

Growing in God

WE COMMIT TO KNOWING JESUS THROUGH WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY, AND PRAYER,
ENCOURAGING CONTINUED SPIRITUAL GROWTH AS HIS DISCIPLES.

Prepared to Share by Pastor Robbie Carnes



Many of you have watched the destruction the various hurricanes have wracked upon the Southern end of our country. Much of the damage was done in places that no one thought flooding and storm damage would ever occur to that degree. It is likely that this will prove the most enduring pain as unique locations are now permanently scarred if now destroyed completely. Let us continue to pray for those affected and for the churches and other organizations who are faithfully responding.

Sometimes it is the darkest times that make the light shine that much brighter. Our very own Bonnie Griffith was describing her experiences of preparing her Florida Property for hurricanes. Growing up in Southern California, I am familiar with preparing for wildfires, but all of the considerations for hurricane preparedness were new to me.

Bonnie owns a hurricane resistant home. It was made with materials and with structures that would weather high winds. There are built in shutters so that there isn't a need to buy up plywood from the local Home Depot. There are no large trees close to the house on her property and therefore less damage potential.

The house is closed up for the hurricane season. Food is removed from the fridge and the power is turned off. The water is also shut down and a key is handed to the neighbors. I can't imagine how someone can be more prepared for their property to survive a hurricane. But Bonnie did.

As one of the big storms was coming toward her community in Florida, a different kind of preparatory plan was being enacted. In Bonnie's community, there are some people who live in more vulnerable places than others. When the need arose, Bonnie didn't hesitate. She was prepared to share her home with those who needed a safe place to ride out the storm. There is a distinct quality of Jesus to this type of hospitality. If a hurricane had not threatened,

Hello & Welcome

The Church is not a building. It is a gathering of people brought together to experience God's love and purpose.

God designed the church for **YOU** – you belong here. Are you ready to experience a community of people doing life together? To find out, come worship with us on Sunday mornings.

Our Mission: To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share, and serve as his disciples.

Our Vision: To provide an inviting and welcoming church home that attracts people of all ages and encourages positive growth, while creating an exciting and dynamic approach as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for worshipping with us! We are happy to welcome you into this household of God.



Bonnie would not have had to plan for this kind of hospitality. Yet, how beautiful it is to see her able, because she had thought about it and was prepared in her mind and heart as well as in her home to welcome people in.

Are you prepared to share with others? What steps can you take to be more prepared to be generous with those in need?

There is another part of Bonnie's story that struck me. Bonnie has a daughter and several grandkids in Florida. Having lunch with her grandson, who owns a house in a hurricane area, he told Bonnie of his plans to travel down to prepare his house for the hurricane and invite those in his neighborhood and his friends to ride out the storm in his house, as it is less vulnerable than their homes. Bonnie not only is a practitioner of profound hospitality, she is a teacher of it too. Her grandson didn't just pick up the desire to be generous out of a Floridian canal. He was taught it by his grandmother.

How are you teaching others to be generous? How can you encourage people in your family and your neighborhood to be prepared to share?



WORSHIP

HOW TO WORSHIP WITH US

Join us online as well as in person Sunday's at 10am



NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 3rd, 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday
Sermon: "The Kingdom of Heaven is Like"

November 10th, 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: "Your Kingdom Come, Your Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven"

November 17th, 26th Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: "Life in the kingdom doesn't hurry"

November 24th, Christ the King Sunday
"I am going to prepare a place for You"

Here is how to join us Online

Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/fentonfpc>

Closed Captioning Available

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@fentonfirstpresbyterianchurch>

Closed Captioning Available

Zoom

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at the prompt US (Chicago).



YOUR INVITED TO A

Family Christmas

FENTON FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cookies & Carols at 3:30pm Christmas Eve Service at 4:15pm Christmas Vigil at 11:15pm



NOVEMBER
17
 SUNDAY
 AFTER WORSHIP

FFPC ANNUAL

ELECTION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Congregational Meeting



NOVEMBER
24
 SUNDAY
 AFTER WORSHIP

FFPC Annual *Hanging of the Greens*

Join us as we decorate for the Advent Season

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP INFORMATION

Class begins at 10AM

Children return to worship after the sermon where they are welcome to sit with their parents or with Miss Tina. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tina Ritchie.

