



We are a family of faith, called to celebrate God's message of love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Guided by the living Word of God, we nurture one another through worship, prayer, teaching, and fellowship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out with hearts and hands to those in need, seeking to inspire hope in an ever-changing community and world.



September 2023  
Newsletter

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# Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

We use that greeting often in church. "Friends, let's pray." Or "Friends, I have a few announcements to share ..."

These words are often shared because we are friends. We're family. We're together on this faith journey. And together, we're about to move into a new season within our church calendar.

Yet, as we begin this new season, we are also aware that there are many people who are struggling. There are those struggling with grief within our church family and also within our country. You can open any newsfeed and see recent images of the devastation caused by the hurricane that swept the Southeast or by the fires that swept Hawaii.

But did you happen to see the image of the house in Maui that survived the fire?

Friends, Google it, if you have not seen it.

It turns out that this house survived the fires because of the five feet of river rock that surrounded the house. The fire could not consume the house because of that protection.

We are similarly blessed to have a house that's protected but our protection comes not from river rock but from the Holy Spirit surrounding us. This protection does not mean that we will escape trials or hardship, but it does mean that our trials will not consume us.

Building on a history that spans 188 years, our church continues to serve as a beacon of light in the midst of Downtown Plymouth, sharing the Good News of Jesus with those who are hurting, asking questions, and exploring faith.

The Holy Spirit is calling each of us, as members of FPCP, to also serve as beacons of light and hope and healing. And that, *dear friends, is precisely why I'm excited for this new church year.*

The Spirit is at work here - both within you and within our church as a whole. I look forward to seeing all that God will do with our shared time and talents and resources. I know that we will grow in faith and that God will be glorified.

Please know that I thank God for this church, and for you!

I'm excited for this coming year!

Wishing you the peace of Christ today and always,

Emily

# Children's Ministry

## NEWSLETTER

### Fall 2023 Children's Ministry Schedule

#### September:

9/17- Sunday School Resumes at 9:30am  
Nursery is open during the 9:30am service

**Fall Kick Off- 12:30pm outside- Come for some food, fun, and bouncy house**

9/24- Family Group starts between services- 10:30am-11:15am- Room 38

#### October:

**10/15- Pumpkin Decorating- 12:30pm-2:00pm (There will be a contest for best decorated pumpkin)**

10/22- Family Group- 10:30am-11:15am- Room 38  
Christmas Pageant Practice in the Upper Room-12:15pm-1:30pm (Right after the Upper Room Service)  
10/29- Reformation Sunday- (2nd Graders receive Bibles)

#### November:

**11/12- Blessings party- Families come decorate cards to be a blessing to others. Cards will be given to Northville Civic Concern. 12:30pm-1:30pm**

11/19- Christmas Pageant Practice- 12:15pm-1:30pm in the Sanctuary

#### December:

**12/10- Christmas Family Craft Event at 12:30pm-1:30pm**

12/17- Christmas Pageant Practice- 12:15pm-1:30pm in the Sanctuary  
12/24- Christmas Pageant- Morning of the 24th (Time and place to be announced)

### Volunteer Help Needed:

Looking for 3 more volunteers in order to open the Nursery for the 11:15am service.

Please contact Laura Craig if you are interested in volunteering or would like more information. [lauracraig@fpcp.net](mailto:lauracraig@fpcp.net) or extension 110.

### Families and adults: join our family small group meeting!

Are you interested in participating in a group study with other families at FPCP, but short on time during the week? Join us for a family study and discussion group, happening between the Sanctuary and Upper Room Worship Services on the 4th Sunday of each month. Families with children of any age (or even those without kids) are welcome. Fun activities and supervision for kids thru middle school age will be provided in room 42 (the "Club 45" room), while the adults meet across the hall for the study in room 38. Our meeting will focus on discussion related to the current topic of the sermon in the Worship service, and will also include opportunity for fellowship and prayer.

The first study will be held on Sunday, September 24th in room 38 from approximately 10:35-11:10AM and will occur on the 4th Sunday of every month thereafter (notice will be provided if the schedule shifts due to Holidays or other circumstances). No formal sign-up required, just come and join us! Please direct any questions about the study to Charles Evans ([charlesevans1@gmail.com](mailto:charlesevans1@gmail.com)) or regarding childcare to Laura Craig ([laura.craig@fpcp.net](mailto:laura.craig@fpcp.net)).

Starting September 17th the nursery will be open for the the 11:15am service. If you have any questions please contact Laura Craig, [lauracraig@fpcp.net](mailto:lauracraig@fpcp.net)

# Christian Education Registration Forms

Hello families!

Rev. Ashley, Patrick, Laura, and the entire Christian Education Committee are so excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 program year! As we return to our regular activities in the nursery, Sunday School and youth group, it is very important that our staff and volunteers know basic personal and health information about your children as we serve your family. Their health and safety while in our care is our top priority. We also need parent and guardian contact information in order to update you about event schedules and other items throughout the year.

We have developed one form for children participating in the nursery or Sunday School and one for students participating in youth group activities. Both forms can be found at <http://fpcp.net/christian-education-registration-forms> or by accessing the QR code. Please fill out one form per child.

Completed forms can be either emailed or placed in Laura's and Patrick's mailboxes, located in the copy room. Please return nursery/Sunday School forms to Laura and youth group forms to Patrick. Additionally, there will be a table at our combined children and youth ministry kick-off event that is being held on Sunday, September 17 where you can drop off completed forms or fill them out in person.

Thank you for your help in providing this valuable information. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Laura, Patrick, or Rev. Ashley.

