



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH *of* PLYMOUTH



**August/September 2025
Newsletter**

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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

I pray this letter finds you savoring these summer days — basking in sunshine, finding moments of rest, and connecting with God's creation. As we prepare to step into the rhythm of fall, I feel a renewed energy rising in our congregation — **for God is moving powerfully through the mission work of our church.** And as your pastor, I want to take a moment to not only celebrate but also invite you into all that's unfolding — because *you* are an essential part of it.

Mission Isn't a Program — It's a Way of Life

Here at FPCP, being mission minded is one of our core values. But our mission is not just a series of events or even a line item in the budget. It is a **calling to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.** Whether it's volunteering at the Thrift Shop, or at VBS, or taking the time to gift school supplies to a student in need, every act of love is a living sermon.

Where We've Been...

In this combined newsletter, you can read about the time gifted in the service of others in our local schools through Kids Hope. Our members have also been serving God throughout the summer months by volunteering at the Thrift Shop and at VBS. Our members have been providing for the needs of others in Ypsilanti, in Detroit, and have travelled as far as Nashville and Colorado in mission outreach events.

Where We're Going...

This fall, we're launching new opportunities to **go deeper and reach wider:**

1. **Mission Focus Sundays** – Beginning August 10th, with our guest preacher the Rev Dr. Davidson Chifungo from Malawi and concluding on October 26th with our **Share Fair Sunday**, we will focus our attention on God's calling to us all to serve in mission. We will be learning from our own church members what happened when they said Yes to God's call upon their lives.
2. **All-Church Mission Day – September 27th**—No matter how young or old you may be, save this date! There is church wide mission project being held on Saturday September 27th, which we hope everyone in our church will be involved in. We will be packing 40,000 meals on that day and we will need over 100 volunteers to work in shifts. Inside this newsletter you will find details about this event for Kids Coalition Against Hunger.

You Are Part of God's Work

Friends, I believe **God is writing a beautiful story through First Pres Plymouth**, and mission is at the heart of it. The gospel doesn't call us to stay put — it sends us out. And I see in you the courage, creativity, and compassion to follow where Christ leads.

Let's step boldly into this season, ready to serve, to love, and to live generously. Whether you're a longtime volunteer or someone looking for your first opportunity to plug in, there is room at the table. **Your presence matters. Your gifts matter. Your heart for others matters.**

May we continue to be a church **rooted in Christ and reaching out in love** — to our neighborhood and the nations.

With gratitude and hope,

Emily

August/September 2025 Worship Schedule

August 10, 2025 **Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Davidson Chifungo**
9:30 am Sanctuary service and 11:15 am Garden Service
Here I Am Mission Moments Begin

August 17, 2025 **Youth Mission Trip Celebration**
9:30 am Sanctuary Service and 11:15 am Garden Service
Rev. Ashley and Patrick Tyrrell will be preaching

August 24, 2025 9:30 am Sanctuary Service and 11:15 am Garden Service
Rev. Campbell will be preaching

August 31, 2025 9:30 am Sanctuary Service and 11:15 am Garden Service
Rev. Campbell will be preaching
Please note that this is the last Garden Service of the season.

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(In September, we begin a new sermon series entitled **Unstoppable: The Gospel in Action.**

This is a study of the book of Acts)

Sept. 7, 2025 **Chancel Choir returns. Communion Sunday. Fall Fest Weekend.**

9:30 am Sanctuary service and 11:15 am Upper Room Service.
Rev. Campbell will be preaching on Acts 1: 1-11.

Sept. 14, 2025 **Sunday School Resumes Today**
Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons

9:30 am Sanctuary service and 11:15 am Upper Room Service.
Rev. Campbell will be preaching on Acts 2: 1-41.

Sept. 21, 2025 9:30 am Sanctuary service and 11:15 am Upper Room Service.
Rev. Campbell will be preaching on Acts 2: 42-47.

Sept. 28, 2025 9:30 am Sanctuary service and 11:15 am Upper Room Service.
Rev. Ashley is preaching on Acts 3: 1-26.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

THEN WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

The Chancel Choir is searching for those who want to join our Choral Family! If you like to sing, consider being a part of this exciting Music Ministry this Fall.



Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm.

We sing Sunday mornings at the 9:30am service.

Starting date is September 4th!

Let's lift our voices in praise to the Lord together!

Contact Kim Swan at
FPCPmusic@fpcp.net

Presbyterian Women News and Recruitment Alert

PW contributes **a lot** to our church
especially activities to unite women like

**Women of Retirement Age Breakfasts, Bible Studies,
Book Discussions, Earth Care, Kids Hope and much more.**

Your ideas and energy are welcome and needed to keep PW active.

Please contact any of our current PW Coordinating Team
to discuss how you can help.

Carol Duncan – carol4575@ymail.com

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Jean Krause – jckplymi@gmail.com

Linda Luke, Thrift Shop - lindaluke2018@gmail.com

Bev MacGaw - jwkmppi@gmail.com

Marjorie Silvis – mlynch516828@gmail.com



Presbyterian Women Women of Retirement Age Breakfast

We will be meeting for breakfast at
Red Olive on Ann Arbor Road
August 19th at 8:30 am. Let us know
if you are joining us.

We are also planning a trip to the
Henry Ford Museum for the exhibit
Our War Too: Women in Service
from the National WWII Museum.
We will leave from church at 9:30
am on August 5th.

