

Fenton First Presbyterian Church

Living with Christ, Serving the World

Newsletter November 2018

Oh Give Thanks

TO
THE LORD,

FOR HE IS GOOD,

FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE

ENDURES
Forever

1 Chronicles 16:34



GOD HAS BOUNDARIES

BY PASTOR ROBBIE CARNES

Some of you may be familiar with the book 'Boundaries' by Drs. Cloud and Townsend. Published in 1992, this book describes healthy boundaries as a way to avoid manipulation and other controlling behavior from others, and as a way of refraining from engaging in those same behaviors toward others. Using techniques and language akin to Love and Logic and Alcoholics Anonymous the book has a lot to say about growing in genuine relationship with each other by reflecting carefully about how we act toward and react to the people in our lives.

Did you know that God has boundaries? These are not physical boundaries, but relational ones. God's boundaries with us teach us how to have good boundaries with each other.

God leaves us work to do that only we can do. When it comes to personal growth and transformation we are the only ones who can do the work. 2 Peter 3:9 and Ezekiel 18:23 speak of a God who does not relish in destruction and is patient with us so that all might live. However, God allows us to experience the sometimes painful consequences of our actions so that we might learn from them. God allows for us to feel pain from our choices so that we might change our behavior. He does not rescue us from ourselves.

God respects our no. Real love is freely given and freely received. Therefore God freely loves and freely allows for us to reject him. This is a most beautiful and tragic thing. Think of the Rich Young Ruler in Matthew 19. Jesus loved him, but he accepted the young man's no. God will not control us. God respects our boundaries.

God listens to our prayers. Yet God is not rigid. Prayer is a profound moment in which we converse with the maker of the universe and God listens. God's boundaries are not impenetrable walls. Through prayer we are invited in.

God accepts our anger. Have you ever been angry at God? What would you say if I told you that God can accept your anger? God's boundaries are such that our anger doesn't scare him or shut him down. God's boundaries can take our anger and transforms it with love. Because God has healthy boundaries we can feel safe to have authentic conversations with him and develop healthy boundaries of our own.

God takes responsibility for himself. God does not blame his problems nor his pain on others. God seeks to enact change instead of applying guilt. We find this in the parable of the King's Banquet (Matt 22:1-14). The king invites guests to a banquet and they all reject the invitation. Taking responsibility for the situation, he says to his servants to find other guests from the street corners. 'He takes responsibility for the pain and makes moves to make his life different. He lets go of the rejecting people and reaches out to some new friends' (Boundaries, pg. 241).

God is free from us. God cannot be manipulated or guilted into anything. Therefore we cannot engage in manipulating behavior and seek to control God. In C.S. Lewis' book, The Great Divorce, there

Mark Your Calendars

November 4th
Pledge Sunday

November 5th
1st Monday Communion

November 10th
Turkey Dinner

November 17-18th
Food Bank of
Eastern Michigan
Service Blitz & Lock-In

November 15th
Community Conversations
Homelessness in our
Community

November 21st
Community
Thanksgiving Service

November 22rd
Thanksgiving

November 25th
St. Andrew's Day Service

November 29th
Women's Vintage
Christmas

is a scene in which a mother takes the bus to heaven. She is invited to explore heaven and be with her son whom she dearly loves and desperately misses. She refuses and demands that her son be brought to her because she loves her son and she is his mother. This of course cannot be because Heaven is a place in which you can enter and be transformed by love, but isn't a place you can easily leave, because of that transformation. Her manipulation of God a failure, she refuses the invitation to enter heaven and departs for hell, bitter and without her son.

God is a God of relational boundaries and calls us to develop our own boundaries in our relationships with others. During our worship services in the month of November we will be preaching about God's boundaries and the need to address our own boundaries. If you desire to read the book 'Boundaries', please look for a copy in the church library.

NOVEMBER SERMON HIGHLIGHTS

When Moses asked God his name, God said, "I am who I am." God is a person and therefore has boundaries, and God will be who God will be and God allows us to be who we will be. These boundaries are forged in freedom and love. If we are made in God's image how can we set boundaries for ourselves, to be who we will be, and allow others to be who they will be? What kind of boundaries do we set between ourselves and others? Can it be that setting boundaries is tantamount to truly loving ourselves, others and God? Proverbs 19:19

November 4th, 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion

Boundary Basics and Boundary Myths; Galatians 6:1-5, Pastor Lindsey

What do we mean by healthy interpersonal boundaries? How do we recognize our own Boundaries and those in others? What does it mean to have poor Boundaries? Why does God care that we have healthy boundaries?

