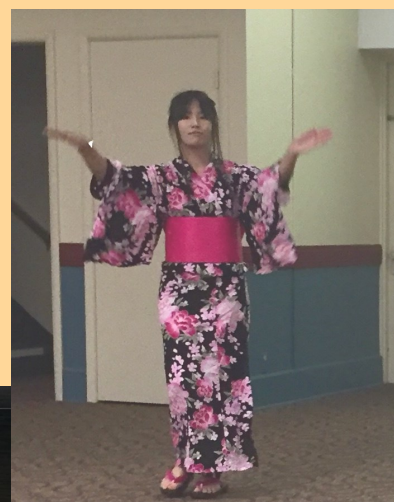
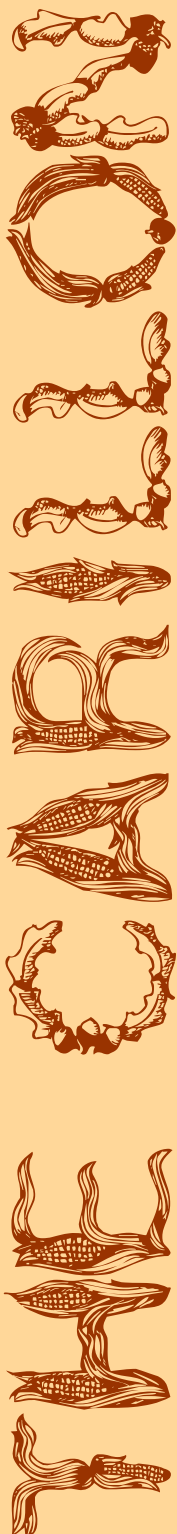


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From the Lead Pastor

Dear Friends:

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed (Proverbs 16:3 NIV).

We are in the midst of a six-part series called, The Vision Summit. This is an opportunity to reflect on what God is already doing in our midst, to discern where God is leading us as a congregation in the days and years ahead, and to consider how we can pass the torch of faith to the next generation.

We invite you, the members and friends of the congregation, to join us in an after service forum on October 20. We will report the results of the Vision Summit Survey. We will hear feedback from the various discussion groups. We will explore potential next steps. After all, when you reach the summit you are only half way there!

The forum will take place in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there.

In Christ's Name,

Jeff



From the Associate Pastor

It was 15 years ago, on October 4, 2004, that I spoke the vows which define me as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. While it doesn't seem like it's been so very long, at that point I had no real knowledge of Battle Creek's First Presbyterian Church. And I did not know then, what I know now.

The liturgy at that service declared:

"Ministers are called to build up Christ's church, proclaim God's Word, declare forgiveness through Jesus Christ, call publicly on the name of the Lord on behalf of the whole congregation, celebrate Christ's holy sacraments, baptizing and presiding at the Lord's Supper. They are to be pastors and teachers, sharing people's joys and sorrows, encouraging the faithful, recalling those who fall away, helping the sick and the dying."

I've done these things with you for 10 of those 15 years. So many times, in the hard parts in my life, I was carried by those I'd agreed to build up. Along the way we shared and are privileged to share life as God's people. We live the "Servant Song"

Won't you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Now we are continuing a time of VISIONING- opening our eyes to the privilege and responsibility we have to impact the future for Christ. God's grace and peace go ahead of us, to light our way, and go with us to help us. That's the good news. This is, too: God loves you and so do I.

Pat Weatherwax



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 2019 is World Communion Sunday. It was originally called World Wide Communion Sunday and intended to promote Christian unity. It originated in the Presbyterian Church in 1936 and has since spread to many other denominations. First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek participated in that inaugural year and every year since.

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday using communion wine in addition to grape juice. The grape juice will be light in color and the communion wine dark red in color to allow participants to choose which form of the "fruit of the vine" they wish to receive.

THE GENEROSITY OF GIVING

When we become Christians our giving has a new motivation. We are called to give generously and with joy as a fruit of the Spirit's life within us. For a three-week period in November, we will be exploring Paul's teaching on Christian giving as found in 2 Corinthians 8 & 9. Join us in worship starting November 3 as we begin our new series called *The Generosity of Giving*. Topics include:

November 3 (1) EXPRESSING GENEROSITY	2 Cor 8:1-9
November 10 (2) PRACTICING GENEROSITY	2 Cor 8:10-24
November 17 (3) PROMOTING GENEROSITY	2 Cor 9:1-15

At the conclusion of this series we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our financial offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will dedicate these commitments in the worship service on Celebration Sunday November 17, 2019.

