



MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

We are a mission-minded congregation.

Even as I write this, our nine-person team of adults have just returned from serving at Colina de Luz home for children located in La Gloria, Mexico while our local mission volunteers have journeyed to Detroit where they served 400-500 others at Crossroads Soup Kitchen.

Closer to home, our incredibly-dedicated Thrift Shop volunteers prepare to participate in the Annual Old Village Garage Sale while others within our church prepare to cook a meal for approximately 200 individuals experiencing food-insecurity in Ypsilanti at Hope Clinic.

Did I forget to share that two of our members have flown to Africa? Doug Kee has already arrived in Malawi and is preparing for the installation of shallow drinking wells for Marion Medical Mission which will take place later this summer. He will soon be joined by another of our church members, Sue Kage, and together they will visit our sister church in Mtenthera and meet face to face with the 75 young women our church members' sponsor. These young women live with others in the hostel that our church helped to build.

By the time this newsletter is published, the Deacons of our church will have run a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross at our church and will have spent an additional weekend collecting much-needed toiletries for Plymouth's Salvation Army.

As a church family, we will have welcomed Tom and Jocelyn Logan, the founders of Marion Medical Mission to our worship services. This ministry has positively impacted the health of over five million rural Africans.

Friends, I could go on and on about our church's involvement with the Second Mile Center in Detroit, or our Foster Care Ministry, or Kid's Hope, but all of this is simply a reflection of the last thirty days in our church.

We are a family of faith who loves to engage in mission, and I thank God for this!

I firmly believe that no matter our age, our experience, or lack thereof, there is a place God can use our willing spirits. Please reach out to either Ashley or me if you would like to find out how to get involved in the mission work of this church.

Thanking God for leading us all forward in faith,

Emily

May 2024 Worship Schedule

We have two services on offer every Sunday
Our 9:30 am Sanctuary service is a traditional service
Our 11:15 am Upper Room Service is an acoustic contemporary service

This month, we will begin a new sermon series entitled *Come, Holy Spirit*.

Sundays in May

**May 5, 2024 Communion Sunday. Mission Celebration with
Tom and Jocelyn Logan (Marion Medical Mission)**
Rev. Ashley is preaching on *Come, Holy Spirit Empower Us*

May 12, 2024 Mother's Day.
Rev. Campbell is preaching on *Come, Holy Spirit Teach Us to Pray and Praise*

May 19, 2024 Spring Choir Concert. Pentecost Celebration.
Rev. Ashley is preaching on *Come, Holy Spirit, Sing God's Truth*

May 26, 2024 Memorial Day Celebration.
Rev. Campbell is preaching on *Come, Holy Spirit, Bring Encouragement and Hope*



May Children's Ministry Newsletter



Upcoming Events:

**May 5th- Pastries with
Parents
Fellowship Hall-
12:30pm-1:30pm**

**May 19th- Last day of Sunday
School. We will be having a
party to celebrate the last
day.**

**Nursery will remain open
during the Summer for the
9:30am and 11:15am services.**

Family Fun in the Sun:

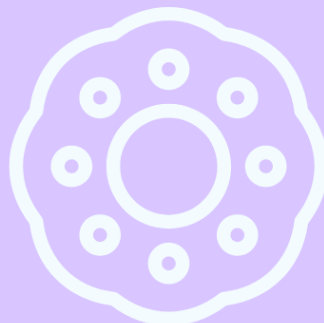
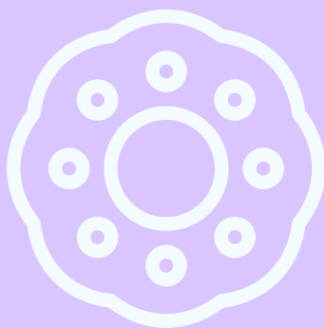
**Come join us Saturday, June
1st for Family fun in the Sun!**

**There will be activities for all
ages! There will also be lunch
after all the fun activities.**

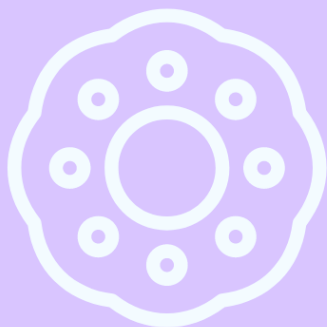
**The event will be at Plymouth
Riverside Recreation Area
at Hines Park. 9am-Noon.**

