

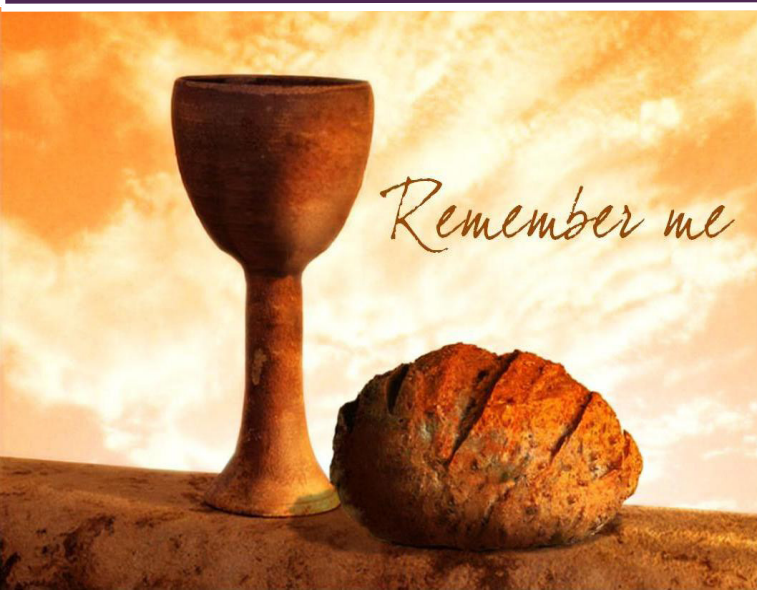
# Fenton First Presbyterian Church

Living with Christ, Serving the World

Newsletter March 2020



*GOD can bring Beauty from Ashes*



# PASTOR'S LETTER

## Building Congregational Vitality by Pastor Robbie Carnes

The Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) has invited our entire denomination to a vision for our churches that calls us to engage with the world as we work out our faith in mission. This vision is to become Matthew 25 communities and/or churches that 1. Build Congregational Vitality, 2. Dismantle Structural Racism, 3. Eradicate Systemic Poverty. These three areas are ways that the church can be relevant in the world and have a healing presence in our various communities. These are ways in which we, as a church, can focus our mission so that God's love, justice and mercy can shine forth in a contagious way.

The FFPC Mission Committee and Session are considering ways in which our church can implement this vision into the life of FFPC. In the meantime, this article will spend the next few months exploring the three elements of the Matthew 25 vision and how it relates to the biblical passage of Matthew 25.



Matthew 25 consists of three parables that I believe relate to the three elements of the PMA's vision. The first parable is that of the 10 Bridesmaids.

### Building Congregational Vitality

There were ten of them—Bridesmaids who had gathered to keep the bride company until the bridegroom should come. They had dreams of the wedding. How marvelous it will be. The Bride and Bridegroom will parade through the village and everyone will come out to celebrate. The little children will frolic and dance. The old ones will sway and grin. Even the Rabbis will cease their constant study to come and enjoy the celebration.

But for now they had to wait for the bridegroom. He could come at any time and no one knows for sure. He could come during the day or even unexpectedly, late at night. There will be some warning. The Bridegroom will send a man ahead walking through the streets crying, "Behold! The bridegroom is coming!" But this could happen at anytime and the bridesmaids must be ready to meet him.

If the Bridegroom chose to come at night it is important to remember that no one is allowed out after dark without a lighted lamp. Our bridesmaids all carried lamps and all fell asleep waiting for the bridegroom. Then the announcement came at midnight, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out and meet him!", five foolish bridesmaid did not have enough oil in their lamps and could not greet the bridegroom with their lights shining. Doubly foolish, they went out into the dark to buy more oil and upon their return the door was shut and they were not allowed in to disturb the ceremony with their tardiness. They were shut out.

Church vitality is much like lamp oil. Vitality is that which is given to us by the Holy Spirit that allows us to be a light in the darkness. What would our church be if we were not a light in the darkness? In what ways have we let our light go out for want of oil?

Will we miss out, have we missed out, on the presence of Jesus in our midst because we aren't prepared? Because we don't have the vitality as a church to participate in the Great Wedding Feast? That being, Jesus' reconciliation of the world to himself?

William Barclay gives us two thoughts on this parable. The first is that there are certain things that cannot be obtained at the last minute. Just as the bridesmaids were not prepared and were shut out, so might we be if we are not spiritually preparing our own hearts and contributing to the faith life of our church. Vitality is not something that one picks up in a day. Ask anyone who has ever recovered from a difficult surgery. Even if we remember the old strength of our limbs we have to slowly work up to our old activities or we are liable to hurt ourselves and undo the healing we have experienced. In time things grow and blossom and so vitality increases.

Vitality does not increase on its own, however. This is the hard work that each of us must engage in. In what ways are you growing in your faith? How are you seeking to put God first in your life? Have you challenged yourself? Have you learned something new about God? Are you engaged in study? Are you bravely and generously giving your time to leadership of the church? The vital growth of our church is the aggregate of the personal growth of our members.

Secondly, there are things that cannot be borrowed. Five foolish bridesmaids needed oil. Five wise bridesmaids had enough for their own lamps. The Foolish had not taken responsibility for their role as being lights in the darkness. We, as a church, cannot 'borrow oil' from our denomination, our community, or from the latest and greatest bible study in order to become vital. It is up to us to engage in what God is calling us to do here, as a church.

In the same way, as individuals, we cannot 'borrow oil' from our family, our spouse, or our friends. We cannot borrow oil from our pastors, our deacons or other members of our church. God is calling you into a relationship with God and there are so many good things that you could be apart of. Now is the time to fill your lamps. Now is the time to shine your light. Our source of the oil of faith is Jesus Christ. And like a child we demand to be allowed to 'do it ourselves' ignorant of the fact that faith development is something that only Jesus can do in us. This might take some time, so start now.

Be ready! Be Vital! The Bridegroom is coming and what a joy that will be! Let us be a vital church to the Glory of God.



- **Building congregational vitality**
- **Dismantling structural racism**
- **Eradicating systemic poverty**

[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/)

## "Times, They Are a Changing" by Pastor Lindsey Carnes

Before a church calls its next pastor, the congregation and Interim Pastor are expected to complete a Mission Study. A major aspect of the Mission Study is to research Census data, demographics and the community. Changes in the community and demographics may shape a congregation's future ministries, may point out ways that the church mirrors or doesn't match their community, and may help the congregation understand its own community better. Fenton began this work before calling its new pastors, but did not complete a full Mission Study, such as the one pastor Lindsey is leading at Trinity United in Flint.