In Christ,

Rev. Ashley S. Ashley  
Laura Craig  
Patrick Tyrrell  
Christian Education Committee



# FPCP

## Youth Ministry

### Fall Calendar

Middle school and High school will meet regularly on Sun at 12:15 pm in the Youth Room unless noted otherwise.

Listed below are our special events for the fall.

#### September

9/17 Kickoff Block Party  
(12:30-2 pm)

#### November

11/19 Friendsgiving  
(5-8 pm)

11/26 No Groups

#### Save the Date

Winter Retreat to Spring Hill  
2/2 to 2/4

#### October

10/8 Breakfast Game Night  
(5-8 pm)

10/29 Three Cedars  
(5:30-9:30 pm)

#### December

12/10 Christmas Party

12/19 Alumni Christmas  
(6-8 pm)

12/24 & 12/31 No Groups

# MEMBER CONNECT

## FALL MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION CLASS

\*Do you have questions about what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth?

\*Would you like to know more about the history and current programs of FPCP and the denomination, while meeting friendly people and enjoying sweet snacks?

Member Connect, Rev. Ashley and Rev. Campbell invite you to attend an informational class, either in-person or via zoom:

Sunday, October 8 (in-person) 1-3 pm OR  
Sunday, October 22 (on-line) 7 – 8 pm.

To register for class, follow the link below, or call Jenn Hollebrands, Information Administrator, (734.453.6464 ext.115)

<https://forms.gle/Yt8orsmT6YoSiBEPA>



That New Member Class is now called:  
**"Membership Exploration Class"**

The Membership Exploration Class is designed to assist you in exploring what membership means and equipping you with the information you need to make a decision about whether you feel called to become a deeper part of the community at First Pres Plymouth (FPCP). This is an opportunity for exploration and there is no obligation to join at the completion of the class.

## SEPTEMBER 2023 UPDATE

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### Volunteer with the FPCP Partners in Earth Care Team

Below is a list of the many ways you could assist in keeping our church and church grounds looking beautiful. You could volunteer to do one thing or many, one time or several times; there are many opportunities and many hands make light work for all. Please consider volunteering for one of the items below. Contact Ailsa Blunk at [lemonblunk@gmail.com](mailto:lemonblunk@gmail.com) for further information. Thanks for your consideration.

- Recycling on Sunday's – each Sunday we retrieve the recycling trash from each receptacle throughout the church. We put that trash in one of the two large recycling bins and wheel them to the curb for Monday pickup.
- Assist with gardens at the church – each garden is “owned” by a member of the church but we could all use assistance with weeding throughout the growing season.
- Wash dishes after events – the Earth Care team offers their services to wash dishes after events such as a funeral reception. We also wash dishes every Sunday when the Middle School and High School youth programs are in Session after their lunch.
- Recycle batteries – on the first Sunday of each month we collect batteries and print cartridges for recycling. We then take them to either IKEA or Target and drop them in their recycling bins.
- Sell coffee - on the first Sunday of each month we sell Fair Trade Coffee. This is the only means of revenue for the Earth Care team.
- Help with the Earth Care bulletin board – usually on a monthly basis we change the Earth Care bulletin board with a creation-related message.

If you would like to assist in any one of these tasks it would be much appreciated. If you have other ideas of how we can further assist the church, please share them with us



Threads to Heal the Heart meets the 4th Monday of each month from 12:30 to 3:30 in room 134.

Our first meeting is September 25.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Hearth Room and via Zoom from 7-9pm. Our first meeting of the fall is September 19th.



**Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00pm,**  
the Presbyterian Women are hosting a  
program on safety at home and away  
from home.

**A police officer from  
Canton Township will be speaking.  
Beverages will be available.**

Any questions,  
call Carolyn Duncan  
at 734-812-6260



Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffee, tea  
and chocolate will be available for  
purchase on **Sunday, September 10th,**  
between services.

We will also be collecting batteries and  
ink cartridges for recycling in the Narthex  
between services.

## KIDS HOPE USA MENTORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Have you considered being a mentor for a Bird Elementary school child, but wonder:

- Can one hour a week matter in the life of a child?

One teacher's response:

"One-on-one attention is priceless to a child. Having a designated person showing up once a week during the school day, just for them, is such a gift, especially for a child who is struggling. Mentors help students feel important, loved, and seen. We love our mentors!"



If you would like to learn more about being a Kids Hope Mentor or Prayer Partner, please call Susan Johnson, 734-751-9334 or email [susani.johnson86@gmail.com](mailto:susani.johnson86@gmail.com).

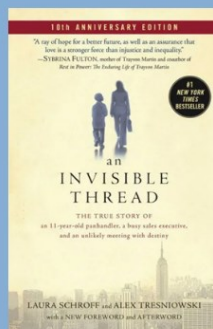
"... We reach out with hearts and hands to those in need, seeking to inspire hope..." from FPCP Mission statement

### PW BOOK DISCUSSIONS (SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2023) LUNCH & A BOOK - 12:00 NOON, FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE HEARTH ROOM - AUDREY WILLIAMS, [AWILLIAM1@MSN.COM](mailto:AWILLIAM1@MSN.COM).



SEPTEMBER 6 - "THE INVISIBLE THREAD" BY LAURA SCHROFF

THE UNLIKELY FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN A DISADVANTAGED 11-YEAR-OLD BOY/PANHANDLER AND A BUSY SALES EXECUTIVE, AND HOW BOTH OF THEIR LIVES WERE CHANGED FOREVER.