November 11th, 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Consequences and the Law of Sowing and Reaping; Galatians 6:7-8, Pastor Issac Chung, White Lake Presbyterian Church. Pastor Issac is an old friend from the West Coast and we are excited for him to lead us in worship. Issac has served White Lake Presbyterian Church for 6 years. He is married to Misty, a counselor, and has two children, Evangeline and Isaiah.

What are the consequences of boundaries in our own lives and others? What are the consequences of poor boundaries? What ways can good boundaries enable us to serve Jesus better?

November 18th, 26th Sunday after Pentecost

How to Set Boundaries; Matt 19:16-22, Pastor Lindsey

Where do you set limits in love? How do we own and solve our own problems and let others do the same? What does this mean for Christians who are called to seek and serve the lost?

November 25th, Christ the King Sunday

Resistance to Boundaries; Proverbs 19:19; Galatians 5:1, Pastor Robbie

Unless you live on the far side of the moon, most of us live co-dependently with others to some degree or another. The task is for each of us to live into health as much as we can. However, that means establishing boundaries, and this will upset the co-dependent balance. If we set healthy boundaries, people around us will be effected and some will resist our efforts to live into health. How is this resistance perpetuated by some misunderstandings of God's call to serve the world, church and neighbor? What do we do when others get upset by our efforts to be healthy?

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Fenton First
Presbyterian Church

Please join us to learn more and to have a conversation.

Homelessness

In Our Community

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Doors open - 6:15 pm

Resource Fair - 6:30-7:00 & 8:30-9:00 pm

Program - 7:00 pm

Fenton First Presbyterian Church - Fellowship Hall

503 S Leroy St, Fenton, MI 48430

Directions at <http://ffpc.org/>

**The first helping step -
Sock donations will be
collected for the
homeless.**





One Starry Night

A Savior is Born

One Starry Night A Savior is Born – a Bible-times Christmas Family Event

Join us during Jinglefest on Saturday, December 1 between 4 and 5:30pm!

Ready to take your family back in time? Come to One Starry Night and experience Christmas like never before! By walking through the little town Bethlehem, you'll taste, see, and even smell what life was like when Jesus was born. Travel through the City Gate, the Inn, Stargazer Hill, the Census Taker's Office, the Stable, the Fields, and the Marketplace. You'll find stations and activities for all ages—so bring the whole family!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need folks as role players, station leaders, decorators, and set-up/clean-up. If you can help, see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Crystal Siniarksi at 810-874-6383 for more information.

MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP

MISSION UPDATE.....

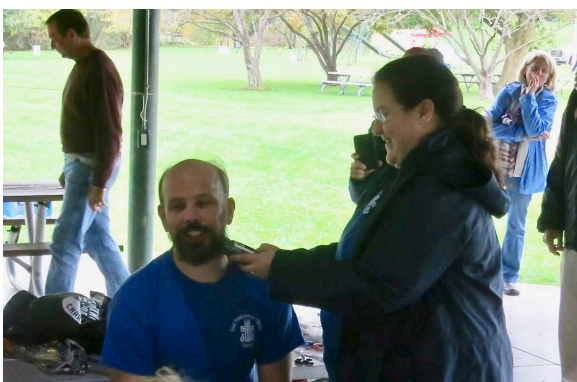


2018 CROP WALK

Over 140 people from the Fenton churches showed up to walk in the 2018 CROP Walk on October 7 including 42 people from our church. We think this is a record number of walkers from our church! The contest between St. Jude's and FFPC increased participation and interest! Since we "won", Pastor Robbie was a good sport and shaved his beard off!! Because St. Jude's participation was also up, Pastor Tracy still dyed her hair green.

This was Fenton's 38th annual walk for the Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden and Holly area. Walkers proceeded past various stations within Bush Park designed to raise hunger awareness, as well as around downtown Fenton. Alternately, participants could sit and rock at one location or could do Jazzercise at another.

Approximately \$14,000 is raised each year through this walk to "end hunger one step at a time." One-fourth of the money raised this year will be used to support three local agencies: FISH (Food Pantry) in Linden, St. Jude's School Lunch Program and Fenton UMC Food Bank.