**I am still looking for VBS volunteers. If you are interested in
helping before or after VBS please let me know. There will be
two days for VBS volunteer training. Volunteers can either
attend training Sunday, June 9th- 12:30pm-1:30pm in the dining
hall or Wednesday, June 12th-6pm to 7pm in the dining hall.**

**If you have any questions please contact Laura Craig.
lauracraig@fpcp.net or call 734.453.6464, ex 110**



Pastries with Parents



**May 5th- 12:30pm-1:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
We will be celebrating moms and dads.
Come enjoy a treat and a fun activity.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS



Are you wondering how you can help for VBS? Looking for volunteers to help prep before VBS and help during VBS. Lots of different opportunities to volunteer! If you are interested please reach out to Laura Craig. lauracraig@fpcp.net or call 734.453.6464, ex 110



Inviting all Kids!
Pre-K to 5th grade



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2024
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH
701 CHURCH ST. PLYMOUTH
734.453.6464

JUNE 25TH-27TH
6PM-8:30PM

VBS Celebration-
JUNE 28TH AT 6PM



TO REGISTER
SCAN THE QR
CODE
OR GO TO
[FPCP.NET/UP
COMING-
EVENTS/#VBS](https://fpcp.net/upcoming-events/#vbs)





VBS Food Donations



We are looking for food items for VBS this year. If you would like to donate please pull take a slip off the vbs donation board. Donation board is located in the narthex. After you take a slip please write your name, email and what items you are donating on the sheet. Once you have the items you would like to donate, please put them in the VBS donation bin located in the narthex.

Please bring non-perishable items by June 9th. Cheese dip and ice can be brought in by June 16th.

Thank you so much for your donations! It is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

lauracraig@fpcp.net or call 734-453-6464, ex 110

Items needed:

- 2 - 27.3 oz. boxes colored goldfish crackers
- 2 - 19 oz. boxes Chex cereal (not Honey Nut, peanut butter, or chocolate)
- 50 oz. party size Skittles
- 2 - 16 oz. bags mini pretzels
- 2 - 20 oz. boxes raisins
- 9 - 5.9 oz. boxes instant chocolate pudding (6 servings per box)
- 4 - 14.4 oz. boxes chocolate graham crackers
- 4 - 6 oz. bags gummy worms
- 50 plastic spoons
- 4 - 12 oz. bags pretzel rods
- 4 - 16 oz. bags pretzel sticks
- 2 - 28 oz. Twizzlers Pull n' Peel candy
- 7 - 15 oz. jars Meijer Cheddar Cheese Dip Stadium Style
- 50 medium paper plates
- 4- 16 oz bag of regular marshmallows (Not mini)
- 2- 100 pack napkins
- 3-100 5oz plastic cups
- 4- 14.4 oz Original graham crackers
- 2-5lb bags of ice

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Youth Ministry

May

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 May.

May
5/19 Star Wars
Game Night
6-8 pm

No Youth Group

May 12

May 26

Contact Patrick
patricktyrrell@fpcp.net
734-453-6464 x120

CONFIRMATION CLASS ROSTER CALL

If you have a youth in your family who has not been confirmed, the CE committee and the Confirmation leaders, Julie and Doug Heasley, wish to hear from you.

We have created a very brief Google form that can be accessed by scanning the QR code below.

Thank you in advance for responding to help us with roster planning for next year and beyond.



SAT. JUNE 1ST
9 am - noon

**Plymouth Riverside
Recreation Area
at Hines Park**

**42401 EDWARD N HINES DR
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170**



**Come join us for a
morning of outdoor fun for ALL ages.**
EVERYONE is welcome including dogs on leashes!
Invite your family & friends.

WHAT IS FAMILY FUN IN THE SUN?



We'll be gathering together for a morning of outdoor activity at the park with friends and family! We have lots planned for everyone from toddlers to teens to adults of ALL ages.

You can choose to participate in as little or as much as you want. There's no skill required. There will be:

- games for kids and games for ALL ages
- a bounce house and playscape
- a prayer walk with Rev. Ashley
- a session of seated yoga and a session of standing yoga with Sharon Holcomb
- "Eat This, Not That" info with registered dietician, Denise Stewart
- you can also enjoy your own personal walk, cycle, or jog if you choose
- and of course, food ... we'll have lunch together!