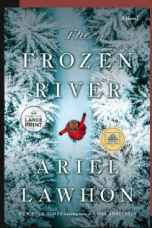
Please rsvp to Marge if you're
joining us for the "field trip"
mlynch516828@gmail.com.

Lunch and a Book

Please join our "Lunch and a Book" group the first Wednesday of each month for a casual and relaxing hour of book discussions.

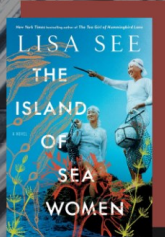
Bring a lunch and your book.

Questions? Contact Audrey Williams awilliam1@msn.com



The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon
September 3, 2025

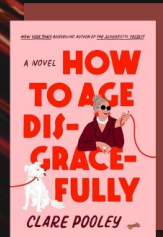
The Island of Sea Women
by Lisa See
October 1, 2025



The Wedding People
by Allison Espach
November 5, 2025



How to Age Disgracefully
by Clare Pooley
December 3, 2025



Willing Hands

Did you know there is a dedicated group of women doing small tasks around our church?

Wiling Hands has been quietly doing great work for many years. If you would like to help, please

contact Bev MacGaw at
bevmacgaw@gmail.com.

This group meets only when there is a need - like polishing silver, reorganizing kitchen cupboards or stuffing envelopes.



HOSPITALITY

Committee Meeting

The Hospitality Committee is in need of people willing to share some of their time and talents as host/hostesses and/or bakers to assist with coffee hour, funeral luncheons, baking for Building and Grounds men and special events.

Our coffee hours are weekly after the 9:30 service in the Narthex. Dr. Skimins started the coffee hour approximately 21 years ago with the intention that people from the 9:30 service and those attending the 11:15 (11:00) service could mingle and talk to one another. By doing the coffee hour this way, he thought that the congregation would be more unified. Therefore, we want to keep our coffee hour every week.

Please join us for our annual meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Calvin Room, Room 234. If you have any questions or cannot make the meeting and want to help us, please contact Jessie Hollingsworth at jholling75@gmail.com (734-748-9963) or Sandy Marulis at ssmarulis@gmail.com. We look forward to new members, new ideas and fellowship of our group along with the pride and satisfaction of making events more enjoyable for all here at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



THANK YOU

TO ALL OF OUR KIDS HOPE
MENTORS AND PRAYER
PARTNERS OF THE 2024-
25 SCHOOL YEAR



Kids Hope mentors know an important truth: **undivided attention and authentic love matter**, sometimes in ways God alone knows.

Thank you Mentors for your gift of presence, connection and encouragement, and most of all for reflecting the love of God. Your faith-fueled generosity with your time helped change the life of your student.

Your student's smiles gave you a hint at the difference you made, with God's help, in just one hour a week!

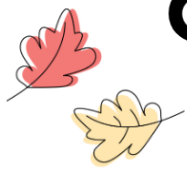
Denny Devine, Bryn Gerich, Bev Girard, Anita Hazlewood, Susan Johnson, Lori Kuhn, Martha Schryer, Patrick Tyrrell

Thank you to our Prayer Partners and all who prayed for and continue to pray for our mentors, students and their families and school faculty.

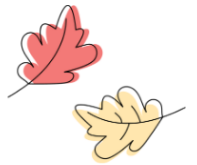
Kris Black, Patti Devine, Sue Kage, Kathleen Meldrum, Jan Sockolosky, Jane Weaver, Tom Weaver.

If you are interested in finding out more about being a Mentor or Prayer Partner for the coming school year, please contact Susan Johnson: 734.751.9334.





Children's Ministry Fall Event Schedule



Fall Events:

9/28-Dairy King- 12:30-1:30pm

10/12- Trunk or Treat- 3-4:30pm in the parking lot



11/09- Grateful Gathering in fellowship hall- 12:30-1:30pm

12/7- Sunday School Christmas Party at 9:30am

Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant will be December 14th in the Sanctuary at 9:30am.

Practices will be in the sanctuary:

10/5- 12:30-1:30pm

10/19- 12:30-1:30pm

11/2- 12:30-1:30pm

11/16- 12:30-1:30pm

11/23- 12:30-1:30pm

12/7- 11-12:30pm



Sunday School and Kid Konnection

Sunday school resumes 9/14 in room 134 at 9:30am

Kid Konnection is the third week of each month. We will be meeting Sept 17th, Oct 15th, Nov 19th and Dec 17th.

Dinner will be served at 6pm in the dining hall, class will be 6:30-7:30pm in room 134. The class will focus on hands on activities that help children continue to grow in their faith.

Kid Konnection Meals



Looking for people to provide dinner for Kid Konnection. Kid Konnection is the third Wednesday each month at 6pm. Sign-Ups will be on the Christian Education Bulletin board.



Please reach out to Laura Craig if you have any questions or would like to host a meal.
lauracraig@fpcp.net or call 734.453.6464. ex 110



Trunk or Treat Sign-Ups and Candy Donations

Looking for people or committees who would like to host a trunk. Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 12th- 3:00pm-4:30pm. If the weather is bad, October 19th is the back up day. There will be a sign up sheet on the Christian Education bulletin board or you can contact Laura Craig.

If you cannot help during Trunk or Treat, we are also looking for candy donations. Starting Sept 21st there will be bins in the Narthex for candy donations.