RING IN THE FEELING OF CHRISTMAS

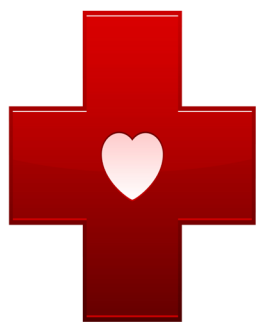
DECEMBER 8, 2018

Feel the Spirit of the Christmas Season by ringing bells for one hour for the Salvation Army. See the generosity of our Fenton neighbors.

We have two locations: VG's on Silver Lake Parkway and Walmart – East entry. This has been an annual mission for First Presbyterian Church of Fenton.

Remember- When you hear a bell ring, that means an angel gets their wings.
Be an angel for someone this Christmas.

Sign up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall starting November 18. There are instructions available.



GIVE BLOOD

need volunteers to bake cookies, and to help with registering donors and assisting donors after they have given blood. A sign-up sheet will be posted in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please contact Sherry Hunt or Jo Beardslee.

BLOOD DRIVE

DECEMBER 1ST

Our church is hosting a blood drive with Red Cross from 8:30am to 1:15pm. If you are interested in donating blood please call Red Cross @ 1-800-733-2767 or go online, www.redcross.org. to schedule an appointment. We also



FOOD BANK OF EASTERN MICHIGAN

NOVEMBER 17ST

This is a wonderful opportunity to help an agency that does so much for the hungry. Please consider joining others from our congregation on Sunday, November 17th from 9am-12pm. It will be a very rewarding experience to help people in need and putting our faith to work.

SERVICE BLITZ ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Adults, Families, and youth are invited to participate in a Service Blitz workday sponsored by the Mission and Christian Education Committees. Younger children may participate as long as parents are there to assist them. We will have 3 activities throughout the day beginning with the Food Bank, followed by yard work at 2 member's homes which includes trimming brush and vines, and packaging A LOT of Faith in Femininity products. Sign-up for one, two, or all three events in Fellowship Hall. Make sure you pack work clothes and gloves, and dress for the weather.

1. Join us at church at 8:15am to carpool to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan until 12:30pm
2. Join a team at Sarah Kasprzak's or Bev and Jerry Welch's to clear brush and vines from 1:30- 4pm
3. Package Faith in Femininity products at church in Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7pm

Lunch and dinner included, or bring a sack lunch. Youth are asked to RSVP on the youth bulletin board and will have a lock-in to finish off the evening. Adults are welcome to stay and visit with us!

STEWARDSHIP.....

Inspire!

Invite!

Thank

PLEDGE SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 4TH

Every year at this time we are given the opportunity to express our gratitude to God and to FFPC by indicating our support for their presence in our lives. Stewardship Sunday is November 4th. As the goodness of God inspires us toward good works and the kindness of God invites us into God's mission to the world, let us give thanks with our time, talent and treasure.

Your faithful support enables FFPC to provide educational programming, inspiring worship, and meaningful service opportunities for our church family and the community. Your pledge allows us to wisely budget for the coming year as we strive to be a community of faith that is dedicated to helping people know, grow, share and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pledge cards should arrive by Monday, October 29th. If you did not receive a Pledge card in the mail you can pick one up in Fellowship Hall.

FINANCIALS

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 September 30, 2018

Pledged	\$351,941
Received to date:	\$306,349

Building Fund

Building Account Balance:	\$22,206
Mortgage Remaining:	\$292,797

Statements were mailed out mid-October. If you have any questions regarding your financial contributions, please contact the office at 810-629-7801 or email Kelly at office@ffpc.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

SAVE THE DATE

The FFPC Turkey Dinner is Saturday, November 10, 2018. Tickets are available NOW. Seating is limited to the first 150 tickets. "TO GO" tickets will also be available. Congregational Life members and the church office have tickets, \$12 for adult, \$10 for 65 and older and \$5 for kids 12 and under. For more information, contact Roy Fetzer at 248.807.0016.

GROUPS AND GATHERINGS

Vintage Christmas Women's Bible Study & Potluck

November 29th 6:30 – 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

For more information, Contact Julie Grams

810.955.8758



BOOK CLUBS



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 The Fairy Tale Girl by Susan Branch. The November selection is My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry by Frederick Backman. Men and women are encouraged to join!

BOOK BINDERS are reading The Wild Water Walking Club by Claire Cook for the November 13 gathering. We will meet at Nikki Black's home, 1422 Blue Water Dr. at 7:00, the evening will be hosted by Jan O'Connell and Marsha Schwarz. The book for December is A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg. Please call Nikki at 750-4189 or Jan at 248-496-4424 if you have any questions.



