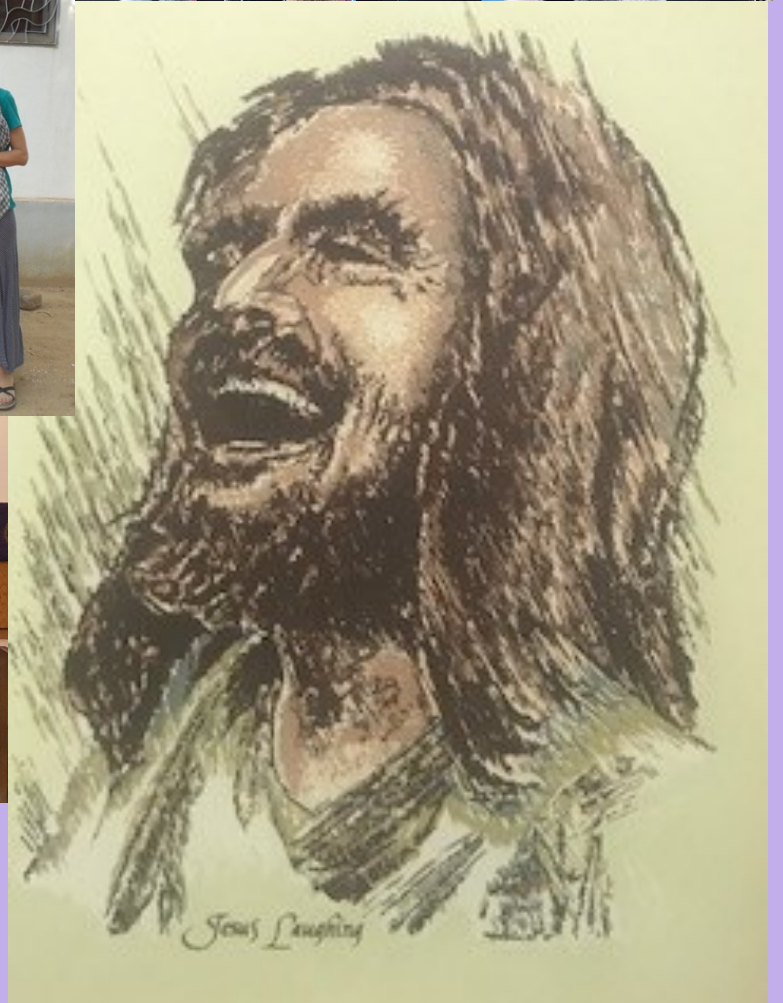
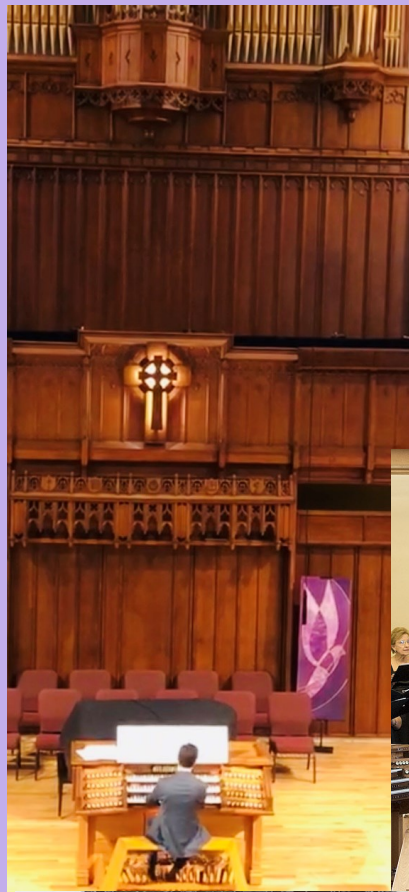


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from the Lead pastor

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty (2 Pet 1:16 NIV).

Dear Friends:

Some time ago I was talking to someone near and dear to me about faith in Jesus Christ but he told me that he could never believe in Jesus Christ because the information about Christ is so unreliable, that it is hearsay, conjecture and myth and he was not willing to base his life on something so uncertain.