Not sure what hosting a trunk entails or need ideas? Please reach out to Laura Craig.

FPCP YOUTH MINISTRY

FALL SCHEDULE

Coming Soon



**Scan QR Code to stay up to date on all things
FPCP Youth Ministry**

**ANY QUESTIONS?
CONTACT PATRICK AT:
PATRICKTYRRELL@FPCP.NET
OR 734-453-6464 X120**





YOUTH MISSION

★ *Trip* ★

**NASHVILLE,
TENNESSEE
JULY 27 - AUGUST 2**



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!

SUNDAY MEALS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

FPCP Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to provide meals on Sunday nights for our Middle School and High School students. This is a great opportunity for our church community and families to be a part of our youth ministry.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the sanctuary or you can contact Patrick at patricktyrrell@fpcp.net or by calling the church at ext. 120 for more information.

CONFIRMATION CLASS ROSTER CALL



This is a call-out for all families with youth who have not yet been through Confirmation. The Confirmation Class 2025-26 is being planned and we also want to think ahead about future rosters. We want to hear from you if you're in 5th grade or beyond.

A Google form is available through the QR code to sign-up to our roster planning list and we're excited to hear from you!



Save the Date

Sunday, October 26th, 2025

FPCP SHARE FAIR

Please join us following the Super Sunday service in the fellowship hall. Tables will be set up by the various groups and committees of the church. Small bites will be served. This is your chance to explore all the opportunities where you can share your time and talents in the service of Christ.

For further information, please contact Mike Dean at mrdean0522@gmail.com or Lou Maceratini at macerati@aol.com.

“Here I Am, Lord”



JOIN THE DEACONS FOR THE

*First Presbyterian
Church of Plymouth
Festival*

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH
4:00PM-7:00PM

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING



**CHRIS DUPONT
& KYLEE PHILLIPS**

MUSIC WARM UP BY JEFF KOUP
& STEVE MARULIS

Enjoy
**HOT DOGS
SNACKS
ICE CREAM
FACE PAINTING
CORN HOLE
PRIZES**

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study: Women of the Word

The Book Title is: Luke in the Land

The Name of the Author is: Kristi McLelland

Where: Meeting at FPCP with limited Zoom access

When:

Beginning Wednesday
Sept, 3 - Nov, 26, 2025
10:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Please register online at:
by September 1, 2025.



In our Bibles, we have four Gospels describing Jesus's time on earth: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The land of Israel-the place Jesus walked and taught during His earthly ministry-is often referred to as the "fifth Gospel."

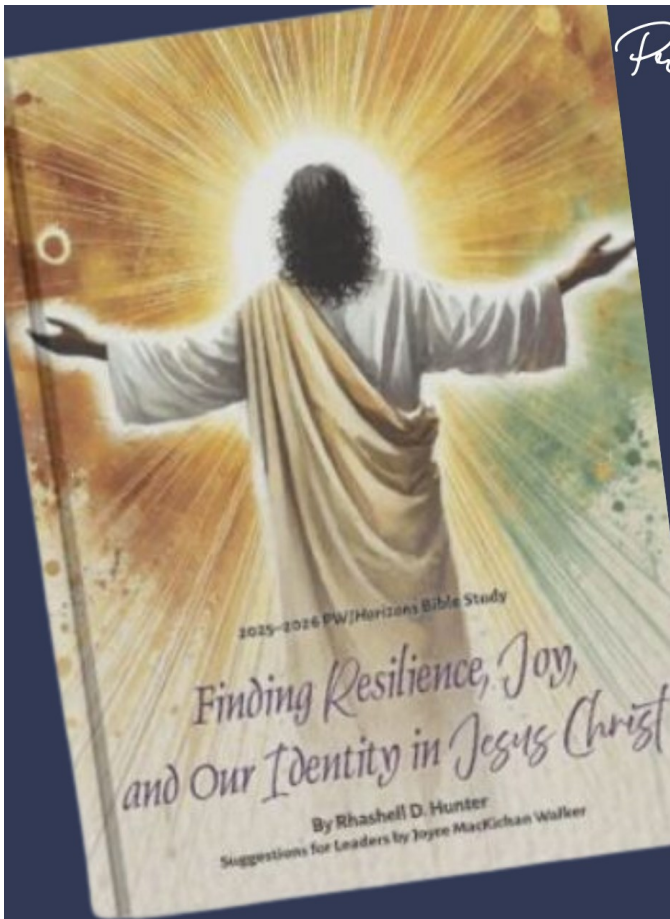
We will study snapshots from the Gospel of Luke to see where the stories of the Bible took place through Israel's lens. The 7 sessions in this Bible study workbook, will challenge the way you read the accounts of Jesus through teaching videos that take you to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, you'll see how Jesus, the Messiah, brought His kingdom to earth for everyone.

This 13 week (7 video session) Bible Study will consist of a combination of large group video sessions with discussion groups to follow and assigned small group discussion circles alternating every other week.

Purchase your workbook at the QR code to the right or from any of your favorite book distributors.



Please contact Sue Kage at skage@comcast.net for further information or help with purchasing your workbook.



Presbyterian Women

Horizons Bible Study

Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ

All are welcome.