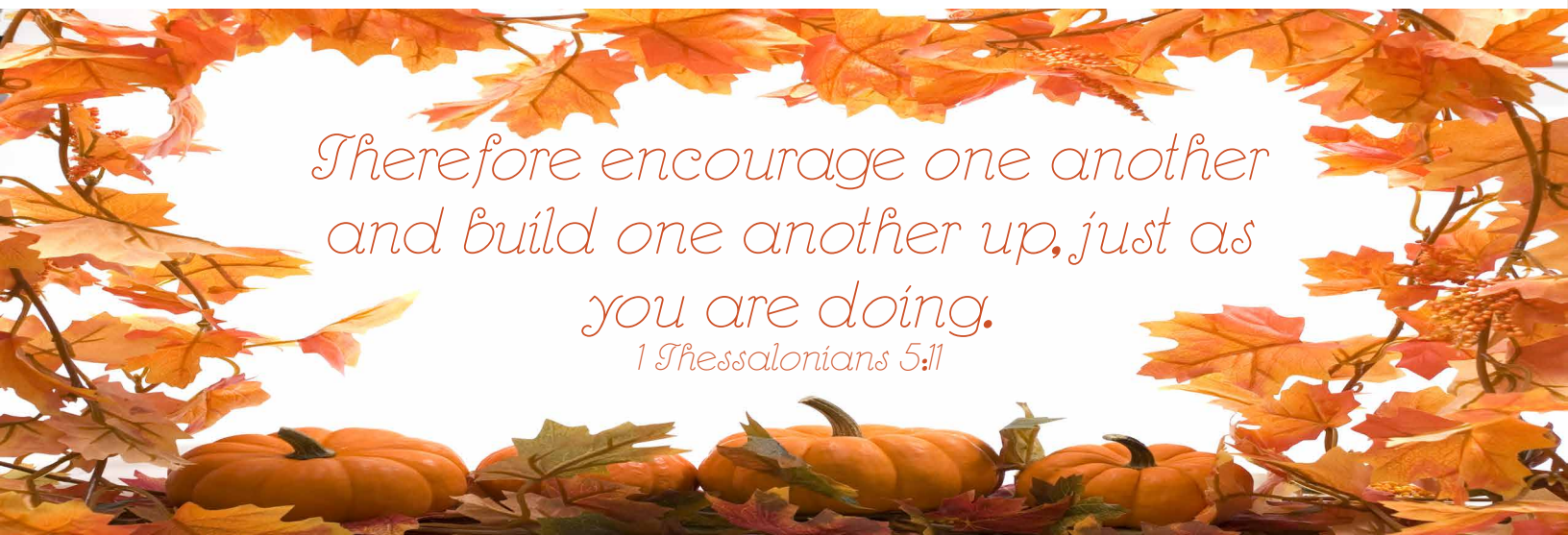
MEN'S BREAKFAST Men of FFPC are invited to Shirley's Cafe and Grill at 8am on the first Saturday of every month. Speak to Pastor Robbie to get on the email reminder list or just show up. Everyone is invited for this wonderful time of Christian fellowship.



PRAYER MINISTRY GROUP meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10am each month in the Sanctuary. Anyone interested is invited to join the group. For more information, please see David Eshleman

*Therefore encourage one another
and build one another up, just as
you are doing.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FALL BIBLE STUDY

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 and Rev. Jim Foster, 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.

MONDAY EVENING WOMEN'S COVENANT Led by Pastor Lindsey, “One Thousand Gifts” by Ann Voskamp meets Through November 26 from 6:30-8:30pm at Center for Hope in Fenton. This study encourages participants to take on the life-changing discipline of journaling God’s gifts—to find the good in life in all circumstances. It’s only in this expression of gratitude for the life we already have, that we discover the life we’ve always wanted; a life we can take, give thanks for, and use to serve others. In it, we come to feel and know the impossible right down to our core: We are wildly loved by God. Embark on this personal, honest and fresh exploration of what it means to be deeply fulfilled, wholly happy, and fully alive.

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 Led by Tina Ritchie, the morning offering of “One Thousand Gifts” by Ann Voskamp meets November 7 – December 5 from 10am – Noon in Fellowship Hall. 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.

LOVE AND LOGIC

We will once again be offering the Love and Logic Workshop, January 9 – February 13 from 6:05-7:45pm in the Youth Room. Led by Tina Ritchie, the course fee is \$35, however is free to those who've taken it before. Register in Fellowship Hall by December 30.



