

Newsletter October 2018





Hunger Issues

Elizabeth Street Rivalry: CROPwalk is October 7th. A joint challenge from FFPC and St. Jude's Episcopal Church has been issued. If FFPC can show up on the date of the CROPwalk with more walkers than St. Jude's, Pastor Robbie Carnes has agreed to have his beard shaved. On the other hand, if St. Jude's can rally more people in attendance of CROPwalk than FFPC, the Reverend Tracie Little has agreed to dye her hair according to the Liturgical Season (i.e. Ordinary Green until Advent Purple). Either scenario will be played out, on October 7th, at Bush Park.

Therefore, along with the great Calvinist preacher, Charles Spurgeon, who described the growing of a beard as, "A habit most natural, scriptural, manly, and beneficial," I urge all members and friends of FFPC to attend the CROPwalk on October 7th at 1:30pm. Of course, you can all say that you are there representing St. Jude's and keep my facial hair intact. Doing so will be not only scriptural and beneficial, it will also allow your pastor to avoid any concern about being without insulation for the upcoming winter.

CROPwalk: Many area churches will be attending CROPwalk at Bush Park. This event will raise money for local and international hunger needs. We will learn something about the realities of hunger, in our area and the world and most importantly, we will gather together to remind each other that God calls his people to be light to the world.

Church World Service: This event is a fundraiser for an non-profit organization called Church World Service (CWS). "CWS is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster (https://cwsglobal.org/)." CWS began out of a 17 Church Denominational response to the ravages of World War II. Beginning in 1946, relief supplies were collected and sent to the war torn areas of Europe and Asia. Through these early partnerships multi-denominational relief efforts like One Great Hour of Sharing was formed. Quickly it was realized that relief was needed all over the world and CWS expanded. A joint effort of Lutherans and Catholics formed the Christian Rural Overseas Program to provide for hunger issues worldwide, thus CROP was born. Partnering with CWS, CROPwalk is a nod to the early beginning of significant response to the world's basic needs. It is this ability to partner with a multitude of organizations that is the mark of CWS' ministry. Today it remains in a partnership with many churches and faith organizations to meet the needs of the world and address hunger and disaster related within our own country.

We hope that you can come and walk on October 7th (registration is @ 1:30pm). Please remember, if walking is not preferable, there will be rocking chair set out and you can rock along with friends. And if you are unable to attend, don't forget that you can donate money to address food issues in our area and the world, but especially remember to pray for food issues this month. Not only does God promise to attend to our prayers, the regular act of praying for others with condition our hearts to the needs of others. And as our eyes of faith are made clear we might step out in action serving the needy around us.

See you there, Pastor Robbie Carnes

From the Presbytery

Program assists parents with student loans and pastors with loan repayments

by Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service

The new Presbyterian parent loan program will help PC(USA) members cover their student's higher education costs at a lower interest rate than the Department of Education parent PLUS loan. (Photo via iStock)

LOUISVILLE — Applications are now being accepted for the new parent loan program through the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



Available for Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) members, the parent loan, administered through Financial Aid for Service, offers a 6 percent interest rate — a full percentage point lower than U.S. Department of Education parent PLUS loans.

"This is one loan you can feel good about because it's a renewable resource," said mission coordinator Laura Bryan, who oversees Financial Aid for Service. "It helps parents now cover higher education costs, and through repayment, parents served today will return loan capital to serve other families. Plus, the interest payments on the PC(USA) parent loan will be used to provide student loan repayment assistance to pastors in the future."

In 2018, Americans borrowed over \$125 million through the PLUS program and paid 4.3 percent in origination fees. The PC(USA) parent loan has no origination fees. Borrowers who in enroll in the electronic bill pay transfer option receive a half-percent interest rate reduction.

"It's a win-win," said Bryan. "If we create 25 parent loans a year, we help each family save \$430 in origination fees and \$100 to \$150 in interest in the first year. Adding 25 new borrowers a year, in four years, the interest paid on PC(USA) parent loans will reach a quarter of a million dollars."

The deadline to apply for the PC(USA) parent loan is Sept. 1. There are no penalties for pre-payment or overpayment on the 10-year loans, which range from \$2,500–\$10,000.