If he is right, then we Christians who assert that Christ rose from the dead are guilty of trying to foist a major fraud upon the world. But if he is wrong, then it seems to me that the consequences are far more serious than simply losing an argument.

To put it another way, both friends and critics of Christianity have recognized the resurrection of Christ to be the foundation stone of the faith. Paul, the apostle, wrote to certain parties in Corinth, who in general denied the resurrection of the dead, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Cor 15:14). Paul rested his whole case on the resurrection of Christ. Either he did or he did not rise from the dead. If he did, it was the most profound event in all of history and how we respond to that event shapes our personal lives forever.

But most of us in church already accept that the New Testament is a reliable source of information about Christ, already acknowledge that the tomb was empty and there were witnesses who saw Jesus alive again, can speak from personal experience about the power of Christ in our lives, and already made the choice to follow him, perhaps a long time ago. The danger for us is complacency.

William Sangster, the Methodist minister who helped guide Londoners through the horrors of World War II, fell ill to a disease that progressively paralyzed his body, and eventually his vocal cords. On the Easter just before he died, he managed to scribble this short note to his daughter: "How terrible to wake up on Easter and have no voice to shout, 'He is Risen! Far worse, to have a voice and not want to shout.'"

Yours in Christ,



Jeffrey S. Carlson

condolences

Our sympathies as a church family go out to the following members and their loved ones

Faith Sellers who passed away on March 1st.

The Bulko family on the death of Pat Bulko March 19th.

Vickie and Richard Grant, and Edith Walsh on the passing of their son and grandson, David Macbeth on March 14th.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHAR-

We will dedicate our One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday, April 14,

A gift to OGHS enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Pictured on the cover: "Jesus Laughing" painting was the bequest of member Elaine Tatum. Clockwise from it: "Three Pastors in Purple" Pastors Jeff Carlson, Anna Marie Kidder, & Pat Weatherwax at Pennfield Presbyterian Church on Ash Wednesday; the Robertson missionary family in Chad (see page 5); American Guild of Organists' national award winner Aaron Tan March recital in our sanctuary; Pat Weatherwax and Pat Scheid ham it up a bit while Jeanne Hickman chats with a friend and Annettie Tribbett catches the camera at a Lenten Luncheon; Gerald Case-Blanchard leads the KCC choral singers in our sanctuary (see page 6)



from the associate pastor

A few of our church's families are fortunate to have 3 and even 4 generations of members together on Sunday mornings. Most of us don't have those connections. However, we certainly do have many generations present and are all "family", connected through Christ. Church education experts claim that we need all generations interacting to have a healthy church that learns from each other.

"Intergenerational ministry occurs when a congregation **intentionally** brings generations together in **mutual serving, sharing, or learning** within the **core activities** of the church in order to live out *being the body of Christ* to each other and the greater community." (Tori Smit, APCE journal, March 2019)

Different groups at First Pres try to do this. We have some opportunities for our whole family to interact coming up, like the *Hangin' with my Peeps* party and the spring clean-up events. XYZ events are always open to everyone. When the Second Mile Center visits, we need many helpers of all ages to make it a good experience. How can we learn about faith from each other? One special way is our Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and service. Intentionally...

Let's talk to people other than our age-peers. Let's connect with someone younger at our church or an older homebound member, sharing life and the love that God intends.

Most of April will be in the season of Lent. Easter is coming, the most important day of the Christian faith. Let's get ready together!