Meets monthly, 2nd Tuesday,
Sept. thru May, at 7 p.m. in FPCP
dining room and by zoom

Contact KikiFarrow@aol.com for
books. Cost \$15

JOIN US

"Listening to Jesus, Responding in Faith"

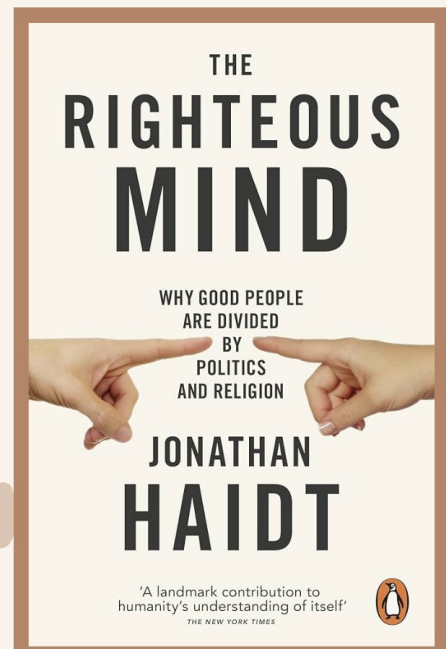
Bible Study

"Listening To Jesus; Responding In Faith" Bible study will be discussing author Jonathan Haidt's "The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided By Politics and Religion"

Sundays at 7 p.m. by zoom
Contact kikifarrow@aol.com

All welcome!

Sept. 7 thru Nov. 23 by zoom
with monthly in person at FPCP
packing sack lunches for Hope Clinic



BRIDGING TO BELONGING WORKSHOP



Why does division feel so easy—and belonging so hard? In this interactive workshop, explore the science of othering and belonging, uncover why connection can be challenging, and practice key skills to bridge divides. Engage in meaningful discussions, connect with others, and leave with a practical guidebook to start fostering belonging in your daily life.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Understand the Science – Learn why our brains are wired for othering and how we can shift toward belonging.
- Practice Connection Skills – Gain simple, effective tools to bridge divides and create meaningful relationships.
- Take Action – Build bridging skills through a brief positive group experience in order to increase Belonging.
- Walk away with a practical guidebook to start fostering belonging in your daily life.

CREATE A PLACE
WHERE EVERY VOICE
IS SEEN, HEARD,
VALUED AND CAN
CONTRIBUTE.

ENTRY
FEE

FREE!

• FREE WILL DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED (CASH OR CHECK)



SCAN HERE



*Register
Now*

WORKSHOP DETAILS

18 OCTOBER 2025, 10:00–12:00 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH, 701 CHURCH ST, PLYMOUTH

JOIN US NOW!

www.detroitinterfaithcouncil.com





comfort care kits

Have a friend or neighbor going through difficult times? Someone you would like to give a boost of love or comfort to?

FPCP has a comfort kit available for you to give them.

Just reach out to one of our deacons and they can help you choose from the cupboard whatever you wish to give.

Pass some caring to those who could use it.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To align better with our church management software, over the next few months, FPCP is moving to a new credit card processing system for all financial giving. This requires NOTHING on your end, but all pledge donors who give via credit card will at some point receive an email that your pledge has been migrated over to the new system.

We understand that the world is fraught with credit card fraud, so we wanted to let you know in advance that this would be occurring. The email will come from Servant Keeper – and will be entitled “Scheduled Gift Confirmation from First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth”.



As always, thank you for the continued support with online giving and your patience with us as we move through this transition process. If you ever have any questions about your pledges, or other gift giving, please contact Jennifer Bird in the Business Office.

SCAM ALERT

Be careful! Scammers target everyone!



Please be aware of scammers. They may:

Social Security Administration Road Tolls & Social Media

- PRETEND to be someone from a known organization/agency.
- Say there's a PROBLEM & PRESSURE you to solve it immediately.
- Enforce a specific way to PAY (bank info, debit/credit card OR wiring money).
- Detailed TEXT/EMAIL for unpaid violation fees.
- Sender has SUSPICIOUS email/number.
- Ask for random VERIFICATION CODE sent to phone/email.
- Ask you to purchase a gift card.

Ways to avoid scammers:

- Stop & talk to someone you trust.
- DO NOT click on any links/attachments.
- Be careful with calls/texts/emails/websites.
- Contact organization/agency for confirmation.
- Secure your personal info & money.
- DO NOT purchase any gift cards.

Think Before You Share.

Local Mission Committee

Save the Date/Upcoming Events:

August 12 Second Mile Center serve dinner
September 19 Crossroads of MI Legacy of Love Gala
September 20 Second Mile Golf Outing
September 27 Kids Coalition Against Hunger Food Packing
September 29 Hope Clinic serve dinner
October 17 You Are The Light Gala
November 7 Evening of Hope Gala

Local Mission Committee

Are you interested in joining a "Worth Your Time and Gratifying" committee? If so, please join the Local Mission Committee. We generally meet once a month on the first Tuesday of the month. The meetings are mostly held via Zoom from 5:15-6:45pm and occasionally we meet in person if there is a service project. There are several volunteer opportunities if you would like to get involved. Our first meeting of the "new" year will be September 9, 2025 in-person in the Hearth Room/Library at Church at 5:15pm. If you would like more information, please contact Dana Stonerook at DStonerook@aol.com or 248-802-3622.

Thrift Shop

In August and September the Thrift Shop will continue to have our weekly specials. Watch for them on Facebook. We are a great place for college students to shop for dorm supplies as well as for clothes and athletic college T-shirts.