Presbyterian loan specialist Melonee Tubb said that now is the time for parents to consider how to cover any financial gap for higher education because they know how much aid their student is receiving from the college or university of their choice.

"We know it's a stressful time," she said. "We're available to discuss options. If you're planning on taking out a parent loan, take it out from us."

More information and an application for the PC(USA) parent loan can be found at pcusa.org/parentloan.



Mission & Stewardship

Mission Update

Adopt-a-Pet 2018- On Saturday, September 15, volunteers from our church had a wonderful time assisting Adopt-a-Pet on a sunny fall day. We cleaned the dog kennels, weeded the flower beds, painted the doorways and cleared some brush. Since 2006, Adopt-a-Pet has found homes for over 3000 cats and dogs and funded veterinary care for some very sick animals. Their objective is "to find loving homes for homeless dogs and cats as well as assist people in the community to find homes for their personal animals." We use a portion of our time, talents and a portion of our mission budget to assist them in meeting this objective.





Genesee County Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat's mission is to work in partnership with people everywhere to eliminate substandard & overcrowded housing through affordable home ownership. For 28 years, Genesee County Habitat for Humanity has been building homes, communities, and hope right here in Genesee County. From traditional single-family home builds to innovative work/live and critical home repair projects, they use the most cutting-edge and environmentally-friendly construction techniques available.

We will be volunteering to help with construction completion on Saturday, October 13. Anyone age 14 and over is welcome! There are many tasks

to be completed, so no matter your experience or skill set you can be an asset to our group. A sign up sheet will be in available; contact Brian Coles at colesb@gmail.com or 248-379-0582 with any questions.



World Communion Sunday - October 7th

"All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves." (I Cor. 11:29)

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. It is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we



receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

Peace at all Times in all Ways.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

October 7th, 2018

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING October 7th: BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday. However, you can help sustain the important PC(USA) ministries and programs that are supported by this important Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks can be mailed care of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.









Inspired by Christ, Invited by the Holy Spirit, in Gratitude to God.

The following is a story you might find familiar.

All the nations were arranged before Jesus and there where two groups of people before him. To the first group Jesus said, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.'

This group responded, 'Master, what are you talking about?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

He was angry with the second group of people. Why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was homeless and you gave me no bed, I was shivering and you gave me no clothes, Sick and in prison, and you never visited.'

'Master,' they said, 'what are you talking about?'

Jesus has strong words for both groups of people, one group positive and the other negative. However, what is striking is that both groups have no idea what they have done to incur favor or disfavor, each group asking Jesus, "What are you talking about?" Jesus makes it clear that what we do matters greatly, especially when no one is watching us. As a church family, we can encourage each other to be intentional about how we are involved in God's mission in the world. Have you seen the "In God's Service Banner" in the Fellowship Hall? You are encouraged to check it out to learn what members of FFPC are doing in the church and in the world. You are also encouraged to fill in your acts of service in the church and beyond. Serving each other and the world, by demonstrating with our hearts and actions gratitude for how God has loved us, is what Jesus was encouraging the people to do.

WHERE DO YOU SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD?							
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN				OUR COMMUNITY			
ADMINISTRATION The second sec	CHRISTIAN - Barrier - Barrier	CONGREGATIONAL UFE Ward wards Ward ward ward wards Ward ward wards Ward ward ward wards Ward ward ward ward ward ward ward ward w		COMMUNITY DECAMUALATIONS WITH AND	EDUCATION The Additional Control of the Add	The Second Secon	
A manufacture of the second se	MISSION & STEWARDSHIP WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN WARDEN W	NEW MEMBER OUTREACH WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WARMEN WAR			BARNAR SCIED	OTHER water water and a of the second seco	
The first hard were the rest of the rest o	The standard of the standard o	Service					

At the end of October, you will receive a pledge card in the mail. It is in gratitude for what God has done in our lives and for what we can do to demonstrate that love to others, that we are planning November 4th as Pledge Sunday. On that Sunday, we will have a special time in the worship service to dedicate our pledges toward the 2019 FFPC budget. This is an important part of how we plan for the next year of ministry and a way to be intentional about how we participate in God's mission to the world.

