



October 2024
Newsletter

Minister's Letter

Hello friends!

Fall has always been my favorite season. I love the colors of the changing leaves, the return of Pumpkin Spice lattes, and the crisp cool morning air.

There's something about this season that evokes compassion and creativity, and as I reflect on life here at the church, I see that same vibrant Spirit moving among us.

September saw the return of our gifted bell choir and chancel choir, the latter which will bless us with their annual gospel concert on October 13.

Our building was filled with the laughter of children and students as Sunday School, Kid Konnection, Youth Group, and Confirmation kicked off their program year.

A diverse range of Bible Studies began meeting both in person and online, covering everything from the Ten Commandments to caring for creation.

And of course, the Presbyterian Women hosted our first ever Festival of Quilts which filled our sanctuary with pattern and color, inviting church and community members to enjoy the sacred stories represented in each stitch.

Walking through downtown Plymouth earlier this week, I was reminded that God is calling each of us into further acts of compassion and creativity as we enter October.

Nestled among the various scarecrows in Kellogg Park is our own invitation to families in our community to join us for our Trunk or Treat event being held here at the church on October 13. It's not too late to sign up to decorate a trunk or donate candy!

Additionally, we are looking forward to welcoming our furry friends at a special Blessing of the Animals event being held on October 6 and exploring what it means to be a Presbyterian and a part of this particular family of faith at our upcoming Member Exploration Classes being held on October 6 and 13.

As we look forward to our "Super Sunday" on September 27 with one worship service at 9:30 am and the celebration of Reformation Sunday, we are reminded that we are indeed a church that has historically been known as "reformed and always reforming." May we embrace this season of change with openness and joy, trusting that our creative and compassionate God is always leading us forward.

Grace & Peace.
Ashley

October and November 2024 Worship Schedule

Our 9:30 am Sanctuary service is a traditional service*
Our 11:15 am service is an acoustic contemporary service held in our Upper Room

Sundays in October

Oct. 6, 2024 World Communion Sunday.

Guest Preacher: Dr. Jim Skimins (FPCP Emeritus Pastor) is preaching on
Psalm 23: "Yea, Though I Walk Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death,
I will fear No Evil; for You Are With Me; Your Rod and Your Staff, They Comfort Me."

Oct. 13, 2024 Gospel Choir Concert in Sanctuary.

Rev. Campbell is preaching on Psalm 23: "You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over."

Oct. 20, 2024 Joyful Ringers lead music in Sanctuary.

Stephen Ministry Leaders Commissioning. Rev. Ashley is preaching on
Psalm 23: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

Oct. 27, 2024 Reformation Sunday. One Combined Worship Service at 9:30 am.

Our Celebration Potluck begins at 11:00 am.

Children receiving Bibles. Mission Team Commissioning.

New Members joining the church.

Stewardship Celebration and Dedication.

Rev. Campbell is preaching on Psalm 23: "And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Sundays in November

(November begins a new sermon series on Heavenly Questions)

Nov. 3, 2024 St. Andrew's Sunday. Bagpiper in the Sanctuary.

Communion Sunday.

Daylight Savings Sunday (Fall back).

Rev. Campbell is preaching on "Heaven: How Can I Be Sure?"

Nov. 10, 2024 Rev. Campbell will be preaching on "Heaven: What Will It Be Like?"

Special Music in Sanctuary provided by: Carole Moon and Chris DuPont

Nov. 17, 2024 Rev. Campbell will be preaching on "Heaven: Will We Know One Another in Heaven?"

Nov. 24, 2024 Thanksgiving Sunday. Joyful Ringers lead music in Sanctuary.

Rev. Ashley is preaching on "Heaven: Enjoying the Blessing"

At 4 pm on Sunday, November 24th Thanksgiving Festival.

Our Chancel Choir, The Joyful Ringers, and our ministers are all taking part in
this special service **held at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church**
located at 45201 N Territorial Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170.

* The Chancel Choir sings every Sunday in the Sanctuary unless other music is noted.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE September 16, 2024 SESSION MEETING

Board of Deacons report: The Deacon Retreat was held Saturday September 7, 2024, the same day as the FPCP Quilt Show and the Plymouth Fall Festival.

Presbyterian Women: The Quilt Show was a huge success both in attendance and donations.