WHAT'S THE COST?

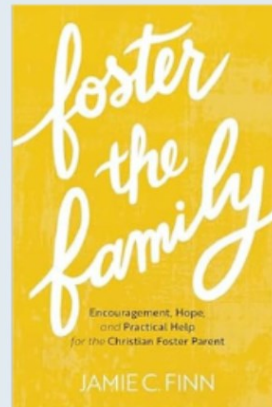
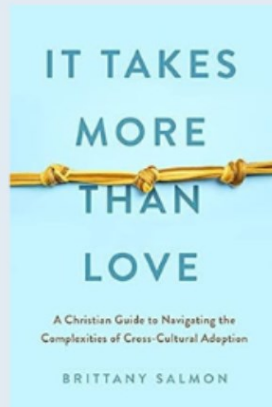
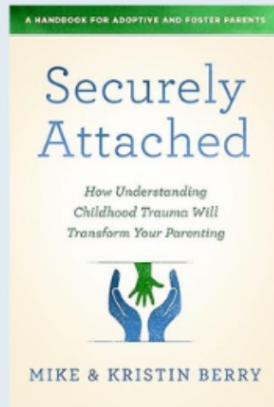
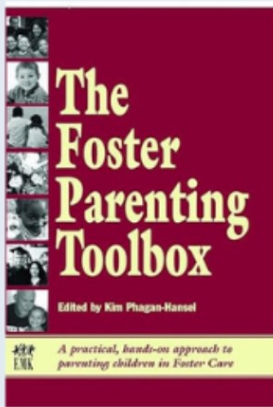
This is a **FREE** event. There will be an opportunity to contribute to a free-will offering to support two mission trips our church is taking to Colina de Luz Christian Home for Children in Mexico but this is completely optional.

HOW DO WE SIGN UP?

To register, scan the QR code or click on [online registration](#).



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701 Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170



LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

Foster Care & Adoption



Equal Exchange fair-trade coffee, tea and chocolate will be available for purchase on Sunday, May 5th, between and after services.

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



PARTNERS IN EARTH CARE NEWS

Where can I recycle my old batteries?



Battery type	Can be recycled at:			
	FPCP	Home Depot & Lowes	ERG*	Wayne Co HHW**
 Household AAA, AA, C, and D batteries. Includes both <u>non-rechargeable</u> alkaline and lithium metal batteries	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Button coin batteries from watches, hearing aids, etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓
 <u>Rechargeable</u> batteries (including AAA, AA, C, D size). Types include lithium ion, nickel-cadmium, nickel metal hydride, and lead batteries	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Rechargeable batteries from cell phones, e-readers, small electronics, or laptops/computers	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Rechargeable power tool batteries	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Car or boat batteries	✗	✗	✓	✓

*To recycle batteries at ERG Environmental, 13040 Merriman Rd Ste 200, Livonia, check with your township/city for guidelines.

**Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste collections will be held on 6/29, 8/31, 10/19.

Women of Retirement Age Breakfast Group

Calling all Women of Retirement Age, Come join us! We are having a great time! Join us at our next breakfast meet up on May 21st at 8:30am.

We meet at Red Olive; 1051 Ann Arbor Rd. In Plymouth. Meet some new people and catch up with old friends!

PLEASE RSVP TO

LISA BENAGES OR MARJORIE SILVIS.

LISA.BENAGES@GMAIL.COM OR MLYCNCH516828@GMAIL.COM

Presbyterian Women

Lunch and a Book

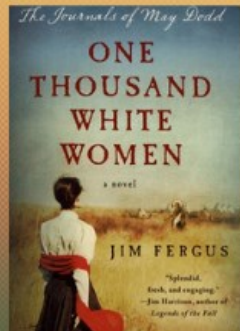
SUMMER 2024 READING LIST

First Wednesday of the month at 12 noon

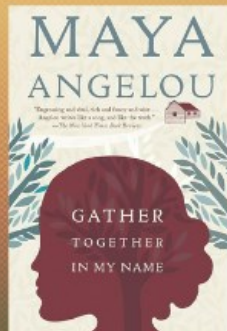
Hearth Room

Bring a lunch and your book

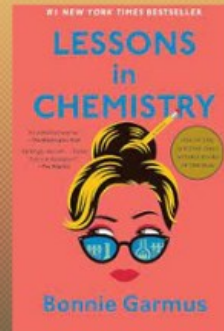
Questions? Contact Audrey Williams awilliam1@msn.com



One Thousand White
Women
by Jim Fergus
June 5



Gather Together in My
Name
Maya Angelou
July 3



Lessons in
Chemistry
Bonnie Garmus
August 7

Adopt-A-Bed Volunteers Needed

GARDENERS: OUR CHURCH NEEDS A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE FPCP "ADOPT-A-BED" GROUP. WE PLANT AND TEND THE BEDS THAT SURROUND OUR CHURCH HOME.