If you have pledged before, we want to thank you for your dedication to FFPC and to the work that Jesus is leading us to do. If you have not pledged before, or feel anxious about giving, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you might discover what Jesus is talking about by offering your time or talent to the mission and activity of the Church for this next year. Our giving is an act of worship in grateful response to God's goodness in our lives. We hope that you will commit to being a part of the ministry and love made possible through the donations and pledges of our members and friends.

Please contact the office by phone (810-629-7801) or email (office@ffpc. org) with any changes in address, phone and/or email to ensure your 2019 pledge card arrives in a timely manner.

Financials

Quarterly Statements will be sent out the week of October 8th. Please contact the office with questions you may have you may have.

Treasurer Report - General Account - August 2019

	Actual	<u>YTD</u>	Monthly Budget	2018 Budget
Income	\$24,112.28	\$261,371.13	\$28,403.59	\$340,843.00
Expenses	<u>\$27,675.16</u>	<u>\$221,964.20</u>	\$28,403.60	\$340,843.00
Contraction of the	Over \$ 3,562.88	Under \$ 39,406.93	A STATISTICS IN AN	

Respectably Submitted; Debera J Bard 09/11/2018

Building Fund Report

We would like to recognize and THANK our members for their faithful giving to the Building Fund over MANY YEARS! We hope to pay the mortgage down to less than \$250,000 by the end of this campaign 5/31/2019.

Building Fund-Completing the Miracle (6/1/16-5/31/19)

As of August 31, 2018

Pledged\$351,941Received to date:\$298,380

Building FundBuilding Account Balance:\$18,353Mortgage Remaining:\$294,800

Join

New Member & Outreach

Become A Part of Our Church Family

New Member Inquirer Class Sunday, October 28th, 12:30-2:00pm Located in the 1st floor Conference Rm.

All who are interested in learning more about the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton, and the heritage of the Presbyterian Church in general, are invited to join Pastor Lindsey in the Conference Room on Sunday, October 28th, following the 11AM worship service.

Interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church? Stop in and find out what we are all about. Child care provided upon request.

RSVP to the church office or see Chris Anderson or Jenn Wenzel.

An Event So Good It's Scary 2018

Be a part of this tradition! There will be safe trick or treating at participating businesses in downtown Fenton, including FFPC.

Date: October 31, 2018 Time: 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to pass out candy. Please contact Chris Anderson or Jenn Wenzel for more information or to volunteer.

October 2018

Congregational Life



Tailgate Party Time: October 21st after the 11o'clock service. Enjoy Fellowship, Food, and Fun games. Sign-up to decorate a table or bring some tailgate food. Hotdogs and beans will be provided. Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall.

Save The Date

Annual Turkey Dinner Saturday November 10th, More detais to come.

Group Gatherings

Join a wonderful group of women at any one of these events

Save the Date _ Wemen's Event Dates

2018

Saturday, October 6 - Breakfast Bibles & Babes 10:00 am Thursday, November 29 - "Vintage Christmas" Bible Study & Potluck 6:30 – 8:30 pm

2019

Saturday, May 4 - SHINE & REFINE Community Service 8:30-3:00 pm Saturday, June 29 - Camp Team Building, 8:30 – 3:00 pm Friday-Saturday August 23-24 - Beth Moore Conference - Ohio Friday-Sunday October 11-13 - Camp Skyline Thursday November 29 - "Contagious Christmas" Bible Study & Potluck 6:30 – 8:30 pm For more information, Contact Julie Grams 810.955.8758







Men's Breakfast: Men of FFPC are invited to Shirley's Cafe and Grill at 8am on the first Saturday of every month. Speak to Pastor Robbie to get on the email reminder list or just show up. Everyone is invited for this wonderful time of Christian fellowship.

Downtown Readers Book Club: Meetings take place the last Tuesday of the month, at 11:00am, in the Youth Room. The book for October is <u>The Fairy Tale Girl</u> by Susan Branch. The November selection is <u>My</u> <u>Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry</u> by Frederick Backman. Men and women are encouraged to join!