NOVEMBER TEACHERS

ELEMENTARY & PRESCHOOL/NURSERY

Tina Ritchie & Heidi Roberts

11/10, 17, 24

Heidi Howieson

11/3, 12/1

“In The Beginning” topics:

Unit 3 – The Nation Grew

(Genesis)

God's promises for Abraham and Isaac were promises for Jacob too. God showed Jacob in a dream that God would bless Jacob's family, which would grow to be a whole nation as part of God's plan to bring Jesus, the Savior of the world.

11/3 Jacob and Esau

11/10 Jacob and Rachel

11/17 Jacob's New Name

Big Picture Question: Does God keep God's promises? God always keeps God's promises because God is faithful.

Unit Key Verse: I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.
Genesis 28:15

“Out of Egypt” topics:

Unit 4 – God's People in Egypt

(Genesis, Exodus)

God used Joseph to provide for the people of Israel and bring them into Egypt, which set the stage for a glorious demonstration of God's power to deliver. God raised up Moses to rescue God's people from slavery in Egypt. God saved God's people from physical captivity in Egypt like God would one day save God's people from spiritual captivity by sending Jesus, a Deliverer greater than Moses.

11/24 Joseph sent to Egypt

12/1 Joseph Explained Dreams

12/8 Joseph Saved His Family

12/15 Moses was Born and Called

12/22 The Plagues and the Passover

12/29 The Red Sea Crossing

Big Picture Question: Is there anything God cannot do? God can do all things according to God's character.

Unit Key Verse: Yet I have been the Lord your God ever since the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and besides me there is no savior. Hosea 13:4



Story Time beginning November 10!

The Library Committee will host story time the 2nd Sunday of each month after worship in Fellowship Hall. Children, youth and adults are invited to hear and discuss a story of the month and check out books from the library! Folks interested in being a reader are asked to see Jenn Wenzel.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT STUDIES

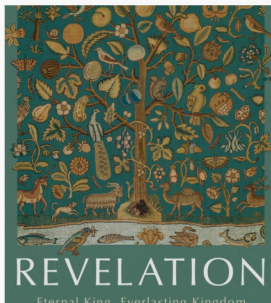


Sunday Evening Bible Study - Reconvening September 29 from 5 - 6:30PM
Led by Larry Zimbler, this class meets in the conference room at 4square Tax & Accounting and will continue reading The Fifth Gospel by Bobby Conway. This book is different; it's an invitation to actually live out the message of the gospel! Please see Rabbi Larry for more information.

Join us in person at 4square Tax AND also on Zoom.
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Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Reconvening September 10 from 11AM - 12:15PM
Led by Pastor Robbie, this group meets in the Conference Room and will be viewing and discussing season 4 of The Chosen.



Women's Studies - Wednesday morning or Thursday evening
Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom by Jen Wilkin

Wednesday morning, Through November 13 from 10am - NOON
This class meets in Fellowship Hall and is facilitated by Tina Ritchie
OR
Thursday evening, Through November 14 from 6:30-8:30PM
This class meets via zoom and is facilitated by Dee Dee Ainsworth



Growing in Love

WE MODEL CHRISTIAN LOVE TOWARDS EACH OTHER, PROVIDING AN INVITING AND WELCOMING SPIRITUAL HOME THAT ATTRACTS PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO SHARE THEIR FAITH.

Youth Group Events for 6 - 12 graders & friends,

Meetings are generally Sundays in the Youth Room. Please see Tina if you are interested in helping at any event.

Youth Group Summer Schedule

Incoming 6th graders - graduated seniors and our returning college friends are welcome to join us! Sign up for special events on the youth bulletin board or email tina@ffpc.org. Friends are always welcome; a parental consent form is needed for offsite events.

November

Sat 9, 5-7PM: Turkey Dinner assistance

Sun 24, 12-2PM: Triple C - cookies, cards and crafts for care receivers in the youth room - pizza provided

December

Sat 7, 2-5PM: Live Nativity and Jinglefest

Sun 15: TBD Youth Christmas Party and gift exchange

Ways to support Youth Group scholarships & activities

- Bottle returns - Drop off your rinsed returnable bottles and cans to the youth room.
- Kroger Rewards - Linking your Kroger Rewards card to FFPC is easy and earns us quarterly benefits. Contact the office if you need info on how to do this!



Youth Group prepared 5 care packages for college students in October. Thank you, congregation, for helping us send encouragement and love to our young adults!



Pumpkin Carving and Conversations



Jinglefest

Live Nativity & Warming Center



FREE FOR THE COMMUNITY!