Ask anyone in Fenton how the city has changed, and you'll get a lot of opinions, good and bad. While most are in agreement that the urban redevelopment of the 1970s was not favorable, there is still a wide range of opinions on the newer developments. Some people bemoan the increased construction of new houses in the city and on the lakes, while others like having more neighbors. Some will complain about the increased traffic in town, and others enjoy the economic benefits of the increased number of people that travel to enjoy Fenton's businesses and restaurants. Some have issues with the millages for roads and schools, and others with or without kids appreciate how these amenities keep their house prices stable.

Some changes remain fairly predictable: the Michigan Governors have alternated between the Democrats and the Republicans since the 1940s. The Unions and the big automobile companies continue to have influence, even if you're not in the industry. And though it is still a small town, Fenton is not exempt from the effects of bigger city problems.

1960	6,142	45.3%
1970	8,284	34.9%
1980	8,098	-2.2%
1990	8,444	4.3%
2000	10,582	25.3%
2010	11,756	11.1%
Est. 2018	11,329	-3.6%

*(Statistics gathered from 2000 and 2010 Census, US Census 2018 ACS 5-Year Survey, United Way ALICE report, and Fenton Area Schools data)*

Some of the demographics have changed very little in the last decade. Fenton is ethnically not very diverse: 95% Caucasian, 5.2% Hispanic, 1.15% African American, and 3% multi-racial. 55% of people are married (55% in Michigan and 55% is the U.S. average), and almost equally unmarried 53%. A greater number of Fenton area families (52%) are more likely to have children under 18 (compared to 41% MI and 43% U.S.).

The housing and economic crash of 2008 effected Fenton to a lesser degree than its surrounding cities. But as the Fenton homes have steadily regained their value, many Generation X'ers and Millenials priced out of the housing market. Home ownership was at 60% in 2017 and 40% of people rented. And depending on which statistics you look at, between 35-46% of Fenton Area Public School students are eligible for free or reduced lunch prices, the majority of whom are Caucasian.

Younger generations in Fenton and the surrounding cities and townships are increasingly becoming ethnically diverse, economically diverse, more highly educated, less likely to be married, while the older generations are more likely to be Caucasian, 1.5 times more women than men, in higher income brackets than younger generations, home owners, and living alone.

How has the Fenton area changed, beyond our own impressions and opinions? How have these changes impacted the vitality of our congregation? The 2020 Census data (featured above) will give us a new snapshot of how Fenton, Michigan, and the U.S. has changed in the last decade.

# MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP

## 2020 Shelter of Flint



The Shelter of Flint serves more than 1000 homeless adults and children every day! The average stay for their client is 37 days and they consistently report 90% in positive housing destinations. While they have many success stories, let us share just one:

After having difficulty finding suitable housing in Lansing and having a few homeless episodes, Angie returned to Flint to be near family. She came to the

Shelter of Flint with her 2-year-old son, Christopher, who has special needs. While at the shelter, her son made friends and gained the courage to begin walking. She was able to get help finding a house and received a care package of household items when leaving the shelter. Angie and her family have been in their house for over a year. Her son is in school and is walking all over the place. Angie is taking classes at MI Works and works from home as a part-time beautician.

“The shelter helps you move forward. They motivate you to get out of the situation you are in and not be in that situation again. Shelter of Flint rocks!” Angie

On February 22, 10 volunteers from our church went to serve at the Shelter of Flint. We organized their attic storage and washed/waxed their dining room floor. Our church family helped them make a difference in our world using our time, talents and treasure (we use some of mission budget to support their essential services).

The Shelter of Flint has several essential programs:

- They provide emergency shelter for the homeless.
- They provide transitional and permanent housing.
- They provide comprehensive housing placement services in Genesee County.
- They provide the Homeless Outreach program as a point of entry into services for Genesee County including street outreach, wrap around services that partner with other community agencies, and information and referrals for needed services.

For more information please visit <https://www.shelterofflint.org/>



**BOOK DRIVE** - Please help us gather books for needy children grades K-8 for "Delivering Hope" non-profit. All new and used books for that age group are appreciated. Simply drop off your donations in fellowship hall where a table is set up for donations. The deadline is Saturday March 21.

We are also asking for 6-8 people to help with sorting and packaging on Sunday March 22 from 2:00 - 4:00 at a local Fenton residence. Contact Tony Grams at 810-869-6070.



*At Delivering Hope, our Vision is for every child to have a pathway free of roadblocks, ensuring today's children can grow into tomorrow's successful leaders. A child's heart, mind and body must receive proper nutrition, educational opportunities, and a loving support system to be able to reach their full potential. Delivering Hope will provide nutrition, support, and caring to achieve this Vision, starting one child and one community at a time.*

*We are feeding children's minds and bodies through food assistance, free books and free school supplies.*

**SAVE THE DATE!! Christmas In Action**



Christmas In Action (CIA) uses volunteer labor along with donated money and materials to perform free home repairs for low income or handicapped senior citizens, repairs that they cannot do or afford to have done. It is a great way for our church to reach out to the community and to serve God's family! Our congregation has been working with CIA for the past 11 years by doing a wide variety of maintenance tasks, e.g., re-doing a bathroom, replacing lower kitchen cabinets and flooring, repairing a living room floor, paneling room walls, repairing a deck, painting, cleaning, landscaping, etc. Each year CIA finds qualified homes (application available in the church office to repair in Fenton, Fenton Township, Linden and Argentine. Our congregation usually picks one

of them to work on together so that we can also enjoy each other's company. If you would like to join our group this year, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Come for whatever time you can on Saturday, April 25; coffee and donuts are available at 8:00am. To all who sign up, we will be sending specific details about our chosen house location and tasks. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Black: 810-750-4189 or [wblack2@yahoo.com](mailto:wblack2@yahoo.com).

Volunteer Applications are available in the office.  
Youth ages 12-17 must have a notarized waiver of consent form.

# DEACON'S

## 2020 Deacon's Easter Project



As in past years, the Deacons are preparing to help 25 families in need to have a nice Easter. We are asking our members to provide non-perishable grocery items or to donate money for a VG's gift certificate for these families. The Deacons will provide a list of suggested grocery items but you may add anything you wish. Grocery bags with the number of adults, teens, and children in each of the families and a sign-up sheet for VG's gift certificates will be available in Fellowship Hall on March 15, March 22 and March 29, 2020 following each service.