Minister's Comments: Rev. Ashley: Expressed appreciation for congregation support during Rev. Campbell's recent absences. Our strong lay leadership makes FPCP a healthy church with a family atmosphere.

The Vacation Bible school changes led to more attendance and parent involvement.

Rev. Campbell thanked HR for the great hires during the last 2 years. The staff is working very well together. Stephen Ministry is continuing strong with 2 congregation members trained and ready to serve. Next year our 190 year anniversary will feature big celebrations each month.

Building and Grounds: The digital electronic sign is in place and operational. Some software issues are being worked out with the sign supplier. The new columbarium niches need some finishing touches. Emergency procedures manuals are being updated.

Christian Education: The Trunk or Treat event planning is going well.

Finance/Endowment: We recently received Estate gifts of \$15,000 and \$20,000. The \$20,000 was used towards the \$25,000 cost of the new digital electronic sign.

Human Resources: A gift is planned for watchman Mark Gaskill's 40th year of service in FPCP. An update to the Employee Handbook is being finished.

Local Mission: A golf outing fundraiser for the 2nd Mile Center will be held October 12, 2024. A food collection for Hope Clinic is underway after Ross Weener's appeal last Sunday. The Deacons clothing drive will go to Crossroads since Fort Street is no longer accepting clothes.

Member Connect: Elder Evans reported Membership Exploration Classes will be October 6 and 13, 2024. Encourage people to attend, there will be no pressure to join. A display will be made for the Scarecrows in the Park Plymouth event. B&G will make a frame.

National/International Mission: The NIMC committee proposes a fundraiser at FPCP to purchase 500 bibles at \$10/apiece for our partners at Mtenthera CCAP during in October. .

Worship: Every planned Columbarium service was held outdoors with cooperative weather. Mark Gaskill's 40th anniversary will be celebrated September 29, 2024. We may get a new coffee machine. A congregation tasting will be held on St Andrews Sunday. Hospitality will be providing cookies and coffee every Sunday of our 190th anniversary year.

701 Church St
Plymouth, Mi 48170



The Chancel Choir Presents
A GOSPEL CONCERT

OCTOBER 13TH
AT THE 9:30AM
SANCTUARY
SERVICE



SUPER SUNDAY POTLUCK

OCTOBER 27, 2024
11:00AM - 12:30 PM

AFTER ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE FROM 9:30-10:45 AM
LEE'S CHICKEN AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED

We ask that if your last name begins with K-S
please bring a dessert to share.

If your last name begins with A-J or T-Z please
bring a salad or side dish to share.

Signup sheet is in the Narthex

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH



Our next steps with Stephen Ministry will include meeting with Elders, Deacon's and the Leadership group. The focus of these meetings will be to educate and to seek their prayerful support as we move forward.

Our four Stephen Leaders (Emily, Ashley, Gwyn Jones and Sandy Dodge) will be commissioned on Sunday, October 20th during the 9:30 Sanctuary Service.

Over the next several months various members will be asked to prayerfully consider serving as a Stephen Minister. This process will be much like the calling of Elders and Deacons to serve in our church.

The plan is to begin the training with the selected Stephen Ministers early in 2025.

The Stephen Ministry Logo

The Ministry Logo consists of a cross and circle, together with a broken person and a whole person. The broken person behind the cross symbolizes the brokenness in our lives, while the whole person in front of the cross symbolizes how we are made whole again through the cross of Jesus. The circle represents both the wholeness we receive through Christ and God's unending love for us.