Book Binders will be meeting October 9th at the home of Maureen Utt,16170 Aspen Hollow Dr. at 7:00 pm. The hostess is Connie Morrison assisted by Sue Lantz. We will be discussing <u>The Marsh Kings Daugh-</u> ter by Karen Dionne. The book for November is <u>The Wild Water Walking</u> <u>Club</u> by Claire Cook. If you have questions please ask Connie, Sue or Maureen.

We are Updating our Directory





Has your info changed? Did you miss our last photography sessions? Do you want updated professional family photographs?

Newly photographed families will recieve a complimentary 8x10 photograph. After the new session, ALL families in the book will be provided new, updated Community Books.

20% Discount given to Seniors, Military Service and First Responders

Photo Sessions have been scheduled for Monday

& Tuesday, October 28th & 29th in Fellowship Hall.

Please visit <u>https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yj007nhs/</u> or call the Church Office at 810-629-7801 if you are interested in scheduling an appointment.

Christian Education



Sunday Morning Study: Adults and youth are welcome to attend the CASKET EMPY discussion through November 18 from 10 – 10:45am in Fellowship Hall. Led by Pastor Robbie, the Casket Empty Bible series is designed to help people learn and teach the Bible, using the acronym CASKET EMPTY, which reminds us that the Bible is one redemptive story with the death and resurrection of Jesus at the center. CASKET stands for six major periods in the Old Testament: Creation, Abraham, Sinai, Kings, Exile and Temple. Old Testament timelines are available for \$10.

Prayer Ministry meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month from 10-11am in the Prayer Corner of the Sanctuary. For more information contact David Eshleman.

Monday Evening Women's Covenant: "Present Over Perfect" study led by Pastor Lindsey continues through October 22 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Sanctuary. Childcare is provided.

Tuesday Bible Study: CASKET EMPY discussion through December 18 from 11am – 12:15pm in the Conference Room. Led by Pastor Lindsey, this class takes a deeper exploration of the CASKET EMPTY Bible study book.

Wednesday Morning Women's Covenant: Verse Mapping Luke continues through October 24 from 10am – Noon in Fellowship Hall. Our next study of One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp will be November 7 – December 5. In this five-session, video-based study, Ann encourages participants to take on the life-changing discipline of journaling God's gifts - to really look at life and find the good in it. Participant guides are \$8; register by October 21 in Fellowship Hall to reserve your copy.



Wednesday Evening Workshops Have Begun

Check out a class for free to see if you might be interested in a future course to be offered in 2019. Childcare is provided.

Financial Peace University led by Elder Larry Zimbler from 6-8pm in the Conference Room.

Love & Logic led by Tina Ritchie from 6:05 - 7pm in the Youth Room.

Family Corner



Finding Your Balance from The Values Project

http://blog.beamingbooks.com Written by Tera Michelson

We are a calendar family. We relish the turn of the new year, when the world invites us to crack open a fresh calendar featuring the art, cartoons or phrases we have chosen to inspire us for the year. The pièce de résistance of our household collection is the 4-foot, blackand-white calendar that covers our kitchen wall. You cannot pass through the heart of our

home without noticing its 4-inch numbers in Helvetica.

The first year we brought this calendar home, it initiated a heady discussion: which day is the first of the week, Sunday or Monday? This modern version of the calendar was designed by an Italian, in a region where the calendar week typically began with Monday and ended with Sunday. This was a big problem for my husband, who can only see each of his weeks beginning with Sunday. It bothered him so much that he cut the vertical strip of Sundays from the right of the calendar and hung them on their own separate hook to the left, putting Sunday in its proper place at the beginning of each week.