The Deacons thank you in advance for your generosity.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



### St. Patrick's Potato Bake

Come join us for some fellowship and great baked potatoes with all the toppings following the 11:00 service. This year, in addition to the Russet potatoes, we are going to have some baked sweet potatoes. Did you know potatoes have more potassium than bananas? What will you put on your potato?



### Seder Dinner - Tuesday April 7th, 6:30 pm

Come and enjoy wonderful food and fellowship as we share a meal that has been celebrated for over 3,000 years. We will learn how the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples is similar to the Seder meal, and enrich our understanding about our celebration of communion and fellowship with other believers.

Cost: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under.

This includes a dinner of traditional Jewish dishes, sampling of symbolic Passover foods, as well as a wonderful program explaining the Seder Meal. Traditionally 4 glasses of wine/juice are consumed during the meal. Tickets will be available through March 18th after worship or you can contact; the church office 810-629-7801 or Julie Grams Julie at [jmgrams12@gmail.com](mailto:jmgrams12@gmail.com).

# MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNICATION

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE WITH OTHERS



FFPC PRESENTS

## Friends & Family Day

Sunday, April 19th

9:00am & 11:00am

Coffee & Fellowship Following Each Service

at

**Fenton First Presbyterian Church**

503 S. Leroy St. Fenton, MI

810-629-7801

[www.ffpc.org](http://www.ffpc.org)

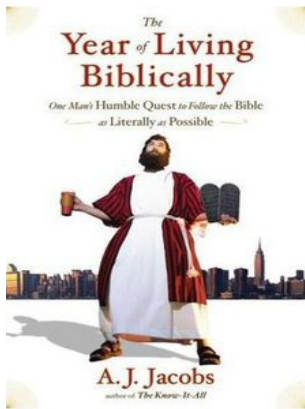
*As part of our outreach to the community, FFPC is asking everyone to bring a friend, neighbor, or family member to church on Sunday, April 19th, the day of the Youth Musical. Everyone is invited to participate. Children can bring a friend, and everyone is invited to bring people of all ages and races. Surveys show that people who don't regularly attend church enjoy visitor events because they know there will be many new people in attendance. Let's bring some new energy into the church on April 19th!*



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



*Whatever your knowledge, all are welcome! Try a class – invite a friend!*



**Sunday Evening Study:** The Year of Living Biblically: One Man’s Humble Quest to follow the Bible as Literally as Possible” By A J Jacobs

It is a fun and funny book with a real message.  
We will continue to meet @ 4square, 205 Lincoln St, Fenton.

There have been a total of 10 participants and more are welcome. Rather than a “bible study”, we are an ongoing group of men and women seeking better understanding and relationship with our God. High School age and above are welcome, only obligation is to participate. See Larry Zimble for more information



**Monday Evening Women’s Study:** Better: A Study of Hebrews Meets March 16 through May 18 from 6:30 – 8pm in the Video Room  
Participant book is \$15 – contact Tina Ritchie to register or for more information.

In this verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God “provided something better for us” in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:40). Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone.

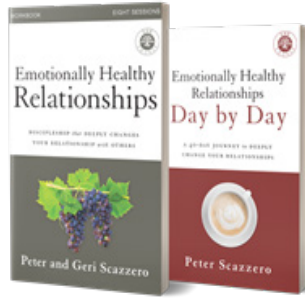


**Tuesday Adult Study:** Easter Week: Sacrifice and Salvation  
March 17 - April 7

Holy Week changed the world, with the Cross as the turning point for all human-kind. But it is also six days of amazing contrasts from the joyful celebration of the Triumphal Entry to the Passion only days later. In between are days of both high drama as in the confrontations in the temple and high pathos as in the Upper Room and Gethsemane. For people who have never thought about how these episodes fit together, this series seeks to bring all these conflicting events and emotions into a unified whole.

3/17--The Triumphal Entry, Luke 19:28-44  
3/31--The Crucifixion, Matthew 27:27-54

3/24--The Last Supper, Matthew 26:17-30  
4/7--The Resurrection, Matthew 27:62-28:15



### Wednesday Women’s Covenant:

Emotionally Healthy Relationships by Peter and Geri Scazzero  
Meets April 1 through May 20 from 10am – Noon in Fellowship Hall

Participant pack - \$17 Register in Fellowship Hall by March 15, or see Tina Ritchie for more information.

The Emotionally Healthy Relationships Course empowers your faith community with 8 Bible-centered skills that will help people break through relational roadblocks and grow as mature Christians who can love others - even in difficult situations.

This eight-session immersive study provides you with the practical skills to move forward in your spiritual journey while growing into an emotionally and spiritually mature follower of Jesus. EH Relationships is the best way to revitalize the way that you listen to and love others—and in turn, impact the world for Christ.



### Financial Peace University – Wednesday evenings through

March 11 from 6-8pm in the Conference Room

Take the stress out of discussing and handling money! Try a class for free – childcare is provided.

Cost: \$99.95 when you register through our church website

For more information on the course and when it will be offered again, contact Jennifer MacLean at 810-240-2301.



### Lenten Simple Meals:

The Mission of Jesus – Triumph of God’s Kingdom in a World of Chaos : from the “That the World May Know” film series by Biblical historian Ray Vander Laan

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1

Meals begin at 5:45

Class is from 6:30-7:30pm

With this adult study we are returning to a video and discussion based format.

In the region of Galilee, Jesus revealed the power of God's Kingdom and His role as King. The "good news" of His shalom sent ripples through Israel - stirring the hearts of new followers and challenging the rule of an empire.

This video series guides viewers on Jesus' path through Israel - while exploring the rule of ancient Rome - and reveals how God brought triumph in a world of chaos, while vividly teaching Christians how to bring God's shalom to the chaos of others.

You are welcome to bring your own bowl, cup and utensils for the meal. Of course, those items will also be provided for those who need them.



## FINANCIAL CORNER

### What Do I Do If I Can't Afford to Pay My Taxes?

The most important advice we can offer folks who can't afford to pay taxes by the April deadline is this: Don't avoid the problem! You can't solve it by not filing or by hiding from the IRS. You must pay any taxes owed. Face the issue head on so you can get the mess cleaned up, then make sure you're never in that position again.

The good news is that it can be done if you just know where to start. Here's our four-step plan to help you dig out of your deep tax hole, plus some success stories of people who climbed out of their own.

#### **Step 1: File by the April deadline, even if you can't afford to pay your taxes on time.**

The penalty for not filing your taxes can be 10 times as much as the penalty for not paying, so make sure you file your return on time! As soon as possible, begin working with an experienced tax professional to fill out your forms. They may be able to find credits and deductions for you that will lower your taxes owed. And when you owe the IRS, every dollar counts!