THE 2 RULES OF LOVE 7 LOGIC

Rule #1: Adults set firm limits in loving ways without anger, lectures, threats, or repeated warnings.

Rule #2: When children misbehave and cause problems, adults hand these problems back in loving ways.

These rules apply to ALL relationships. It's a matter of acknowledging and dealing with your own feelings first so that you can then set boundaries with empathy. Boundaries are limits that YOU can live with; they are NOT to be forced on the other. Said another way, you take care of yourself first by setting limits, and then lovingly hand problems back to those whom they belong. This preserves your relationships and allows others to grow from the experience. Isn't this what God does for us, too?

FINANCIAL PEACE CORNER

7 CHARACTERISTICS OF DEBT FREE LIVING

Family #1 manages to pay off \$40,000 in debt in two years on a \$35,000 annual income. Family #2 makes \$100,000 a year but can't seem to make the slightest dent in the same amount of debt. One of these families is on their way to becoming debt-free. The other is making the same mistakes they have been for years. Why is that?

While many factors could be in play here, one of the most likely reasons is the second family has created a habit of overspending. They earn a great income, but they probably spend beyond their budget, which leaves them with less money and causes a lot of tension around the house. That's a difficult and stressful way to live.

The people who overcome that stress realize they have to handle money differently and make some lifestyle changes. When they make those adjustments, they begin to establish certain characteristics that are super important when it comes to becoming debt-free and staying that way. As Dave always says, personal finance is 80 percent behavior and 20 percent head knowledge.

So, what are some of the behaviors of people who are becoming debt-free?

1. They are countercultural
2. They use self-control
3. They are confident
4. They are goal-driven
5. They are gazelle intense
6. They are not materialistic
7. They are willing to make sacrifices

Want to Be Debt-Free? You Can Do This!

When you take a closer look at debt, you start to see it for what it is—something that holds you back. Once you see that, it's easier to be patient, make sacrifices, and feel confident in your ability to pay it off. Before you know it, you'll be enjoying debt-free living too!

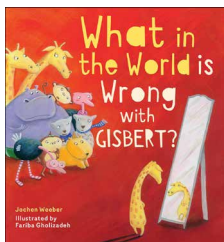


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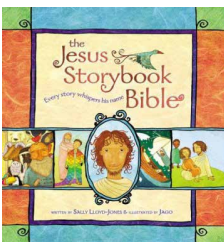
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK, WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE, AT THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN`S BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN ADDED TO OUR CHURCH LIBRARY.



“What in the world is wrong with Gisbert?” Gisbert is a young giraffe who likes to do all kinds of fun giraffe things, like eating leaves from the tallest trees! But, suddenly, things are changing. What could be happening at school that is up-setting Gilbert. Follow the story to see how things work out in the end.



“Does God like...to paint?” Our creativity, in art, music, or just playing around for fun is nothing compared to the imagination and creativity of God. If you`ve ever looked at the night sky or wondered about the world around you, you will enjoy this book with the beautiful pictures that are included.



“The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name” : The story is told through both the Old and New Testament with each story pointing to Jesus as the missing part of the puzzle. The book challenges children to put the puzzle pieces together.

Thank You,
Your Library Committee

FAMILY CORNER



The Values Project | Raising Kids Who Thrive

HOT MARSHMALLOWS VS. COOL IMAGINATION

Written by J. Bradley Wigger

Maybe you've seen the videos demonstrating the marshmallow test. A young child is ushered into a room by an adult researcher who says something like: "Here's a marshmallow for you. If you wait until I come back, you can have two. Or you can eat it now, but you only get the one marshmallow." The researcher leaves and the torture begins. Child after child stares at the marshmallow. Some poke at it, others smell it. I've seen some even kiss the treat, as if

making friends will help reduce the temptation. Grimaces. Furrowed brows. You can see the agony as children try to resist eating the one now. Some succeed, others barely try and just go for it.

The research was originally conducted at Stanford by Walter Mischel in the 1960s, and his subsequent research found that the ability to wait for the second marshmallow in the preschool years was a strong predictor of academic success and self-control in adolescence and beyond. Two different thinking systems are competing: a hot one that responds immediately and a cooler one that can slow down the reaction, imagine consequences, and generate self-control. Mischel playfully suggests that if Adam and Eve had been able to cool down their hot temptations, they could have stayed in the garden longer.

The key to such cooling is, surprisingly, a vivid imagination. Specifically, the ability to imagine your future self.