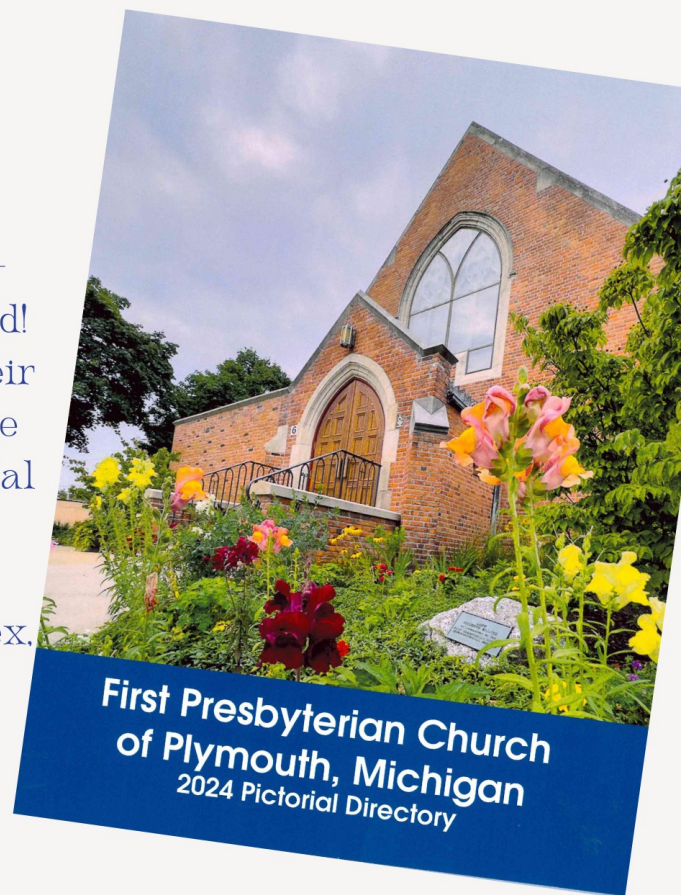


PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Thank you for your patience, our long-awaited directories have finally arrived! As you may recall, anyone who had their photo taken or submitted a photo for the pictorial directory is entitled to a pictorial directory.

Please find your directory in the narthex. they are in envelopes and filed in alphabetical order.

Thank you again!



COFFEE, JUICE, AND COOKIES

To celebrate our 190th anniversary, the Hospitality committee will be serving coffee, juice and cookies between the services EVERY Sunday.

We invite attendees of both services to join us! 





Blood Drive
First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
701 Church Street



Thursday, October 10, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment, please log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: fpcp) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

SAVE THE DATE: SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

As you start planning the holiday season,
save the following dates to sign up for

Salvation Army bell Ringing:

November 29th and 30th

December 6th and 7th

and December 13th and 14th

More info to follow.



Trunk or Treat

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
701 Church St, Plymouth

Sunday, October 13th
3-4:30 pm in the parking lot



Join us for Trick or Treating, Costume contest,
pumpkin decorating and treats!



Trunk or Treat Candy Donations



Looking for candy donations for Trunk or Treat. If you
would like to donate there will be a bin in the narthex
starting, September 22nd. Please bring candy in no later
than Thursday, October 10th.

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





October Children's Ministry Newsletter



Upcoming Events:

**10/6-Christmas Pageant
practice- 12:15-1:15pm in the
sanctuary**

**10/13- Trunk or Treat- Parking
lot- 3-4:30pm**

**10/16- Kid Connection- 6pm-
7:30pm-Dining hall and room
134**

**10/20-Christmas Pageant
practice- 12:15-1:15pm in the
sanctuary**

**10/27- Children in worship-
Reformation Sunday-2nd/3rd
graders receive Bibles**

**Christmas Pageant practice-
12:15-1:15pm in the sanctuary**

Volunteers for Trunk or Treat:

**I am looking for people who
would like to decorate their car
trunk and pass out candy for
Trunk or Treat. Decorating can
be as simple as streamers or
you can choose a theme for
your trunk. If you would like to
help, please reach out to Laura
Craig.**

2nd/3rd Grade Bibles:

**If you have a child in 2nd grade
or a child in 3rd who did not
receive a Bible last year, please
email me. Please let me know
your child's first, middle and
last name so we can personalize
their Bible. Please let me know
by October 6th.**



