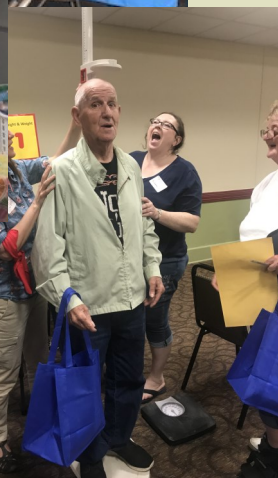


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From the Lead Pastor

Then Moses went up to Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab and climbed Pisgah Peak, which is across from Jericho. And the Lord showed him the whole land, from Gilead as far as Dan; all the land of Naphtali; the land of Ephraim and Manasseh; all the land of Judah, extending to the Mediterranean Sea; the Negev; the Jordan Valley with Jericho—the city of palms—as far as Zoar (Deut 34:1-3 NLT).

Dear Friends:

Mountains and hills are mentioned more than 500 times in Scripture. Climbing up to a mountain top can be symbolic of the life of faith both for individuals and the community. The primary (positive) reason for going to the top was to see what was not previously seen. On Mt Nebo Moses got to see the promised land (Deut 34). On Mt Tabor Peter, James, and John got to see the transfigured Jesus (Mt 17). These visions had a profound impact on the journey that followed.

Modern mountain climbers approach a climb in stages. The climbers are part of a larger team (sponsors, suppliers, outfitters, support staff, etc.) – most of whom do not make the actual climb but nonetheless are impacted by and benefit from a successful climb. There is a plethora of metaphors here that can be used to describe the life and mission of the church. We need to facilitate a climb to the summit for a clear vision of God's preferred future for our congregation and for renewed hope in the journey of faith.

Join us this fall for our Vision Summit Series which begins September 15. To enhance your participation in the series we are recommending the book, *Scrappy Church* by Thom S. Rainer (B&H Publishing Group). Copies will be made available to borrow or purchase.

There will also be opportunities to participate in small group discussions. At the conclusion of the series there will be a congregation-wide forum after service on October 20.

Yours in Christ's love,

Jeffrey Carlson



From the Associate Pastor

Knowing I have this space to share information with you eleven months out of the year is a privilege and a stressor. I know some of you actually read this and comment to me, as appropriate. So many times in our "prayer of confession" I admit to God that I am not worthy or capable of the work I'm asked to do. Thanks to you and God for being patient with me.

One thing that helps me be capable is spiritual self-care. I have a monthly meeting with a "spiritual director". She helps me examine my priorities and my faith. I encourage you to commit to regular spiritual self-care! What are your spiritual disciplines? How about a fall retreat?

An especially powerful weekend is being planned for the evening of October 17 through the afternoon of October 20th. It's called the Michigan Pilgrimage, and will be held at Camp Newaygo. Several First Pres members have attended previous weekends and found it a positive experience. It is not a physically challenging time, but will grow your mind and spirit. See me or Susan Keitel for registration information. Here's the website: <https://mppilgrimage.org>

These weekends are where the sign-off comes from:

God loves you and so do I!

Pat Weatherwax



- September 15 THE VISION SUMMIT –
 STAGE 1. CHOOSING THE PEAK
 Question: Where are we going?
 Deuteronomy 34:1-9
- September 22 THE VISION SUMMIT –
 STAGE 2. SURVEYING THE MOUNTAIN
 Question: What are the problems and challenges?
 Numbers 13:31-33
- September 29 THE VISION SUMMIT –
 STAGE 3. PREPARING FOR THE CLIMB
 Question: What are the resources and capabilities we need?
 Deuteronomy 34: 9-12
- October 6 THE VISION SUMMIT –
 STAGE 4. STAGING THE CLIMB
 Question: How do we measure success?
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
- October 13 THE VISION SUMMIT –
 STAGE 5. REACHING BASE CAMP
 Question: What is our motivation?
 (And what are we willing to do to help make this happen?)
 Acts 10:9-23
- October 20 THE VISION SUMMIT –
 STAGE 6. ATTAINING THE SUMMIT
 Question: Now what?
 (When you reach the summit you are only half way there!)
 Congregational Forum
 Matthew 17:1-20

SUPPLEMENTAL READING FOR VISION SUMMIT SERIES

Scrappy Church by Thom S. Rainer (B&H Publishing Group)

Read Chapter 1 “Why You Should Have Hope for Your Church” by September 15

Read Chapter 2 “Preparing to be a Scrappy Church” by September 22

Read Chapter 3 “The Outward Deluge of Scrappy Churches” by September 29

Read Chapter 4 “Scrappy Churches are Welcoming Churches” by October 6

Read Chapter 5 “Scrappy Churches Close the Back Door” by October 13

On September 8th during our worship upstairs in the , a special musical group named “Hidden Treasures” will be involved in our service.