Not sure if you need a tax pro? Take our quiz to find out!

Don't let taxes stress you out. A tax pro is the way to go!

#### **Step 2: Pay as much as you can when you file.**

When David D. was hit with a \$14,000 tax bill, he didn't have much time to come up with the money. "My wife and I were expecting our first kid so we were trying to save up for that," David explained. Failing to pay the full amount by the deadline meant David would be charged penalties and interest on top of the \$14,000. Determined not to be in debt, he decided to sell one of his two cars—which was fully paid for—in order to cover the amount.

Not everyone has the option to sell a vehicle, but you probably have unused items, like clothes or old toys, that could easily be sold for extra cash. If you can't afford to pay your taxes, this is one instance when Dave recommends waiting until the deadline to file to give yourself as much time as possible to save up and earn extra money. Don't bother getting an extension. Taxes are due with or without a filing extension.

**Step 3: Keep paying the taxes you owe even after you file.**

You'll have 30-60 days before the IRS contacts you about the rest of your taxes owed. During that time, keep throwing every available dollar at the balance with the goal of paying it off before they ever contact you. If you can't afford to pay all your taxes by that time, the IRS will likely allow you to pay the rest in monthly installments.

Jennifer M. found the IRS easy to work with when she set up a payment plan. "They were flexible and willing to work with our specific situation. Basically they asked us what we could afford each month, and we went from there," she explained. Because of Dave's debt snowball approach, Jennifer said she was motivated to get rid of her tax debt as fast as possible. And she did, in less than a year!

**Step 4: Correct the problem so you don't have an unaffordable tax bill again.**

Work with your tax expert to make sure you're not stuck with taxes you can't afford again. That may mean setting aside profits from a side business or adjusting the withholding from your paychecks. Whatever the issue, a tax pro will be able to spot the problem and help you fix it going forward. Save time and reduce hassle by gathering the right paperwork the first time around. [Download your free tax preparation checklist.](#)

This isn't a situation to handle by yourself. You need a qualified tax expert to walk with you through this process. April N. realized this when she was left owing a couple thousand dollars in taxes after underestimating her income. "I messed up last year by not setting aside taxes for my second job or home business." Not wanting to face the same situation the following year, she enlisted the help of a tax expert who set her on the right tax plan. "Now I have a CPA to help organize quarterly payments for this year so it won't happen again!" April said.

We can put you in touch with a tax professional in your area who has earned Dave's recommendation for excellent service and advice. Don't put it off! [Schedule an appointment with your tax pro today!](#)

**DEBT IS A  
THIEF!**  
**TAKE BACK**  
*Your life!*



# Love and Logic®

## CORNER

### **Love & Logic Corner Handling a Bad Report Card by Dr. Charles Fay**

#### **A Bad Report Card: What To Do When Our Kids Bring One Home?**

A bad report card often arrives with more than just Cs, Ds, or Fs. It also carries emotions that leave many parents experiencing frustration, anger, fear, guilt, and even shame. Fortunately, bad grades don't mean bad parents, a bad kid, or a bad future for that kid. Instead, they represent an opportunity for us to express our unconditional love and provide wise guidance. When these opportunities arise, remember the following:

#### **Hand it back.**

"Handing it back" means expressing empathy while reminding yourself that your child's report card is not your report card.

This might sound like, "Oh, I can't imagine how disappointing this must be for you. I love you."

#### **Listen and remember that just a bit of loving silence is golden.**

When we talk too much, we end up owning the problem. When we empathize, listen, and provide a pat on the back or a hug, we are less likely to make the problem worse. Allow your child to think about the issue for a day or two before beginning another discussion.

#### **Ask, "What do you think you are going to do?"**

This question is not just a question. It's also a clear statement of your belief in your child's ability to cope and to find solutions. It also communicates the message that, "Your grades are your grades. I'm here to help but I can't do this for you."

#### **Offer some options for solving the problem.**

"Some kids decide to \_\_\_\_\_." This is far more likely to enjoy eventual success than, "You should \_\_\_\_\_."

#### **Focus on character over grades.**

Remember that we can't make our kids into great students, but we can make our home great places to learn important values like honesty, love for others, grit, and delayed gratification.

When we resist the temptation to allow our own fears and frustrations to take over—and instead place most of our emphasis on character—we dramatically increase the odds that our child will enjoy life-long success.

# YOUTH GROUP



Youth Sunday theme of "What's Your Ecosystem" was inspiring, honest, uplifting, and faith building.

Liza Kirkey gave a great message, readings - well done, Tableau - awesome, youth choir - fantastic, Pastor Robbie leading music - terrific, and our tech guys – dedicated and patient!!

Thank you to all who made this day special - God surely is smiling on you all :-)





### Souper Bowl of Caring 30th Anniversary Thank you for your generosity!

We collected 212 non-perishable goods for the FUMC food pantry and \$175.19 from the community donation drive at VG's which went to North End Soup Kitchen.



### Upcoming Confirmation Class Information:

Classes meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:30p.m. and are led by Pastors Lindsey & Robbie Carnes, and Pastor Dawn Russell. Confirmands continue work on their statements of faith. Hmmm, what would yours say???

- Mar. 8 – Fenton First Presbyterian Church
- Mar. 22 – Linden First Presbyterian Church

### Other Dates to Remember:

Meet with Session Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30pm (approx 1hr.)  
 Confirmation Sunday, May 3 during 11am worship  
 More information will be coming soon on making your banners and planning worship on Confirmation Sunday.

Contact Pastor Lindsey with any questions.



**Youth Group Schedule** - For 6th - 12th graders and friends at church from 5-7pm unless otherwise noted. Friends are always welcome, and must have a current parental consent form on file.

RSVP for events on the youth bulletin board, and let Tina know if you need a ride!

To get on the youth email list, contact [tina@ffpc.org](mailto:tina@ffpc.org) or text 810-701-4136.

- March 1: Group, Soup, & Talk 5-7pm Location MacLean Home
- March 8: Youth Group & Club 45 Ice Skating at CKIH in Hartland from 12:30pm-3:30pm. Cost: \$10
- March 15: Spiritual Practices 5-7pm
- March 22: Delivering Hope mission event 2-4pm
- March 29: No Youth Group –Spring Break
- April 5: "Calm on Palm" 5-7pm

# CHILDRENS MINISTRY

## Club 45

Club 45 for 4th and 5th graders and friends join youth group once a month for mission or fun activities. Club 45 and youth group members will continue the ministry of fostering relationships with other members of the congregation through the pen pal program.

Upcoming meetings are:

March 8: Youth Group & Club 45 Ice Skating at CKIH in Hartland from 12:30pm-3:30pm. Cost: \$10

March 22: Delivering Hope Mission Event 2-4pm

April 19: Fun Event TBD

Please see Cathy Hollopeter or Tina Ritchie if you would like more information.



## Gospel Project Sunday School

Nursery through kindergarten classes offered during 9am worship.

Nursery through 5th grade classes offered during 11am worship.

Every lesson points to Jesus, and children are learning stories from the entire Bible – even the tough ones – in age appropriate ways. This allows children to very simply experience the full breadth of the Gospel message. As they grow into youth group, these lessons will be familiar, allowing them to further unpack and understand the challenges that all of humanity faces even today. Biblical relevancy and faith formation starts early and is a great gift! Please see Tina Ritchie with any questions, or if you would like to be added to the weekly email lessons and family talking points.

### Unit 18 – The People Restored (Esther, Nehemiah, Malachi)

2/23 Esther Saved Her People

3/1 The Walls Rebuilt

3/8 God's People Repented

3/15 Malachi the Prophet

**Big Picture Question:** Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth.

**Unit Key Verse:** *After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, the one who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you. ~ 1 Peter 5:10 CEB*

### “Jesus the Messiah” topics are:

#### Unit 19 –Into the World (Matthew, Luke, John)

3/22 From Adam to Jesus

3/29 John was Born

4/5 Jesus was Born

4/12 Jesus was Dedicated

4/19 Jesus as a Child

**Big Picture Question:** Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

**Unit Key Verse:** *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning.~ John 1:1-2 CEB*



# 40 DAYS OF LENT ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

1. Make a Lenten countdown calendar. You can color in or put a sticker on each day as it passes.
2. Start a jelly bean jar for sacrifices and good deeds.
3. Pray for someone.
4. Read an Easter book.
5. Help plan some Friday lunches and dinners with no meat.
6. Color something purple and talk about why purple is used during lent.
7. Do something to help the earth.
8. Make a list of things you are thankful for. Thank God for everything on the list.
9. Write a card or note for someone you love.
10. Give up sweets for the day.
11. Read the story of the Last Supper and prepare a meal or snack together.
12. Decorate a cross. Let the kids take some liberty with this. They can color the cross, create one out of sticks, mold one out of clay. Let them decide.
13. Learn a new prayer. A children's prayer book can help or you can look up a simple prayer online.
14. Smile at everyone you see today.
15. Give up television for the day.
16. Make an egg carton empty tomb.
17. Dye Easter eggs. Talk about how eggs symbolize the resurrection of Jesus and new life.
18. Write down ways you can be a good friend.
19. Do something to help out around the house.
20. Fill a bag or box with toys to donate to kids in need.
21. Do a chore without being asked.
22. Tell someone you love them.
23. Bake pretzels as a symbol of arms crossed in prayer.
24. Give pennies for good behavior and help kids save them in a special collection jar for church.
25. Make a prayer chain out of 40 strips of paper with something/someone special to pray for on each one.
26. Plant a seed and watch it grow.
27. Bake resurrection rolls.
28. Exemplify sacrifice by giving up something as a family, such as candy or technology time
29. Brainstorm ways to be more like Jesus and write them on a poster where kids will see it every day.
30. Make "stained glass" crosses to decorate windows, such as these
31. Go outside on a nice day and take in nature. Remind your kids that everything they see was created by God.
32. Do volunteer work with your kids.
33. Help your kids memorize the Lord's Prayer by saying it each day
34. Read a daily devotion with your children. This one includes Bible verses and discussion points for each day
35. Add more intentional family pray time to your day
36. Encourage your children to show one another more love and forgiveness during Lent. Remind them how Jesus' sacrifice was for our sins to be forgiven
37. Attend Holy Week & Easter Sunday church services
38. Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you
39. Invite a friend to church with you
40. Donate a bag of food to a local church or charity

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

The month of March brings us into the season of Lent. It is during this time that we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us and traditionally discipline ourselves so that we might prepare for the celebration of Easter. Lent is a time that we reorient our lives toward the life of resurrection that Easter provides us. Therefore, Lent is not a season of somber deprivation as much as it is a joyful reliance on the strength of Christ in us and for us. Rather than living in our own power, let us live into the resurrection, enjoy God and discover God's work in us

**March 1st, 1st Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday** - Robbie Carnes preaching, "Living the Resurrection: Drawing Life from Jesus; Romans 11:17-25, The agricultural image of grafting is insightful as we think about how Jesus includes us into his life. A grafted branch does not bring anything to the root, but the root provides all of the sustenance and life so that the grafted branch can bear fruit. In the same way, we as gentiles, sinners, addicts, and outsiders are grafted into the life of Christ and are giving life in order to bear fruit. This can not happen under our own strength, but is a gift from God.

**March 8th, 2nd Sunday of Lent and Daylight Savings** - Lindsey Carnes preaching, "Living the Resurrection: Forgiven and Forgiving"; Luke 7:36-50. This story recounts a woman who reveres Jesus because she was forgiven. Jesus equates the level of one's acknowledgement of forgiveness to one's ability to love. It would seem that the more we experience Jesus' forgiveness and our need for that forgiveness the more that we grow the capacity for love. In what ways can we leverage this effect in order to love Jesus and other people more?

**March 15th, 3rd Sunday of Lent & Potatoe Bake** - Robbie Carnes preaching, "Living the Resurrection: Loved and Loving"; 1 John 4:11-20. We love because he first loved us. Love is an instigating virtue. It leavens every other virtue, giving it purpose and focus and it demands a response. Jesus loves us with a great love. Amazingly enough, as we seek to respond to Jesus' love for us by loving him and other people, we learn more about Jesus' love for us. The self-revelation of Jesus is in the acts of love of Jesus' church, through worship, mission and mercy.

**March 22th, 4th Sunday of Lent** - Robbie Carnes Preaching, "Living the Resurrection: Given Peace, Being Peace (Makers)"; John 14:27; Matthew 5:9, Whatever warfare that we have engaged with God in is over at the cross. There is no more need for raving or conniving, Jesus offers us peace and reconciling. If we are to accept these things from our Savior and deny them to our neighbors and enemies, we may find that we have not yet truly accepted them from Jesus. The accepting and granting of peace go hand in hand.