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

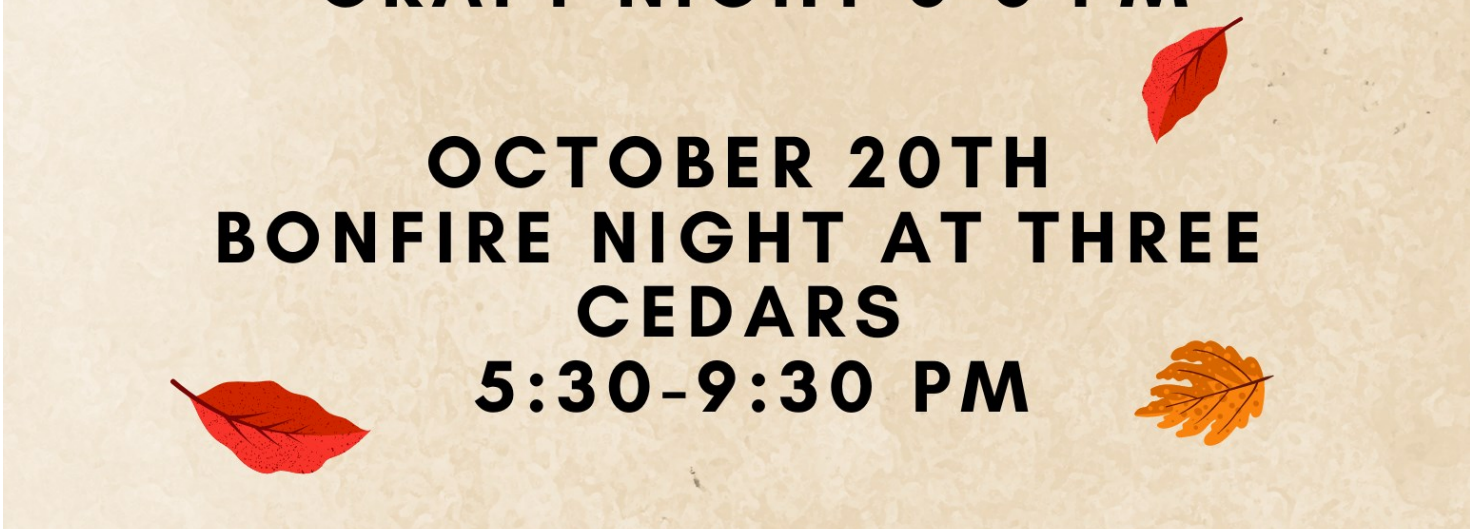


FPCP YOUTH MINISTRY

*October
Events*

**OCTOBER 6TH
CRAFT NIGHT 6-8 PM**

**OCTOBER 20TH
BONFIRE NIGHT AT THREE
CEDARS
5:30-9:30 PM**





FPCP YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group

**FPCP YOUTH GROUP
MEETS SUNDAY NIGHTS
FROM 6-8 PM AT FPCP**

***To stay up to date on all of FPCP's
youth ministry activities and events
sign up to be on our email list. Scan
QR Code below to join!***



FPCP YOUTH MINISTRY

Highlights



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

NEWSLETTER

Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolate will be available for purchase on Sunday, October 13th between and after services.

Please note this is the second Sunday in October.

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



THREADS TO HEAL THE HEART

Can you touch a prayer? Can you make a hug?

We have two ministries that do that.

Threads to Heal the Heart makes quilts to give to those in need of prayers and comfort for wherever they are in life's journey. We also make quilts that are given to the babies that are baptized at our church. The Prayer Shawl ministry knits and crochets Shawls for those in need of prayer or comfort.

We are willing to help you learn how to do this.

Threads to Heal the Heart meets the 4th Monday of the month from 12:30 to 3:30 in room 41. Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7 – 9pm in the Hearth Room.

There is a display of shawls and quilts in the hall across from the library. You can pick one out and fill out the form on the display. Or fill out a quilt request online and we will get a quilt for you to deliver. The display also has knitted pocket prayer squares and pocket prayer quilts. They are available to take and no form is needed.

Any Questions?

Please contact Ginny Weaver 734-207-7554
or ginnyweaver@hotmail.com

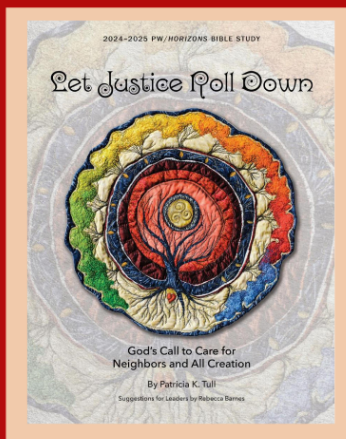
LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN

GOD'S CALL TO CARE FOR NEIGHBORS AND ALL CREATION

Join Presbyterian Women as we explore God's call to care for our neighbors and for creation. Explore theological questions that point us to act and engage in small and large ways. Each of 9 lessons has multiple Biblical references to study.