After worship we will meet in Fellowship Hall for Japanese-American entertainment with our special guests. There will be refreshments, dancing, culture, and origami.



Hidden Treasure

***Reserve Sundays from
 11:15 – 12:00 for
 fellowship and
 education!***

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 will receive the shawl.

VOLUNTEER VIBE

Please sign-up to assist in our nursery so parents of little ones can worship. The sheet will be in the MAIN HALLWAY. Talk to Pastor Pat for more information.

Help get the Sanctuary ready for Sunday Services on Thursday, September 5th from 9 - Noon. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or just show up.

There are those who need a ride to church. If you can help, please contact the church office or sign up on the kiosk sheet.

If your group or program has a need for volunteers, contact Jan Emery Barney at 979-4734 or jyreme@aol.com to have your request listed in the next Carillon.



SCOUT TROOP OPEN HOUSE

Scout Troop 309 will hold an open house on September 9th from 6:30-8PM in the Scout Room and Gym on our third floor. Parents and 6th grade boys are invited to come and learn more about the troop.

First Pres is sponsor to the troop that is led by Bruce Davy and meets here Monday nights during the school year. Additional Troop 309 activities include summer activities at our Retreat Center, field trips, winter cabin and summer campouts, Boxcar Derby, aiding Cub Scouts with Pinewood Derby, attending Jamboree On The Air and performing service projects. Contact Bruce Davy for more information at 269-274-3593

CARAVAN RECAP

For those that missed our Caravan report, we headed to Mingo County West Virginia for Caravan 2019. We spent the week at the Freedom Full Gospel Assembly House Of Prayer. The Caravan team headed out to two separate work sites.

One group put a new roof on a home, finished a wheelchair ramp in the front and started a ramp and deck in the back.

The other group put up insulation, a window and drywall in a new bedroom that was being added to the house for the family's foster daughter. When they finished here they headed to a 2nd site and finished a wheelchair ramp.

In the evenings the youth helped prepare dinner and cleaned up afterwards. After that it was time to relax with card games, reading, and calling home to talk to their parents.



to thank everyone that participated. I also want to say a big THANK YOU to all who donated money for the trip. Thanks to the generous giving of 1st Pres, the youth only had to pay \$50 for the whole week. I am really looking forward to next year.

Doug McCune,
Youth Ministries Coordinator

New This Fall: Family Game Night!

This fall I am starting a new evening activity for the whole church family. We will be holding a game night on Wednesday nights at the Youth Center from 6-8pm. There will be card games, board games, and maybe some puzzles. There will also be snacks available. If you have a favorite game, feel free to bring it along. The first Game Night will be September 11. After that, we will move to the first Wednesday of every month. Come on down and check it out. There will be lots of fun and laughter. -Doug McCune



For our fun day we headed to a nearby state park for some hiking, swimming, tennis, and basketball.

On the way home we went to a Toledo Mudhens baseball game. Everyone had a great trip. The youth and several adults learned lots of new skills and some were able to use power tools for the first time. It was exciting for me to see how the group came together to help share God's love and be His hands and feet for people less fortunate than us. I want



Roses

to the folks that assisted with Charitable Union's Back to School Clothing Distribution:

Ruth and Arden Hetletvedt
Pastor Pat Weatherwax
Jan Emery Barney
Chris and Steve Owel
Laurie Greenman
Jean Parker
Bob Bullard and his trailer for transporting the totes!

A huge *Thank You* to those that helped with the St Thomas Breakfast August 5 9.

Those who made pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage are amazing, those who served did so with a smile, people busing & doing dishes were so efficient that we finished decently and in good order - as only Presbyterians can!