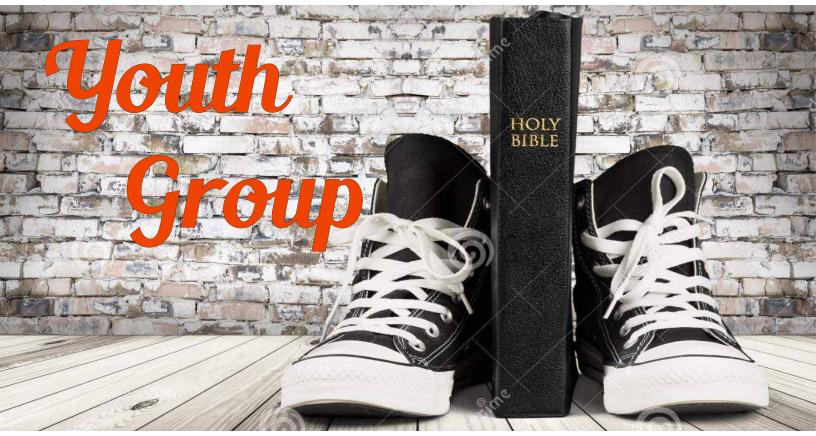
On what day do your weeks begin? The world often tells us, not only with its printed calendars, that we work to the weekend. We earn the time off after a full and busy week of goals and accomplishments. My well-intentioned spouse made a theological point with his scissors. When we start each week with Sunday, we work from the Sabbath. When we start our weeks with a focus on our relationship with God, a time set apart from the world, we begin our week refreshed and renewed, centered on God and focused on our callings in the world. We humans thrive on routine and patterns, the rhythm of life. A misplaced Sabbath day upsets that delicate balance.

This calls to mind the popular story of Peter in Matthew 14, when, at the urging of Jesus, he ventured out of his boat to walk on the water. When Peter loses focus on Jesus, he looks at the waves instead. Instantly he is overwhelmed with fear and feels the water rise against his ankles as he begins to sink. In the Bible, Jesus gives us the example over and over again: he rests, retreats and recovers and then gets to work. As God's people, we are called to do the same. We observe a Sabbath. We connect and reconnect with God and our loved ones. We work hard and we play hard. We experience grace when we lose focus on our Savior and start to sink into the crashing waves of life. Jesus reaches out to us, making it possible to do the impossible.

Let the pendulum of your life, week by week, day by day, and moment to moment, swing in response to God's great love.Family Co

For other family resources email Tina Ritchie tina@ffpc.org!





Youth Bible Study

Middle and High Schoolers have Bible study during a portion of Sunday evening youth group. Our new Gospel Project curriculum helps students understand what they believe, and why and how the gospel transforms the way they think, feel, and live every day. Each session shows students how all Scripture points to Christ.

6th-12th graders are also invited to take part in the adult Sunday morning Bible study that meets from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and youth to learn together!

Adults: Do you have a passion for young people? Are you interested in getting to know our youth? Would you like to provide support to our youth program? Sign up for specific areas of driver, hostess/snack set-up, lock-in chaperon, youth group chaperon, or host home on the youth bulletin board, or see Tina Ritchie to share other ways you can help.

Here are 10 suggestions to be a ministry partner with our youth:

- 1. Provide snacks
- 2. Lead games
- 3. Chaperone events
- 4. Drive for an event
- 5. Host an event
- 6. Facilitate Gospel Project lessons during youth group for either middlers or high schoolers
- 7. Serve together in mission activities
- 8. Bring returnable bottles and cans to the youth room for our scholarship account
- 9. Turn in your ENTIRE VG's receipt in the main entryway collection box
- 10. Sign-up for Kroger RewardsYouth

Upcoming Youth Group Activities 5-7pm at church unless otherwise noted

We gather with games, open with devotions, followed by separate Jr./Sr. High Bible study, then fellowship and activities. Other youth group events are mission, service, and fun activities. This is a safe space to explore all questions and get to know Jesus. All youth are welcome to come and openly share where you are today in your faith journey.



October 7: CROP Walk 2-3pm Bush Park If youth raise \$250, an anonymous donor will donate \$125. *Sat. October 13: Habitat for Humanity 9a–4p October 14: College Care Packages & Bible study October 21: Crossroads Village *5-8pm Cost: \$11 RSVP on the youth bulletin board *Sat. October 27: Pumpkin Carving and bonfire 6-10pm, location TBD RSVP on the youth bulletin board

November 4: Youth Group with Bible study

A Parental Consent form must be on file for all offsite events; it can be downloaded from our website under the youth tab or found on the youth bulletin board. If you'd like to be on the Youth News email list, contact Tina Ritchie at tina@ffpc.org or text 810-701-4136. Also, let Tina know if you need a ride for any youth event! Friends are always welcome.