OCTOBER 4 - "THIS TENDER LAND" BY WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER  
NOVEMBER 1 - "AUGUST SNOW" BY STEVEN MACK JONES  
DECEMBER 6 - "DELICIOUS" BY RUTH REICHI

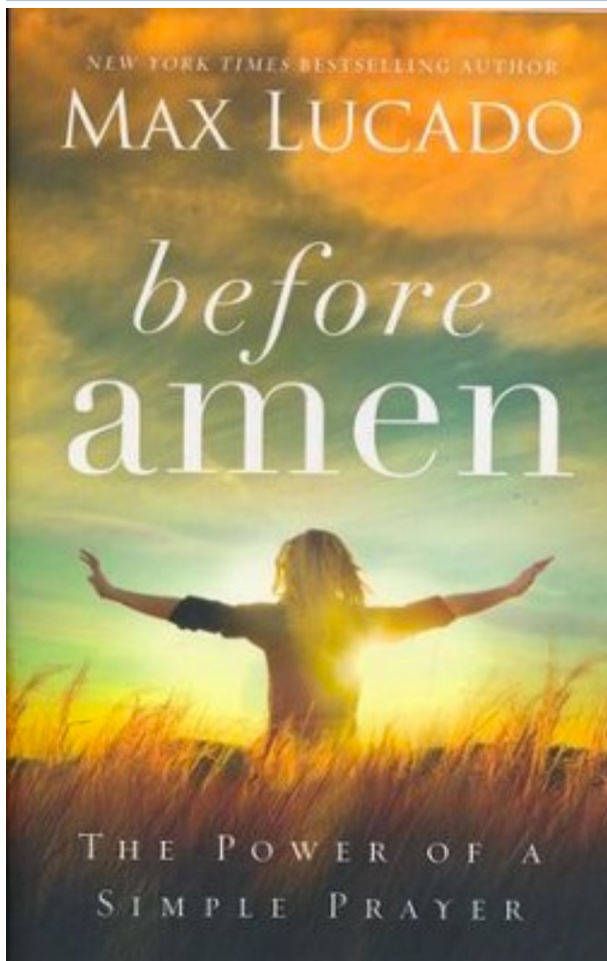
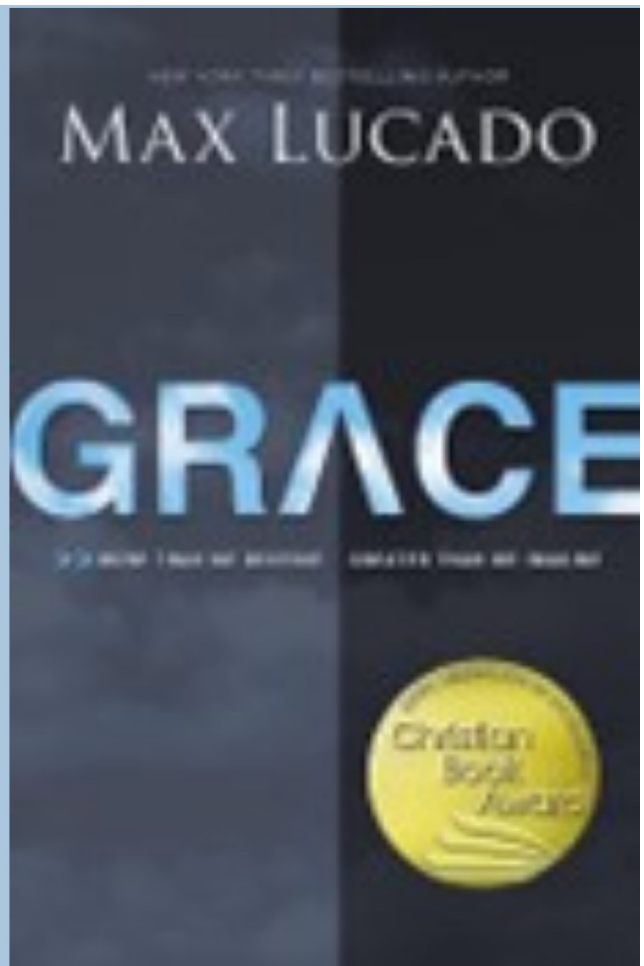
Early Word Bible Study  
**GRACE**  
**More Than We Deserve – Greater Than We Imagine**  
 By Max Lucado

Starting September 6 on  
 Wednesdays, 7:45 – 9:00 AM on Zoom

Are you ready to move from insecure to God secure? From regret riddled to better-because-of-it? From afraid to die to ready to fly? Today, find freedom in God's grace. We often talk about grace, but do we really understand it? Grace politely occupies a phrase in a hymn and fits nicely on a church sign. It never causes trouble or demands a response. When asked, "Do you believe in grace?" who could say no? GRACE helps us dive deeper into what it means to be changed by grace.

Wake-up, welcome GRACE with your cup of coffee, and share your Wednesday early morning with a group from our church community. Don't need to leave the comfort of your home. Suitable pajamas are permitted. Purchase the book from your favorite distributor and contact Sue Kage at [skage@comcast.net](mailto:skage@comcast.net) for the Zoom address.

We'd love to have you join us!!



Women of the Word Bible Study  
**Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer**  
 by Max Lucado

September 13 – November 8, 2023 (9 weeks)  
 Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

We all pray... some. But wouldn't we like to pray more? Better? Stronger? With more fire, faith, and fervency?

We aren't the first to struggle with prayer. The first followers of Jesus needed prayer guidance too. In fact, prayer is the only tutorial they ever requested. And Jesus gave them a prayer. Not a lecture on prayer. Not the doctrine of prayer. He gave them a quotable, repeatable, portable prayer. Couldn't we use the same?

In Before Amen we journey to the very heart of biblical prayer, offering hope for doubts and confidence even for prayer wimps. Distilling prayers in the Bible down to one pocket-sized prayer, we are reminded that prayer is not a privilege for the pious nor the art of a chosen few. Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and his child. Let the conversation begin using our fall sermon series on prayer combined with this book, Before Amen.