God Loves You and So Do I

Pat Weatherwax

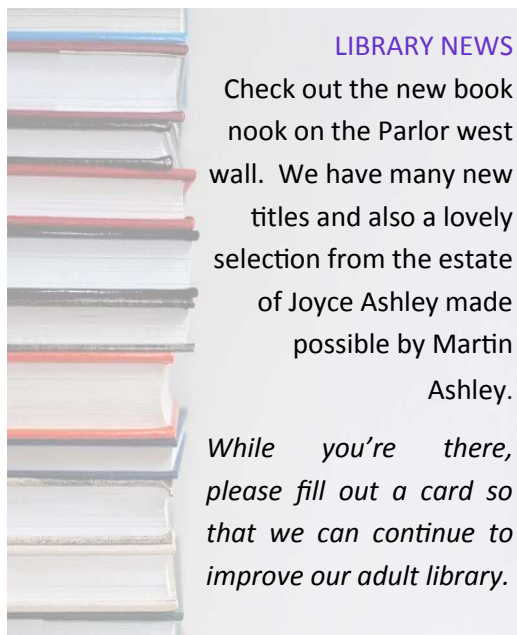
Pat Weatherwax



Roses to ..

[Diana Cole](#) for maintaining the children's libraryand to [Sharon Weaver](#) for

maintaining the adult library....and also to [Paul Yettaw](#) for helping us with kitchen safety....as well as [Jean Parker](#) for coordination of the Early Childhood programs and last but certainly not least to.... [Doug McCune](#) and [Kathy Baker](#) for working with our youth.



LIBRARY NEWS

Check out the new book nook on the Parlor west wall. We have many new titles and also a lovely selection from the estate of Joyce Ashley made possible by Martin Ashley.

While you're there, please fill out a card so that we can continue to improve our adult library.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN wish to thank everyone who donated to the Socks and Underwear drive in February. A total of 358 items were delivered to the Charitable Union. Many thanks to all who participated.



It's not too late to register and attend the **Michigan Presbyterian Pilgrimage Weekend**, April 25 to 28 in Sturgis. See Pastor Pat or Sue Keitel for details.

- Friday, April 5th, from 9:30 to Noon (weather permitting) is scheduled for cleanup outside the church and Youth Center. If you would like to help, just come and bring your favorite gardening tools.
- Friday, April 12th at 1:30 volunteers are needed in Fellowship Hall to make the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. If you've never made them before - we'll help you learn.
- Monday, April 15 from 9 to noon (or earlier if enough people volunteer) will be spent getting the sanctuary ready for Easter festivities. Cleaning supplies will be provided.
- Easter Sunday, April 21, a nursery volunteer is needed please. You may sign up on the bulletin board in the main hall.
- Saturday, 4/27, The RibFest prep team could use help with cooking and/or clean up. Contact Jana at JanaHTurpin@gmail.com or the church office at 964-3700. You can also assist with donations and food items that are listed in the events section of our website firstpresbc.org There is also a list at the east entrance bulletin board.
- Volunteers are needed to provide transportation for Sunday Service. If you can help, please call the church office (964-3700) or sign up on the sheet in the main hall.
- Volunteers are always needed to provide finger-foods like fruit, veggies, or other treats for Sunday morning coffee hour. Leave these in the Parlor kitchenette on Sunday morning.

Want to know what other assistance we need? Go to the church website and click on "serve" or contact Lisa Brown (968-2020) or Jan Emery (979-4734) .

"Volunteer Vibe" is a monthly feature from the Connections Team. If you have a need for volunteers, contact Jan Emery Barney.

notes from session

Carl McCune, Clerk of Session

David Lucas reported that he has not had time to rewrite the Articles of Incorporation due to his work commitments, but suggested we go ahead with the proposed change to the current Church Bylaws. Starting with the Bylaws version prepared by the Board Reorganization Task Force, several modifications were discussed. After consensus was reached, a motion prevailed to propose amending the current Church Bylaws for the main purpose of transferring the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees to the Session and reducing the number of Deacons in active service. A motion then prevailed to call a special meeting of the congregation on March 24, 2019 for the purpose of amending the Church Bylaws. The wording of the new Bylaws will be made available to the congregation prior to the meeting.

A motion prevailed to elect Annette Tribbett as Commissioner to the March 16 meeting of Presbytery.

Membership Update The deaths of Frances Matherly on February 18, 2019 and Faith Sellers on March 1, 2019 were reported. Current Active Membership is 303.

Associate Pastor Pastor Pat will be on study leave the last week of April which includes serving at a Presbyterian Pilgrimage. Nathan Martens from our church will be attending.

Lead Pastor Along with Pastor Pat, Pastor Jeff reported on the Cops and Clergy meetings which have occurred. Future gatherings are in the planning stages for increased dialogue among various participants.

Connection Ministry Team They will be hosting a community Rib Fest on April 27.

Discipleship Ministry Team The joint Ash Wednesday service at Pennfield Presbyterian Church was well attended.

There will be a Lenten multi-generational event on April 14 similar to the one held during Advent. The Escape Room created by Doug McCune on March 10 was successful and is planned to be repeated for the Second Mile kids when they come to Battle Creek in May.

Safety Ministry Team The automatic external defibrillator (AED) has arrived and will be made available in a yet-to-be-determined location.

Worship Ministry Team We will host the Pennfield Church on Maundy Thursday, April 18.

The next regular Session meeting will be April 8 at 7p.m. in Room 14.

deacons corner

Attention First Pres Congregation!! It's spring and we are preparing our Easter baskets for 21 community families. Gary and Julie Chapman and Kathy Baker are leading the charge to make this a success. Please help us by donating wrapped Easter candy for each family basket. There will be a collection box on the stage in Fellowship Hall until April 14th or you may give your donation to a greeter as you come into worship. Thank you in advance.

Packing Easter baskets will be April 15th and delivery will be April 17th. Several of our members volunteered at the Soup Kitchen March 22, 23.

Finley McRae delivered several boxes of donated food to the Food Bank. We are very proud of our congregation's generous donations.

CHARITABLE UNION DECORATED TABLES EVENT

On April 15 at Schuler's from 5-8Pm, you can combine food, fun, friends and shopping for a good cause! Call Dena Haas 268-0064 or Jean Parker 965-8776 by April 8th to reserve a spot at our table! Ticket price is \$45.



The 2019 Youth & Adult
West Virginia Mission Team

invite the young and

young at heart to attend the first

HANGING with My PEEPS

Palm Sunday, April 14 (after Sunday service) in Fellowship Hall

This mini-FUNd raiser will feature

Dessert Auction

Card Making

Cross Creativity

Colors of Easter

Easter Baskets

Peeps-Peeps-Peeps

Sharing with our Saints

Finger Foods – some healthy,
some sweet and some just good!!!

We hope you'll make a point of
joining us in this lead-up to
another Celebration

Youth dates to remember...

Sat, 4/18, 2p set up for PEEPS event

Sun, 4/14, 11:15a—PEEPS event

Sat, 4/20, 10a Breakfast setup

Sun, 4/21, 8:30a serve Easter

breakfast to church family

May 4, 10:30a rehearse Youth Sunday

May 5, 9:30a Youth Sunday



Lilies are \$15.50
this year. Please
have all orders
and dedications
to Kathy

Medaugh no later than April 14th so
we're sure to have them for Easter
service! Give the church office or Kathy
a call at 671-5553.

DEADLINE for the Carillon newsletter is the
15th of the month preceding publication.
Please send any pictures, announcements,
reports or articles to First Pres Administrative
Assistant, Mary at office@firstpresbc.org.

UPDATE ON THE ROBERTSONS
Missionaries Andy & Cari Robertson are still serving with AIM (African Inland Missionaries) in Chad, but have moved from Bebalet, the village they had called home for nearly five years. While they were on their one year US home assignment until July 2018, conflicts and splits within their church and the nursing school where Andy & Cari worked made it impossible for them to return to their former assignments. They now live in a small village outside Chad's capital city of N'Jamena, and are learning a new language, Chadian Arabic.

Andy practices medicine at a nearby Christian hospital, while hoping for a longer term ministry working with Chadian doctors and Christian medical students on University campuses. Cari helps train Christian teachers, as well as home schooling Tony, who is now in 5th grade. Drew is in 10th grade at Rift Valley Academy, a large Christian boarding school in Kenya, where he plays JV soccer. (See a picture of the Robertsons on the cover of this Carillon)

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, notes of encouragement, flowers and the edible arrangement during my surgery and recovery.