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7PM in person or on Zoom Starting on September 10th.

Contact Kiki Farrow at kikifarrow@aol.com by Mid-August to order your book



*FPCP Coffee/Tea Cups
NOT Recyclable!!!*

Your FPCP Partners in Earth Care team regrets to inform you that upon further investigation we have found that our church coffee cups are NOT recyclable.

Recycling requirements are constantly changing and we try our best to conform to them. Our current cups have a plastic lining that makes them a "multi-material" item which is not recyclable. Please support our efforts to keep our church "green" by not placing these cups in the recycle bins. They are to be put into the trash receptacles. Thanks for your cooperation.



SAVE ^{THE} DATE

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

1 PM in the Columbarium



PARTNERS IN EARTH CARE NEWS

Celebrating Malawi, "The Warm Heart of Africa"



Meet Malawi



Malawi is a landlocked country in southern Africa with a population of 20.5 million



The capital and largest city is Lilongwe



English is the official language, while Chichewa is the national language



The economy is mainly agricultural and rural



Malawians have



An average life expectancy of 60 years for men and 67 years for women



A staple diet of maize (corn)



A reputation for being friendly and hospitable, making Malawi known as the "The Warm Heart of Africa"



A rich cultural heritage



Nature & Wildlife



Lake Malawi is the third largest and second deepest lake in Africa



The wildlife is diverse, with a recorded 187 species of mammals, 648 bird species, and around 500 species of fish



Approximately 20% of Malawi's land area has been designated as national parks, game reserves and forest reserves



FPCP "FESTIVAL OF THE QUILTS" A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY WAS TRANSFORMED ON SEPTEMBER 6TH AND 7TH AS OVER 100 HEIRLOOM AND MODERN QUILTS WERE DISPLAYED. WE HAD CLOSE TO 200 PEOPLE VISIT THE DISPLAY INCLUDING CHURCH MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ATTENDING THE FALL FESTIVAL. WE HEARD SOME WONDERFUL COMMENTS ABOUT THE QUILTS AND OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH. WE ALSO RAISED APPROXIMATELY \$900 TO FUND THE WIDOW'S MINISTRY PROJECT AT MTENTHERA CCAP IN MALAWI.

THIS MONEY WILL GO TOWARDS PURCHASING SEWING MACHINES AND SUPPLIES SO THE WOMEN CAN CREATE A MEANS OF SUPPORT FOR THEMSELVES. WE HOPE YOU WERE ABLE TO ATTEND BUT, IF NOT, PLEASE ENJOY THE PHOTOS BELOW!!!



Merry CHRISTMAS



Alright, we know it's a bit early for that but Presbyterian Women wanted to make you aware of some changes for this year's **Festival of Tables** event and hopefully get your support. We are looking for a few more hostesses for this year's event. If you are interested please contact Ailsa Blunk at lemonblunk@gmail.com.

It's a shame that we spend so much time planning and executing our tables only for it to be over in a few hours. We are hoping to remedy that by showing off our beautiful tables to the community and all of our church members. This plan, however, will require a bit larger time commitment on the hostess's part. The plan is as follows:

Saturday, December 7th – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (approximate, possibly Friday too). On this day, hostesses would **decorate** their tables. All tables would need to be decorated on this day during this time.

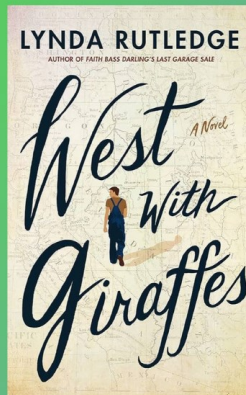
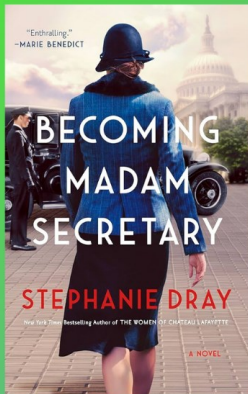
Sunday, December 8th – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., **Festival of Tables Open House**. You (or your chosen representative) would need to be present at your table as we open the church to our members and the community to showcase our tables. We will serve all hostesses a quick lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Conveniently, immediately after the Open House on Sunday afternoon, the **choir** will have their **Christmas Concert** starting at 3:00 p.m.