This nine-week Women's Bible Study will meet on consecutive Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 at FPCP. We will examine the power of prayer by discussing the weekly sermons on the Lord's Prayer and studying Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer by Max Lucado. Please purchase your book online from your favorite distributor and sign-up before September 6 on the church website at: <http://fpcp.net/signups>

To allow for a more secure and intimate study on prayer, we will be meeting each week in assigned small groups. We hope and pray you will join us!

**Coming September 12, 2023!**  
**Disciple — Fast Track**  
**New Testament, 12 Weeks**

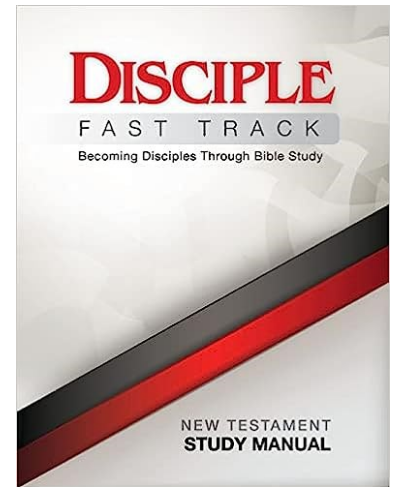
Fast Track is a modification of the original Disciple program. It provides a thorough introduction to the Bible in one-third less time from the original program.

Participants are asked to spend 75 minutes in discussion in the weekly sessions. The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. Participants are asked, too, to read 20-30 minutes of the Bible, five to six days per week. The hybrid study is being offered in person and on Zoom.

A five minute weekly DVD and questions from the workbook will be the basis for group discussions.

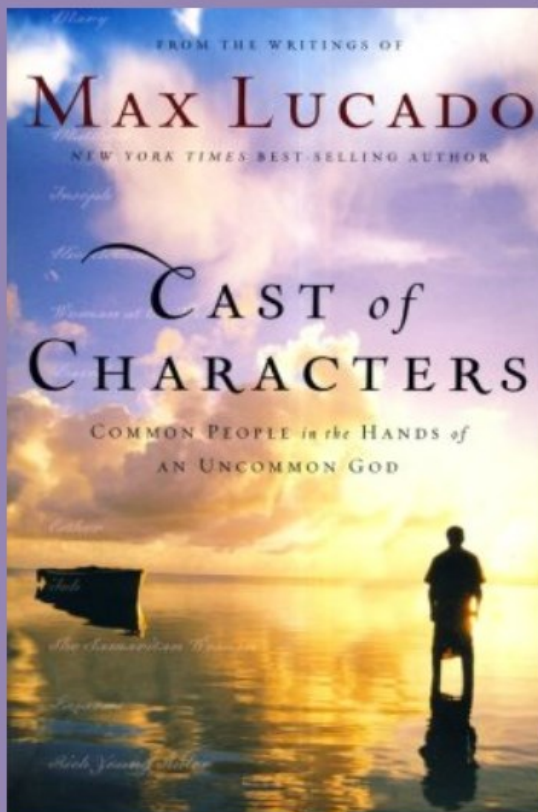
The cost of the *Fast Track, New Testament* workbook is \$14 plus shipping, and can be purchased through Cokesbury. Amazon also carries the study manual but at a higher price.

If you have questions about the class or about securing a workbook, please call Nancy White, mobile number: 734-502-2831.



# CONTINUING THE WORD

## Bible Study



**SUNDAYS 5:30-6:30 PM**  
**OCT 8 - APRIL 14**  
**Meeting in Chapel with Zoom Option**

Common people ... Story after story marked by  
scandal, stumble, and intrigue.

Who are these people?

They're the people of the Bible.

And they're us.

We find our stories in theirs.

We find our hope where they found theirs.

In the hands of an uncommon God.

**Materials Needed:**

**Cast of Characters book**

Available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [christianbook.com](https://www.christianbook.com)

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Gary McLaren [gmclaren220878MI@comcast.net](mailto:gmclaren220878MI@comcast.net)

# Join LISTENING TO JESUS, RESPONDING IN FAITH BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS @ 7-8:30 PM

ZOOM

SEP 10 - OCT 29, 2023

Materials needed:

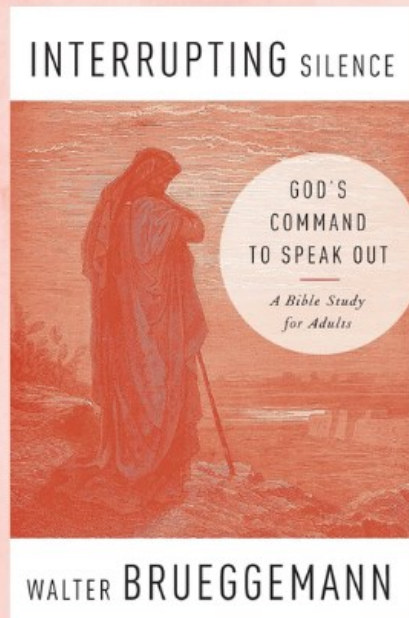
**Bible & a copy of Interrupting Silence**

"Examining how maintaining silence allows the powerful to keep control, Bruggemann motivates readers to consider situations in their lives where they need to interrupt silence or be part of the problem, convincing us that God is active and wanting us to act for justice."