The Thrift Shop is continuously looking for new volunteers, and specifically they are looking for an individual that enjoys selling additional items on Facebook Marketplace. If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours a day, week or month, for more information, please contact Linda Luke at LindaLuke2018@gmail.com or 734-812-4516.



Crossroads of Michigan Gala

Join us at the famed [Detroit Historical Museum](#) for Legacy of Love, Crossroads of Michigan's 2025 gala. This year, we will spotlight Detroit's rich history while highlighting the transformative impact Crossroads has made, and continues to make, in the city and surrounding communities. When: Legacy of Love Gala Friday, September 19, 2025 6:00 PM- 10:00 PM at the Detroit Historical Museum 5401 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202

For more information contact: info@crossroadsofmichigan.org

Hope Clinic

provides food and basic needs, in addition to medical, dental, and behavioral health assistance to those in need, at no cost. They welcome volunteers in any of these areas to provide care. They serve hot meals 6 nights per week and hand out sack lunches, as well. Currently our Local Mission Committee serves approximately 130-150 meals on the 5th Monday of each month. The hours are 3:00-6:30pm. This year the 5th Monday dates are September 29th, and December 29th. We will also be volunteering on December 8th to help one of the other groups that serves, from FPCP. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Valerie McKinley at 734-812-4653 or valerie@jvmckinley.com.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger Meal-Packing Event

When: Saturday, September 27th

Where: Fellowship Hall

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and the Evans Family are pleased to offer this event in partnership with Kids Coalition Against Hunger, a non-profit organization that facilitates packing of low cost / high nutrition meals for distribution to those in need locally, nationally, and around the world.

Join us for a fun morning of community service as we pack 40,000 meals for those in need. This service opportunity is appropriate for people of all ages from young children to great-grandparents. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, sign-up, line supervision and packing. Put together your own team or join others to make a packing team!

You can sign-up using this link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AADAD2FA0F94-57681746-kids>
or by using the QR code below:



Please contact Dana Stonerook
(dstonerook@aol.com) or Sue Evans
(sleev@sbcglobal.net) with questions. Thank You!





THE SECOND MILE CENTER OF DETROIT
Invites **YOU** to be a **Helping Hand**

9th ANNUAL CHARITY SCRAMBLE GOLF OUTING

Hit the **GREEN** to raise some **GREEN\$\$** To Support Detroit Kids



**Golf, Cocktails,
Luncheon, Raffle,
50/50 Drawing &
Award Ceremony**

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Farmington Hills Golf Club

Registration - 7:15 AM

37777 11 Mile Court

Shot Gun Start - 8:00 AM

Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Luncheon & Ceremony - 1:30 PM

Register / Donate / Sponsor

online at: www.secondmilecenter.org

OR Mail Check to: 18391 Morang Ave, Detroit, MI 48205

More Info? Call Lyndsay : 734-730-1594

GOLF, HOT DOG,

LUNCHEON

& LUNCHEON \$150.00

ONLY \$70



Deadline for Reservations: September 9, 2025

The Second Mile Center of Detroit is a non-profit 501(c)3.
18391 Morang Ave, Detroit, MI 48205