Monday, December 9th – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Festival of Tables event. The event would run as normal with a program, table viewing and dessert.

Please note that the Festival of Tables event will take place the second weekend in December as the first weekend is Thanksgiving weekend.

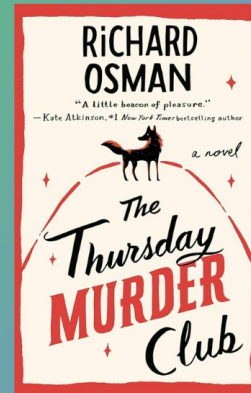
Presbyterian Women
Lunch and a Book
FALL 2024 READING LIST

Becoming Madame Secretary
by Stephanie Dray
October 2



West With Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge
November 6

Thursday Murder Club
by Richard Osman
December 4



First Wednesday of the month at 12 noon - Hearth Room

Bring a lunch and your book

Questions? Contact Audrey Williams awilliam1@msn.com

Women of Retirement Age "Field Trip"

We will be back to our regular schedule and meet again on Tues Oct 15, 2024 at 8.30 am.

Join us!

We look forward to meeting you! Red Olive
on Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth.

**IF YOU WILL BE JOINING US, PLEASE EMAIL
MARGE SILVIS MLYNCH516828@GMAIL.COM OR
LISA BENAGES LISA.BENAGES@GMAIL.COM.**



My student lights up every time his mentor comes to see him! He loves to get that extra one on one

My student's mentor time boosted his mood and you could tell he was excited to see his mentor

"Students' favorite times with mentors: "games of one-on-one basketball" "making crafts" and "working on hobbies" "talking" "playing games"

You could be a light in a student's life with one hour a week of encouragement, support and fun.
Bird Elementary Teacher & Principal comments
Bird Elementary Teacher & Principal comments



Mentors are so kind and take an interest in their student so the student feels special.

We have had nothing but support and love from this program and I am so grateful to have you working with us.

Kids Hope USA mentors are an important part of our school community

You could help a student feel seen, heard and valued in one-on-one meetings throughout the school year.
For more information about the mentor program, call Susan Johnson 734-751-9334.

October 2024

Local Mission



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of PLYMOUTH



Upcoming Service Opportunities:

October 6 Blessing of the Animals service at FPCP 1:00pm
October 8 Local Mission Meeting 5:30-7pm on Zoom
October 12 Second Mile Center Golf Outing 8:00am Farmington Hills Golf Course
November 1 Hope Clinic "Evening of Hope" Gala
November 5 Local Mission Meeting 5:30-7pm on Zoom
November 8 First Step "You are the Light" Gala
November 19 Salvation Army Plymouth Volunteer opportunity 9:30-11:30am
December 9 Serve dinner at Hope Clinic 3:00-6:30pm
December 30 Serve dinner at Hope Clinic 3:00-6:30pm

Thrift Shop— Many hands make light work. We are in need of volunteers a couple of hours a week or a month. If you are interested, please contact Linda Luke at Lindaluke2018@gmail.com or 734-812-4516. Please stop by on Halloween, October 31, for some Spooky shopping. Be sure to follow the Thrift Shop on Facebook to see the weekly sales that are announced. <https://www.facebook.com/ThriftShopOnMain>



Local Mission Committee— Please consider joining our Local Mission team. We meet once a month on Zoom from 5:30pm-7pm and occasionally meet in-person to work on a service project. There are several volunteer opportunities if you would like to get involved. If you are interested in learning more about this committee, please contact Dana Stonerook at dstonerook@aol.com or 248-802-3622.



Salvation Army Plymouth has a volunteer opportunity on November 19 putting together bags of groceries for their families in need, for Thanksgiving. Please consider donating your time from 9:30am to approximately 11:30 am at 9451 S Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170. If you would like more information please contact Cathy McKinstry at kdmcmcey@yahoo.com or 734-751-8707.

You're Invited!

To An

**Evening of Hope
to benefit Hope Clinic
Friday, November 1, 2024 at 6:00pm
Saint John's Resort, Grand Ballroom
44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI
FEATURING:**

Reception with Hors d'oeuvres and Beer & Wine and Gift Basket Raffle
3-course dinner prepared by the expert culinary team at Saint John's Resort
Special performance by Mosaic Singers from Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit
Live Auction

Please visit our website for more information:
<https://thehopeclinic.ejoinme.org/eoh24>



**HOPE
CLINIC**

Did you hear?