For more information, contact:

Nancy Sullivan [nsullivanstudent@gmail.com](mailto:nsullivanstudent@gmail.com)

Doug Kee [jdkee1002@gmail.com](mailto:jdkee1002@gmail.com)



## SACRED ENCOUNTERS

SACRED ENCOUNTERS: THE POWER AND PRESENCE OF  
JESUS CHRIST IN LUKE-ACTS

BY OLIVE MAHABIR

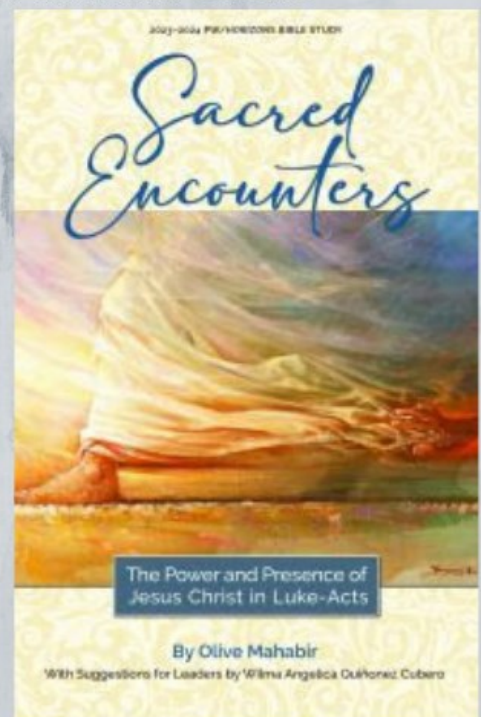
SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADERS BY WILMA ANGÉLICA QUIÑONEZ CUBERO

The 2023-2024 PW/Horizons Bible study by author Olive Mahabir invites readers to consider Jesus, "the good shepherd" (Luke 10:15), who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

The Gospel According to Luke and the book of the Acts of the Apostles, or Luke-Acts, "one story in two parts," demonstrate the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Written by Luke, a physician and traveling companion of Paul, the message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled.

This Presbyterian Women sponsored monthly Bible study will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month Sept. thru May in the FPCP dining room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and by zoom. Bring a Friend! All women welcome all the time. Each of the nine lessons is self-contained while relevant to the others.

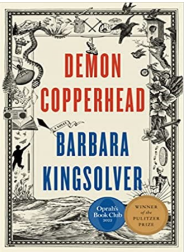
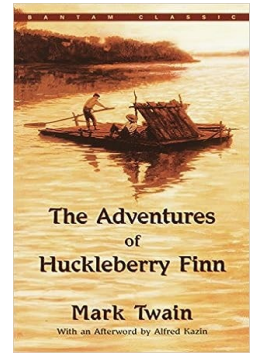
Please contact [kikifarrows@aol.com](mailto:kikifarrows@aol.com) to order books, (\$12). Payable check to me or cash. Pickup at 275 N. Harvey St.; Plymouth at end of August.



**Monday, September 25**  
**Presbyterian Women in Evening Book Group**  
**Discuss a Banned Book and a Newer Pub**

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* was published in 1884. Set in the 1840's, Huckleberry Finn takes off on a raft down the Mississippi with Jim, a slave seeking his freedom. They run into two con artists, the Duke and the King, as they drift southward, and Huck reunites with Tom Sawyer near the end of the book. The book exposes attitudes prevalent at the times, especially racism, and includes coarse language.

The book was banned on social grounds. The references to and treatment of African Americans in the novel reflect the time about which it was written, but critics have thought such language inappropriate for study and reading in schools and libraries.



**Ready to discuss *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*?**  
**We will also review *Demon Copperhead*,**  
**by Barbara Kingsolver (2022)**

Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, *Demon Copperhead* is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. Relayed in his own voice, *Demon* braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses.

*This is the first of four evening book discussions by Presbyterian Women in 2023-2024.*

*Other discussions will take place on November 27, 2023  
 January 29, 2024  
 and April 22, 2024*

Please join the discussion, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel on Monday, September 25  
 Questions? Contact Nancy White at 734-502-2831 (mobile) or [nancy.white795@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.white795@gmail.com)  
 Please alert Nancy, too, if you need to attend the discussion on Zoom.

Women's Study  
**Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious, Specific and Strategic Prayer**  
 by Priscilla Shirer.

**September 13 – December 6**  
 (11 weeks; no meetings on Nov 1 & 22)  
 Wednesdays at 7:00 in the FPCP Hearth Room

Many of us would love to enjoy a rich, strong, deep, and powerful prayer life, but we don't always know where or how to begin.

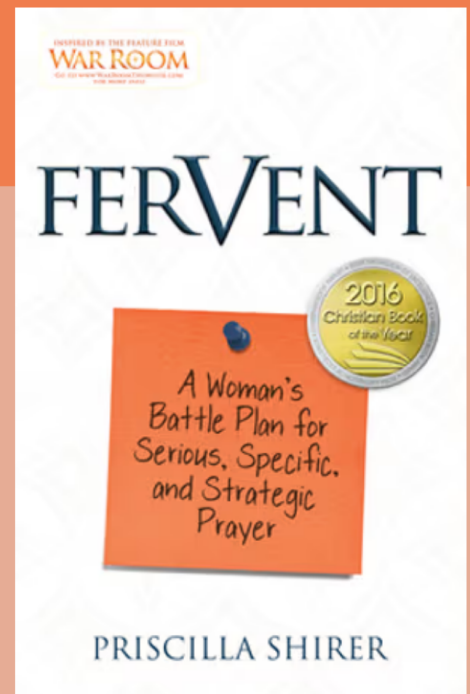
*Fervent* by Priscilla Shirer is a hands-on, knees-down, don't-give-up action guide to practical, purposeful praying. It addresses the topics that affect us most: renewing our passion, refocusing our identity, negotiating family strife, dealing with relentless regrets, navigating impossible schedules, succeeding against temptation, weathering our worst fears, uprooting bitterness, and more.