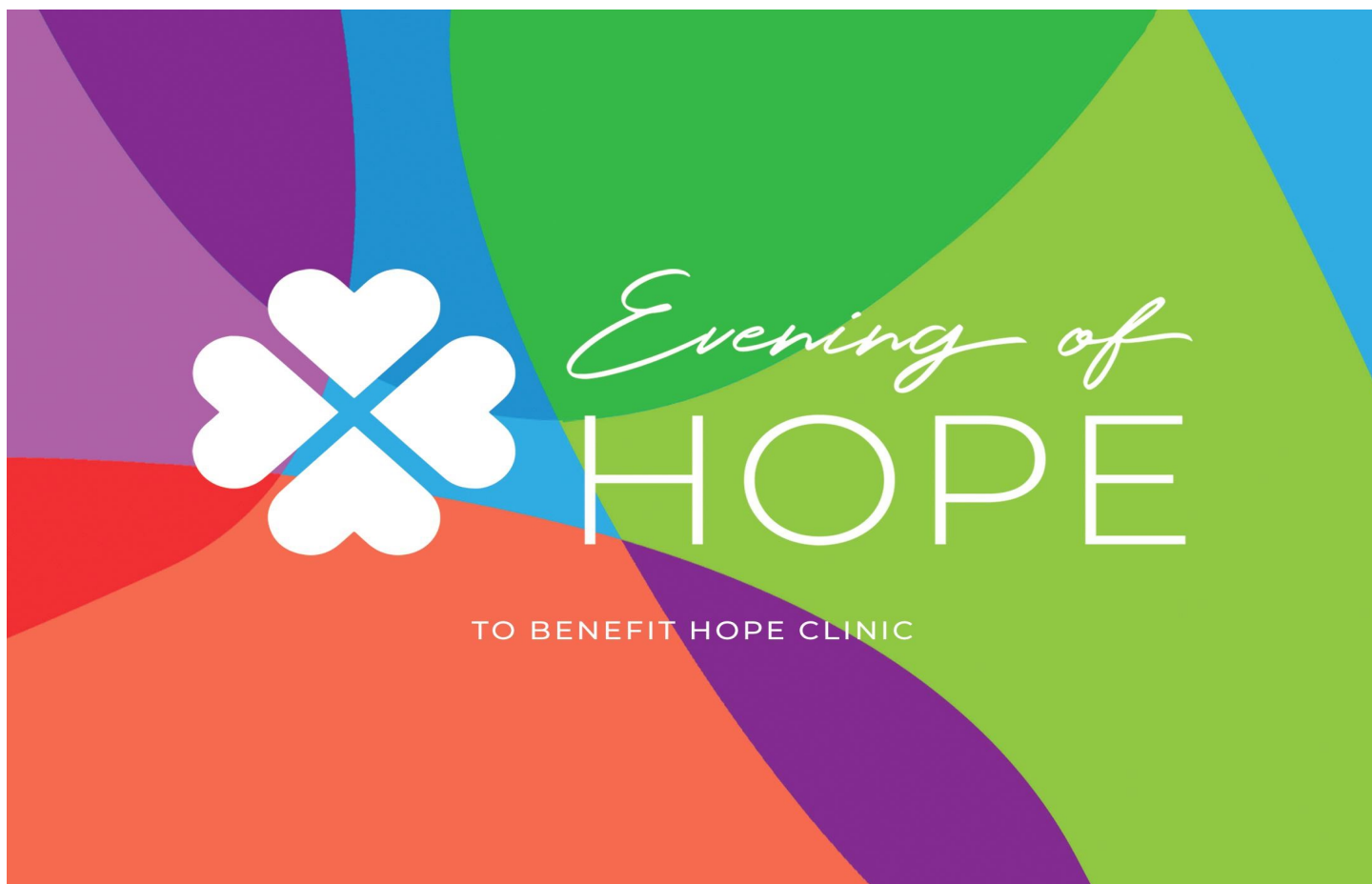
Email: THESECONDMILECENTER@GMAIL.COM

Established in 2007, supported solely by donations "The Center" is a safe environment for individuals, children and families providing programs, prepared meals, groceries, clothing and other essential services to the community. As always, we continue to maintain a strong program of sharing faith, hope, and love and are a positive influence in one of the most challenged areas of Detroit.

100% of net proceeds
benefit The Second Mile
Center of Detroit

Promotional Support from:

 **metroalive**
WHERE TO GO. WHAT TO DO.



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR AN



Evening of Hope is Hope Clinic's premiere annual fundraising event. Join in an inspiring celebration of lives made better, and of the people and partners who make Hope Clinic's mission their own.

**Join us Friday, November 7, 2025 at 6:00pm
Saint John's Resort in Plymouth, MI.**

Ticket/Table sales will open soon. Sponsorships are available now.

For event information, including sponsorships, contact Patti Radzik at pradzic@thehopeclinic.org or 734-484-2989 x208.





You are the
Light
ANNUAL GALA

PLATED DINNER
DANCING & COCKTAILS
AWARD CEREMONY
LIVE MUSIC BY
THE BLUEWATER KINGS
SILENT AUCTION
SURVIVOR SPEAKERS

OCTOBER 17, 2025

6:30 PM - 11:30 PM
LAUREL MANOR
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

FIRSTSTEP-MI.ORG/LIGHT





SPONSORSHIP/TICKET OPPORTUNITIES

\$50,000 BEACON OF HOPE SPONSOR

- ⇒ VIP Event Experience: Priority seating for 20 guests
- ⇒ VIP Dinner Experience: Cocktail service to table(s) during dinner
- ⇒ Featured recognition during event
- ⇒ Logo display on event table
- ⇒ Full-page ad with prime placement in the event program
- ⇒ Amplified Exposure: Three social media shout-outs
- ⇒ Featured recognition in First Step's newsletter
- ⇒ Premier recognition on First Step's website
- ⇒ Personalized informational session and guided tour of First Step's facilities

\$25,000 LUMINESCENCE SPONSOR

- ⇒ VIP Event Experience: Priority seating for 20 guests
- ⇒ VIP Dinner Experience: Cocktail service to table(s) during dinner
- ⇒ Featured recognition during event
- ⇒ Logo display on event table
- ⇒ Full-page ad with prominent placement in the event program
- ⇒ Amplified Exposure: Two social media shout-outs
- ⇒ Acknowledgement in First Step's newsletter
- ⇒ Prominent recognition on First Step's website
- ⇒ Personalized informational session and guided tour of First Step's facilities

\$10,000 BRILLIANCE SPONSOR

- ⇒ VIP Event Experience: Priority seating for 10 guests
- ⇒ VIP Dinner Experience: Wine pour at table during dinner
- ⇒ Featured recognition during event
- ⇒ Logo display on event table
- ⇒ Full-page ad in event program
- ⇒ One social media shout-out
- ⇒ Recognition in First Step's newsletter
- ⇒ Recognition on First Step's website

\$5,000 ILLUMINATION SPONSOR

- ⇒ Seating for 10 guests
- ⇒ Logo display on event table
- ⇒ Ad recognition during event
- ⇒ Half page ad in event program
- ⇒ Listing on First Step's website

\$2,500 RADIANCE SPONSOR

- ⇒ Seating for 10 Guests
- ⇒ Listing recognition during event
- ⇒ Quarter page ad in event program
- ⇒ Listing on First Step's website

\$1,750 ULTRAVIOLET SPONSOR

- ⇒ Seating for 10 guests
- ⇒ Listing recognition during event
- ⇒ Listing in event program

\$500 GLIMMER SPONSOR

- ⇒ Two event tickets
- ⇒ Listing in event program

\$150 EVENT TICKET

- ⇒ One event ticket (includes champagne toast, entrée, dessert, and open bar)

Company/Organization/Individual Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Relationship to Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

☐ Check here if above address is for the Company/Organization

Phone (Cell): _____ (Work): _____

E-mail: _____

☐ I can't attend, but I would like 100% of my sponsorship to be donated to First Step.