WARM UP WITH CRAFTS, COFFEE, HOT COCOA, COOKIES & POPCORN

DECEMBER 7TH 3PM-5PM

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

Live Nativity Sponsors Needed

Fenton First Presbyterian Church is looking for local business sponsors to cover the cost of animals for the Live Nativity during Fenton's Jinglefest

Sponsorship cost needed- \$500

CONTACT US AT

(810) 629-7801

office@ffpc.org





FENTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING FOR CHOIR MEMBERS

PRAISE THE LORD THROUGH MUSIC PRAISE THE LORD THROUGH MUSIC

If you have a passion for singing and/or ringing, join us!

Practice With Us Wednesday Evenings Beginning in September

Chancel Choir - 7:30pm-9:00pm
Hand Bell Choir 6:30pm-7:15pm



Surviving the Holidays Griefshare Event! Grief is harder around the holidays. More than just practical tips, GriefShare Surviving the Holidays is a community of people who know what it's like to walk through the holidays in grief. You will find connection and comfort in knowing you're not alone this season. Join us for this 2-hour event on November 17th from 11:30am-1:30pm.

Happy Birthday

KATE KIRKEY NOV 1
CHRISTOPHER BROWNE NOV 7
JONATHAN WENZEL NOV 10
ANNABETH CARNES NOV 14
SARA WRAGE NOV 23
LORRAINE ESHLEMAN NOV 30

CHRIS ANDERSON NOV 3
NANCY S CASTEEL NOV 7
DAVID HARPER NOV 11
MICHAEL CUPP NOV 15
LEE BLACK NOV 25

KELSY HOERAUF NOV 6
ERIN BRADLEY NOV 10
DAVE L JOHNSON NOV 12
AMY FETZER NOV 17
JERRY HOPE NOV 28

CATHY HOLLOPETER NOV 6
JOAN MCLIVE NOV 10
CHAS KOPPLIN NOV 12
HAROLD SKINNER NOV 21
JULIE CAMPBELL NOV 29

Happy Anniversary

BRENT & DEBBIE LAVANWAY NOVEMBER 10
CHRIS & DONNA ANDERSON NOVEMBER 26

DAN & ELLEN HORTON NOVEMBER 17
KEITH & DENISE MORRIS NOVEMBER 29

Yarn Rappers

Do you knit or crochet, or would you like to learn?



Join the YARN Wrappers
Tuesdays at 1:00pm
in the Adult Library

Communion Table Flowers



*A perfect way
to honor a
person, couple,
or special
occasion*

*Contact the Church Office
or Heidi Roberts for more
information*

Growing in Community

WE ENGAGE WITH OUR WIDER COMMUNITY, SEEKING TO BE A CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE AND ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO FOLLOW JESUS THROUGH SERVICE IN MISSION AND OUTREACH ENDEAVORS.



Spread hope this holiday!

Samaritas™

in association with Season of Giving Partner



At Samaritas, we believe that every child in our care deserves a happy holiday. Our Christmas Wish program serves children in Samaritas who miss out on other statewide gift-giving opportunities due to age, date of entry into care, or type of care. Your gift can make their holiday wishes possible.

Register as a Donor

Statewide, hundreds of Samaritas clients received holiday gifts from Michiganders like you last year. You can sign-up as donor by scanning the QR code on this flyer or visiting Samaritas.co/GiveAWish.

Gift Options

Your gift-giving can benefit children in Samaritas' Foster Care, Family Preservation, Affordable Living, and/or New Americans services.

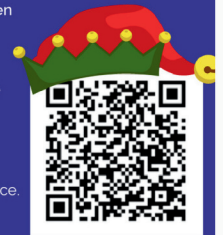
Ways to Give:

- Sign up to receive a wish list written by a child in Foster Care, Family Preservation, or Affordable Living. Wish lists will go out to donors beginning in early November. Gifts are due in early to mid-December (dates vary by program).
- Donate individual toys to refugee children resettled through Samaritas' New Americans program.
- Collect gift cards (\$25 & \$50) that will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children who enter care close to the holidays.

Please drop your gift/toy off at the church office. Donations can be made to the church with Samaritas Christmas in the memo line.

Visit Samaritas.org/ChristmasWish for more information about this program.

Please contact Mary Zimblet at (810) 629-0884 or Jay Kirkey at (810)813-1988 with questions.



Deacon's Christmas Project - Samaritas Christmas Wish Program!

At Samaritas, we believe the children in our foster care, refugee foster care, and residential communities deserve a happy holiday like any other kid -- even if their guardians are having trouble making ends meet. They've earned the right.