Together, we will discuss the spiritual and practical barriers that keep us from prayer and encourage one another to craft our own personalized prayer strategies that allow us to powerfully and confidently pray over ourselves and our loved ones on a regular basis.

We hope this new, evening women's bible study option will be a blessing for many, including busy moms and women who work during the day.

You are invited to purchase your book from your favorite distributor.

For more information or to sign up, contact:  
 Rev. Ashley at [ashleyashley@fpcp.net](mailto:ashleyashley@fpcp.net)  
 Meg Anderson at [MegfromMichigan@gmail.com](mailto:MegfromMichigan@gmail.com).



## FPCP Mission Opportunities Completed in July, 2023

If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please contact Ailsa Blunk at [lemonblunk@gmail.com](mailto:lemonblunk@gmail.com).

| Date                    | Sponsor                                             | Benefitting Organization                                                                                             | Event                                                                                          | Monetary, Material Goods, Service | Frequency                       | Results                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 7, 8, 9            | Youth                                               | Colina de Luz                                                                                                        | "Art in the Park" Parking Lot Fundraiser                                                       | Monetary                          | 1 per year                      | Approx. \$7,700 raised                                                                                                                                        |
| July 10, 2023           | Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study | Hope Clinic                                                                                                          | Prepare & serve meals                                                                          | Service                           | Monthly                         | Served 193 meals, had 7 volunteers, served 4 hours                                                                                                            |
| July 11, 2023           | Local Mission                                       | Fort St. Open Door Mission                                                                                           | Service in the Clothing Room                                                                   | Service                           | as needed                       | Doug Kee worked 3 hours                                                                                                                                       |
| July 14, 2023           | FPCP Partners in Earth Care                         | First Step Domestic Violence Shelter                                                                                 | Plant and maintain raised garden beds throughout summer to provide clients with fresh produce. | Service, Financial                | Every 2 weeks throughout summer | Ailsa & Craig Blunk weeded and planted, served 2 hours                                                                                                        |
| July 15, 2023           | NIMC                                                | Marion Medical                                                                                                       | Led volunteer training for African trip                                                        | Service                           | as needed                       | Doug Kee worked 5 hours                                                                                                                                       |
| July 16th-July 21, 2023 | Local Mission / Christian Nurture                   | Northville Civic Concern                                                                                             | Collection of Goods with VBS. Also decorated placemats.                                        | Goods                             | Once                            | John & Val McKinley spent 3 hours picking up and delivering to Northville Civic Concern                                                                       |
| July 29th & 30th        | Local Mission/ Peggy Kmeciak                        | Wayne State Aged Out Foster Children, Second Mile Center, MDSS, Hands Across the Water, St. John's Home for Refugees | Backpack Drive                                                                                 | Goods                             | Once per year                   | School Supplies and backpacks collected. Approximately 330 filled backpacks will be delivered to various agencies. Also, gift cards for Wayne State students. |
| July 24, 2023           | VBS                                                 | Hope Clinic                                                                                                          | Decorated and stuffed bags with food donations to make lunches.                                | Goods                             | Once                            | Delivered 76 lunches. John & Val McKinley spent 2 hours delivering lunches that the VBS students put together                                                 |

| <b>Date</b>                          | <b>Sponsor</b>                                      | <b>Benefitting Organization</b>      | <b>Event</b>                                                                                                     | <b>Monetary, Material Goods, Service</b> | <b>Frequency</b>                | <b>Results</b>                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 6, July 13, July 20 & July 27th | Local Mission                                       | Fort St. Open Door Mission           | Service in the Clothing Room                                                                                     | Service                                  | as needed                       | Chuck Hodge went 4 times in July for a total of 9 hrs. service                                    |
| July 27, 2023                        | Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study | Hope Clinic                          | Prepare & serve meals                                                                                            | Service                                  | Monthly                         | Served 215 meals, had 6 volunteers, served 3 hours                                                |
| July 29, 2023                        | FPCP Partners in Earth Care                         | First Step Domestic Violence Shelter | Plant and maintain raised garden beds throughout summer to provide clients with fresh produce.                   | Service, Financial                       | Every 2 weeks throughout summer | Corinne Kee weeded and harvested, served 2 hours                                                  |
| July 31, 2023                        | Local Mission                                       | Hope Clinic                          | Served dinner and put together lunches                                                                           | Service, Goods                           | Monthly                         | Served 184 dinners and 126 lunches. We had 8 volunteers that worked for 4 hours to prep and serve |
| July                                 | B&G                                                 | FPCP Members in Need                 | Handyman Initiative                                                                                              | Service                                  | as needed                       | Completed 5 requests                                                                              |
| July                                 | Deacons                                             | Suppers of Support                   | Provide meals for those in need                                                                                  | Goods/Service                            | as needed                       | Provided 4 meals for family                                                                       |
| July                                 | Presbyterian Women                                  | Kids' Hope                           | Made contact with potential mentors for fall, also online organization of related material                       | Service                                  | as needed                       | Approx. 3 hours - director hours                                                                  |
| July                                 | NIMC                                                | Marion Medical                       | Worked on volunteer training, fall trip preparation and leadership succession projects                           | Service                                  | as needed                       | Doug Kee worked approx. 12 hours                                                                  |
| July                                 | Local Mission / Thrift Shop                         | FPCP & Community                     | Store operates to receive donations and resell to community. Money raised goes to our church's mission partners. | ALL                                      | all year                        | approx. 100 volunteer hrs. provided each month                                                    |

## SEPTEMBER 2023 UPDATE

# NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL MISSION

### FPCP **FITNESS** IN CHRIST

Thank you for your prayers, participation, and more than \$14,000 in donations at our annual **Fun in the Sun** event this past June! 45 people of all ages participated in their choice of prayer walking, jogging, bike riding, kickboxing, stretching, and consulting with a nutrition specialist. Your support helped two mission teams travel to Colina de Luz Christian Home for Children in Mexico this past spring and summer. Gracias!