Method of Payment:

☐ Check ☐ Invoice us

If you would like to pay by credit card, please go online to firststep-mi.org/light to complete your purchase.

Sponsorship Level:

☐ Beacon of Hope	☐ Radiance	☐ Event Ticket
☐ Luminescence	☐ Ultraviolet	Number of tickets: _____
☐ Brilliance	☐ Glimmer	
☐ Illumination		

How did you hear about this event? _____

The deadline for recognition in the program is September 15, 2025.

Visit firststep-mi.org/light or scan the code to secure a sponsorship, purchase tickets, or donate online.



You can also mail, email or fax to: First Step
44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170,
info@firststep-mi.org, fax: 734-416-5555
Please make checks payable to First Step.

Questions? Call or email Carrie Bozman,
734.656.0738, cbozman@firststep-mi.org.



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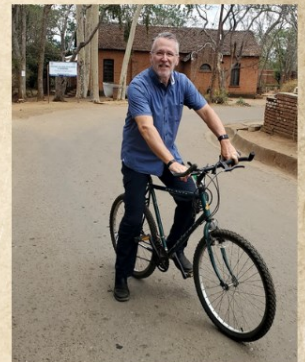
Rev. Dr. Davidson Chifungo visits FPCP in August

Our good friend Davidson Chifungo will be visiting FPCP from August 4th through 14th. He will be preaching on Sunday, August 10th. Davidson continues to serve God in east Africa through Veritas College and Y-Malawi. He is in the US to attend a Malawi Mission Network conference and also to drop his daughters Thandi and Temwa at college in Missouri. Davidson is very excited to be returning to Plymouth. Please say Hi when you see him around FPCP and Plymouth in August.



Pat Murphy is going on a very long bike ride!

FPCP Elder Pat Murphy is going on a great adventure this September. He is fulfilling a lifelong dream to ride his bicycle across the USA! Pat will ride 2,900 miles from California to Georgia over 28 days in September. Pat plans to promote several charitable organizations through his ride, including FPCP partner Marion Medical Mission. We'll be sharing more about Pat's ride in the weeks ahead and let you know how you can support his amazing journey!



Marion Medical Mission - Fall 2025 Installation Season

FPCP partner Marion Medical Mission is preparing for their 35th annual well installation season. Twenty-nine US volunteers will travel to Africa in September and October to support African teams who will install 4,100 new protected water wells in rural communities in Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Zambia. Over 410,000 people will soon have safe drinking water through MMM's efforts! Thank you all for your ongoing prayers and support.



Colina de Luz prayer requests

Our friends at Colina de Luz orphanage in Mexico recently shared prayer requests with us.

Please join us in prayer for :

- 3 new children from the streets of Tijuana who are adjusting to their new life at Colina.
- The Vacation Bible School they are hosting for 100+ community children on July 21-26 at Colina.
- The need for laptops for four of secundaria students to take back and forth to school.
- Preparations to ready 54 children for school this fall. They each need books, 2 sets of uniforms & shoes for class and gym, heavy-duty backpacks, school and classroom supplies.
- Colina's ability to pay school fees which are due at the end of July.

Family Fun in the Sun - Rain or Shine!

Our May 31st Family Fun in the Sun event lived up to its name—even with a chilly start and a few looming clouds! Around 50 people of all ages came together for a joyful morning of movement, learning, and community. A heartfelt thank you to Rev. Emily Campbell for leading a meaningful prayer walk, Sharon Holcomb for her inspiring seated and standing yoga sessions, Rachel Sawicki and Denise Stewart for organizing a creative and educational nutritional bingo experience, and Callista Sawicki for keeping the game lively and fun. We're also grateful to Doug Kee for sharing about our mission partner, Mtenthera CCAP.



And to top it all off—we raised nearly \$2,200 through a generous free will offering! Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a blessing.

MALAWI STUDENTS THANK YOU!



Rihanna Mbewe is one of our students supported through the scholarship program initiated by FPCP. Rihanna will be a senior (Form 4) student at the CDSS (Secondary School). She has been a scholarship recipient for 3 years and without our support would most likely not have the opportunity to fulfill her dream of being a nurse. She is one of the 75 girls living in the hostel and going to school because of so many generous members of FPCP.

In the fall we will be asking for new sponsors to support incoming freshman girls desiring to attend school but not able to pay their school fees, room and board. Please watch for an announcement and prayerfully consider helping a girl obtain an education. For further information, please contact Sue Kage at skage@comcast.net.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 16, 2025 STATED SESSION MEETING

Minister's Comments:

Reverend Ashley expressed her sincere appreciation for the efforts of the committees this year and for the 5 years which she has been Associate Pastor at FPCP.

Reverend Campbell thanked each of the outgoing Elders for their contributions the last 3 years.

Purchases of niches in the Columbarium have been very active since the expansion this year.

Four Stephen Ministers have completed a rigorous 18-week training course and they will be commissioned Sunday: Kris Black, Patti Devine, Glenn Anderson and Kim Pierson.