On days when it seemed like recovery was going way too slow, words of encouragement invariably arrived in the mail or by e-mail or a phone call.

Special thanks to Carl and Sally McCune for keeping our Wednesday night Bible Study moving forward.

Thank you doesn't seem like enough. I will "pay forward" the kindnesses that have been shown to me.

God's blessings on each of you.

RUTH HETLETVEDT

Lisa Brown	4/2
Beulah Hankey	4/4
Sue Healy	4/4
Nancy Chapman	4/5
Jean Black	4/7
Helen McIver	4/8
Marie Davy	4/9
Christy Johnkoski	4/11
Catherine Graham	4/12
Patrick Gault	4/12
Phyllis Allred	4/13
Steve Case-Blanchard	4/13
Gary Chapman	4/13
Bob Bullard	4/14
Hannah Aimesbury	4/15
Josiah Turpin	4/16
Tina Johnson	4/16
Cheryl Luts	4/17
Catherine Lucas	4/19
Keegan Aimesbury	4/23
John Zaharion	4/28
Barbara Bulko	4/28
David Brown	4/29

Antarctica & Patagonia!

Here's your opportunity to take a virtual trip. Mary Maley just completed a journey to the southern part of the western hemisphere to celebrate her retirement and complete setting foot on 7 continents.

Bring your sack lunch and come to the Parlor on Tuesday, 23 April at 12 noon for a presentation followed by Q&A. You can be on your way after 45 minutes or linger for more detail.



All are welcome to attend! We have added other days and even evening outings because many attractions and members are not available during the day on Mondays.

April 2 TUESDAY! Hastings. Kloosterman's Restaurant, Glass Creek Winery (\$1/taste) and Dairy Queen. Leave church 10:30a.m. Be home about 4p.m.

May 8 WEDNESDAY! Chelsea. Lunch at Common Grill and then on to the Purple Rose Theater matinee. "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller is about a post-war American family in a spiral of lies, greed, love, and loss. Tickets are \$28. Leave at 11a.m. Home about 7p.m. *You must call the church office by April 12 to reserve your space!*

June 4 TUESDAY! Dinner at Bill's Steak House in Bronson. Leave 3:30p.m. Home about 7:30p.m.

July 1 MONDAY! Gilmore Car Museum and the Blue Moon Diner. Leave at 10a.m. Home about 4p.m.

August 5 MONDAY! St. Joseph, Clementine's, Too and Round Barn Winery (\$12) Leave 9:30a.m. Home about 4:30p.m.

October 1 TUESDAY! Cornwell's Turkeyville for The Rat Pack matinee and lunch \$42. *Must reserve your space by September 13.* Leave 11:15a.m. Home about 4:30p.m.

November 5 TUESDAY! Lansing. Finley's Grill and the RE Olds Transportation Museum \$5. Leave at 10:30a.m. Home about 4p.m.

December 2 MONDAY! Eaton Rapids. English Inn. Leave 10:30a.m. *RSVP by November 18.*

Call the church office to reserve a space for any of these now!

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

Come on over to the Lenten Luncheon Series each Wednesday at noon at Second Missionary Baptist Church located at 485 N. Washington Ave. Enjoy a simple meal, priceless fellowship and a different member of the local clergy speaking each week.



Maundy Thursday Service and Potluck is April 18 in Fellowship Hall. Pennfield Presbyterian Church members will be joining us. The meal will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by a family style Communion service. Look for a signup sheet on the bulletin board.



There will be a Walk of Witness leaving from the Sojourner Truth Memorial at 10:30a.m. this Good Friday, April 19.

This year's ecumenical service will be hosted by St. Philip's Roman Catholic Church at 12 noon that day.

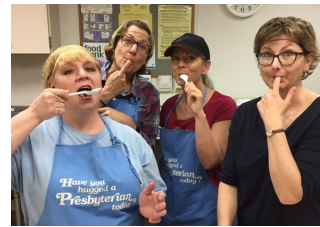
The Rev. Pat Weatherwax will be the preacher for the service.

