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First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek





From the Lead Pastor

Dear Friends:

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love (Eph 4:16 NLT).

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 this fall. In preparation I encourage you to pray using the following as a guide:

O God, strengthen us in the gospel. Draw us deeply into the glory of Christ. Make us more and more impressed with Christ this very day. Keep on filling us with your Holy Spirit. Cause us to grow in the gospel and walk in a manner worthy of it, increasing in the love of you and neighbor. Amen.

Yours in Christ's love,


Jeffrey S. Carlson



From the Associate Pastor

Every summer I've suggested a specific book for us to read and discuss, known as our SUMMER READ. We've read a variety of fiction, theology, humor and spiritual help, over the past several years. I *had* planned to use the insightful book "Let's Talk About Death, Over Dinner", and to have some discussion groups. It is a good book, worthy of reading to discuss with friends and loved ones. I can't facilitate that, right now, but encourage you to read it.

So, instead, for our use, I'm suggesting: "Rising Strong: How the Ability to Reset Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead", authored by Brene' Brown, PhD., LMSW. I've been reading this book to help in my grief-work. I had actually bought it *before* I needed it; many people were recommending her books to me. You'll hear some of that advice in conjunction with summer sermons I'm preparing.

The sermons will be more *Bible Stories for Grown-ups*, like last summer, but will come from the Gospel According to Luke. Preparing for GLORIOUS WORSHIP, which is one of our core values, is something I feel ready to do.

My usual role of member care is harder for me, right now. I am grateful for all who have stepped up to help maneuver this season. Thank you all, again and again, for your support.

God loves you, and so do I...


Pat Weatherwax

NOTES FROM THE JOINT MEETING OF SESSION AND DEACONS

Carol Gault,
Associate Clerk of Session

A motion from the Safety Ministry Team was approved to add 2 more cameras to cover the lower floor at a cost of \$955.

A motion from the Worship Ministry Team was approved to hold an organ concert on October 20th 4 p.m. to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Dobson Organ rebuild. John Ourensma will be the guest organist. The total cost of \$2,350 will be covered by the Holt Memorial Fund.

The joint meeting discussed the new organization with the Session taking on the responsibilities of the former Board of Trustees. Also, there was discussion of a potential Growth Summit. The following books are a recommended read for the church leadership: *Autopsy of a Deceased Church* and sequel *Scrappy Church* by Thom S. Rainer and *Neighborhood Church* by Krin Van Tatenhove & Rob Mueller.

Membership Update Current Active Membership is 306.

Session Elections and Assignments:

Clerk of Session: Carl McCune
Associate Clerk: Carol Gault
Commissioners to Presbytery: Mary Burg and one to be named later.

Church Treasurer: Tom Cole
The following appointments were made:

Vice Chair of the Personnel Committee: David Lucas
Chair of the Finance Committee: Tom Cole
Chair of the Property Committee: Larry Turpin

The following assignments were made:

Connection Ministry Team: Moderator Lisa Brown, Mary Burg, Jean Parker
Generosity Ministry Team: Pete Christ, John Mairs

Mission Ministry Team: Moderator Belinda Bullard, Carol Gault, Jean Parker

Safety Ministry Team: Moderator Larry Turpin, Belinda Bullard

Worship Ministry Team: Moderator Carrie Hoglen, Francie Winslow
Additional assignments will be made.

The Deacons reported:

Judy Yettaw (Moderator)
Amy Rosa (Vice-Moderator)
Joy Miller (Secretary/Treasurer)
Julie Chapman and Finley McRae
(Communion Elements Coordinators)

The next regular Session meeting will be September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.



A MISSION OPPORTUNITY CAN BE YOURS!

Summer is here and we are busy planning for our 3rd "Heart In the City" Health and Fun Fair on Wednesday, July 31st from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Last year, we were blessed with a beautiful warm summer day and were able to serve over 100 people at the Health Fair. Another 75 children from New Level Sports enjoyed the games along with the children attending the Health Fair.