Who should you thank? Arden & Ruth Hetletvedt, Bill Bauer, Carl McCune, Finley McRae, Jan Horton, Jean Parker, Jim & Karen Rich, Joy Miller, Judy VanZanten, Julie Chapman, Karen McCune Strombeck, Kathy Baker, Larry Turpin, Linda Holden, Mary Lusk, Mary Ann Price, Nan Spindler, Pat Weatherwax, Paul & Judy Yettaw, Roger Koning, Steve & Chris Owel, Sue Hutson, Sue Keitel, and Tom & Paula Coleman along with Michelle, our breakfast manager, and three St Thomas Volunteers.



The Carillon



Our next outing will be on Tuesday, October 1st to Cornwell's Turkeyville for the matinee showing of *The Rat Pack Lounge*. Cost is \$42. We depart the church at 11:15a.m. Please RSVP to the office by Sept 13 and pay by Sept 25th.



The 2019 Walk will take place Sunday, September 29th. 2:00p.m. is registration at First United Methodist Church. 3:00p.m. walk/run begins

This is a way to show solidarity with the millions who walk miles EVERY day in search of food and water

Since 1978, Battle Creek has collected **\$1,207,761.00** 25% of CROP remain in Battle Creek to support three area agencies in their programs of food support

In 2018, First Presbyterian raised \$2,400.00 –enough to provide materials for a sustainable garden including access to water for irrigation, seeds, tools and training.

How can you help this year? Make a donation to someone who is walking. Join the First Pres walking team. Pray for all of those walking. Pray for those receiving the funds to discern the best use for them

Walk with us or make a donation to someone who is walking at www.crophungerwalk.org/battlecreekmi/Team

Contact Kathy Baker or Finley McCrae for questions, donation envelopes, prayers and encouragement for the team.

THIS JUST IN! As we go to press, we have learned that the First Pres team led by Sue Keitel for the **Aug 24 Walk to End Alzheimer's** has raised over \$3,000 from a goal of \$2,000! They are the top team among churches and non-profits. Way to go, First Pres Walkers!

MISSION REPORT

Buckhorn Children and Family

Services was founded over 100 years ago to provide compassionate and dignified care and treatment of troubled children and youth, male and female, ages 8-17, and their families with offices in Pine Ridge, Buckhorn, Hazard, Somerset and Corbin, KY. Their mission is to provide a sanctuary of health, healing and hope to at-risk children, youth and families. They operate male and female residential, male developmentally/intellectually delayed, and female psychiatric residential treatment programs, therapeutic foster care and adoption services programs, and family preservation/reunification services in Eastern Kentucky.

Buckhorn Children & Family Services is known for taking on the toughest kids, building a personalized program that works for each one, and sticking with them all the way through the treatment process. Through their system of evidenced-based, trauma-informed care, the staff at BCFS assists the child/youth and families in rebuilding their lives. At BCFS, they are dedicated to providing their clients the very best treatment, education, and services that are child-centered, family-focused, and community-based.

First Presbyterian Church Battle Creek has participated in financial support of this wonderful cause for many years. If you would like to donate personally, you may donate online at <http://www.buckhorn.org> or send a check to:

Buckhorn Children's Foundation, Inc.,
116 Buckhorn Ln, Buckhorn, KY 41721

-Belinda Bullard

JOHN OURENSMA IN CONCERT

A Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Dobson Organ

October 20th we will celebrate the special place in worship that organ music plays with a concert presented by First Presbyterian's former Minister of Music, John Ourensma. Our Dobson organ will take center stage with John for the concert in recognition of its 25 years in service.

John has performed and lectured on the organ nationwide throughout career. He came to the United States in 1961 from the Netherlands and received a master's of music in church music and organ performance from Northwestern University. During his 16 years with First Presbyterian, he performed annual recitals for the community, was organist with the Battle Creek Symphony, served on the Editorial Board of Reformed Worship magazine and presented lectures on the pipe organ for the International Gilmore Keyboard Festival. Following his service to First Presbyterian, he worked on all phases of organ building for Dobson Pipe Organ Builders in Lake City, Iowa where he was involved with the building of 19 new pipe organs including the one he is pictured playing below at the Kimmel



Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia. He currently is Director of Music at Hillsdale First United Methodist Church, in Hillsdale, Michigan.

First Pres' 1928 Skinner organ was dismantled and rebuilt by Dobson in 1994. Mechanical problems began to plague it in the 1980's and after several organ building companies' assessments determined it could not be restored, the congregation moved to have Dobson rebuild the organ.



The October 20th concert will be at 4:00p.m. and is free and open to the public. The Worship Ministry Committee is organizing this special event.