There will be a meal with a free will offering following the service.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Please join your Youth Group for breakfast before worship. We will start serving at 9a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Donations are accepted to help support our summer mission trip. The menu will be: egg casserole, Danish, donut holes, muffins, tropical fruit cocktail, assorted fresh fruit, milk, orange juice or coffee.

COME TO RIBFEST!



The 3rd annual Ribfest will be held on Saturday, April 27th!

Together with our neighbors

and friends, we'll be preparing and eating an awesome meal! Enjoy finger lickin' ribs with Terrance's Best Sauce Ever. If you like to cook or just hanging out with cooks – come to the church kitchen at 3 PM. If you just like to eat - come to Fellowship Hall at 5:30. Food and money donations are needed. You can sign up to donate items on the church website or take a sticky note from the bulletin board at the east entrance.

RSVP on www.firstpresbc.org or call the church office. It helps with planning & preparation. Invite a friend and join us for a fantastic evening of food, fun, and fellowship!

SINGING IN THE SPRING !

Kellogg Community College's Choral Arts presents "Singing in the Spring 2019" at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in our Sanctuary.

The concert features sacred and secular choral works and several masterwork compositions. KCC faculty member, Nancy Brown will accompany the chorus and soloists on our church's 1928 57 rank Dobson/Skinner organ and on its 7 ft. Mason and Hamlin grand piano.

First Pres member, Dr. Gerald Case-Blanchard, Director of the College's choirs and vocal arts said "The range and variety of music is vast and packed with quality. There is something to suite all tastes, you will not be disappointed."

(This month's Carillon cover includes a photo of Dr. Case-Blanchard directing last year's spring concert in our Sanctuary.)

First Pres calendar for April 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

7 10A Worship Communion 11:15A Christian Ed 11:15A Exploring Church Membership Class	1 3:30P CIR 3:30P ECC Music First 5:30P Retreat Ctr Com 6:30P Boy Scouts	2 7A Prayer 10A Exercise 10:30A XYZ Hastings 3:30P Stephen Ministry 6P CityLinC 6:30P Cub Scouts	3 11A Staff Meeting 12P Lenten Luncheon 5:30P Bible Study	4 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr Pastors' Prayer Group 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal 7:30P Choir Practice	5 9:30A Church and Youth Center outdoor clean-up	6
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28 Mission Sunday 10A Worship 11:15A Christian Ed 3P KCC Spring Concert	22 Church office closed 3:30P CIR 3:30P ECC Music First 6:30P Boy Scouts	23 7A Prayer 10A Exercise Class 10A Toddler Group 11:30A Maley Presentation 6P CityLinC 6:30P Cub Scouts	24 11A Staff Meeting 5:30P Bible Study	25 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr Pastors' Prayer Group 8:30A MAC 10A PW Coordinating Team 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal 7:30P Choir Practice	26 9:30A SewN Sews	27 9A Retreat Center Cleanup 5P Ribfest
5 Youth Sunday Congregation Meeting/ Officer Election Second Mile Center Visit	29 3:30P CIR 3:30P ECC Music First 6:30P Boy Scouts	30 7A Prayer 9:30A Carillon Mailing 10A Exercise 10A Toddler Group 6P CityLinC	1 may 11A Staff Meeting 5:30P Bible Study	2 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr Pastors' Prayer Group 11A Women Who Care 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal 7:30P Choir Practice	3 Second Mile Center Visit	4 Second Mile Center Visit

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14, 2019 10:00 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Dedicated

LUKE AND THE MISSION OF JESUS (8) JESUS CONDEMNED

April 18, 2019 6:00-8:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

Agape Potluck Meal and Communion, Fellowship Hall

April 19, 2019 Noon Good Friday

Community Good Friday Service
at St Philip's Roman Catholic Church

easter sunday

April 21, 2019 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

Proceeds go to Youth Mission Trip

April 21, 2019 10:00 a.m. Worship

LUKE AND THE MISSION OF JESUS (9) JESUS VINDICATED