ON THE EARTH CARE BULLETIN BOARD YOU CAN SEE THE LOCATIONS AND SIZES OF THE BEDS THAT NEED YOUR ATTENTION. PHOTOS, TOO! THE PROCEDURE TO SIGN UP IS POSTED ON THE BOARD. PLEASE CONSIDER!





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Did You Know... #3

GIVING THROUGH QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS AND LEGACY GIFTS CAN BE TAX EFFICIENT WAYS TO MANAGE YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS?

Here at FPCP, our prayerful consideration of giving is a foundational piece of who we are and what we strive to accomplish. Our Family gives in so many ways utilizing Time, Talents and Treasures to support our Church and its many missions. Continuously, our Family is known to be incredibly generous. Praise God for all we strive to do!

When it comes to our financial gifts there are many ways that we can give. Part of this consideration can lead to smarter ways to give that benefit both our Mission and the givers themselves.

Doing a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD): Giving a portion of your IRA's yearly Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to FPCP allows you to avoid declaring that income on your tax return. Also, naming FPCP as a beneficiary of your IRA at death can bring tax benefits.

A QCD allows individuals who are 70½ years or older to donate yearly to one or more qualified charities directly from a taxable IRA

QCDs can be used to satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) after attaining age 73 by a direct transfer to a qualified charity of choice

Because QCDs do not increase taxable income, both higher tax rates and phase-out's can be avoided (talk to your tax advisor about how QCD's may benefit you)

QCD's must be completed by your IRA custodian before the end of the tax year

It is recommended that you start the process early to avoid year-end delays

Leaving a Legacy Gift to the FPCP General Fund or Endowments: Naming FPCP as a beneficiary of your will, trust or life insurance can go a long way in supporting the mission and activities of our church. Gifts to the General Fund can support all activities and operations of our church

A Gift to an endowment is a donation of money or property to a charitable organization like First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth (FPCP) which uses the resulting investment income for a specific purpose

FPCP is blessed to oversee three endowment funds: 1) the General Endowment, 2) the Scholarship Endowment, and 3) the Dr. Jerry Smith Excellence in Music Endowment

Endowment distributions support the operations of FPCP according to the guidelines specified by each endowment.

For more information, and to begin giving in an ***Advantaged Way*** - Please consult your financial advisor or a qualified tax specialist for the details as they relate to your financial situation. In addition you may find info under the "GIVE" tab on our website, FPCP.NET or call our Business Office at (734) 453-6464 ext. 116 for additional questions.

We need your help FPCP family & friends!!

We are so thankful for everything the B&G committee has done here at FPCP. They count on us to be their eyes around the church.

If something is broken or needs to be repaired, let us know! Contact someone on the B&G committee or a staff member so they can continue to keep our church home running smoothly.



Thank you in advance for all your help!
Contact: buildingsandgrounds@fpcp.net

FPCP **FITNESS** IN CHRIST

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.
3 John 1:2

RUNNERS, WALKERS, AND CYCLISTS!

We invite you to join us for some fellowship while enjoying a run, walk, or cycle at your own pace.



Every Saturday from May to September,
6 miles of Hines Drive is closed to motorized traffic from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive.



Join us on May 4th, 11, 18th, & 25th at 9:30 AM

(time may change in June)

**Nankin Mills Parking Lot
33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland**

*Children are most welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.
All cyclists are required to wear a helmet.*

Questions? Contact Patrick Murphy at pkadysmurphy@yahoo.com or 734.968.7534

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NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL MISSION

FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

Thanks to our FPCP friend at Mtenthera church, Labani Chafulatira, a new initiative has been launched teaching people how to farm and propagate bananas with the hope of reducing the heavy dependence on maize (corn). FPCP sent funds to Malawi for this group and this photo shows the farmers in the program who have received their fertilizer. Please pray for successful results as Malawi struggles to find alternative food sources.