Would you be interested?...

...in CPR/ First Aid/ AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) training and/ or certification this fall?

How about a “Mental Health First Aid” seminar?

We’re trying to get an idea of the interest level.

Safety Team members and Nursery Workers are especially encouraged to attend. More info to come! Interested? Sign-up in the MAIN HALLWAY.



Susan Hutson	9/1
Gerry Taylor	9/2
Shirley Sajtar	9/3
Colleen Burke	9/3
Kiran Bilanow	9/5
Judy Gronewold	9/7
Jim Hoglen Sr.	9/9
Janet Knapp	9/10
Arlene Moore	9/10
Kinzy Turpin	9/11
Stephen Johnkoski	9/14
Kayla Aimesbury	9/18
Marilyn Hicks	9/18
Rebecca Burns	9/18
Greta Garbo	9/18
Ed Scheinfeldt	9/20
Alex LaFleur	9/21
Marcus Peevers	9/21
Gerald Case-Blanchard	9/22
Cecil Young	9/23
Brian Trainor	9/23
Kathy Baker	9/26
Dorothy Hoglen	9/26
Donald Grassa	9/26
George Price	9/27



LOVE CARVED IN STONE

Artist Rae Chichilnitsky's depiction of Moses as he descends the mountain.

SEW n SEWS, etc.

Do you enjoy working with your hands? Or just want to hang out with some dynamic ladies? Sew N Sews etc. is for you! Meeting in Fellowship Hall on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from September thru May from 9:30 am - 1 pm, this is a wonderful place to work and talk while completing projects for others. Bring a sack lunch and we'll provide a homemade dessert

For those who have Friday conflicts, we have Sew N Sews 2 Go projects that can be done at home including baby & lap quilts, baby hats, prayer shawls, walker totes and washable sanitary Pads. Materials or precut kits are available.

Those who can help cut fabric at Sew N Sews on Fridays or at home are appreciated, too.

Our first meeting will be Friday, September 13thth. We hope to see you then or any 2nd or 4th Friday that works with your schedule. Check the bulletin boards for the 2019-20 Sew N Sews, etc. take home card.



PW FALL SPIRITUAL RETREAT

This year's Fall Spiritual Retreat will be held at the Retreat Center on Saturday, October 5th from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

The speaker will be the Rev. Annemarie S. Kidder, PhD., pastor at Pennfield Presbyterian Church. The title of the retreat will be based on this year's 2019-2020 PW Horizon bible Study, *Love Carved In Stone—A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

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.

There will be an \$8 charge which will cover donuts and coffee in the morning and a lunch at noon.

Please come and bring a friend. Make your reservations with Kiran Bilanow (968-3296) or Kathy Sawchuk (965-5023).

DEACONS CORNER

Activity for the month of September **CROP WALK**. Sept 29 is the big event (see article elsewhere in this issue of Carillon)

FOOD PANTRY always needs your gracious donations of non-perishable foods. Please help with items such as mac-n-cheese, canned or boxed juices, peanut butter, canned vegetables or fruits. Contact Finley McRae with questions.

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY? It's been about seven years since the last directory. The information regarding the process of developing a new directory is being researched and more news will be coming.

HEART OF THE CITY HEALTH AND FUN FAIR WRAP-UP



Wednesday, July 31st from 1:00 – 5:00 PM was our Mission Outreach at First Presbyterian Church with our “Heart in the City” Health and Fun Fair. The afternoon began with a group picture of over 100

volunteers gathered at City LinC’s Red Wagon and prayer led by Pastor Jeff Carlson. Those attending came from addresses throughout Battle Creek and were from 3 – 84 years of age. 114 registration forms were filled out by those participating in the Health Fair. They each received a First Pres bag. The kids from the New Level Sports Ministry enjoyed the Fun Fair while others from the community just came and enjoyed food and fellowship. The day began overcast, but at noon, the sun broke out and it was a beautiful July day.