**March 29th, 5th Sunday of Lent** - Robbie Carnes preaching, "Living the Resurrection, Pressed to Give"; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12, Incarnational and sacrificial living are difficult and uncomfortable, yet they are the clearest way that we can live like Jesus and reveal the Gospel to the world. Just like olives that are the good fruit of the grafted branches and are pressed and crushed to make good oil, we should be looking for ways that Jesus is calling us to be pressed and crushed so that the Gospel is proclaimed in our living are a stark contrast to the faithfulness of Christ.



**Sunday, March 1, 2020****Layreader:** Jenn Wenzel**Ushers:** 9am Dennis & Jo Beardslee/ 11am Team 4**Banker:** Jenn Wenzel**Sound Tech:** Doug Watters**Coffee Hour:** Violet Team**Counters:** Martha Smith & Jennifer MacLean**Sunday School:** 9am (T) Heidi Howieson & (N) Waverly Ritchie

11am Pre-K &amp; K (T) Heidi Howieson &amp; (N) Waverly Ritchie

1st-5th (T) Sherry Rourke &amp; Julie Campbell

**Sunday, March 8, 2020****Layreader:** Sue Lantz**Ushers:** 9am Debbie & Mike Vanderlip/ 11am Team 5**Acolytes:** Adlin & Bowen Moore**Banker:** Jon O'Connell**Sound Tech:** Jay Kirkey**Coffee Hour:** Red Team**Counters:** Maureen Utt & Sara Wrage**Sunday School:** 9am (T) Heidi Howieson & (N) PJ Collier

11am Pre-K &amp; K (T) Heidi Howieson &amp; (N) Audrey MacLean

1st-5th (T) Sherry Rourke &amp; Julie Campbell

**Sunday, March 15, 2020****Layreader:** Sue Lantz**Ushers:** 9am Sherry Hunt & Ellen Horton/11am Team 6**Banker:** Larry Zimble**Acolytes:** Madeline Davis & Jenn Wenzel**Sound Tech:** Mark Gibb**Coffee Hour:** Orange Team**Counters:** Jon O'Connell & Jennifer MacLean**Sunday School:** 9am (T) Heidi Howieson & (N) Ina Golden

11am Pre-K &amp; K (T) Heidi Howieson &amp; (N) Lindsey MacLean

1st-5th (T) Sherry Rourke &amp; Jeanne Cupp

**Sunday, March 22, 2020****Layreader:** Cheryl Kopplin**Ushers:** 9am Harry Clark & Jim Lindsay/ Team 1**Banker:** Julie Grams**Acolytes:** Matthew Maxwell & Emily Hollopeter**Sound Tech:** Jay Kirkey**Coffee Hour:** Yellow Team**Counters:** Shirley Israel & Dennis Beardslee**Sunday School:** 9am (T) Heidi Howieson & (N) TBD

11am Pre-K &amp; K (T) Heidi Howieson &amp; (N) TBD

1st-5th (T) Julie Grams &amp; Tony Grams

**Sunday, March 29, 2020****Layreader:** Cheryl Kopplin**Ushers:** 9am Ken Wensel & Dennis Beardslee/ Team 2**Banker:** Deb Bard**Acolytes:** Marc & Kelsey Hoerauf**Sound Tech:** Doug Watters**Coffee Hour:** Green Team**Counters:** Martha Smith & Sara Wrage**Sunday School:** 9am (T) Heidi Howieson & (N) TBD

11am Pre-K &amp; K (T) Heidi Howieson &amp; (N) TBD

1st-5th (T) Sherry Rourke &amp; Debera Bard



**Lily order forms are available in Fellowship Hall.** Completed forms & payment are due to the office no later than April 5th



**Who said Communion just happens on Sunday mornings?**

The next date is Monday, April 6th at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. Join us for a shorter Communion service, filled with energetic hymn singing, a shortened version of the Sunday sermon, and the bread and juice/wine served in the pews. We're trying to make this a "barrier free" worship experience--with large print bulletins, amplified speaking, and helpers to assist with walkers, wheelchairs, or to just lend a hand. Come for worship, stay for fellowship around tables in the Fellowship Hall. For questions contact David Eshleman.



# HOLY WEEK

**Holy Week is the most important week in the Church year!** It is a time when we celebrate in a special way the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We remember his actions, reflect on his messages, and recommit to living as his disciples in the world today.

**Palm Sunday, April 5:** Sunday before Easter, when the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is celebrated. It originated in the late 3rd or 4th Century in the Jerusalem Church, as they read scriptures or sang hymns as they stopped at numerous holy sites. In the 6th and 7th Century, a ritual blessing of the palms was added, and in the 8th Century a morning procession was celebrated in the Western Church. Many Palm Sunday traditions remain the same as those celebrated in the 10th Century, where many people take palms home and place them in their houses or make palm crosses.

**Seder Dinner - Tuesday April 7th, 6:30 pm:** Come and enjoy wonderful food and fellowship as we share a meal that has been celebrated for over 3,000 years. We will learn how the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples is similar to the Seder meal, and enrich our understanding about our celebration of communion and fellowship with other believers. Cost: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under.

This includes a dinner of traditional Jewish dishes, sampling of symbolic Passover foods, as well as a wonderful program explaining the Seder Meal. Traditionally 4 glasses of wine/juice are consumed during the meal. Tickets will be available through March 18th after worship or you can contact; the church office 810-629-7801 or Julie Grams Julie at [jmgrams12@gmail.com](mailto:jmgrams12@gmail.com).

**Maundy Thursday, April 9:** Commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus with the Apostles. Jesus gathered to eat the Passover feast in the evening, so this service is typically held in the evening with Communion. The English word "maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum" or mandate/commandment from Jesus' words "A new commandment I give to you: that you love one another as I have loved you."



**Good Friday, April 10:** It may seem odd that people celebrate the day Jesus was crucified as "good." What Jesus went through being whipped, beaten, mocked and killed in a violent way were not good. What Christ accomplished for us is victory over death, by demonstrating God's love for us by dying in our place. Good Friday commemorates Jesus' crucifixion and three days in the grave before his resurrection. The sanctuary is stripped of all ornamentation and colored banners and often replaced with black.

**Easter Sunday, April 12:** Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, and God's victory over death! Easter Sunday is something we should celebrate every day of our lives, not just once a year, but we take this special day to recognize God's great gift of eternal life for us. Traditions vary in each denomination and culture, but they call attention to new life in Christ and the death of our old selves and rebirth into new life.