The implication is that children who can clearly imagine a hoped-for future can potentially override the present hot temptation. And I'm drawn to the notion that patience is deeply tied to hope. The apostle Paul would agree:

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8: 24-25)

Patience here—the ability to wait, the resistance to impulse, the capacity to cool hot temptations—is the fruit of hope. And hope is not possible without a powerful imagination, the ability to envision what we do not see.

I have been studying children's imaginations for many years now and contrary to theories about the concreteness of their thinking, I have found that most kids have no problem imagining the unseen. From invisible friends and germs, to love and God, they frequently have vivid imaginations for the unseen in ways that are often harder for adults.

My hunch is that the most powerful form of imagination happens when we imagine together, when we share vision. If that shared vision includes the unseen source of grace, includes a vision of a God who loves us no matter what, I can only imagine the hope generated. And maybe too, an extra portion of patience, with one another, with ourselves.

YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group packaged 13 care packages for college students, including a note of encouragement. Thank you to all who generously donated items. There's nothing like a treat from home that says "we love you" when you're away!

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YOUTH CALENDAR DATES

Meetings are from 5-7pm at church unless otherwise noted.

- Nov. 4:** Youth Group
- Nov. 10:** 5-8pm, Serving Turkey Dinner. RSVP to help on the youth bulletin board
- Nov. 17-18:** Service Blitz and Youth Lock-in
- Nov. 25:** No Youth Group
- Dec. 2:** Youth Group
- Dec. 8:** Salvation Army Bell Ringing time TBD
- Dec. 9:** Youth Group
- Dec. 16:** Christmas Party and Laser Tag
12-5pm Cost: \$20

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



CLUB 45

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS AND FRIENDS

11/11 - Veterans' Craft

12/16 - Christmas cards and activity

This group focuses on mission and fellowship and meets in the Art Room from 12:30 -1:30 after worship. Please see Cathy Holloper for more information.



GOSPEL PROJECT SUNDAY
SCHOOL FOR NURSERY
CHILDREN THROUGH 5TH
GRADE

Nursery and preschool

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

Weekly emails are sent to parents and teachers sharing the main Scripture lesson along with family talking points. The Christian Education Committee hopes that this information supports faith learning at home, and deepens your relationship with Jesus and one another. We are finding that class time engages the children, and children are regularly opening their Bibles! We are also pleased to hear that adults are learning too!

Recruitment has begun for the Winter 2019 quarter "Out of Egypt" from December 30 – March 17. Preschool and nursery volunteers are asked to see PJ Collier, and elementary volunteers are asked to see Deb Bard.

Lessons from this quarter "In the Beginning" are:

In Unit 1 the children have learned that God is our Creator and King, and that Jesus is present in all of creation.

In Unit 2 the children will learn that we can trust God because God is faithful and does everything for God's glory & our good.

In Unit 3 the children will learn that God always keeps His promises.

The rest of the first quarter topics are listed below and end December 9th. Please see Tina Ritchie with any questions or needs.

Unit 2 – God Formed a Nation Unit 3 – The Nation Grew

God's Covenant with Abraham

Jacob and Esau

Isaac and Rebekah

Jacob and Rachel

God's Promise to Isaac

Jacob's New Name



The pictures are from preschool lesson "The Tower of Babel"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICTURE RETAKE DAY - DECEMBER 5TH
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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



Photographed families will receive 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

More information to follow.



LOOKING FOR QUILTS

Do you have a quilt that you or someone made? We are looking for different quilts of all sizes to hang in Fellowship Hall and the foyer throughout the year.

Contact Mary Zimbler: text or call 810 629 0884 or email mary.zimbler@gmail.com.

**“Oh Giving Christmas Tree”
“Oh Giving Christmas Tree”**
**Please help us fill the
“Giving Tree” located in the New Narthex.
This tree is sponsored by the Book
Binders.**

**Suggested items are mittens, gloves, hats,
scarves, underwear, socks, pajamas. All
items in children’s sizes up to size 16.**