EDUCATION UPDATE

After the VISION SUMMIT small groups conclude, the Sunday education classes will resume. Find details in the weekly bulletin or check the EDUCATION bulletin board for topics and locations.

Wednesday night Bible Study meets in the parlor at 5:45. The study is group lead with Ruth Hetletvedt as facilitator and is investigating the book of Revelations. New members are welcomed.

Throughout this academic year remember to pray especially for our high school seniors:

Kaylee Janz Nick Martens Lauren LaFleur Kyle Trainor

DEACONS CORNER

Do you have a boy who would benefit from being a part of a Scout group? The Scouts need you!! Contact Bruce Davy if you have interest. Becoming a Scout is a special activity to have fun, learn and create new friendships!!! Call today!!!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the Deacons will be serving up to 22 families with Thanksgiving baskets. Watch for your opportunity to help with this special project.

Food Pantry needs your continued gracious support by bringing non-perishable items such as mac&cheese, peanut butter and juice in plastic bottles etc. Baskets to receive the donations are located in the entryways of our church. Contact Finley McRae if you have questions.

Paul Yettaw was selected to be the Nominating Committee connection contact for the Deacons this year.

Submitted by Amy Rosa

You are invited to a Handbell Festival Concert where the First Pres choir is ringing. The Detroit Handbell Ensemble will also be performing. Please join us on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 2:30 pm First United Methodist Church of Eaton Rapids, 600 S Main Street.



Our Stuff A Bus Campaign with CityLinC



For the sixth year in a row, our local mission partner CityLinC Ministries has used our facilities to pack backpacks for area children to be distributed through elementary and middle schools.

Funds given to First Church by an anonymous donor allowed us to purchase 500 backpacks to help CityLinC kick off the campaign this year.

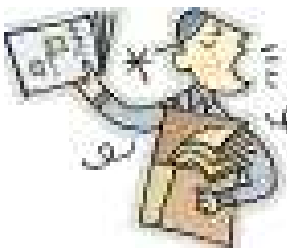
We are so grateful for this generous gesture, as well as to Kathy Baker and youth members, Alex and Liam for their help in getting the backpacks ready for stuffing! During July and August, over 40 area businesses and churches participated by collecting donations of school supplies which were then picked up and brought to our Youth Center to be sorted into bins to be ready for packing.

Stuffing the backpacks was set up as an efficient “assembly line” by CityLinC’s Stuff-A-Bus coordinator, Abby Boyer, which allowed our wonderful volunteer members, Chris and Steve Owel, Judy VanZanten, Linda Holden, Sue Hudson, Jan Ritter and Sue Healy to pack hundreds of backpacks! We are so thankful for these hard workers who made it seem like fun while they were also sharing conversations with volunteers who came from the Battle Creek Mom’s Club, Lakeview Baptist, St. Philip, and college students from New York. Our work-breaks were highlighted with much-appreciated snacks and refreshments that had been provided by Laurie Greenman, Sue Healy and Sue Hutson. The THRIVE Leadership Students from Dexter Lake Church and Andrus Street Church of God helped wrap up the project by packing everything up from the Youth Center at the end of the project.

A total of 680 backpacks filled with binders, notebooks, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, erasers, glue, rulers and scissors were delivered to schools in the Battle Creek Public, Lakeview, Harper Creek and Pennfield districts as well as the Battle Creek Montessori Academy to be distributed to students in need by teachers and administrators. In addition, 70 filled backpacks are in reserve for requests that come in during the school year for new or foster children that arrive and have needs. We are so grateful to all of you who participated in this project! Whether with donations and snacks, helping stuff backpacks or praying for the students and teachers, please know you have helped make this a better school year for many in our community

With a grateful heart, Dena Haas!

REMEMBER TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE FLU THIS SEASON! FLU SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 27TH.



OFF THE PRES!