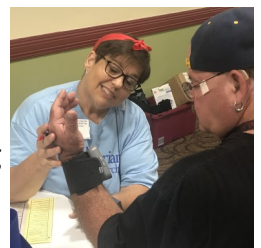
Fellowship Hall became a maze of Health stations and Community Resource Tables. The team from the Synod of the Covenant provided glucose, HIV, dental, vision and hearing screenings for adults. Our volunteers assisted them with blood pressure and measurements. The Calhoun County Department of Health did vision and hearing screenings for children along with providing 30 immunizations and Safe Sleep information. Jeanne Hickman, N.P. and Tom Till, P.A. provided the Health Reviews. 91 Health Kits were given to those who completed the Health Screenings. Resource information was provided by Rite Aid, Charitable Union, Alternatives, Women’s Life Recovery, Grace Health, Safe Place, Early Childhood Connection - Car Seat Safety, Share Center and Bronson Hospital - Safety Tips. Books were given to children attending the Health Fair.



The parking area was filled with 16 fun and challenging games, pop-up tents, the Red Wagon, Battle Creek Police Department tent, Face-painting, E.C.C., CISD and BC Pulse - developmental information for young children. Children and adults redeemed their game tickets for amazing prizes that were provided by our congregation and E.C.C. Those receiving the prizes were so very appreciative! The smell of hot dogs grilling signaled that there was a picnic lunch of hotdogs, watermelon and veggies, snow-cones, water, and popcorn. 430 hotdogs were grilled that day! The food was enjoyed by all.



This day of wonderful Mission Outreach was only possible because of our generous congregation with their PRAYERS, monetary gifts, donations of food, prizes for adults and kids, items for the Health Kits and the gifts of time, energy and talents. Thanks to the Steering Committee for the Health Fair Ministry: Chris & Steve Owel (games) Sally & Carl McCune (health kits) Belinda & Bob Bullard (setup) Cheryl Luts and Sue Keitel (food) Jeff Wolfe and Finley McCrae (grilling) Jeanne Hickman and Tom Till (medical) Mary Lusk and Tina Johnson (sno-cones) Dena Haas and Julie Chapman (posters) Ruth and Arden Hetletvedt (prizes). Our volunteers were members of our congregation and their family members, Early Childhood Connection staff, Battle Creek Police Department personnel, NAVARAC kids, and teams from Gordon Food Service and Second Mile Center.



We are also thankful to Farley’s, our good neighbors for sharing their parking area, Gordon Food Service, Meijer’s, and Besco for their donations and Boy Scout Troop #309 for their tents along with Willard Library, Northeast and Franklin Food Pantries, Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, St. Thomas Breakfast Program, Battle Creek Shopper, Haven of Rest Ministry, neighboring churches, Luke 10 volunteers and the Northeast Neighborhood Planning Council who helped with publicity. Many hands helped make Battle Creek a healthier community in many different ways. Many, many thanks for a day of many blessings! God is good! - Jean Parker

FirstPres Calendar for September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10A Worship Communion	2 	3 7A Prayer 10A Exercise Class 10A Safety Ministry 3:30P Stephen Ministry 6P Property Committee	4 9:30A PW Bible Study 11A Staff Meeting 5:30P Retreat Ctr Com	5 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr. Pastors' Group 9A Sanctuary Cleaning	6	8
8 10A Worship <i>Returns to Sanctuary</i> 	9 3:30P ECC Music First 6:30P Scout Troop 309 Open House 6:30P Deacons 7P Session	10 7A Prayer 10A Toddlers' Play Group 10A Exercise Class 12N Lydia Circle 6P Joint Cub Scout Night 7P Miriam Circle	11 11A Staff Meeting 6P Family Game Night 	12 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr. Pastors' Group 4P Elizabeth Circle 4P S.A.F.E. Place	13 9:30A Sew N Sews 4P S.A.F.E. Place	15
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22 10A Worship 11:15A Micah Bible Study	23 10A Summit Discussion 3:30P ECC Music First 7P Connection Team	24 7A Prayer 9A Carillon Mailing 10A 10A Toddlers' Play Group 10A Exercise Class 6:30P Cub Scout Pack	25 11A Staff Meeting 5:30 Bible Study	26 7:45A Church at Prayer 8A Sr. Pastors' Group 10A PW Coord Team	27 9:30A Sew N Sews	28 8A Pilgrimage Team
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Sean Snelling was welcomed into membership on July 14, 2019. Sean lives in the church neighborhood and was a visitor for some time before deciding to reaffirm his faith and join our church family.

Betty Robins transferred membership on July 14, 2019 to First Pres from Westlake Presbyterian Church. Betty has been active in church serving as an elder, deacon and a teacher. She is a retired secretary and enjoys knitting, reading and travelling.