BIRTHDAY'S

Kate Kirkey	Nov 1
Chris Anderson	Nov 3
Kelsy Hoerauf	Nov 6
Cathy Hollopeter	Nov 6
Christopher Browne	Nov 7
Nancy Casteel	Nov 7
Chris Gilbert	Nov 8
Joy Thompson	Nov 9
Erin Bradley	Nov 10
Joan McLive	Nov 10
Jonathan Wenzel	Nov 10
Dave Johnson	Nov 12
Chas Kopplin	Nov 12
Bruce Fowler	Nov 13
Annabeth Carnes	Nov 14
Larry McMellen	Nov 14
Michael Cupp	Nov 15
Noah Crawford	Nov 17
Amy Fetzer	Nov 17
Joanne Getz	Nov 18
Spencer Sutherby	Nov 19
Harold Skinner	Nov 21
Shirley Walker	Nov 23
Sara Wrage	Nov 23
Sheila Blank	Nov 24
Maggie Sheppard	Nov 24
Lee Black	Nov 25
Thomas Allen	Nov 26
Aulene Becker	Nov 27
Jerry Hope	Nov 28
Lorraine Eshleman	Nov 30
Blair Warren	Nov 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Brent & Debbie LaVanway	November 10
Ron & Pam Andersen	November 12
Chris & Donna Anderson	November 26





ADVENT SEASON DATES

WORSHIP, LEARN, SERVE

November 21: Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00pm at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church. This is a great way to celebrate our unity together and thank God together for our blessings. Combined choirs and musicians from FFPC, Fenton Methodist and St John's. Followed by pie in their Activity Center.

November 25: St. Andrews Day

Celebrating our heritage and witnessing to the Fullness of Christ's Church
 9am Worship Service
 10am Fellowship
 11am Worship Service

December 1

Blood Drive
 One Starry Night Christmas Event

December 2nd: 1st Sunday of Advent

Compassion Sunday

December 3rd: 1st Monday Communion Service

December 8th: Salvation Army Bell Ringing Event

December 9th 2nd Sunday in Advent

December 16th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Family Christmas Celebration
 Youth Choirs singing
 Youth Group Christmas Party

December 17th and 19th

Family Promise Ministry at Flushing Presbyterian Church

December 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent

Chancel Choir Cantata 'Magnificat'

December 24th Christmas Eve

7pm Family Service
 11pm Candle Light Service

December 30th

10am Single Worship Service
 10am Caroling Service

WORSHIP CALENDAR

November 4th, Communion

Preaching: Pastor Lindsey Carnes

Sermon: Boundary Basics and Boundary Myths

Scripture: Galatians 6:1-5

Layreader: Larry Zimbler

Ushers: 9am Dennis & Jo Beardslee
11am Team 1

Sound Tech: Mark Gibb

Coffee Hour: Yellow Team

Banker: Larry Zimbler

Preschool: 9am Crystal & Andrew Siniarski
11am Pre-K Kelley Sunman-Davis &
Annabeth Carnes

K-2 Vanessa, Bella & Mason Skaff

3-5 Jan Foster & Jan Jacobs

Nursery: Heidi Howieson & Pat Tucker

MONDAY, November 5th, 2018, 1st Monday Communion

Join us at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary for a shorter Communion and Sunday service. This "barrier free" worship experience features large print bulletins, amplified speaking, and energetic hymn singing. Bread and juice/wine will be served in the pews. Helpers will be present to assist with walkers, wheelchairs, or to just lend a hand. Come for worship, stay for fellowship. For questions or rides, please call Dave Eshleman or the Church Office.

November 11th, 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: Pastor Issac Chung

Sermon: Consequencs and the Law of Sowing and Reaping

Scripture: Galatians 6:7-8

Layreader: Jenny Gibb

Ushers: 9am Fran & Dean Moore
11am Team 2

Sound Tech: Mark Grams

Coffee Hour: Green Team

Banker: Chris Anderson

PreSchool: 9am Crystal & Andrew Siniarski
11am Pre-K
K-2 Pam Coffin & Vickey Graham
3-5 Peg Fowler & Karen Terrill

Nursery: Heidi Howieson & Ina Golden

November 18th, 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: Pastor Lindsey Carnes

Sermon: How to Set Boundaries

Scripture: Matthew 19:16-22

Layreader: Youth

Ushers: 9am Jack Allen & Greg Dean
11am Team 3

Sound Tech: Ina Golden

Coffee Hour: Blue Team

Banker: Debera Bard

Preschool: 9am Crystal & Andrew Siniarski
11am Pre-K Lindsey Gibb &
Waverly Ritchie

K-2 Pam Coffin & Vickey Graham

3-5 Peg Fowler & Skye Hodgkin

Nursery: Heidi Howieson & Nancy Parkin

November 25th, Christ the King Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Robbie Carnes