### PLEASE PRAY FOR DOUG KEE

**Doug is in Malawi, Africa from August 28th through October 23rd. He will be visiting our partner church, Mtenthera CCAP, for four days and then serving with Marion Medical Mission for the rest of his trip.**



### MARION MEDICAL MISSION WELL SEASON BEGINS!

FPCP's mission partner Marion Medical Mission ([mmmwater.org](http://mmmwater.org)) will begin installing new protected water wells in Africa on September 12th.

This year 29 US volunteers will travel to Malawi in September and October to work in partnership with African builders to install up to 4,000 wells. Please pray for the safety of everyone working in the field. This year diesel fuel is quite scarce in Malawi.

### WILFRED KAMANGA FUNDRAISER



**OUR GOAL: \$10,000**

Thank you for your generosity! As of August 28th, we have raised **\$2,149**. Please help us reach our goal ~ see Stu Dodge to support this Marion Medical Mission Field Officer.



### CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & TOY DRIVE OCT 15

#### Boys and Girls Clothing:

**Sizes 6/7 Youth up to Adult Large**

Elastic waist shorts (modest length)

Elastic waist sweatpants

Appropriate t-shirts & sweatshirts

Underwear & socks

Tennis shoes

*Please no flip flops, 2-piece bathing suits, or tank tops*

#### Toys:

Art sets or craft kits

Baby dolls (all ethnicities)

Backpacks (boys and girls)

Board games

Bracelet/jewelry-making kits

Card games (UNO, Go Fish, Skip-Bo, etc.)

Cars (Hot Wheels, Matchbox) and trucks

Coloring & activity books

DIY project kits for boys

Fleece blankets

Legos

Puzzles

Remote control cars

School supplies

Sport balls/NERF balls

Stuffed animals (small needed most)

SEPTEMBER 2023 UPDATE

# LOCAL MISSION

There are lots of opportunities to reach out with hearts and hands to those in need right here in our own community. Each month we will highlight news about our local partners and opportunities for you to serve and share the love of Jesus through your actions.



## SEEKING MENTORS FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN AT BIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THIS FALL

mentor ● one child ● one hour a week

*your encouragement and love  
could change a life*

To learn more about becoming a mentor,  
contact Susan Johnson at [susani.johnson86@gmail.com](mailto:susani.johnson86@gmail.com)

*Thank You from*  
**NORTHVILLE  
CIVIC CONCERN**



516 units of food were  
collected at the FPCP  
food drive and  
Vacation Bible School!

**Thank you for your  
generosity!**



## SEPTEMBER 24TH COLLECTION 9 AM - NOON

- Textured hair care products
- Hand soap
- Lotion
- Body wash
- Snack for their snack cart  
(individually wrapped)  
(sweet and savory)

## 7TH ANNUAL SECOND MILE CENTER GOLF OUTING

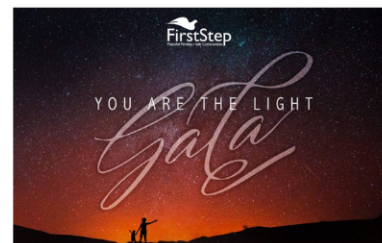


To register go to  
[secondmilecenter.org](http://secondmilecenter.org)

**SATURDAY, SEPT 30TH**

**Farmington Hills Golf Course**

- Be a sponsor
- Bring a foursome and play golf
- Join us for dinner and the auction
- Donate to the auction



**DON'T MISS THE  
2023 YOU ARE THE LIGHT  
FIRST STEP GALA**

**OCT 6 6:30-11:30 PM**

**Laurel Manor**

**For more information and registration, go  
to [firststep-mi.org](http://firststep-mi.org)**

## Thank You for Your Help With The Backpack Drive

This picture shows some very happy social workers that service foster families in Wayne County. They just received backpacks filled with school supplies to distribute to children living in foster care, thanks to FPCP. Over seven agencies approached me for help this year, requesting double the number of backpacks we filled last year.

As always, we turn the need over to God and are grateful for all we get. But just like manna in the wilderness, God supplied our needs and we filled **385 backpacks** (twice what we did last year.) I am beyond grateful to the MANY that donated, shopped, sorted and filled.

We also donated to Second Mile Center and to the refugee families that are moving into our area.

Philippians 4:6 & 7

Peggy Fisher-Kmieciak and Local Mission



## Fall is just around the corner...

Do you like to sing?

Why not consider joining the Chancel Choir Music Ministry this Fall!

Rehearsals are on Thursday 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Enjoy singing various styles of Sacred Music while enjoying fellowship with church members and musicians! Come and join our Choir family, we would love to have you make music with us!

For information or inquiries, contact Kim Swan at

[EPCPmusic@fpcp.net](mailto:EPCPmusic@fpcp.net) or call at

734-453-6464, ext. 119.



## Looking for an opportunity to volunteer?

We have a great group of people in our congregation who faithfully help with ushering at our services. We are always looking for more volunteers to be regular ushers serving once per month, or usher substitutes, filling in where needed. We usher in the Sanctuary at the 9:30 am service and also the Upper Room at 11:15 am. Keep in mind for the Upper Room service, we could use a family to serve. It would be a great way to get your children involved with serving! If you are interested in signing up or would just like more information, please contact Carol Stoner at [Stonerjc@comcast.net](mailto:Stonerjc@comcast.net) or Jennifer Hollebrands at the church office. Thank you for considering!