Gift Options

- Buying specific gifts for one or more children, even for groups of brothers and sisters, who are part of the Samaritas Foster Care, Family Preservation, New Americans, or Affordable Living service lines.
- Donating toys to refugee children resettled through Samaritas' New Americans service line.
- Donating \$25 and \$50 gift cards to purchase gifts for children who enter our care at the last minute, in December.

FLOOD RELIEF PROJECT

NOVEMBER 24TH

4PM - 5PM



JOIN US, AS WELL AS, MEMBERS OF OTHER FENTON AREA CHURCHES FOR A FLOOD RELIEF MISSION PROJECT AT THE FENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, FAMILY LIFE CENTER.

LEADING UP TO THE EVENT, WE WILL BE COLLECTING MONETARY DONATIONS IN ORDER TO PURCHASE ITEMS FOR THE CLEAN-UP BUCKETS (BY NOVEMBER 5TH). WE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS, CLEAN WITH NO HOLES, FROM AREA GROCERY STORES SUCH AS VGS OR WALMART.

DURING THE EVENT CLEAN-UP BUCKETS WILL BE ASSEMBLED AND CLEAN, PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS WILL BE CUT INTO STRIPS TO MAKE PLARN WHICH WILL LATER BE MADE INTO LARGE WATERPROOF BAGS TO CARRY ITEMS.

**SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0E4EAEAB2AA6F4C25-51957473-FENTON.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4eaeab2aa6f4c25-51957473-fenton)**

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DRAW, GO TO DRAWBUCKETS.ORG

FENTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

SAT 9TH
NOV

503 S. Leroy
Fenton

DOORS
OPEN

5:30PM

GRACE
5:45PM

TICKETS

Adults \$15 | Kids 10 and under \$5

Call to Reserve Your Spot! Deadline is Nov. 3rd

TO GO DINNERS
AVAILABLE

for pre-orders only 5:00pm-5:30pm

For more information or to purchase
tickets contact us at
810-629-7801 or
visit us at www.ffpc.org

Refugee Welcome Team

MAKING MICHIGAN HOME

Time is flying past!

Our Accomplishments...When I wrote to you all in August, just under 30 refugees had arrived in Genesee County. Now that number is up over 70! The goal for the fiscal year ending September 30th was 75 and it was reached! A few details about our new residents: they comprise more than 20 families, and are from 5 different countries, most are Spanish speakers, and about 25 are children. Our group has been hard at work and we have been able to assist in school enrollments, procuring furniture, transportation to stores and appointments, and very importantly we have been able to purchase a SIM card and 3 months of cellular service for each family. We have filled and emptied our storage shelves 3 times! Additionally, the deacons at Fenton First Presbyterian Church very generously donated backpacks and school supplies to all of the school aged children

We continue to ask for support and for volunteers to greet the families with welcome meals and transportation from the airport. It is really wonderful that there are now so many opportunities to get involved locally in the important work of refugee resettlement. To keep it all organized, we now have a sign-up-genius site to list all of the needs for both donations and volunteers. You can check it out [here](#).

Don't forget, if you are interested in any of the opportunities that will involve working directly with refugee arrivals, please register as a Samaritas volunteer using [this link](#). The process is simple! And our Amazon registry is always being updated with our current needs. You can use our [wish list](#) link to have items shipped directly. Finally, as more refugees arrive we would love to have more volunteers. Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

Peace, Sarah

For more information or to volunteer please visit <https://ffpc.org/samaritas/> or scan the code below



21-DAY FAMILY GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

1 A favorite place to visit

2 A challenge you overcame recently

3 A favorite memory from this year

4 Something you love about yourself

5 Someone that always makes you laugh

6 Something useful in your home you are grateful for

7 Someone in your life you are grateful for and why

8 A time you were grateful for something a friend did for you

9 Something good that happened to you today

10 A new skill you learned recently

11 Someone who helped you solve a problem

12 A favorite family tradition

13 A new food you tried recently and liked

14 A recent time you helped someone

15 A time when you felt courageous or brave

16 A family member you are grateful for

17 A book you read and loved

18 A friend you love spending time with

19 A favorite thing to do outside

20 A movie you recently watched and loved

21 A nice place you traveled to, near or far

Choose one prompt a day to practice gratitude together. Color in the section when you're done.

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.



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



Non-Cash Giving: Assets or Planned Gifts



Mail offering to Church:
Fenton First Presbyterian Church
503 S. Leroy
Fenton, MI 48430

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION!