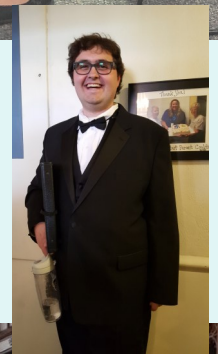


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From the Lead Pastor

Dear Friends:

He shall glorify me. - (John 16:14 KJV)

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. - (1 Cor 12:3 NIV)

The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven. This event is referred to as Pentecost. The disciples boldly told others about Jesus Christ and what he could do for them. The ensuing Christian movement spread rapidly accompanied by signs and wonders.

Centuries later the teaching on the Holy Spirit became obscured. Even today, many Christians have only a vague understanding of the Holy Spirit. Some Christians wonder if they have the Holy Spirit.

Part of the reason for the mystery surrounding the Holy Spirit is because his role is to glorify Jesus Christ. Think of the Holy Spirit as a spotlight operator at a theater. The purpose of the spotlight operator is to focus attention on the actor on stage not to draw attention to himself. If the spotlight operator is doing his job then you will hardly notice him. Instead, your thoughts and attention will be on the actor who is in the spotlight.

The Holy Spirit puts Jesus in the spotlight. If your attention and focus are on Jesus Christ then be assured that the Holy Spirit is at work in you. Indeed, Scripture affirms that no one can truly believe that Jesus is Lord apart from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Christians have the Holy Spirit. We need to learn to cooperate with him. The best way to do this is to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and be witnesses to his saving love. Think about this not only on Pentecost (June 9) but throughout the year.

Yours in Christ,

Jeffrey S. Carlson

P.S. You are encouraged to wear red on Pentecost (June 9).



From the Associate Pastor

Lately I have found strength in the ancient words, especially from Proverbs.

Here, from Proverbs 3:5-8, are words I learned as a little child.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge the Lord,
and God will make straight your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.

God loves you, and so do I!

Pat Weatherwax

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ROSES to our volunteers, Mary Burg, Julie Chapman, Marla Colburn, Loretta Gold, Chris and Steve Owel, and Jean Parker for providing a meal for the Parent Coalition Group of the E.C.C. each month in Fellowship Hall. The meal is prepared, served and cleanup done by this faithful group. Parents and children enjoy the meal and after the meal the parents are involved in parenting information while the children have childcare. This program is provided by the E.C.C. staff.

Many thanks to Marla Colburn, Sarah Hopkins, Cindy Koerner, Chris Owel and Jean Parker for volunteering weekly with the Music First and Toddler Playgroups sponsored by the Early Childhood Programs for children; birth to 5 years of age in Calhoun County. The Music First Group met in Fellowship Hall and the Toddler Playgroup at the Youth Center. Also thanks to our church for being a faith partner with the E.C.C. and sharing our facilities with them.

Dear Church Family,

I am so deeply grateful to you all for your prayers, cards, flowers and food after the Chicken Pie Dinner following my recent light stroke. All were appreciated and encouraging. I am doing well and looking forward to being back among you very soon. I am thankful that God is so good and always with us.

Lovingly,

Carolyn Christ

SECOND MILE CENTER VISIT TO BATTLE CREEK

Sally McCune and Jean Parker

Many hands working together sharing God's love made for an awesome weekend for the Second Mile Center of Detroit kids on May 3rd -5th.

Director Ruth Azar and husband Scott arrived with 10 kids on Friday. They could hardly wait to settle in at the Retreat Center, eat their dinner and get outside to play "Flashlight Tag." They really enjoy being able to run outside in the dark in a safe environment. They slept on the floor in sleeping bags and mats from the Gault Family, Kathy Baker, Cindy Koerner, Jean Parker and Kellogg Community College.

After Saturday breakfast, they enjoyed a trip to "Mooville" in Nashville. Many of the kids had never been that close to real calves and cows. The guided tour introduced them to calves, pregnant cows and cows waiting to be milked. They were fascinated by the milking parlor technology and Juneo, a robotic machine that went down the aisle pushing food closer to the cows every two hours - high tech! They found the goats and alpacas fascinating. Everyone enjoyed a glass of Mooville chocolate milk when they arrived and an ice cream cone before they left.

Kathy Baker had lunch ready when they returned to the Retreat Center. Next, they headed for the Youth Center where Doug and Carl McCune had setup an 'Escape Room' for them. This was their first Escape Room but they worked very well together as a group and escaped in less than an hour! Not only did they have fun completing the tasks, they were very proud of their accomplishment. See the Mission Board in the hall for pictures!

After "escaping", the kids entered the church to practice their presentation Sunday worship before returning to the Retreat Center for dinner. A Lasagna Dinner was ready for them, thanks to the assistance of Julie Chapman. They spent Saturday evening playing games and more practicing.

What an amazing Sunday morning with our First Pres Youth and Second Mile Center kids providing worship service. The Second Mile Center Kids' signing is done beautifully and sincerely by them, what an inspiration for all of us! The Kids' enjoyed lunch in Fellowship Hall before leaving. It's a tradition to have a jar of M and M's for them to each guess the number inside before leaving to go home to Detroit. This year, it was 515!

The Second Mile Center Kids love to come to Battle Creek. They have to earn the privilege to come by getting good grades, participating in worship, learning scripture, showing good manners and respect for others, regular attendance at school and the center, and learning the signing/mime of the music they perform. Ruth Azar and her staff provide a wonderful ministry for these children.

This weekend of Mission Outreach is only possible due to the generosity of our First Pres Congregation providing the Retreat Center, food, monetary donations, taking Post-It-Notes, so many assisting in many ways. A special thank you to the Presbyterian Women for their contribution that covered the cost of Mooville and purchased food. Many thanks and blessings to each of you for making this weekend possible.



Second Mile Center kids visit

VOLUNTEER VIBE

~~ Adult volunteers are needed to **help in the nursery**. Sign up for a Sunday or two on the sheet in the main hall.

~~ Volunteers needed to provide **transportation for Sunday Service**. If you can help please contact the church office, 964-3700, or sign up on the sheet in the main hall.

~- The Deacons are posting signup sheets to find **St. Thomas July and August breakfast server volunteers**. Save a date to become a part this heartwarming group of volunteers!!

~Sunday Morning Coffee: Volunteers are needed through June to **provide finger-foods** (but no muffins please) for Sunday morning coffee hour. Leave treats in the kitchenette next to the Parlor on Sunday morning. July and August will be handled by the Lemonade Stand

~~Volunteers needed to serve as **Parking Lot Greeters** throughout the Spring and Summer. If interested in serving, please contact Larry Turpin at 317-0085.

—Volunteers are needed for the **Second Mile Center Health Fair** Tuesday, June 25th in Detroit. For details, to sign up, and so we can be sure we have the right number of seats for transporting everyone, please contact Jean Parker 965-8776.

“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.

Notes from the May SESSION Meeting

Carl McCune, Clerk of Session

Written examinations from the newly elected Officers were reviewed by Pastor Jeff. A motion prevailed to approve the examinations and to set the Installation/Ordination Services for May 26 and June 9.

A motion prevailed to appoint Mary Burg and Jean Parker to the **Ministry Advisory Council (MAC)** class of 2022. A motion from the MAC prevailed to revise the Job Description of the Lead Pastor to include mention of the Chair position on the Personnel Committee. A written copy of Pastor Jeff's review by the MAC was provided to Session.

A motion prevailed from the **Worship Ministry Team** to change the date of moving Worship to Fellowship Hall from June 9 to June 16 to better accommodate the Installation/Ordination of Officers and the celebration of Pentecost.

The **Safety Ministry Team** brought a report of the new camera installations. They are asked to report back in June concerning the need for and cost of additional cameras in the lower level of the church.

Membership Update A motion prevailed to receive Chuck and Nancy Bodiford, Thomas and Paula Coleman, Susan Hutson, and Sean Snelling by reaffirmation of faith. Session members are invited to meet with the new members in the Library prior to them being welcomed during the worship service on May 19.

The deaths of Donna Hodges on April 8, 2019 and Bob Bokhart on April 10, 2019 were reported. Current Active Membership will be 306.

Associate Pastor Pastor Pat expressed gratitude for the financial and emotional support over the last month following the death of her daughter, Holly. A video made at the September 2018 Presbytery Meeting was shown in which Pastor Pat (continued next column)

was interviewed and described our Health Fair and other interactions with our church neighbors.

Lead Pastor Pastor Jeff expressed our thanks to Carrie Hoglen and Jim Nelson who are completing their time on Session. He also shared a Church Organization Chart highlighting the new committee structure of Session.

Committee/ Ministry Team/ Task Force Reports

Connection Team The Neighborhood Rib Fest on April 27 was very successful.

Discipleship Ministry Team Youth Sunday which included the visit of the Second Mile Kids was well received.

Safety Ministry Team There will be a CPR class this fall. The next regular Session meeting will be June 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. This is part of the Leadership Organizational Conference.

Deacons Corner

Easter baskets were a success thanks to the many volunteers and the hard leadership work of Gary and Julie Chapman. There were 18 kinship baskets and 3 families from church served. Thank you to all!!

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will be served by First Pres members on May 30 and 31. Volunteers will be contacted by Mary Burg

Franklin Food Pantry has been a great success because of the generosity of the First Pres members. There is still need of food such as juice in cans or plastic bottles, mac and cheese, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables.

By Amy Rosa

SAFETY UPDATE

The Safety Ministry Team plans to focus on our health and well-being preparedness, over the summer months. Look for dates, times and sign-up sheets if you are interested in participating in upcoming "CPR/ First Aid" or a "Mental Health First Aid" classes. These are strongly recommended for Safety Ministry members, our medically-trained persons, and those with the desire to help in emergency and conflict management situations.

IMPORTANT!

We will soon have an **AED** (Automatic External Defibrillator) located on the first floor in the main hallway. Look for it! The device is self explanatory. If you need to use it, it will audibly tell you what to do, step-by-step! Even if you wouldn't feel comfortable using it, you could be the one who retrieves it in an emergency and helps save a life.

PICTURED ON THE COVER OF THIS MONTH'S CARILLON

Top left and clockwise: Carl McCune recognizes Alex LaFleur for his accomplishments in memorizing scripture, Keegan Aimesbury and Daniel Janz recognized as two of our graduating seniors, a young girl learning sign language at the CityLinC class at our Youth Center, Josh Liechty all duded up for the KCC Spring Concert, Kathy Baker - Daniel Janz - Doug McCune, Second Mile Center Detroit kids, four of "Dr. B's" (Gerald Case-Blanchard) students enjoy RibFest after rehearsing, Pastor Carlson rejoicing with Mary and Justin Vore upon the baptism of their son James Ryan Vore.

GET TO KNOW A COUPLE OF OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

ELIZABETH 'BETSY' MARTENS



Family includes Bonnie (Mom), Nathan (Dad), Nick (brother), Wendy and Lauri

Graduate of Gull Lake High school

Involved in Cross Country, Basketball, Softball, Student Senate and National Honor Society

Future plans - I honestly have no idea what the future holds for me or what career I'm going to pursue, but I know it will have something to do with helping others. Right now, I'm considering majoring in International Stud-

ies with a minor in Spanish at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

First Pres activities - Caravan (4 years)

Favorite youth group memory - All the Caravans .

Each trip impacted me in a different way that was very positive. I have enjoyed learning new skills and meeting new people.

How has your faith impacted your high school experience? One of the main messages Jesus preached was love and kindness. I truly believe in treating all people with kindness (even the ones who are not so kind) because you never know what they are going through on a daily basis.

SHOUT OUT - a chance to say thank you - To Doug and KB for contributing their time and love for our Youth Group. It is noticed and appreciated!

KEEGAN AIMESBURY



Family includes Shawn, Elizabeth, Hannah and Kayla

Graduate of Lakeview High School

Involved in Varsity Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field; Senior Class Vice President, Friends Forever Club; LINK Crew, DECA and Youth In Government

Future plans - Attending Ripon College in Wisconsin majoring in Communications; Running Cross Country and Track and Field (Division III)

First Pres activities - NAVARAC

CARAVAN 2019

Caravan is the summer mission trip for the youth and young adults. First Pres has been sending groups out for more than 50 years. This year we will be heading back to West Virginia to help with flood relief. West Virginia was hit by a lot of flooding in 2016 and is still recovering. We will be serving in Mingo County, one of the poorest counties in the state. I'm looking forward to seeing what God has in store for our group. **Doug McCune—Youth Ministries**

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 you give it to.

Plans for This Summer

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS have begun and are 8A-3P Monday – Friday. Please keep our new hours in mind when making plans to visit the church or schedule a gathering.

On **June 16th, SUNDAY WORSHIP MOVES** down to Fellowship Hall. Volunteer sign up sheets, First Pres events, and community event information will then be found on the kiosks in Fellowship Hall.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS!



Wednesday, June 26th "Green Book"

Wednesday, August 21st "Break-through"

Join us for a potluck at 5:30 with the movie beginning around 6:15P in the Fellowship Hall. Watch the bulletin for more information.

XTRA YEARS OF ZEST

June 4 TUESDAY will be dinner at **Bill's Steak House** in Bronson. Leave at 3:30P. Home about 7:30P.

July 1 MONDAY Gilmore Car Museum and Blue Moon Diner

August 5 MONDAY Clementine's Too, St. Joe and Round Barn Winery

All are welcome! We changed up days and times so more can come and enjoy these outings. Call the church office to reserve your space for any outing.

CARAVAN June 17-22



2ND MILE CENTER HEALTH FAIR DETROIT June 25
FIRST PRES Heart of the City Health FAIR July 31



CHURCH PICNIC & WORSHIP at RETREAT CENTER August 4

Communion

STRUGGLING TO BE BLESSED Genesis 32:23-32



Kennedy Allen	6-3
Tyler Hagist	6-6
Bruce Davy	6-9
Jan Horton	6-9
Kaylee Janz	6-9
Pete Christ	6-12
Josh Liechty	6-12
Nancy Bartlett	6-14

Pat Carr	6-16
Richard Colburn	6-22
David Henry	6-22
Tad Randolph	6-23
Marcie Reynolds	6-23
Edythe Walter	6-23
Alex Bullard-Marshall	6-23
Chuck Bodiford	6-25
Janett Bundy	6-26
Joy Miller	6-27
Shawn Aimesbury	6-28
Ed McCrory	6-29

TRI-CHURCH SALAD SUPPER



This year's Salad Supper for the three Presbyterian churches will be held at Pennfield Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, June 11 at 6P.

The speaker will be the Rev. Annemarie S. Kidder, Ph.D., pastor at Pennfield Presbyterian Church. The title of her talk is "The Apostle Paul and Women."

Annemarie S. Kidder is an ordained minister in the PC (USA), who has served churches in Michigan and Ohio. She is a former seminary professor and author/editor of ten books on historical theology and biblical interpretation. One of her favorite themes is the Apostle Paul.

HEALTH KIT ITEMS NEEDS FOR HEALTH FAIRS

Toothbrushes
(individually wrapped),
Toothpaste – 6.4 oz.

Dental floss

Shampoo & conditioner
(minimum 15 oz. or close)

Bath size bars of soap

Deodorant

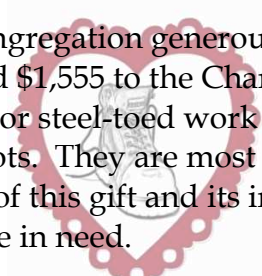
Chapstick

Wash cloths.

Items can be put in Mission Corner of the Parlor – thank you!

SOLES FOR SOULS

Our congregation generously donated \$1,555 to the Charitable Union for steel-toed work shoes and boots. They are most appreciative of this gift and its impact on those in need.



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Nancy and Chuck Bodiford




Susan Hutson



Paula and Tom Coleman

FirstPres Calendar for June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10A Worship Communion	3 2P ECC Music First 5:30P Retreat Center Com. 6:30P Boy Scouts	4 7A Prayer 10A Exercise Class 10A Safety Ministry 10:30A Toddlers' Group 3:30P XYZ to Bronson 3:30P Stephen Ministry	5 11A Staff Meeting	6 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr. Pastors' Group	7	8
9  10A Worship 11:15A Just Desserts & Walking Tacos 6P Praise Team Practice	10 11A PEO 2P ECC Music First 5:30P Leadership Dinner 6:00P Leadership Conf.	11 7A Prayer 10A Exercise Class	12 11A Staff Meeting	13 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr. Pastors' Group	14	15 Caravan Leaves
16 FATHER'S DAY 10A Worship <i>moves to Fellowship Hall</i> 6P Praise Team Practice	17 2P ECC Music First	18 7A Prayer 10A Exercise Class 5:30P Parent Coalition 6:30P Cub Scouts Parents	19 11A Staff Meeting	20 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr. Pastors' Group 7P Men's Fellowship	21	22
23 10A Praise Worship Caravan returns	24 2P ECC Music First 7P Connection Team	25 SECOND MILE CENTER HEALTH FAIR 7A Prayer 10A 10A Exercise Class	26 11A Staff Meeting 5:30P Potluck and Movie Night	27 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr. Pastors' Group 9A Carillon Mailing	28	29