Family Game Night: We had our first family game night on September 11th. Everyone who came out had a lot of fun. There were several games going on and some people started working on a puzzle. Our next game night will be Wednesday October 2nd at the Youth Center. We'll get

started at 6pm and wrap up around 8pm. Feel free to bring any favorite games and snacks when you come. This event is open to both the young and young at heart. You'll have lots of fun.

Youth Report: October will find the youth group heading out to Cornwell's Turkeyville for some fall fun. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for more info. Towards the end of the month we will be getting together to carve some jack-o-lanterns for several of the members of the congregation and then delivering them.

Doug McCune, Youth Coordinator

VOLUNTEER VIBE

Volunteer for cooking and serving at the St. Thomas Saturday Breakfast program on the 5th Saturdays (when there's 5)! Our first assignment is Nov 30. Watch for a sign up sheet.

Greeters and security people are needed for the John Ourensma Concert on October 20. Please see or call Carrie Hoglen 963-5886.

Flower Delivery: Volunteers are needed to deliver flowers after Sunday Service. Call Judy Yettaw, 962-0745, or sign-up on the sheet in the main hall.

Nursery volunteers Individuals are needed to help in our crib and walker nursery during Sunday Morning Service. With enough helpers each is only needed every other month. Sign - up sheet available or call church office.

Anyone interested in helping with youth Sunday Education? Please see Pastor Pat for further information.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour is back and volunteers are needed to provide prepared finger-foods: fruit, veggies, sweet and/or salty treats. Simply leave in the kitchenette off the Parlor Sunday morning.

Charitable Union, one of our “Mission Focus” agencies, is holding its October **Winter Coat Distribution** at the WKKellogg School gymnasium. Help is needed for Distribution on Mon. Oct. 21, 12:30 - 6:00 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. Oct 22 & 23, 2:00-6:00 p.m.; and take-down Thurs. Oct. 24, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you can help, call Tammy, 269-964-7234 or email: tammy@charitable union.org

“Volunteer Vibe” is a monthly feature from the Connections Team, focusing on places where help is needed and who to contact to offer your services. If your group or program has a special need for volunteers, contact Jan Emery Barney at 979-4734 or jvreme@aol.com to have your request listed in the next issue of the Carillon.

An Organ Recital

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our Dobson Organ

John Ourensma, organist

To celebrate the special place that organ music has in worship, join us for a recital featuring acclaimed organist John Ourensma.

John has over 40 years in full-time church music ministry, including 13 years here with First Presbyterian. During his time with us, mechanical problems began to plague the 1928 Skinner organ installed upon completion of our sanctuary. After several organ building companies' assessments determined it could not be restored reliably from its current condition, the congregation moved to have Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, Ltd. rebuild the organ. The project was undertaken in 1994 with the complete removal of the instrument early that year. A new console was designed and built, all windchests were replaced and all existing and new pipes were revoiced. The Battle Creek Enquirer even followed the extensive process that included numerous parishioners assisting Dobson professionals in all stages of the project.

Following his service to First Pres, John became a voicer and pipemaker for Dobson in Lake City, Iowa. During his time with Dobson he was involved with the design and building of nineteen new pipe organs, including the large new concert hall organ for the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia and the new organ for The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles.

The organ recital will take place October 20th at 4PM in the Sanctuary with a reception following in the Parlor. All are welcome! The concert is open to the public at no charge; a free will offering will be collected.



October 20, 2019
4PM in the Sanctuary



VISION SUMMIT SURVEY

Please complete and return to the Church Office by October 6, 2019

The purpose of the Vision Summit is twofold: first to re-discover how God has blessed First Presbyterian Church and used it to be a blessing, and second to look ahead asking, "What is God's preferred future for this church?" Your thoughtful answers to the following questions will provide a focus for discussion during the Vision Summit. Circle all that apply and add any additional comments.

1. As you remember your entire experience at this church, when were you most alive, most motivated and excited about your involvement?

Worship service participation

Small group study/fellowship

Teaching

Community ministry

Serving on boards/ministry teams

Mission trips

Other _____

2. What do you value most about this church? What are its best features: What activities or ways of life do you feel are most important?