Our Synod of the Covenant provides a Mobile Health Fair

which travels in Michigan and Ohio from the middle of June until the middle of August partnering with congregations to reach out to communities through free health fairs to alleviate suffering and poverty with medical health screenings.



Arden Hetletvedt and kids at last year's Fair

Our volunteers assist the six young adults that are the trained personnel traveling with the Health van.

There is an opportunity for everyone and we need lots of volunteers! We had approximately 80 last year and we can use more. The day of the Fair, volunteers are needed inside to assist the personnel from the Synod recording information, and guide people to the various stations. Outside, volunteers assist with the games and serving food. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, July 30th to do setups throughout the church. There are signup sheets on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

We are collecting items for the Health Kits that are given to each family or individual that completes the stations of the Health Fair. The Health Fair items are: Chap Stick, bar of soap – bath size, wash cloth, toothbrush, toothpaste – 6.4 oz., Dental Floss, Deodorant, Shampoo – 15 fl oz. and Conditioner – 15 fl. oz. (or close) There will be a post-it note board with items needed for food and also suggestions and ideas for prizes for the children and adults. These items can be put in

the Mission Corner in the Parlor. Monetary donations in an envelope marked Health Fair can be placed in the Offering plate or given to the church office.

Prayer – that we can make a difference in Bat-

tle Creek as we reach out to those children and adults that need the health screenings, and through the health screenings, their life will be much healthier.

Questions – Jean Parker, 965-8776

NAVARAC

NAVARAC (CARAVAN spelled backwards) is the Middle School Mini Mission Experience. This mini mission allows our youth in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades experience helping others in Battle Creek. It is their preparation for Senior High Mission work that does outreach in other States.

NAVARAC will be July 29, 30 & 31 with the participating youth helping with the Health Fair, delivering sewing items to local agencies, and some hands-on projects for the church. Please check the Sunday bulletins for more information and names of those participating.



SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT

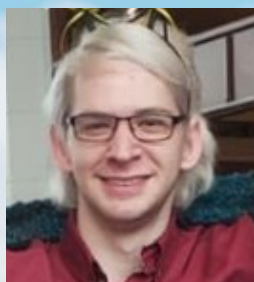
Our August 21st summer movie is BREAKTHROUGH, based on the inspirational true story of one mother's unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds.

We will have potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:30P and the movie will begin about 6:15P.

Join us!

DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL, PHONE NUMBER, or ADDRESS CHANGE? Please remember to notify the church office at 946-3700 or office@firstpresbc.org. Up-to-date member directories are available from the office at any time.

Graduating seniors



Daniel Janz

"Danny"

Parents – Steve & Debbie;
Siblings – Mike, Emily, Kaylee, Ethan;

Grandparents Tim & Carol

Graduate of Lakeview High School
Involved in Theater, Spanish Club, QSA, Show Choir

Future plans – I plan to be a Zoologist - going to school at KCC for my associate degree then transfer to Western Michigan University

Favorite youth group memory – I have 2 – carving pumpkins for our 'Saints' and escaping from Doug's Escape Rooms

How has your faith impacted your high school experience? My faith kept me stable throughout my high school experience. Without prayer, family, the people around me and the presence of God, I definitely would not be the same I am today

SHOUT OUT – I would like to give a shout out to my family for taking me everywhere I needed to be.



sew -n-sews, etc

will have walker tote sets, washable sanitary pad kits and yarn for knitting baby caps ready for those who like to work at home in summer or throughout the year. Please contact Kathy Baker for more information or materials.

VOLUNTEER VIBE

Volunteer Sign Up Sheets have moved to the kiosks in Fellowship Hall for the summer.

Adult volunteers are very much needed to **HELP IN THE NURSERY**. Sign up for a Sunday or two on the sheet kiosk or call the church office 946-3700.

Volunteers are needed to provide **TRANSPORTATION FOR SUNDAY SERVICE**. If you can help please contact the church office or sign up on the kiosk sheet.