## FPCP Fall 2023 Worship Schedule

**Fall Preaching Theme: *A Call to Prayer (A Study of the Lord's Prayer)***

**Service times:** *(These times remain the same each week unless otherwise noted)*

**9:30 am Sanctuary**

**11:15 am Upper Room Service**

### September

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Rev Campbell is preaching on A Call to Prayer: "Our Father...Hallowed Be"

**The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated at both services.**

**Chancel Choir returns to the sanctuary/ Fall Fest Weekend**

**Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Rev Campbell is preaching on A Call to Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come"

**Sunday School resumes at the 9:30 am service**

**Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>**

Rev Campbell is preaching on A Call to Prayer: "Thy Will Be Done"

### October

**Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Rev Ashley is preaching on A Call to Prayer: "Give us This Day, our Daily Bread"

**Worldwide Communion Sunday**

**Sunday October 8th Gospel Choir Concert in Sanctuary at 10:30 am**

11: 15 am Upper Room Service Rev. Campbell is preaching "Forgive us our Debts"

**Sunday October 15th**

Rev Ashley is preaching on A Call to Prayer: "Forgive Us our Debts as we Forgive..."

**Sunday October 22nd**

Rev Campbell is preaching on A Call to Prayer: "Lead us and Deliver Us...."

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sue Scott's Music Ministry**

**9:30 am Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers together in worship.**

**11: 15 am Upper Room Service**

**2: 00 PM 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert**

**Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Rev Campbell is preaching on A Call to Prayer: "Responding In Faith. The Language of Praise" **ONE COMBINED EXTENDED WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY IN Sanctuary at 9:30 am**

**Chancel Choir and Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips leading music**

**Reformation Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bibles Distributed; New Members Welcome;**

**Stewardship Response followed by:**

**11: 00 AM Church Wide Celebration Potluck**



We are blessed once again to have had such a wonderful gathering on August 27th. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for a Summer Picnic.

More than 155 members and guests joined us in fellowship and delicious food. Many thanks to all who chopped, mixed, cooked, or baked your best dish to share with your church family and guests. God's bounty was abundant!

Special thanks also go to ALL the volunteers who worked to make this picnic possible. Your Deacons and committees of Session contributed in many ways including set-up and clean-up help. Laura Craig and CN provided activities for kids with a highlight Scavenger Hunt organized and assisted by members of Earth Care. Hospitality Committee shined and the Earth Care dishwashers were so efficient it was amazing to watch. Meanwhile, the folks including teenagers who gave hours on Sunday to receive and organize food, pick up chicken, and assist with dirty dishes are greatly appreciated. This could not be done without all of you. THANK YOU!

-Worship Committee

It is with the deepest of sorrows that we let you know of the death of Irene Christina Skimins. Irene passed away on August 4, 2023.

Please pray for Jim and the family as they go through these difficult stages of grief.

A memorial service will take place at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth on Saturday, September 16th at 11: 00 am with a luncheon reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be donated in Irene's name to the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship <https://donations.peointernational.org/peo-donation-star> please enter EA/MI under the "chapter to receive credit".

# SMILE

It is PHOTO TIME  
for our 2024 Church Directory

Thursday Oct. 5th 2pm-8:30pm  
Friday October 6th 1pm-7pm  
Saturday October 7th: 10pm-4pm

Thursday October 19th 2pm-8:30pm  
Friday October 20th 1pm-7pm  
Saturday October 21st 10pm-4pm

SIGN UP THROUGH OCTOBER 1st  
Narthex or on our website at: [fpcp.net/signups](https://fpcp.net/signups)  
Questions?

Contact Jennifer at 734-453-6464 ext. 115





Come share some of your Thanksgiving Day with us!!!

**41<sup>th</sup> Annual**

***Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the Community***

***Westminster Presbyterian***

***Church of Detroit***

**17567 Hubbell@ W. Outer Drive**

**(Curbside pick -up North door)**

**November 23, 2023**

**12:00 pm until 3:00 pm**

**All are welcome!**

**There is no charge at our table!**

**For more information call: 313.341.2697 Ext. 314**

**Or email to**

**[pkaye@wcodetroit.org](mailto:pkaye@wcodetroit.org)**

**Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study - Starts Sept. 16 at 7:45am**

To all men: you are invited to join SMMBS as we start on Saturday, September 16 at 7:45am-9:15am, meeting in the Hearth Room and Zoom is also available. Our study this Fall will be based on "A Call To Prayer": we will study what Scripture teaches us, we will discuss each week's sermon as preached by Emily and Ashley on the Lord's Prayer, and our resource guide will be "Before Amen" by Max Lucado. We pray you will consider joining with us to strengthen our individual and collective prayer life! Contact Tom Weaver at [ttw@comcast.net](mailto:ttw@comcast.net) for more information and to get on our weekly email list.





### A Prayer for a New Church Year

Wondrous God, you have blessed us with a new season in the life of our church. With every change, we are reminded of your power, your purpose, and your gracious provision.

Thank you for the men and women who have answered your call to serve by serving as our new class of Elders and Deacons. Bless them, we pray.

As this new season begins, we pray for our children, for our teenagers, and for our college students who are all returning to school. Keep them forever in your care.

We pray for teachers everywhere but especially those who serve within our church as Sunday School Teachers, Nursery Workers, and as Youth Leaders. Grant them wisdom and strength, we pray.

We ask your blessing upon the members of our Chancel Choir and on our Joyful Ringers. May their faith be strengthened while they glorify you through music.

We pray for anyone seeking to grow in faith as they join Bible studies and serve on committees. May all those who seek you, find you.

Please bless the staff of our church and all who answer your call to serve in the Thrift Shop, or as part of the Hospitality Committee, or as part of the Building and Grounds Committee or in some other way.

May we be your faithful disciples at work in the world today.

This we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.