Building and Grounds: Two contractors have looked at our proposed ramp from the parking lot to the Narthex. The Session consensus was to continue to get more quotes.

The church will be closed for deep cleaning of carpets and floors July 8,9, and 10.

Christian Education The Child and Youth Director positions were filled for the complete year CE has a goal to work more with Member Connect and Local Mission and to integrate their input into Children and Youth training. Thirty eight children have signed up for VBS

Student attendance is increasing. Communication has improved with parents.

The Child Protection policy has been updated.

Finance/Endowment: We are still ahead of budget to date, but they will continue to monitor.

Thrift Shop revenue has continued to be strong.

Human Resources: The HR Handbook was completed and is being reviewed by outside experts

Local Mission: Volunteers are needed at Crossroads June 26 and at the Second Mile Ctr Aug 12.

Member Connect: Plans to make visitors to our services feel welcome included gift bags and recognition from the pulpit. MC is still looking into how to get them more involved with FPCP.

QR codes are in the pews, allowing visitors to learn more about us with a click of their phone.

Participation in Kellogg Park events will continue and more opportunities will be searched out.

More online hosts will be welcoming visitors to our live streaming services.

National/International Mission:

Davidson Chifungu will be here in August and will preach on Sunday August 10.

Stewardship: Plans for the Share Fair are going very well, and he appreciates the great help from all committees. There are now 34 displays, and he will work with B&G on the floor plan.

Worship: Music scores for 71 anthems were purchased with help from the Jerry Smith endowment.

Chris and Kylee will perform at a September 28 outdoor concert planned by the Deacons.

Celebrating Staff!

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING OUR STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR WORKIVERSARY WITH US THROUGHOUT **AUGUST!**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

EMILY CAMPBELL OUR SENIOR MINISTER HAS BEEN WITH US FOR NINETEEN YEARS. SHE CELEBRATED HER ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 1ST.

LAURA CRAIG OUR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HAS BEEN WITH US FOR THREE YEARS. SHE CELEBRATES HER ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 28TH.

KIM SWAN OUR MUSIC COORDINATOR AND **JEFF SWAN** OUR SANCTUARY MUSIC DIRECTOR HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR TWO YEARS. THEY CELEBRATED THEIR ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 3RD.

TERRINE BOYD OUR NURSERY COORDINATOR HAS BEEN WITH US FOR TWO YEARS. SHE CELEBRATES HER ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 20TH.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING OUR STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR WORKIVERSARY WITH US THROUGHOUT **SEPTEMBER!** THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

SUE SCOTT OUR ORGANIST HAS BEEN WITH US FOR FORTY TWO YEARS. SHE CELEBRATES HER WORKIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 1ST.

MARK GASKILL OUR NIGHT WATCHMAN HAS BEEN WITH US FOR FORTY ONE YEARS. SHE CELEBRATES HER WORKIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER.

PAM HOWARD OUR CALENDAR & PROJECT COORDINATOR HAS BEEN WITH US FOR FOUR YEARS. SHE CELEBRATES HER WORKIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 11TH.

SIERRIS SMITH OUR TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATOR HAS BEEN WITH US FOR THREE YEARS. SHE CELEBRATES HER WORKIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 6TH.

CHRIS DUPONT OUR UPPER ROOM DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & CREATIVE ARTS HAS BEEN WITH US FOR THREE YEARS. HE CELEBRATES HIS WORKIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 13TH.

FESTIVAL OF TABLES 2025

This year's Festival of Tables provides you with more opportunities to view the decorated tables. It's a shame that so much time is spent planning and executing these gorgeous 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 for hostesses is as follows:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00am-1:00pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00am-3:00pm



On these days, hostesses will decorate their tables. All tables would need to be decorated on these days during this time.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:00pm-3:00pm

Festival of Tables Open House. You (or your chosen representative) 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.**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

for those attending the event. The event will run as normal with a program, table viewing and dessert. If you wish to purchase a ticket (\$10.00) please see Peggy Kmiecik or contact one of the hostesses listed on the Presbyterian Women bulletin board. Please note that the Festival of Tables event will take place on the **second Monday** in December.

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.



Gracious and Loving God, we praise you for the joy, energy, and love you poured into our church family this summer. Thank you for the gift of Vacation Bible School and our theme of “Hero Hotline” that reminded us all that the greatest superpower is learning to love others the way you first loved us. We give thanks for the children who attended—each one a unique reflection of your light and joy. Their laughter, curiosity, and kindness made us smile and filled our evenings with delight.

We also thank you for the many volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make VBS possible. Through their creativity, patience, and care, they showed what it means to be everyday heroes in your kingdom.

We are equally grateful for the youth and adult leaders who traveled to Nashville on their mission trip. Thank you for their willingness to serve—especially in the heat—and for their open hearts as they worked alongside organizations that care for those experiencing poverty. We praise you for the lessons learned, the compassion shared, and the ways they witnessed your Spirit moving through the city. Continue to bless this mission team as they prepare to lead worship and share more about their trip with on Sunday, August 17

Lord, we ask that the seeds planted this summer—through every story told, every act of service, and every relationship formed—would take root and grow. May they blossom throughout the coming program year and bear fruit in the lives of these children and youth for years to come.

Strengthen our church family to continue walking in love, serving with joy, and following wherever you lead. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

