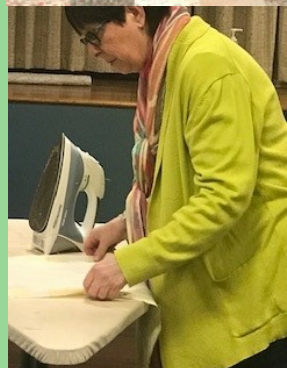


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## FROM THE LEAD PASTOR

Dear Friends:

What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure (Philippians 2:12-13 MSG).

What is Lent? The word "Lent" comes from "lengthen" and was used to refer to the time of year when the days got longer, that is, spring. For centuries, the Church has used early spring as a season of preparation for the Resurrection of Christ (Easter). It is a time to strengthen our discipleship and consider the awesome price Christ paid for our redemption.

Lent, as the season came to be called, is modeled after the forty-days Jesus was tested in the wilderness. It consists of the forty-days prior to Easter not counting Sundays. Sundays are not counted because, in a sense, every Sunday is Easter. The liturgical color is purple.

This Lent we will be exploring the Gospel of Luke in a series entitled, "Luke and the Mission of Jesus," which actually began on February 24 and continues through Easter (April 21). You are encouraged to read the entire Gospel during this series.

Yours in Christ,

Jeffrey S. Carlson



## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

We are ready to enter the church year season of Lent. Our focus during Lent is on Jesus' life, ministry and humanity. It's time to consider our lives, ministries and frail humanity, too. Dr. Carlson is planning sermons to lead us on Sunday mornings.

I've been reading a book recommended by our parish nurse, Jeanne Hickman, entitled: *"Let's Talk About Death Over Dinner"* by Michael Hebb. It actually is a great book about living life well, honoring the memories of those who have gone on before us, realistic planning for our limited earthly future, and hope for our eternal life.

I'm looking for a few people to read this book during Lent and to discuss it sometime in mid-April. If you are willing to be part of the reading group, and perhaps help me use this resource with First Pres people sometime in the future, please let me know. I will get a few copies of the book to share, or it's available from most book-sellers.

I am not morbid, but I do consider being comfortable with our future to be important spiritual work. Are you comfortable knowing you will live forever, just not here on earth? Does your next of kin know what your wishes are? I am always interested in your stories, your lives and your funeral plans (tee-hee!)

Don't forget: God loves you and so do I!

Pat Weatherwax





## Sunday Adult Education Hour Opportunities

Pastor Jeff will be facilitating the TALKBACK group , expanding on the Luke Sermon Series. They meet in the Chapel.

Sacred Rhythms class continues in room 12.

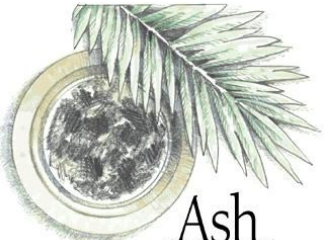
The Bible Study group is discussing minor prophets beginning with Hosea.

All adults are encouraged to attend a class during Lent!



A Spiritual Retreat Weekend for adults of all ages. Will take place April 25 thru 28 at the Amigo Centre in Sturgis. See Sue Keitel or Pat Weatherwax for your application and more information.

Plan to attend our joint service on Ash Wednesday, March 6th at the Pennfield Presbyterian Church at 7PM. Communion will be served.



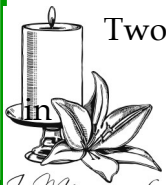
Ash  
Wednesday  
Service

Pennfield Presbyterian Church is located at 7979 St. Mary's Lake Road. The service will be co-lead by the Reverends Kidder, Carlson, and Weatherwax with a combined choir.

We will host the Pennfield Presbyterian Church here on Maundy Thursday.



Continue to pray for and encourage our High School Senior class members: Keegan Aimesbury, James Burns, Daniel Janz and Betsy Martens.



*In Memory of...*

Two long time members left us recently. Elaine Tatum joined First Pres 1948 and served her church as a deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher. Elaine left this world on February 7th.

Frances "Fran" Matherly passed away on February 18th. She joined First Presbyterian Church in 1949 and was active in many areas including Ruth Circle. Fran was 100 years old.

Adopt  
A  
Member?