Thank you!

OUR NEXT MISSIONARY VISIT TOM & JOCELYN LOGAN

Founders of Marion Medical Mission



SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

10:30-11:15 AM Meet & Greet in the Narthex

12:45-2 PM Light Lunch & Learn in the Upper Rm

Come meet Tom and Jocelyn Logan who will be worshipping with us on May 5th. Plan to join us at 12:45 PM in the Upper Room for a light lunch to learn more about how they followed God's call 35 years ago to provide safe drinking water to over 5 million rural Africans.

FPCP has again pledged to support Field Officer, Wilfred Kamanga, for 2024. Wilfred trains and leads local installers and communities to build and maintain sustainable wells year after year. Our goal is to raise \$7,500 on May 5th to support Wilfred.

You may donate by check made out to FPCP with memo line: MMM Field Officer or use the QR code to access FPCP online giving, select "Mission - National & International" and include MMM Field Officer in the memo field.



Tom & Jocelyn Logan



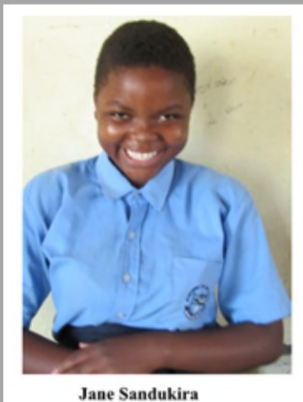
Wilfred Kamanga

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COLINA DE LUZ APRIL TRIP

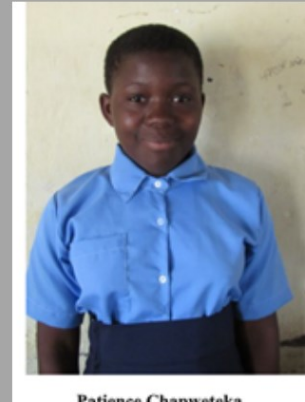
A team of nine church members spent a week with our long-term mission partner Colina de Luz, an orphanage that is home to 50+ children located south of Tijuana, Mexico. This trip marked the **fourteenth** mission trip to Colina for members of our church. It was wonderful to reconnect with the kids and staff once again. Our relationship continued building through daily devotions, two amazing worship services, a bonfire, crafts, soccer games, play time, and many great meals. We worked on several projects including a demo and rebuild of a large walk-in refrigerator, rough-in water and sewer connections in a new building, and painting projects in two buildings. We are already looking forward to FPCP's Youth/Family trip to Colina in July!



Jane Sandukira



Jennipher Chikuse



Patience Chapweteka

MALAWI GIRLS' SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Generous members at FPCP have sponsored seventy-five secondary school girls in Malawi living at the hostel FPCP helped build. Our first communication between sponsors and students took place this past month. We truly believe God has blessed our communities in Plymouth and Mtenthera with this opportunity to help educate young women in Malawi. Doug Kee and Sue Kage have collected letters for FPCP sponsors from their student while they were in Malawi last month. We encourage our entire congregation to pray for these girls to be successful in their pursuit of education.

Date	Sponsor	Benefitting Organization	Event	Monetary, Material Goods, Service	Frequency	Results
March	Kids' Hope	Bird Elementary	Donate snacks to Bird Elementary	Goods	Monthly	Valued at \$20.00
March	Kids' Hope	Students at Bird School	Weekly mentoring by FPCP adult mentors. Director: administrative, reviewing progress reports, re-supplying crafts/games, check-ins/photo with new mentor, online national directors' meeting/idea sharing, filing, preparing middle school activities, end of year party planning	Service	School Year	Mentor hours: 17, Director hours: 9
Month of March	Christian Ed	One Great Hour of Sharing	Children were given fish banks to fill during Lent	Monetary	Annually	\$41.03 raised
Monthly	Presbyterian Women	First Step Domestic Violence Shelter	First Step provides programming and residential space for victims of domestic violence	Monetary	as needed	\$300.00 donated
Monthly	Presbyterian Women	Compassion Int'l	Monthly support & birthday gift for Magda, adopted child	Monetary	Monthly / Annually	\$83.00
On-going	Local Mission / Thrift Shop	FPCP & Community	The store operates to receive donations and resell to community. Money raised goes to our church's mission partners.	ALL	all year	approx. 288 + volunteer hrs. provided each month
On-going	Threads to Heal the Heart Quilt & Prayer Shawl Ministries	Those in Need, Babies Baptized, etc.	Sew quilts and crochet//knit prayer shawls, pocket prayer squares, quilts for baptized babies, etc.	Service/ Goods	as needed	One shawl taken. Pocket prayer squares are also made and distributed.