The Deacons are posting a signup sheet for St. Thomas **BREAKFAST SERVER VOLUNTEERS** for **AUGUST 5-9**. Save a date to become a part of this heartwarming group!

Volunteers are needed to serve as **PARKING LOT GREETERS** throughout the Summer. If interested, contact Larry Turpin at 317-0085.

SUMMER MUSIC Provide music during the summer worship. Sign up sheet is on the kiosk.

HEALTH AND FUN FAIR on July 31 will have many volunteer needs! See the article in this Carillon and signup sheets in Fellowship Hall.

STUFF A BUS See the article for volunteer opportunities!

PROPERTY PROJECTS Decisions on summer projects like painting and repairs in and around the Church and Youth Center are about to be made. Watch for notices in upcoming bulletins and please sign up.

"Volunteer Vibe" is a monthly feature from Connections Team. If your group or program has a special need for volunteers, contact Jan Emery Barney at 979-4734 or jyreme@aol.com to have your request listed in the next Carillon.

Stuff-A-Bus

Backpack Project with CityLinC Ministries

What is it? During this annual event, school supplies and backpacks are collected from donation bins set up throughout the community. The supplies are then sorted and packed into backpacks by volunteers, and delivered to local schools to be distributed to children who need them when they return to school in the fall.

We are excited that First Presbyterian will again be site for the donated supplies to be sorted, and packed into backpacks! After very successful campaigns over the last five years, we look forward to participating again this year by using our Mission Focus Funds to purchase backpacks at wholesale prices.

Please note that with area schools starting earlier this year, our project dates have changed, and the sorting and packing activities are being moved to the Youth Center.

Come join us and other volunteers from throughout the community to work together so that area students can begin their school year with the supplies they need to be ready to learn.

How you can help:

Donate school supplies – These can be left in the parlor in the mission corner through **July 31st**. A list is posted, but some of the items typically needed are pencils, pencil boxes, glue sticks, crayons, erasers, scissors, rulers.

Help sort the supplies – Please note we will be sorting at the Youth Center this year.

Provide snacks for our volunteers – As we host volunteers from both our congregation and from our community, we would like to provide light refreshments while they are working. Bottled water, lemonade, cookies or chips are appreciated. These can be left in the kitchen, marked for Stuff-A-Bus.

Pack the backpacks – **August 1st – 5th in the Youth Center**. Various dates and time slots will be available.

Pray for the students, teachers and school administrators – One of the most important ways you can help is by continuing to lift them up in prayer.

There will be sign-up sheets on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to sign up individually or with a group of friends. Please contact Abby or Janelle, CityLinC Stuff-A-Bus Coordinators at 269.969.9181 or Dena Haas at 269.268.0064.

Many hands make light work. All are welcome and appreciated!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Virginia Burke 7/2
Sarah Hopkins 7/2
Scott Scofield 7/4
Mary Ann Price 7/5
Carolyn Christ 7/6
Sue Keitel 7/6
Kathleen Strang 7/6
Larry Turpin 7/6
Larry Bartlett 7/6
Pat McCrory 7/9
Sally McCune 7/9
Mary Lusk 7/9
Stephanie Sherk 7/14
Pat Weatherwax 7/14
Kathy Medaugh 7/14
Jim Kerner 7/14
Mike Scheid 7/15

Mary Beth Shivley 7/16
Ray Luts 7/16
Karen Rich 7/18
Jonathan Rich 7/20
Chris Hickman 7/20
Sally Fisher 7/21
Joe Bulko 7/26
Pat Brewer 7/28
Jacquie Wells 7/28
Emilee Janz 7/28
Norma Mawdsley 7/29
Carl McCune 7/29
Neil Sharp 7/29
Pearl Hickey 7/29
Jim Nelson 7/31