# Holy Week

## 2020 Children's Music Update

Children's Music Director: Cindy Crawford, 810-629-7801

Exciting things continue to happen within the FFPC Children's Music Dept. Children of all ages are welcome to join in the weekly musical fun praising the glory of God. Two options are available:

Lamplights Choir, for children ages 6 to 11, meets every Wed. evening from 6:15 to 6:45 PM in the Youth Choir Room downstairs.

Illuminate Choir, for kids ages 12 to 18 (including college age if interested), meets every Wed. evening from 6:30 to 7:30 PM also in the Youth Choir Room.

Both choirs sing once per month at FFPC's regular Sunday services, at 9:00 and also 11:00 AM. The kids will sing on Sun., March. 15th.

Excitement is building as rehearsals for the annual musical are underway. The musical is scheduled at Fenton First Presbyterian Church for Sunday, April 19th, 2020 during both morning services. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss it!! Practice, including dance rehearsal, has moved into the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 PM. The kids are working hard but also having fun. "Miss Cindy" as the kids call her still needs help in the following areas: makeup artist, videographer, applause sign holder, etc. Anyone interested in joining the production and/or helping out is asked to give Cindy a call at the church office number listed above. All are welcome!

# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2020 Youth Musical

*American Ideal: A Children's Musical About Humility*  
by Janet McMahan-Wilson

*Join us April 19th at the 11:00am Service*



# MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

## Financial Review

## January 1-31, 2020

Profit/ Loss	January	YTD Actual	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Income:	\$55,788.36**	\$55,788.36	\$36,019.00	\$282,981.00
Expense:	\$24,071.63	\$24,071.63	\$28,344.00	\$306,015.00
Net Income:	\$31,716.73	\$31,716.73	\$7,675.00	(\$23,034.00)

\*this does not include additional obligations such as restricted funds or mortgage payments.

\*A restricted fund is funds we can't spend because they are being set aside for future use of expensive repairs or replacement of HVAC or organ, Deacons money, Faith and Femininity, etc.

\*\*This includes \$23,037.51 building fund income

### Statement of Cash Flows January

Cash at Beginning of period:	\$66,843.88
Cash at End of Period:	\$94,780.02
Net Cash Increase for Period	\$27,936.14

### Cash Flow YTD

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Cash at End of Period:	\$94,780.02
Net Cash Increase for Period	\$27,936.14

Respectfully Submitted, February 10, 2020

Debera J Bard

Treasurer

## Building Fund Report – January 31, 2020

<b>Building Account Balance:</b>	\$21,066
<b>Mortgage Remaining:</b>	\$212,455

Our monthly mortgage payment will be paid using (1) designated building fund contributions as they are received and, if needed to make the payment, (2) money from the operating budget. If more designated money is received than is needed to make the required mortgage payment, overpayments will be made to reduce interest costs and retire the mortgage as soon as we can.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Souper Bowl of Caring 30th Anniversary Thank you for your generosity!

We collected 212 non-perishable goods for the FUMC food pantry and \$175.19 from the community donation drive at VG's which went to North End Soup Kitchen.



Samaritas: As we prepare to assist a family of four from the Democratic Republic of Congo to move into their first home in Hamtramck, we are looking for the following: sets of bathroom towels, kitchen towels, a shower curtain, silverware, drinking glasses (we have plenty of plates and coffee mugs), dining room chairs, and pots and pans. We could also use some home office supplies to get the family started: paper, pens, pencils, a stapler, a flashlight with batteries, etc. As always, we are happy to accept new and gently used items. Thank you all for your continued support!



**Book Binders** will meet March 10th at the home of PJ Collier, 11186 Ridge View Trl, Fenton at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing The Women I was Before by Kerry Fisher. The book for April is Love Lettering by Kate Clayborn. If you have any questions call Sue at 810-691-3428.

LET'S GO CAMPING



Attention All Campers! Whether you like to camp in a tent, trailer or at a hotel please join us in May. We are camping at Tawas Point State Park May 27th-June 3rd. Come for the full weekend or just for a few days. There are some Motel's in the area if you prefer. Please call Bev Welch (248)634-4938 or Debbie Bard (810)629-8729.

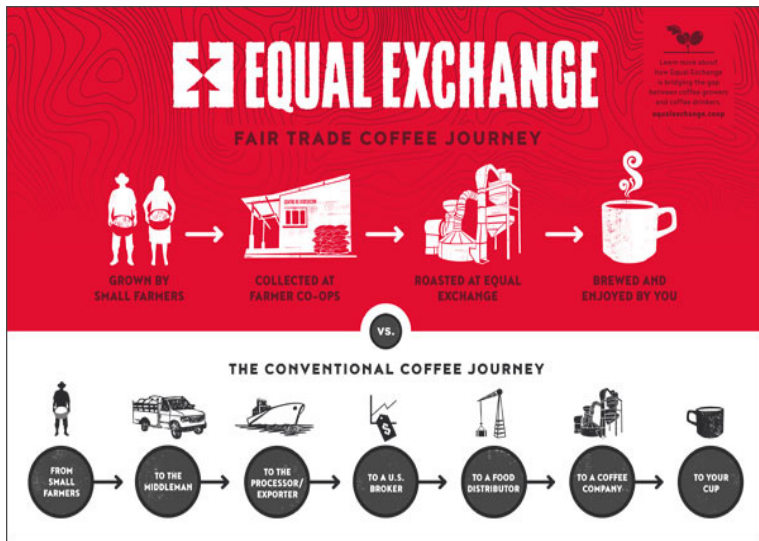
## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS

JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM AT FFPC

If you are interested in joining a coffee hour team please contact Julie Grams at [jmgrams12@gmail.com](mailto:jmgrams12@gmail.com)







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Why do we order from Equal Exchange, organic, Fairly Traded, small farmer grown coffees, teas and chocolates? We're helping to support small farmers through Equal Exchange when we buy. The support we give helps these families by providing housing, food and educating their families. We are going out and doing Mission Work without leaving our church. Orders will be taken March 22nd & 29th. The order will be in before Easter. Debbie Bard will take orders in Fellowship



**Attention Men of FFPC! April 16th is our next Quarterly Men's Luncheon.** Join us at 11:30am at the at John's Pizzeria Please see Jon O'Connell, Ed Schwarz or Bill Black for more information.



Men of Fenton Presbyterian Church  
We're having breakfast

Date: 1st Saturday of EACH month  
Time: 8:00am

Where: Shirley's Cafe and Grill, 522 W Broad St, Linden, MI 48451

You're invited. Bring a friend.