Worship opportunities

Downtown location

Spiritual vibrancy

Historic building

Sense of belonging

Educational opportunities

Outreach ministries

Fellowship

Sense of God's presence

Other _____

3. What are your deepest longings for the future of First Presbyterian Church?

Increased participation of families and youth

Increased ministry in the Battle Creek area

Numerical growth

Ministry leadership assumed by the next generation

A diverse, spiritually vibrant congregation

A church that exists to serve others

Other _____

Notes from the September SESSION Meeting

Carl McCune, Clerk of Session

Kathy Baker brought a proposal for a new church photo directory to be completed during a year-long process. A motion prevailed to proceed with this project under Kathy's leadership (no cost to the church is foreseen).

Mary Burg and Carl McCune were elected as Commissioners to Presbytery. Mary Maley and Annettie Tribbett were elected as alternates when needed.

Mary Burg and Jeannie Kerner were elected as the Session members on the Nominating Committee.

The following are the leaders of the Session Committees and Ministry Teams:

Connection Ministry Team - Moderator Lisa Brown
Discipleship Ministry Team (formerly Christian Education) -
Acting Moderator Pastor Pat
Generosity Ministry Team (formerly Stewardship) -
Co-Moderators Pete Christ and John Mairs
Mission Ministry Team (formerly Benevolence) - Moderator Belinda Bullard
Safety Ministry Team - Moderator Larry Turpin
Worship Ministry Team - Moderator Carrie Hoglen
Finance Committee - Chair Tom Cole
Personnel Committee - Chair Pastor Jeff, Vice-Chair David Lucas
Property Committee - Chair Larry Turpin

Contact the above leaders if you have questions or would like to serve in that area.

Brad Parsons (David and Lisa Brown's nephew) will be videotaping the Vision Summit Series and is offering free training to anyone interested in learning videography. Let Francie or Lisa know if you are interested.

A motion prevailed to allow a free will offering to be taken at the organ recital on October 20. The money will be used for future music ministry.

Membership Update A motion prevailed to dismiss (with sadness) Gary and Janett Bundy by their request as they have moved to Acworth, Georgia. A motion prevailed to receive Diana Golden into membership by letter of transfer from Reno Bethel Presbyterian Church in Sorento, Illinois. She will be welcomed during a future worship service. The death of Dr. Alfred Hamady on August 11, 2019 was reported. Current Active Membership is 305.

The next regular Session meeting will be October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.



To Mary Burg, Sally McCune, Tina Johnson and Carl McCune who helped Pastor Pat with Rally Day!

To Jim Kerner for repairing a cart at the Charitable Union and making it just like new.

To the children at SAFE Place for their creative "thank you" paintings given to First Presbyterian Church for providing a safe and wonderful place at the Retreat Center for their recent Field Day and Summer Outing.

Many thanks to all who donated to and participated in the 2019 Calhoun County Walk to End Alzheimer's. For the third year in a row, a First Pres team walked and once again ranked high in fundraising efforts. This year we grew to 15 team members, brought in over \$4,400, and placed second in team standings. **Purple roses to all of you fighting for Alzheimer's first survivor!**

Thank You to those that helped make our return to the Sanctuary on September 8th possible. Many hands made quick work of wiping down the pews and returning Bibles and hymnals. Kathy Baker

It has been delightful and encouraging to receive so many get-well wishes. Thank you especially for prayers. I hope to be seeing you at church very soon. It's much easier being a nurse than a patient! Sincerely and affectionately, Jeanne Hickman



Sharon Weaver 10/1
Martha Hardenburg 10/3
Fred Sawchuk 10/4
Louise Newlands 10/5
Patricia Stetler 10/5
Emma Smith 10/5
Halaina Peevers 10/5
Nick Martens 10/5
Ellen Golda 10/6
Jack Mawdsley 10/8
Morgan Burns 10/9
Sadie Bauer 10/9
Sean Snelling 10/9
Sally Gubitz 10/10
Helga Carpenter 10/12
Paula McPhee 10/12
Jeanne Hickman 10/14
Tom Till 10/14
Isabella Trainor 10/16
Jeannie Kerner 10/16
Francie Winslow 10/20
Sandy Carlson 10/20
Simon ter Avest 10/22
Rebecca Garver 10/25
Teddy Roosevelt 10/27
Marjorie Weil 10/29



On Tuesday, November 5th, we will head out at 10:30A for Lansing. Lunch at Finley's will be followed by a visit to the RE Olds Transportation Museum! Then home about 4P. Call the church office to make your reservation!



MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

The Mission Ministry Team reviews applications and scholarships were awarded to Josh Leichty, \$500 for classes at KCC and \$500 to Taylor Brown for study at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Book Scholarships for reimbursement were received by Sy Turpin, Isabella Trainor, and Morgan Burns. Our blessings go with them as they pursue their education studies. These are the 2020 guidelines for those interested in Scholarships:

***HEINZE-WOODARD-BURTIS-HILL-SWAN SCHOLARSHIP/BOOK GUIDELINES - 2020**

First Presbyterian Church has three separate scholarships opportunities. The first is a \$500 scholarship for a student attending KCC. The second is a \$500 scholarship for a student going into Christian service. The third is a book fee reimbursement scholarship. The details for each are listed below. The application deadline for all three scholarships is April 30, 2020 with distribution by May 31, 2020. Then each year thereafter, the deadline remains the same, April 30th with the distribution by May 31st. All paperwork should be submitted to the Mission Ministry Team, % First Presbyterian Church, 111 Capital Ave., N.E., Battle Creek, MI 49017.

All applicants must submit a letter indicating where they are attending college or graduate school, their intended course of study and what First Presbyterian Church has meant to them. The book fee reimbursement scholarship also requires the receipts from the book purchases, May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.

The Mission Ministry Team will determine the merits of all applicants.

1. **KCC** - \$500.00 awarded each year upon request to a designated First Presbyterian Church student attending Kellogg Community College.
2. **Christian Service** - \$500.00 upon request to a child of/or active First Presbyterian Church member pursuing education for the purpose of entering Christian Service.
3. Renewal of the scholarships will again be by application with selection by the Mission Ministry Team.
4. **Book Reimbursement Fee Scholarship** -
 - A. The Book Scholarship may be received for a maximum of six years of undergraduate and graduate study.
 - B. Applicant must be a child of/or active First Presbyterian Church member.
 - C. Applicant must submit proper book receipts for request.
 - D. The combined totals of all applicants, in any given year, may not exceed \$1500.

Note: \$2,500 will be available each year from principal to cover the above requests. Interest and funds not applied for each year will continue to perpetuate the fund.

*The Heinze Scholarship was established by Jim and Mary Frances Heinze in memory of their son James F., designated for someone pursuing Christian Service. The Woodard Scholarship was established in memory of their son, a church organist. The Burtis Scholarship was designated for a K.C.C. student in the amount of \$500 in memory of their son, an organist. The Hill Scholarship was established for a student to attend Alma College, the alma mater of the Rev. James Hill, in recognition of his service to First Presbyterian Church. The Swan Scholarship was established by the family in memory of Jim and Ruth Swan.

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Session approved July 7, 2019



October 20 thru November 17

Order forms can be found in Elevator/Parlor/Youth Bulletin Boards or call the church office

DOOR SWAG

16" long - \$20

Fresh cut mixed greens & red bow

WREATHS

24" in diameter - \$20

36" in diameter - \$30

Fresh cut mixed greens

Red bow & pinecones

FRESH ROPING

20' - \$20

Freshly cut mixed greens

Available for pick up
after service on November 24

Benefitting junior and senior high
summer mission experiences.

SAFETY TEAM

We are planning a full day CPR/AED training in Fellowship Hall, probably on November 7th. Class size is limited and the cost is \$65 per person, with limited scholarships available to people who work with church programs. You will be contacted, if you signed the "I'm Interested" sheet

Do you know where the AED (automatic external defibrillator) is located? In a critical situation someone may ask you to retrieve it. Locate it the next time you are in the building!

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First Presbyterian Church Calendar

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LOVE CARVED IN STONE

A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

Presbyterian Women's Fall Spiritual Retreat

October 5, 2019 9:30A – 1:00P

First Presbyterian Retreat Center 20398 Waubascon Road Battle Creek

This year's retreat speaker is Rev. Annemarie Kidder, PhD., a former seminary professor, an author/editor of ten books on historical theology and biblical interpretation and pastor at Pennfield Presbyterian Church.

All are welcome. Make reservations by calling Kiran Bilanow 968-3296 or Kathy Sawchuk 965-5023 by September 29th. Cost of \$8 covers morning coffee, donuts, and lunch. Please join us!

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