MAY 2024 UPDATE

LOCAL MISSION



Northville Civic Concern: Feed the Hungry

The Worship committee is grateful to partner with the Local Mission committee as we tie this Spring's food collection for Northville Civic Concern. What a wonderful way to spread the love of Christ by feeding the hungry? "For I was hungry, and you gave me food...." Matthew 25:35

Children who rely on free or reduced-priced breakfast and lunch at school often go without enough to eat during the summer months. Here is your chance to help food insecure families with a simple donation. ***We will be collecting on Sunday, May 12th in the lower Narthex in a bin and throughout the week. We will collect at a table in the Narthex on Sunday, May 19th from 9:00-11:00am.***

Our collection will go to Northvilles Civic Concern. Items needed are:

Un-sweetened cereal (regular size boxes please)

Breakfast bars

Canned fruit

Pasta sides (mac & cheese, spaghettiios, noodles etc)

Spaghetti sauce

Thank you for your generosity and supporting this ministry!

Local Mission and Worship committees

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOSTER CARE/ SECOND MILE
CENTER BACKPACK COLLECTION JULY 20 & 21, 2024

Salvation Army

Stamp Out Hunger Food drive opportunities:

The upcoming post office food drive has many available times that volunteers at the Salvation Army are needed, even if you can only give an hour or two:



Sat. May 11:

Canton Post office- Canton Center Road
11-2 & 2-6

Tuesday, May 14

Salvation Army office- Plymouth
9-12 & 1-4

Sat. May 11:

Plymouth Post Office- Beck Road.
11-2 & 2-5

Wednesday, May 15

Salvation Army office- Plymouth
9-12 & 1-4

Monday, May 13

Salvation Army office- Plymouth
1-4

LOCAL MISSION



Faith Community Coalition

Thursday, May 9, 6:00 PM
at First Presbyterian Church - Birmingham,
1669 West Maple Road, Birmingham.

Panel discussion with youth involved with Park West Foundation & Saba Gebrai, who are making significant strides to change some of our Michigan policies regarding children and youth in foster care. A light supper will be served. Make reservations: katethoresen@fpcbirmingham.org.

Michigan Governor recently signed 2 bills – 1) Foster youth can stay in same high school even though they move. 2) Family members (including grandparents) can be paid to care for children who would have gone into foster care.

**SPRING
CLEANING
TIME!**

THE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

It's Spring-Cleaning Time!

Donate your gently used items to the Thrift Shop and your clutter will turn into a treasure for someone new! We always need volunteers so please consider donating a couple of hours to the mission work of our church through our resale shop. To donate or volunteer, please contact Linda Luke at 734.812.4516 or lindaluke2018@gmail.com

Crossroads of Michigan

In the span of 2 ½ hours 500 meals were served. Thank you to all of the volunteers besides Chuck: Ailsa & Craig Blunk, Charles Evans, Craig Lee, Dale & Nobuko Leanhardt, Dana & Teri Stonerook, Glenn Anderson, Pat Murphy, Tami & Curt Rager, Valerie & John McKinley, & Christine Medaugh and her son

Crossroads of Michigan is a social service organization in central Detroit that provides a free meal to the community every Sunday, year-round.



Thank you Chuck Hodge for coordinating another successful meal at Crossroads on April 14, 2024



FPCP Mission Opportunities Completed in March 2024

If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please contact Ailsa Blunk at lemonblunk@gmail.com.