PLEASE Email Pastor Robbie if you plan to come.



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.



Fenton First Presbyterian Church  
Thursday's 12:30pm – 1:30pm  
Session One: Feb. 20th-Mar. 26th  
Session Two: Apr 16th- May 21st.  
visit [www.ffpc.org](http://www.ffpc.org) or see Hannah Hall for more information



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charmaine Thorley	Mar 1
Logan Kirkey	Mar 3
Bob Browder	Mar 5
Guy Cowing	Mar 5
Maggie Hodgkin	Mar 8
Phyllis Cmejrek	Mar 11
John Maloney	Mar 11
Al Morrison	Mar 13
Jan Foster	Mar 16
Judy Hope	Mar 16
Patti Nelson	Mar 18
Deborah Vanderlip	Mar 19
Brian Coles	Mar 21
Jack Allen	Mar 22
Pam Andersen	Mar 23
Marta Watters	Mar 23
Max Watters	Mar 23
Olivia Kirkey	Mar 24
Sharon Cowing	Mar 25
Scott Grossmeyer	Mar 25
Glenn Maxwell	Mar 26
Rhonda Moore	Mar 26
Madeline Davis	Mar 29
Ina Golden	Mar 30



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Doug & Jan Jacobs	March 3
Richard & Debera Bard	March 23
Steve & Sharlyn Sutton	March 28
James & Jan Foster	March 29

# MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b> Communion Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 11:00am Worship Service 12:15pm-1:30pm Membership &amp; Communication Committee Meeting, FH 5:00pm-7:00pm Youth Group Soup &amp; Talk at the MacLean Home</p>	<p><b>2</b> 1:00pm – 2:00pm Knitting Group YR 1:00pm-2:00pm Outreach Communion, Sanctuary 7:00pm – 9:00pm Boy Scouts, FH 7:00pm – 8:00pm Cub Scouts, YR</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00am-11:00am Care Coordinators Meeting 11:00am – 12:15pm Bible Study, CR 6:30pm - 8:30pm Congregational Life Committee Meeting, CR 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts, FH</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:00am–12:00pm Men's Work Day men's Covenant Group, FH 5:45pm-7:30pm, Lenten Simple Meals, FH 6:00pm-8:00pm Financial Peace University 6:00pm-7:30pm Combined Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45pm – 7:30pm Bell Choir, CHR 8:15pm – 9:30pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>5</b> 12:30pm - 2:00pm Grief Share, YR 6:00pm-7:30pm Girl Scout Brownie Troop, FH 6:30pm-8:30pm Mission &amp; Stewardship Committee Meeting, CR</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:00am-12:00pm Office Open</p>	<p><b>7</b> OFFICE CLOSED 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Shirleys</p>
<p><b>8</b> 9:00am Worship Service 11:00am Worship Service 12:30pm-3:30pm Combined Youth Rehearsal, Sanctuary 12:30pm-3:00pm Youth Ice Skating Party 3:00pm-4:00pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>9</b> 1:00pm - 2:00pm Knitting Group YR 6:30pm - 8:30pm Admin Committee Meeting, CR 7:00pm-8:00pm Boy Scouts, FH 7:00pm – 8:00pm Cub Scouts, YR</p>	<p><b>10</b> 11:00am – 12:15pm Bible Study CR 7:00pm-8:00pm Book Binders 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts, FH</p>	<p><b>11</b> 8:00am –12:00pm Men's Work Day 4:30pm - 6:00pm Worship Committee Meeting, CR 5:45pm-7:30pm, FH Lenten Simple Meals, FH 6:00pm-7:30pm Combined Youth Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:30pm – 7:30pm Bell Choir, CHR 7:45pm – 9:30pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>12</b> 12:30pm - 2:00pm Grief Share, YR 10:00am-12:00pm Hospice Care Team, CR 6:00pm-8:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, CR</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:00am-12:00pm Office Open</p>	<p><b>14</b> OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am-12:00pm Potato Bake Prep 12:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scout Blue &amp; Gold Banquet, FH</p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:00am Worship Service 11:00am Worship Service 12:00pm-1:00pm St. Patrick's Potato Bake 5:00pm-7:00pm Youth Group Spiritual Practices, YR</p>	<p><b>16</b> 1:00pm-2:00pm Knitting Group YR 6:30pm-8:00pm Women's Covenant Group, VR 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Boy Scouts FH 7:00pm – 8:00pm Cub Scouts, YR</p>	<p><b>17</b> St. Patricks Day 11:00am – 12:15pm Bible Study CR 2:00pm-5:00pm The Dibbleville Dolls – St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Fenton Hotel 6:30pm-8:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm-9:00pm Pack Meeting, FH</p>	<p><b>18</b> 8:00 AM–12:00 PM Men's Work Day 5:45pm-7:30pm Lenten Simple Meals, FH 6:00pm-7:30pm Youth Combined Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:30pm – 7:30pm Bell Choir, CHR 7:45pm – 9:30pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>19</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm Card Class , FH 12:30pm - 2:00pm Grief Share, YR 6:00pm-7:30pm Girl Scout Brownie Troop, FH</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:00am-12:00pm Office Open</p>	<p><b>21</b> OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am-10:30am Yoga, YR</p>
<p><b>22</b> 9:00am Worship Service 11:00am Worship Service 2:00pm-4:00pm Delivering Hope Mission Opportunity. Youth &amp; Adults 3:00pm-4:00pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>23</b> 1:00pm-2:00pm Knitting Group YR 6:30pm-8:00pm Women's Covenant Group, VR 7:00pm – 8:00pm Cub Scouts, YR</p>	<p><b>24</b> 11:00am – 12:15pm Bible Study CR 6:45pm-8:45pm Deacons Meeting, YR 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts, FH</p>	<p><b>25</b> 8:00 AM–12:00 PM Facilities Work Group 5:45pm-7:30pm Lenten Simple Meals, FH 6:00pm-7:30pm Combined Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45pm – 7:30pm Bell Choir, CHR 7:45pm – 9:30pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>26</b> 12:30pm - 2:00pm Grief Share, YR</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:00am-12:00pm Office Open</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> 9:00am Worship Service 11:00am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>30</b> 1:00pm-2:00pm Knitting Group YR 6:30pm-8:00pm Women's Covenant Group, VR 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Boy Scouts, FH</p>	<p><b>31</b> 11:00am – 12:15pm Bible Study CR 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts, FH</p>				

# 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 convenient 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.



**Church Giving:** 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.



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