit". If this won't work for you, contact Lisa Brown (968-2020) or Jan Emery (979-4734) and they will be happy to help you with it.

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



Gerry Taylor	9-2
Shirley Sajtar	9-3
Colleen Burke	
Kiran Bilanow	9-5
Judy Gronewold	9-7
James Hoglen Sr.	9-9
Arlene Moore	9-10
Kinzy Turpin	9-11
Stephen Johnkoski	9-14
Kayla Aimesbury	9-18
Marilyn Hicks	
Rebecca Burns	
Edward Scheinfeldt	9-20
Alex LaFleur	9-21
Marcus Peevers	
Gerald Blanchard	9-22
Cecil Young	9-23
Brian Trainor	
Kathy Baker	9-26
Dorothy Hoglen	
Donald Grassa	
George Price	9-27
Paige Zaharion	9-28

PW FALL SPIRITUAL GATHERING— COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

PW is having their Fall Spiritual Gathering on Saturday, October 6th, from 10AM to 12PM in the Church Parlor. The theme this year is “God’s Promise—I Am With You.” Throughout the centuries God has promised to be with us. What a promise and what a blessing! This fall our guest speaker will be Deb Stanley. She was here in the late 80’s and early 90’s with her husband, Scott, who was then associate pastor of our church. After retiring from teaching she took a leap of faith and formed her own business, Transition Bridges, LLC. She also became a Transition Specialist Coordinator to help adults with unique abilities transition to meaningful employment. Deb’s keen heart and mind, always listening to God’s gentle whispering, has led her to look for His blessings that surround her and write one per day for a year. On January 1st, she started posting “Counting My Blessings” blogs on Facebook. She has been faithful to her commitment of writing and posting daily.



Deb Stanley

What are your blessings? Have you thought about them? Take some time to think upon them and come join us Saturday, October 6th and discover what blessings God has for you. Be sure to make a reservation with the Church office. Tickets are \$8 and a box lunch will be provided afterwards. If you have any questions, call Marie Davy at 269.274.4141

SEW N SEWS & 2GO!



Do you enjoy working with your hands, perhaps crocheting, knitting, sewing, quilting, cutting fabric or just want to hang out with some really dynamic ladies? Sew N Sews is for you. Meeting at 9:30AM to 1PM in Fellowship Hall on the 2nd and 4th Fridays September thru May, it’s a great place to work and talk while completing projects for others. Bring a sack lunch and we provide a homemade dessert

For those with Friday conflicts, we have Sew N Sews 2 Go projects that can be done at home.

Current projects include baby and lap quilts, baby hats, prayer shawls, walker totes, and washable sanitary pads.

Our first meeting will be Friday, September 14th. We hope to see you then or any of our Fridays that works with your schedule.

Check the bulletin boards for the 2018-2019 Sew N Sews, ETC. take home card.



OFF THE PRES

Dear Betsy, Daniel, James, Keegan, Kaylee, Kyle, Lauren, Nick, Halaina, Nichelle, Ada, Marcus, Justin, Katie, Liam, Alex, Elsie and William,

We, members and friends at First Presbyterian Church, promise to pray for you when you are at home, school, church, when you are participating in youth activities or when you are with others that might need to see Christ’s love in action.

We promise to encourage you in all that you do during school, when you are with your family, the youth of this church, or with other youth in activities that use gifts you are discovering.

We promise to help you learn the Good News of the Gospel through the things WE do and say. We desire to be role models for you by being a disciple of Jesus Christ so that you may be a disciple in all that YOU do and say.

We promise to walk with you and support you as you grow in the knowledge of the gifts he has given you both in this year and in the years to come.

Your Church Family and Friends

Off the Pres dates to remember:

September 9 Fall Kick Off!! Cereal City Escape room. 3-6PM at the Youth Center. Dinner will be provided.

September 16 Game night at the Youth Center 4-6PM We’ll play some old ones and try a new one.

Wednesday, July 25th was our First Presbyterian Church Health and Fun Fair. Those attending came from throughout Battle Creek and were from 3 – 80 years of age. 106 Registration forms for both adults and kids were filled out, close to 100 volunteers and 65 kids from the New Sports Level Ministry all participated in our Health and Fun Fair. It was a warm but amazing day. The event

began with a picture of all the volunteers at the Red Wagon, Pastor Pat Weatherwax leading us in prayer, and event organizer Jean Parker expressing thanks to all who helped as she sent them on to their stations.

Fellowship Hall became a maze of health stations and community resource tables. The Synod of the Covenant team provided adult glucose, HIV, dental, blood pressure, vision and hearing screenings with the assistance of our volunteers. The Calhoun County Department of Health provided immunizations and vision and hearing screenings for children. Resource information was provided by Rite Aid, Charitable Union, Alternatives, Women's Life Recovery, Grace Health, Safe Place, and Early Childhood Connections. Nurse Practitioners Sue Vrobel from Grace Health and our own Jeanne Hickman along with Physician's Assistant Tom Till provided Health Reviews for people after their screenings. 85 Health Kits were given to those completing all the Health Screenings. All the children received a book from the Synod, either "Where is God Hiding" or "I am Someone Special." First Pres bags were given to all those registered.

The parking area was filled with 15 fun games, pop-up tents, CityLinC's Red Wagon, the Battle Creek Police Department tent, face-painting, anti-bullying station and CPR practice station. The smell of hot dogs grilling signaled that there was a picnic lunch along with watermelon, veggies, snow cones and popcorn. The food was enjoyed by all.

This day of wonderful Mission Outreach was made possible by our generous congregation's donations of food, prizes, Health Kit items, money, time and talent. Volunteers also came from Early Childhood Connections, the Battle Creek Police Department, NAVARAC, Gordon Food Service, and Second Mile Center.

We are also thankful to our good neighbors, Farley Estes Dowdle for sharing their parking area with us, Pennfield Family Fare, Meijer's and Besco for their donations, and Boy Scout Troop #309 for the loan of their tents. Willard Library, the Northeast and Franklin Food Pantries, Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, St. Thomas Breakfast Program, Haven of Rest Ministry, Battle Creek Shopper, neighboring churches, Luke 10 volunteers and the Northeast Neighborhood Planning Council graciously helped with publicity. Many hands helped make Battle Creek a healthier community in many different ways. **God is good!**



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As we go to print—this just in! **FLU SHOTS will be offered after worship on SEPTEMBER 30th!**

Plan to attend our
2018 Rally Day program:



“Cops and Donuts”

Sept 9th at 11:15 in Fellowship Hall

Our Safety Steering Committee is
coordinating some great information
and refreshments.

We will kick off our fall season with
information and fun!

Heinze-Woodard-Buris-Hill-Swan Scholarship Open for Applications

This scholarship for reimbursement of school book costs is available to all First Pres members who are enrolled in college. It is for book costs incurred from January 1, 2018 through September 15, 2018.

For those students interested in applying, please write a letter to one of the co-moderators of the Benevolence Committee, Jeff Wolf or Belinda Bullard, with a brief review of what you are doing or will do in college. Mail or deliver it to the Church office and be sure to include copies of your applicable book receipts. The deadline for all applications to be in the Church office is October 15, 2018.

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