Date	Sponsor	Benefitting Organization	Event	Monetary, Material Goods, Service	Frequency	Results
March 1, 2024	Local Mission & FPCP Staff	Church & Thrift Shop	Created a flyer for Lenten series and Easter, stuffed 500 bags and delivered to the Thrift Shop	Service	as needed	2 people worked for 4 hours each
March 3, 2024	NIMC	Veritas College Int'l	Held fundraiser during visit from Davidson Chifungo	Monetary	one time	\$2,300 raised. Doug Kee spent approx. 8 hrs. coordinating this visit.
March 11, 2024	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	Hope Clinic	Prepare and serve meals	Service	Monthly	154 people served, 7 volunteers, 25 hours
March 12, 2024	Local Mission	Second Mile Center	Spent an in-depth amount of time with Ruth Azar to learn more about Second Mile's future and goals as part of our Annual Review of this partner	Service	as needed	2 people spent 3 hours
March 18, 2024	Local Mission	Civic Concern	"Blessing Bags" - put together 60 bags with a mug (from the Thrift Shop), tea bags, hand sanitizer, mini nail polish, tissues and a lip balm.	Service / Goods	2-3 times/ year	2 people spent 4 hours
March 28, 2024	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	Hope Clinic	Prepare and serve meals	Service	Monthly	160 people served, 6 volunteers, 25 hours
March 30, 2024	Churchwide	Day of Prayer	A 24-hour prayer vigil was held with both FPCP & Mtentherea CCAP participating	Service	one time	Doug Kee spent six hours organizing



COMFORT CARE KITS ARE AVAILABLE

Do you know someone who is struggling with a personal crisis or health issue and could use some encouragement? The Deacons have the perfect answer!

Let us know a little bit about the person you are thinking of and we will put together a personal care kit that could include treats, devotional, comfort items, prayer shawl and/or quilt.

We would love to share the peace of Christ with your concern. Please contact one of our ministers or Sue Kage at skage@comcast.net and we will personally deliver or make arrangements with you to make available this personally tailored gift.

Update on the Pictorial Directory

Thank you for your patience regarding our Pictorial Directory! It has taken a little longer than we anticipated. We have reviewed the original copy and are currently waiting for a second proof reading. Please know as soon as the finished copy arrives you will be notified to pick up your directory from the church.

Session Highlights

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE April 22, 2024 SESSION MEETING

Minister's Comments:

Rev. Ashley: The update to the Child Protection Policy is almost complete.

Ashley and Emily have completed Boundary Training. Ashley is involved in updates to the Presbytery Ordination process and will be travelling for meetings in Philadelphia.

Rev. Campbell: We have had 14 services since our last Session Meeting.

Two congregation members have been identified as candidates to become Stephen Ministry trainers. Meetings are being set up to ask for their consideration to accept.

Rev Campbell congratulated the multi Ministry effort in designing and setting up the spring display in Kellogg Park, at least 5 ministries were involved in this cooperative effort.

Building and Grounds: The columbarium expansion program is on schedule and that the columbarium will be closed when work is going on.

Finance/Endowment: Elder Puckett reported that the cost for major repairs to the building's brickwork and stained glass will be contained in the budget. If more major repairs come up, Finance will look into using Endowment interest funds.

Human Resources: Health care coverage is being investigated with the Presbytery.

HR will conduct a brief feedback breakout for our Ministers during the May 22 Session Meeting.

Local Mission: The Thrift Shop is adding a second cash register and will have 2 lines to streamline the checkout process. Sidewalk Sales is coming up and will be a very busy day.

Rev Campbell and Elder Evans attended the annual Plymouth Chamber of Commerce meeting in line with our FPCP goals to be more involved with the community. Some highlights are that 5 new restaurants are planned in Plymouth and 2 vans were bought for the FISH program. The FISH program is for volunteers to drive citizens in need to their appointments.

National/International Mission: Elder Bernard reported that the Colina trip went very well. They had challenging projects and were able to complete successfully.

The Family Fun in the Sun event (formerly Fitness in Christ) is June 1. The event is being made more family focused for fun and fellowship. The event will also be advertised in the community.

Worship: The Lenten Services were very well received.

There is a need for more sound technology equipment since many items need to be moved and set up each time we have an outdoor service. Equipment has been ordered and is being funded from the Memorial Fund.

The final photo directory proofs have been reviewed and the directories are coming soon.

A fire drill will be held this year.



This month, thanks to the collective work of the Christian Education Committee, the Building and Grounds Committee, the Member Connect Committee, Presbyterian Women, the Earth Care Committee, and the Thrift Shop, our church had its very first display in Kellogg Park's Spring Fever Event advertising this year's Vacation Bible School which takes place on June 25th-27th from 6:00 pm -8:30 pm.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this display and helped make this advertising possible.

Please pray for this upcoming event, that it would be a blessing to God, and to the children within our church and within the wider community, and to all who are involved.