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kim LaFleur 8/1
Ilene Woodman 8/1
Jack Budrow 8/2
Helen Noble 8/3
Nan Spindler 8/7
Jack Bulko 8/8
Nan Jones 8/8
Deane McCarthy 8/9
Steve Heeter 8/13
Paula Colburn 8/14
Melva Zaharion 8/14
Bob Moore 8/16
Joel Ritter 8/18
Alex Burns 8/21
Marla Colburn 8/23
Pam Flanders 8/25
Beverly Frey 8/25
Laura Bradley 8/25
Dena Haas 8/26
Gerry Fox 8/28
Bill Winslow 8/28
Megan Johnson 8/31

PICTURED ON THIS MONTH'S COVER from top: Chuck Bodiford, Sharon Weaver, Kathleen Strang, and Jan Ritter at Bill's Steak House XYZ outing; Pastor Jeff Carlson leads the installation of officers service; Jacquie Wells gives daughter Nichelle Woods her "just desserts"; the 2019 Caravan team (top row l-r) Jackie Allen, Katelynn Allen, Chris Allen, Kennedy Allen, Nichelle Wood, Marcus Peevers, Jim Hoglen, Josh Liechty (bottom row) Justin LaFleur, Lauren LaFleur, Alex Burns, Danny Janz, Doug McCune

RibFest 2019 Report

Our third annual RibFest was the best one yet! 82 people (42 neighbors + 40 First Pres family) enjoyed delicious food, live music and great fellowship! It is exciting to see relationships deepen and numbers increase each year this event takes place.

The day began at 10AM when the smoker was stoked. Our neighbor, Terence, put his special rub on the ribs and spent the whole day cooking them with Larry Turpin and Jim Kerner so they would be just right. Meanwhile, around 3PM the kitchen was buzzing! Under the leadership of Jana Turpin – Carolyn Rex, Steve & Debbie Janz, Tom Till, Sean Snelling, Paul Yettaw, Mary Burg, and Lisa Brown had fun cooking (and dancing) while preparing mouth-watering side dishes.

Those who came to eat the abundant feast could feel the excitement in the air as soon as they entered and many lingered over conversation long after the meal was finished. Praise God! What a joy it is to participate in His work! A big thank you to all the people who donated food, money, and time!

Plans for RibFest 2020 are underway!!!!

(This report was prepared and even submitted early! for last month's Carillon. The editor apologizes.)

Thank You, Thank You,

Thank You!

To my loving Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards and words of encouragement during my son, Rusty Zaharion's illness and passing on Easter Sunday, April 21.

Lovingly,

Melva Zaharion & Family

A most sincere thank you for all the prayers, cards, texts, and calls during LeRoy's hospital and rehab stay—they worked!

We had 3 churches, many friends and family praying for him. Our family and LeRoy thank you.

The Miller Family

LeRoy & Bette Miller, David Miller, Cindy Green, Angela Bell

I was joyfully surprised to receive an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)!

Our church is truly an exceptional family of people who care about and for each other in many ways.

I have been blessed to have opportunities to assist many of you or your families in some way with healthcare concerns. That has been and is, a privilege I respect and cherish.

Thank you to our own Presbyterian Women for this recognition and for the beautiful pin that represents women who are caring and supportive in a multitude of ways.

I have carried this saying with me for over 50 years:

"What we are is God's gift to us, What we become, is our gift to God"

Just a reminder to me that God is the center of all and we do whatever we do so we can always be thanking Him and trying to live our lives being faithful to Him.

With loving gratitude,

Jeanne Hickman

Roses

Congratulations to Jeanne Hickman for receiving this year's Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership award.

To everyone for their generous and amazing donation of paper products for the Second Mile Center.

And to the Volunteers that traveled to the Second Mile Center for their Health Fair on June 25, 2019: Sally and Carol McCune, Belinda and Bob Bullard, Chris and Steve Owel, Ruth and Arden Hetletvedt, Kiran Bilanow, Cindy Koerner, Tina Johnson, Mary Lusk, Roger Koning, Josh Liechty, Jean Parker, Ada Compton, Marcus Peevers, Nichelle Wood and Elsie King.

To the volunteers that provided treats for the Sunday morning coffee hour.