Children's Ministry



Gospel Project Sunday school for nursery children through 5th grade

Nursery and preschool classes offered during both the 9am and 11am worship hours Kindergarten - 5th grade class offered during 11am worship only

Each week parents and teachers will receive an email sharing the main Scripture lesson with family talking points. Parents of children preschool - 5th grade have been given a key ring with Big Picture Card questions from each session to aid in family discussion, and each Sunday children will have a take home activity page. The Christian Education Committee hopes that this information supports faith learning at home, and deepens your relationship with Jesus and one another.

The children are currently learning that God is our Creator and King, and that Jesus is present in all of creation. Our first quarter topics are listed below and end December 9. Please see Tina Ritchie with any questions or needs.

Unit 1 – God created everything Unit 2 – God Formed a Nation

God Created the World God Created People Sin Entered the World Noah and the Ark The Tower of Babel The Suffering Servant God's Covenant with Abraham Isaac and Rebekah God's Promise to Isaac Unit 3 – The Nation Grew

Jacob and Esau Jacob and Rachel Jacob's New Name

Deacon's Corner



The Deacon's of Fenton First Presbyterian Church cordially invite our members, that are 70 years of age or older, to our Senior Celebration Luncheon. The celebration will be held Saturday, October 20 at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office at 810-629-7801 by Tuesday, October 16th, 2018. Rides are provided for those in need.

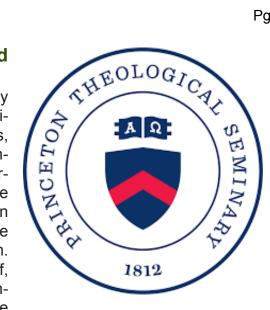
You Need To Know!



October is Faith in Femininity Month! Faith in Femininity, our youth-led mission, will be hosting a drive here at FFPC from October 7-November 4, and we need YOUR help. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated, as it is easiest to order products in bulk. There will also be a box in Fellowship Hall for any product-based donations. If you'd like to make a more regular contribution, signing up for a monthly donation is easy on the FFPC/Faith in Femininity website! For just \$3 a month, you can sponsor a woman's entire cycle!

The Institute for Youth Ministry: Whatever Happened to that Grant Proposal?

This summer FFPC embarked on a grant process established by the Institute of Youth Ministry (IYM) at Princeton Theological Seminary. This was a rich learning time for FFPC staff, volunteers, parents and youth to reflect on what we have done in youth ministry here at FFPC and where we might go. It was also an opportunity to be considered for a learning grant from IYM. Initially we were part of the 50 churches considered for the reflection portion of the process. Unfortunately, we were not chosen as one of the 12 churches that will directly benefit from the rest of the program. However, this process has been a very fruitful event for our staff, parents and youth. It has provided some clarity on issues confronting Ministry to Youth today and allowed us to further hone the vision of ministry that we have for youth.



We do look forward to participating in further activities from IYM and benefiting from the things that are learned by the final 12 churches in the project. The first thing that we learned will probably be what sticks with us the longest: being truly listened to and honestly invited in is what everyone needs to feel loved, not just youth.





College Care Package Donations Needed Through October 7.

Items requested are hot cocoa, tea, popcorn, crackers, granola bars, candy, gum, pencils, pens, post-it notes and the like. Collection bins are outside the Youth Room and in Fellowship Hall. Let Tina Ritchie or the office know the address of your college student. Youth group will be packaging items on October 14. There's nothing like a treat from home when you are away at school!

The Matthew 25 Challenge

Be part of the Matthew 25 Challenge from World Vision October 21 -28

The Matthew 25 Challenge is a week-long discipleship tool for all members of our congregation to step out of our comfort zones and engage in Jesus' love for "the least of

these brothers and sisters of mine." For one week beginning in worship on Sunday, October 21, we will focus on Matthew 25. Each day, those who sign up will receive text messages with the daily challenge, impactful videos and stories of children around the world, AND family prayer and discussion points. The Matthew 25 challenge will end in worship on Sunday, October 28, however this challenge will also plant seeds for "Compassion Sunday" in December where we will look at ways to financially support children worldwide. Watch for more details over the next 2 months on both opportunities in your worship bulletin and announcements.