Sermon: Resistance to Boundaries

Scripture: Proverbs 19:19; Galatians 5:1

Layreader: Larry Arrol

Ushers: 9am Jim Lindsay & Mark Jacobson
11am Team 4

Sound Tech: Jay Kirkey

Coffee Hour: Violet Team

Banker: TBD

Preschool: 9am Kate & Liza Kirkey
11am Pre-K Kate & Liza Kirkey
K-2 Lorraine Eshleman
3-5 Janet Stork & Rick Bard

Nursery: Heidi Howieson & Ina Golden

September Church Mouse - Billie Morris

The Worship committee is investigating the possibility of there being one worship service year round. We are interested in the views of the congregation and would like to hear from you and hear your opinion. You can contact anyone on the Worship committee to express your views. The members are Ellen Horton, Nancy Parkin, Peggy Fulcher, Dennis Beardslee, Jeff Collier, and Larry Zimbler.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Mission & Stewardship Meeting, CR 7:00PM-8:00PM	2	3 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Men's Breakfast 5:30 PM-8:00 PM Turkey Dinner
4 Pledge Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am 10:45am Adult Bible Study FH 11:00am Worship Service 5:00PM-7:00PM Youth Group	5 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM 1st Monday Communion Sanctuary & FH 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Webelos II Den, YR 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Boy Scouts FH	6 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Bible Study CR 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Congregational Life Meeting CR	7 8:00 AM–12:00 PM Men's Work Day 10:00 AM–12:00 PM Women's Covenant, FH 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Lamplight Choir, DR 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Bell Choir, CHR 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM Illuminate Choir, DR 7:45 PM – 9:15 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	8 6:00PM-8:00PM Christian Education Committee Meeting, CR	9 Turkey Dinner Set-Up	10 9:00AM-10:00AM Yoga, YR 5:30 PM-8:00 PM Turkey Dinner, FH
11 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am 10:45am Bible Study, FH 11:00am Worship Service Congregational Meeting 12:30PM-1:30PM Club 45 5:00PM-7:00PM Youth Group	12 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Prayer Ministry Team, Sanctuary 5:30PM-6:30PM Cub Scout Tiger Den 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Webelos II Den, YR 7:00PM-8:00PM Boy Scouts, FH	13 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Bible Study CR 7:00PM-9:00PM Book Binders	14 8:00 AM–12:00 PM Men's Work Day 9:30AM-12:00PM Card Class, FH 10:00 AM–12:00 PM Women's Covenant, FH 4:00 PM All Staff Meeting, CR 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting CR 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Lamplight Choir, DR 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Bell Choir, CHR 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM Illuminate Choir, DR 7:45 PM – 9:15 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	15 6:15PM-9:00PM Community Conversations: Homelessness in Our Community 6:30PM-7:30PM Girl Scouts District Planning Meeting, CR	16	17 8:30 AM- 12:30 PM- Food Bank of Eastern Michigan Service Blitz & Youth Lock-In
18 9:00am Worship Service 9:30am-10:30am Youth Bible Study 10:00am 10:45am Bible Study, FH 11:00am Worship Service	19 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM Tiger Den FH 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Admin Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Webelos II Den, YR 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Boy Scouts FH	20 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Bible Study CR 1:00PM-2:30PM Library Committee Meeting, CR 6:30 PM - 8:30 Session Meeting CR 7:00 PM-9:00 PM All Pack Meeting FH	21 8:00 AM–12:00 PM Men's Work Day 10:00 AM–12:00 PM Women's Covenant, FH 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:00pm at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church.	22 Happy Thanksgiving! 	23	24
25 St Andrews Day Worship Service 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am 10:45am Bible Study, FH 11:00am Worship Service	26 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Prayer Ministry Team, Sanctuary 1:00PM-2:00PM Knitting Group 5:30PM-6:30PM Cub Scout Tiger Den 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Webelos II Den, YR 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts, YR	27 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Bible Study CR 11:00AM-12:00PM Downtown Readers Book Club, YR 6:45 PM – 8:00 PM Deacon's Meeting, CR	28 8:00 AM–12:00 PM Men's Work Day 10:00 AM–12:00 PM Women's Covenant, FH 4:00PM-4:30PM All Staff Meeting, CR 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Lamplight Choir, DR 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Bell Choir, CHR 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM Illuminate Choir, DR 7:45 PM – 9:15 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	29 6:30PM-8:30PM "Vintage Christmas" Bible Study & Potluck, FH	30	

If you would like to schedule an event or have a current event that needs updating, please contact Kelly Sunman-Davis at the church office **Phone:** 810-629-7801 **Email:** office@ffpc.org

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