Deacon's Corner

The Deacons held their organizational meeting for the 2019-2020

year. Committees were formed and will be led by the following members: Deacon Moderator-- Judy Yettaw; Vice Moderator-- Amy Rosa; Secretary/Treasurer-- Joy Miller; Communion team 1-- Julie Chapman; Communion Team 2-- Finley McRae; Thanksgiving Baskets-- Finley McRae and Linda Holden; Christmas Baskets-- Judy Yettaw and Paul Yettaw; Easter Baskets-- Julie Chapman; Compassion Corps/ Card Ministry-- Josh Liechty; College Care-- Kathy Baker; Soup Kitchen-- Tom Till; Food Pantry-- Finley McRae; Publicity-- Amy Rosa. Please feel free to contact any of these people if you have concerns relating to the activity.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CROP WALK WILL BE HELD SEPT 29. SIGN UPS WILL BE COMING. PLEASE JOIN IN THIS ACTIVITY!!!!

Have a great Summer!!!!

Submitted by Amy Rosa



We have an abundance of lovely prayer shawls to share with those who are living with some struggle. Find them on the second floor, main hallway. There's a sheet to note who is to receive the prayer shawl.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2019-2020

Marla Colburn Moderator

Presbyterian Women's circles will begin meeting again in September. Circles meet once a month from September-May for fellowship, mission giving, and Bible Study. Elizabeth Circle meets the second Thursday at 4:00 pm, Lydia Circle the second Tuesday at 12:30 pm, and Miriam Circle the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All circles meet at the church in the Parlor. For more information about the circles or if interested in joining a circle, contact Annettie Tribbett Membership Coordinator.

On the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor, Francie Winslow presents the Bible Study lesson for the Study leaders of each circle. "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" is the theme for 2019-2020. The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 4. All women are welcome to attend.

PW FALL

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Marie Davy

Our Fall Spiritual Retreat will be October 5, 2019 starting at 9:30A to 1:00P at the Retreat Center. The speaker will be the Rev. Anne-marie Kidder, PhD, interim pastor at Pennfield Presbyterian Church. The title of the retreat coincides with our 2019-2020 Bible Study theme "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." There will be an \$8 charge which will cover morning donuts and coffee as well as lunch at noon.



JULY 1 It's a Doozy!--describes the new Duesenberg exhibit at the **Gilmore Car Museum**. The exhibit showcases the most valuable American car ever built. Our XYZ group gets free admission! Lunch at the **Blue Moon Dine** after. Leave at 10A, home about 4P. Call the office NOW if you're interested.

AUGUST 5 MONDAY We head out at 9:30A for **Clementine's, Too** in St. Joseph. Located on the river, Clem's Too's menu has a wide variety of American classics amid great views from inside or on their patio. After lunch we travel to **Round Barn Winery**, (\$12) located on a sprawling estate featuring acres of vineyards. Home about 4:30p.m. No XYZ in September. Cornwell's Turkeyville Theatre in October! Call the office to reserve your spot for XYZ outings!



Consider providing the special music for a summer service! Vocal or instrumental. Solo or group. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

And for August 4th, Jodine says: **We're getting the band back together** and you can join! The **Ukulele, Guitar and Hand Drum Band** will play at the First Pres Picnic. Kids, adults, experienced musicians and complete novices—all are welcome. Jodine has instruments or bring your own. Practice opportunities are July 18, 25, and August 1st from 7-8:30P.

Worship AND PICNIC AT The RETREAT CENTER

On Sunday, August 4, morning worship will take place at the Retreat Center (20398 Waubascon Road) rather than at our main campus on Capital Avenue. Service begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After the worship we will have a picnic!



Join us for our Mission Fair right after morning worship on Sunday, August 25. There will be displays and exhibits in Fellowship Hall showcasing the various ministries and causes we support.



First Pres co-sponsors this camp for kids entering grades 1-8 this fall. It takes place at First Congregational Church from August 5-9 running from 9A—1P. The show this year is "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit," the story of David and Goliath. More info to come in the bulletin and on our website firstpresbc.org.


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