We have many members who are not physically able to attend worship services.

Consider sending a greeting card, visiting them, or giving a call to those who are absent from us

They are still part of our family. A list is available in the office of those who live in care centers.

Nichelle Wood	3/3
Debbie Janz	3/3
Lou Frey	3/7
Linda Brandt	3/9
Edith Woods	3/12
Jan Emery	3/13
Jean Parker	3/16



Alan Hicks	3/17
Judith Angood	3/18
Jan Ritter	3/19

Carolyn O'Brien	3/19
Liam Gault	3/21
Ada Compton	3/22
David Hopkins	3/26
Mark Peevers	3/26
Arden Hetletvedt	3/30
Jeffrey Wolf	3/30

## THE HAVEN OF REST AND INASMUCH HOUSE

### Benevolence Committee Report



The Haven of Rest tries to fill the need in our community for emergency shelter and resources for homeless men, women, and children. The Haven provides shelter and hot meals to over 150 homeless individuals per day (some 70,000 meals in 2018). In addition to providing for the immediate need for food and shelter, the Haven works with the individual to address the underlying factors that are resulting in them being homeless; such as substance abuse, mental health challenges, physical disabilities or some combination of these things.

The Haven provides treatment and substance abuse recovery through its Men's and Women's Life Recovery Program, with a goal of most people completing the program in 30 days and 100% completing it in 90 days.

For the extra needs of families with children, the Haven maintains the Inasmuch House which is a 30-60 day emergency shelter for homeless women, children and families. As the adults are working on their causal needs, the children continue to attend school and participate in a comprehensive after school program. This educational support goes on for up to 9 months (to cover a full school year) after the children leave the shelter.

The Haven also has a "Veterans-In-Progress" program that provides housing for formerly homeless



First Presbyterian Church is pleased to support the **18TH ANNUAL HBCU (HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES) CONCERT** that will be held at First Congregational Church on Saturday, **March 9** at 5:00pm. This year the HBCU college will be the Central State University Chorus from Wilberforce, Ohio - having performed in 2008 and 2013, it will be a marvelous way to spend the evening.

We return to **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** on **March 10th**; remember to put your clocks forward an hour when you go to bed the Saturday night before!

Save the date for "**HANGING WITH MY PEEPS**" **April 14** at 11:15 AM. This is an all generations celebration featuring crafts, games and a dessert auction as a Youth Caravan fundraiser!

Charitable Union's annual fundraiser "**DECORATED TABLE EVENT**" will be Monday, **April 15th** from 5-8PM at Schuler's in Marshall. The cost is \$45 per person. Make your reservations by **April 8th** with Dena Haas or Jean Parker.

Mark your calendars now for this year's **HEALTH FAIRS**: Thursday **July 25th** Second Mile Center in Detroit and here Wednesday, **July 31st** for our own **FIRST PRES HEART OF THE CITY HEALTH FAIR**.

## THE DEACONS' CORNER

By Amy Rosa

Please help us congratulate Mary Burg who recently was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Salvation Army for all she has done in organizing volunteers for the soup kitchen. Great job Mary!

Julie and Gary Chapman are leading the drive for this years Easter Basket program. Details are coming for volunteers to help with this significant program.

It was reported that the food pantry needs are canned vegetables, spaghetti and juice. Mac and cheese are also needed. Finley McRae has delivered 27 bags of donations within the past month. Thank you Finley and thank you First Pres congregation for your continued support with donations for the food pantry!

Stay safe, God Bless, and keep warm --spring is just around the corner.

## NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF SESSION

Carl McCune, Clerk of Session

A motion from the Budget Task Force prevailed to recommend to the Congregation the following Terms of Call:

Terms of Call for Rev. Jeffrey Carlson for 2019:

Cash Salary	\$55,550
Housing/Utilities/Furnishing Allowance	<u>\$23,000</u>
Total Annual Effective Salary	\$78,550
Benefits Plan Dues	\$29,064
Other vouchered/reimbursable expenses	\$ 5,000

Vacation: One month, 4 Sundays

Professional Development time: 2 weeks with 2 Sundays, may be accumulated for up to 3 years

Terms of Call for Rev. Patricia Weatherwax for 2019:

Cash Salary	\$37,909
Housing/Utilities/Furnishing Allowance	<u>\$11,400</u>
Total Annual Effective Salary	\$49,309
Benefits Plan Dues	\$18,244
Other vouchered/reimbursable expenses	\$ 1,900

Vacation: One month, 4 Sundays

Professional Development time: 2 weeks with 2 Sundays, may be accumulated for up to 3 years.