First Step is embarking
on a new venture!
We're seeking to open a SECOND
shelter, and this time, in Detroit!
Scan the code to learn more.



YOU ARE THE LIGHT

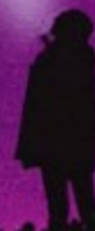
Gala

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024
6:30-11:30PM

Laurel Manor

39000 SCHOOLCRAFT RD
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

*Plated Dinner
Dancing & Cocktails
Award Ceremony
Live Music by
The Bluewater Kings
Silent Auction
Survivor Speakers*



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October 2024

Youth Haven

Youth Haven will be having a Harvest Festival for their youth, families and the community on October 19, 2024 at their Michigan Campus, 3796 Perrine Road, Rives Junction from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. All are welcome to attend or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Carroll, Director of Program Scheduling, at 1-517-569-3328 extension 1118 by October 4, 2024. More information on this event can be found on the Youth Haven website.

We are also planning our Christmas Toy and Clothing Drive, to be held in November, for the youth that are served at Youth Haven.

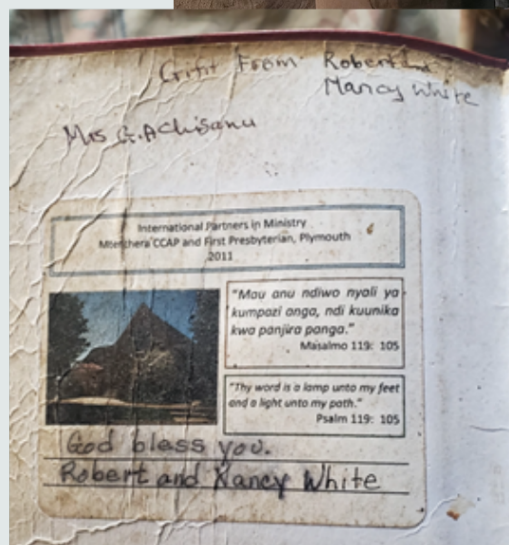
Please Help to Share God's Word in Malawi

All of us at FPCP are very blessed to be able to learn and be inspired by the Holy Bible each week through excellent preaching and small group Bible studies. Most of us have easy access to a personal Bible and study materials at home or in the church library.

On our early partnership trips to Mtenthera CCAP we learned that very few church members owned Bibles. So in 2011 we raised funds to purchase and donate 400 Bibles translated into Chichewa, the local language in Malawi. Individual FPCP members inscribed their names on bookplates in the Bibles they funded. After receiving their own Bibles, many people at Mtenthera subsequently joined Veritas Bible study groups to grow their understanding of the Gospel message and apply it to their lives.

On a trip to Malawi earlier this year, several church members showed us their well-used Bibles and described the enormous impact their 13-year-old Bibles had upon their faith and walk with Jesus. They were so grateful to our members who personally donated this precious gift. But we learned that many more people at Mtenthera are still lacking personal access to the Word. Will you help us again and invest \$10 in a Bible which can be presented to those in need at Mtenthera? Our goal is to fund 500 Bibles which we can share in November. We'll be taking donations of \$10 in the narthex every Sunday throughout October. We will again provide bookplates you can inscribe which will be placed inside the cover of each Bible. Members at Mtenthera will be very encouraged to receive this personal gift from a brother or sister in Christ in Plymouth.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bernard at bernardfamily2@gmail.com or 248.880.9076. Thank you!



NIMC

Marion Medical Mission Field Officer Wilfred Kamanga Meets New Volunteer Team

MMM's 2024 well installation season began last month. American volunteers arrived in Malawi on September 15th, received final training on the 16th, and dispersed to field locations to begin installations. Seven, 2 or 3 person teams went on the first day: five within Malawi, one to Tanzania and one to Zambia.

Doug Kee met with Wilfred Kamanga as he came over to pick up volunteers. His team of three women will be working with Wilfred for three weeks in the Dowa District of Central Malawi. They are all experienced volunteers, so it was a joyful reunion to meet Wilfred again! The team headed out into the field in a 4-wheel drive pickup with a tool box, well components, and local well builders.