Worship

SUNDAY, October 7th, 2018 World Communion & Peace & Global Witness Offering **Preaching:** Pastor Lindsey Carnes Sermon: "Who is Jesus? Miracles, part 1" Feeding of the 5,000 Scripture: Mark 6:30-44 Layreader: Jerry Hope Ushers: 9am Dennis & Jo Beardslee 11am Team 3 Sound Tech: Mark Grams Coffee Hour: Blue Team Banker: TBD **Preschool:** 9am Sarah Kasperzak 11am Pre-K Kelley Sunman-Davis & Annabeth Carnes K-2 Cheryl Kopplin & Madeline Gibb 3-5 Jan Foster & Karen Terrill Nursery: Heidi Howieson & PJ Collier

SUNDAY, October 14th, 2018 9am & 11am Services Resume Preaching: Pastor Robbie Carnes Sermon: "Who is Jesus? Miracles, part 2" Healing of the Blind Man Scripture: John 9 Layreader: Jerry Hope Ushers: 9am Fran & Dean Moore 11am Team 4 Sound Tech: Ina Golden Coffee Hour: Violet Team Banker: TBD PreSchool: 9am Brian & Gretchen Coles 11am Pre-K K-2 Vanessa, Bella & Mason Skaff 3-5 Janet Stork & Jan Jacobs Nursery: Heidi Howieson & Pat Tucker

SUNDAY, October 21th, 2018 9am & 11am Services Resume **Preaching:** Pastor Lindsey Carnes Sermon: "Who is Jesus? Discipling the Disciples" Jesus Send Out the Seventy-Two Scripture: Luke 10:1-12 Layreader: Youth Ushers: 9am Jack Allen & Greg Dean 11am Team 5 Sound Tech: Jay Kirkey Coffee Hour: Red Team Banker: TBD PreSchool: 9am Kate Kirkey & Liza Kirkey 11am Pre-K Kate Kirkey & Liza Kirkey K-2 Vanessa, Bella & Mason Skaff 3-5 Peg Fowler & Skye Hodgkin Nursery: Heidi Howieson & Nancy Parkin

SUNDAY, October 28th, 2018

Preaching: Pastor Robbie Carnes Sermon: "Who is Jesus: the Kingdom of Heaven" The Lord's Prayer, God's Kingdom Scripture: Matthew 6:5-14 Layreader: Larry Zimbler Ushers: 9am Jim Lindsay & Mark Jacobson 11am Team 6 Sound Tech: Doug Watters Coffee Hour: Orange Team Banker: TBD Preschool: 9am Brian & Gretchen Coles 11am Pre-K Lindsey Gibb & Waverly Ritchie K-2 Vanessa, Bella & Mason Skaff 3-5 Jan Foster & Rick Bard Nursery: Heidi Howieson & PJ Collier September Church Mouse - Julie Hussar

WAYS TO GIVE There are many different ways that you can give back to the Fenton First Presbyterian Church. Together we can make a difference!!



Online Giving: An easy and convienent way to give. Just visit the Presbyterian Mission Exchange link in the Giving section of FFPC.org website. A fast and SECURE way to give back.

<u>Church Giving</u>: You can give during one of our services by placing your check or cash in the Sunday offering plates. When giving cash, please complete a giving envelope so we can properly record your gift.

<u>Automatic Bank Pay:</u> You can set up payments through your financial institution by utilizing the bill pay feature. Simply use First Presbyterian Church as the payee and your name for your account information. Saves on postage!!



Non-Cash Giving: Assets or Planned Gifts

Mail offering to Church: Fenton First Presbyterian Church

503 S. Leroy Fenton, MI 48430

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION!

NON PROFIT U.S. Postage PAID Fenton, Michigan Permit No. 85

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 503 S. LEROY STREET FENTON, MI 48430-1736