A motion prevailed to appoint Mary Maley as a member of the Personnel Committee.

**Membership Update** The death of Elaine Tatum on February 7, 2019 was reported. Current Active Membership is 305.

**Lead Pastor** The Second Missionary Baptist Church is recognizing the Rev. William Wyne, Jr. who has served as pastor for the past two decades. Included in the celebration will be the creation of a souvenir booklet. Money was donated for some words of congratulation from our Church to Rev. Wyne to be included in the booklet.

**Worship Ministry Team** There will be a joint service on Ash Wednesday, March 6 at the Pennfield Presbyterian Church beginning with a light meal at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m. We will host the Pennfield Church on Maundy Thursday, April 18.

The next regular Session meeting will be March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in room 14.

## SHARING PICTURES AND DEADLINES ARE APPRECIATED!

Everyone loves to see pictures of members and church events, programs, worship, outings. When you have them, please send them to [office@firstpresbc.org](mailto:office@firstpresbc.org) so we can share them!

The deadline for submitting articles, pictures, or announcements to the Carillon is the 15th of the month preceding publication. Please email pictures to [office@firstpresbc.org](mailto:office@firstpresbc.org).

The deadline for Sunday bulletin changes and announcements is Wednesday at noon

***This month's Carillon cover pictures:*** center is the baptismal font as used at the baptism renewal service in the center surrounded by members of the Sew N Sews including (clockwise from top left) Sharon Weaver, Marilyn Weirsma, Luella Sovern, Kathy DeGraaf, Peg Davies, and Nancy Bodiford. Interspersed are windows from our Sanctuary. Do you recognize the symbols?



# VOLUNTEER VIBE

- “First Pres Presents” needs volunteers to usher for the March 3 Farmland Jazz Band. Contact Kathy Baker or Marge Weil if you can help.
- \*The Safety Ministry Team is looking for Parking Lot Greeters and Sunday Safety Leads. Contact Larry Turpin at lturpin103@aol.com or (269) 317-0085 for further information.
- Adult volunteers are needed to help in the nursery. Sign up for a Sunday or two on the sheet in the main hall.
- The Facilities Committee says think spring!!! Watch the APRIL Carillon and bulletins for the date of our annual Sanctuary spring cleaning.
- Volunteers are needed to provide transportation for Sunday Service. If you can help please let the church office (269-964-3700) know. Also a Luke 10 Neighbor, Sean, at 69 Fairmont, needs a ride to Sunday Services during the next couple months. Please sign up in the main hall for a Sunday in March.
- The Charitable Union’s “Prom Dress Event” is coming up, March 16, 9-3:00. Volunteers are needed on March 8, 14, and the day of the event. Call Tammy at 964-7234 ext. 108 to arrange hours that fit your schedule.
- \*Volunteers are needed to provide finger-foods, fruit, veggies, sweet and/or salty treats for the Sunday morning coffee hour. Simply leave in the kitchenette next to the parlor on Sunday a.m. Refreshment goodies are welcome any Sunday morning.

*“Volunteer Vibe” is a monthly feature from the Connections Team, focusing on where volunteers are needed and who to contact to offer your services. To have your request listed in the next Carillon, contact Jan Emery Barney at 979-4734 or jyreme@aol.com.*



## OFF THE PRES

Coming Sunday,  
March 10

3:30 pm at the Youth Center:

For YOUTH and YOUTH at heart. The YEAR of the PIG will be celebrated with an ESCAPE room designed by our own Doug McCune. All I can say is that PIGS will be involved and clear heads will be needed to solve the problem. If you’ve ever wondered what an “Escape Room” is, this might be a great time to find out. Youth and Older Youths—we’d love to see you on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

P.S. There is a newer show on TV that has me hooked. Check out GOD Friended Me, Sundays, 8:00pm on CBS. Let me know what you think – KB (Kathy Baker)

## LILIES FOR EASTER

Can now be ordered by contacting Kathy Medaugh at 671-5553. Each lily is \$15.50 and all orders are due in by April 14th .