Wilfred plans to install 300 new wells in 2024. He greets everyone at FPCP and thanks you all for your prayers and support over the years. We'll keep you updated on his team's progress



Malawi Girl's Scholarship Program for 2024-25

We are awaiting the official enrollment list of girls who have been fully vetted and found in need of financial support for the coming school year. Previous sponsors have been contacted to determine continued support. All other girls will be available for sponsorship along with the possibility of sponsoring a limited number of boys who need support for school fees. More to follow!



Your sponsorship makes a difference! Last year FPCP church families supported 75 girls with prayer, encouragement through letters and financial support. All 75 girls completed the school year! That has never happened before! The culture, community, and church is being transformed because of God's calling on you to help. This is just the beginning of our mission commanded by Jesus in Acts 1:8 – "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Please continue to pray about how you can be God's hands and feet on this earth.

FPCP Mission Opportunities Completed in August, 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	Freq.	Results
August 12, 2024	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	Hope Clinic	Prepare & serve meals	Service	Monthly	225 meals served, 7 people, 24 hours of service
August 22, 2024	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	Hope Clinic	Prepare & serve meals	Service	Monthly	173 meals served, 5 people, 18 hours of service
August	Threads to Heal the Heart Quilt & Prayer Shawl Ministries	Member Connect Committee	Made pocket prayer quilts for the November New Member class.	Service / Goods	as needed	20 pocket prayer quilts were made
August	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. 288 volunteer hours provided each month
August 4, 2024	Presbyterian Women	Presbyterian Coffee Project	Sell Fair Trade coffee, tea & chocolate to raise awareness that small farmers are an active part of the world marketplace. Also to empower consumers to make purchases that support their values.	Goods / Monetary	1st Sunday of each month	1-2 volunteers set up each sale day to sell coffee after each service
August	B&G	FPCP Members in Need	Handyman Initiative	Service	as needed	4 jobs completed
June, July, August	Presbyterian Women	Second Mile Center	Assemble and deliver 50 Hygiene Kits for SMC's annual Health Fair	Monetary / Goods	Annually	\$329.00+ collected plus donations of goods

Date	Sponsor	Benefitting Organization	Event	Monetary, Material Goods, Service	Freq.	Results
August	Presbyterian Women	Compassion Int'l	Continued support of adopted child, Magda, young woman in Haiti.	Financial	Monthly	\$43.00
August 9th & 23rd	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	8/9 - 4 volunteers, 4 hours, 8/23 - 3 volunteers, 4.5 hours
August 9, 2024	FPCP Partners in Earth Care	First Step Domestic Violence Shelter	One volunteer has taken sole ownership of a flower garden bed at First Step.	Service	as needed	8/9 - 1 volunteer, 2 hours
August 11, 2024	Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study	Hope Clinic	Prepared and delivered 96 sack lunches	Service / Monetary	as needed	13 volunteers, 26 hours
August	Fitness in Christ Yoga	Congregation Members	Yoga classes by optional donation to various causes	Service / Monetary	Weekly	7 hours of service
August	Local Mission	Crossroads	Prepared and served 20 meals to children	Service / Monetary	Once	20 meals served by 12 volunteers who worked 3 hours each



A Quilter's Prayer

by Patricia Hauze

Guide my hands to work as Your hands work, to know the power of Your love in every stitch I make, in every thread I knot. May my hands be guided by the same love and care with every quilt I make, knowing that this love and care was and is and will continue to be a gift of blessing to the one it is intended for.

May the works of my hands be pleasing in Your sight, O God. Lord, bless my work today.

As I choose materials and patterns, may I be reminded of the uniqueness You blessed us all with. As I cut each length of thread, may I be reminded of the doors that must be closed in our lives so that a new and stronger door may be opened.

As I twist each knot, may I be reminded of a bond of love so strong, nothing will break it. As I run the thread between my fingers, may I be reminded of the times You have touched my life, my heart, my soul.

As I sew each stitch, may I be reminded of the healing power of Your grace in each of us. As I concentrate on my craft, may I be reminded of the love and care You put into each of our lives.

As I add my last stitch, tie my last knot, cut the final cord, may I be reminded of the completeness with which You commanded in each of us before we were ever given to this life. Amen.