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

*A gift 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. We will dedicate the OGHS offering on Palm Sunday, April 14,*

**You Shall Be Called  
Repairers of the Breach**

— ISAIAH 58



We’re going to try it again!

**Clara’s on the River,  
March 4th at 11:30A.**

Please let the office know by March 1st that you can come!

# FIRSTPRES CALENDAR

# MARCH 2019

SUNDAY MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT

Ash Wednesday							1	2
3 10A Worship Communion 11:15A Christian Ed 4P FirstPres Presents	4 11:30A XYZ @ Clara's 3:30P CIR 3:30P ECC Music First 5:30P Retreat Ctr Com 6:30P Boy Scouts	5 7A Prayer 10A Exercise Class 10A Toddler Group 3:30P Stephen Ministry 6P Cub Scouts	6 11A Staff Meeting 12P Lenten Luncheon 5:30P Bible Study 7P Worship with/at Pennfield Presby	7 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A SrPastors'PrayerGroup 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal 7:30P Choir Practice	8 9:30A SewNSews	9 9:30A Food Safety Class 5P HBCU Concert		
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins  10A Worship 11:15A Christian Ed 3:30P Youth Group	11 3:30P CIR 3:30P ECC Music First 5:30P Trustees 6P Facilities Com 6:30P Deacons 6:30P Boy Scouts 7P Session 7P AGO Concert	12 7A Prayer 10A Exercise Class 10A Toddler Group 12:30P Lydia Circle 4P Miriam Circle 6P Cub Scouts 7P Boy Scouts Com	13 11A Staff 12P Lenten Luncheon 5:30P Bible Study	14 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr Pastors'Prayer- Group 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal 7P Elizabeth Circle 7:30P Choir Practice	15	16		
17 St. Patrick's Day 10A Celtic Worship 11:15P Christian Ed 6P Praise Team	18 3:30P CIR 3:30P ECC Music First 6P Cabinet 6:30P Boy Scouts 6:45P Benevolence 7P Worship Com	19 7A Prayer 10A Exercise Class 10A Toddler Group 5:30P Parent Coalition	20 11A Staff 12P Lenten Luncheon 5:30P Bible Study	21 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr Pastors'Prayer- Group 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal 7p Men's Fellowship	22 9:30A SewNSews	23		
24 10A Worship 11:15A Christian Ed 3P Music Ctr Concert 6P Praise Team	25 3:30P CIR 3:30P ECC Music First 6:30P Boy Scouts 7P Connection Team	26 7A Prayer 9:30A Carillon Mailing 10A Exercise Class 10A Toddler Group 6:30P Cub Scouts	27 11A Staff 12P Lenten Luncheon 5:30P Bible Study	28 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A SrPastors'Prayer- Group 10A PW Coord Team 6:15P Handbells Rehearsal	29	30		

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## FIRST PRES PRESENTS—THE FARMLAND JAZZ BAND

Join us on Sunday, March 3, when the Farmland Jazz Band will appear in concert at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. Known for their "toe-tapping, heart-thumping, selections, they were a community favorite on their last visit. Please spread the word, bring a friend, and help us host this special event for our community. Free will offering will go to support The Haven. Doors open at 3:30 m.

*If you prepare, provide, cook, or serve food at First Presbyterian Church it is important that you attend*

## FOOD SAFETY CLASS MARCH 9 AT 9:30AM

Paul Yettaw has graciously volunteered to lead us in a class that will assist us in meeting the Health Department's requirements for food service in our church. If you participate in providing, cooking, or serving food at church, please make an effort to attend this informative meeting.! Contact Jenny Moore with questions. Please RSVP to the church office.



## ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

All are welcome to participate in the **Annual Lenten Luncheon Series** each Wednesday at noon beginning March 6th. Each week there will be a simple meal, priceless fellowship and a different member of the local clergy speaking. Pastor Jeff Carlson is the featured speaker on March 6th. The Lenten Luncheons take place at Second Missionary Baptist Church located at 485 N. Washington Avenue in Battle Creek.

