

# presbyterian *profiles*

WORSHIPPING, SERVING, AND LIVING WITH A FRESH  
VISION OF GOD'S VIBRANT ENERGY AND GRACE FOR ALL..

## APRIL SHOWERS BRING...



## ...MAY GRADUATES!

If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, please call or email the church office ([office@fpcholland.org](mailto:office@fpcholland.org) / 616.392.9022) at your earliest convenience. We are requesting:

- the name of the graduate
- the institution from which they will graduate.
- 1-2 two sentences about what is next for them
- a photo (digital or hard-copy)

### SAVE THE DATE:

Graduates will be honored at the worship services on May 15th.

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**E**aster, It's a Season!

The Easter eggs may all be eaten and the Easter bunny decorations tucked back in the basement, but it is still Easter! In fact it is Easter for seven weeks, 50 days right up until Pentecost, this year falling on May 15. The Worship Center students know it is still Easter because they see the choir and pastors wearing white stoles, see white candles and white paraments on the Communion Table and notice the white cloth in the pulpit. While it may seem strange, we will even sing Easter hymns for the next 7 weeks. Doesn't it make sense? **Resurrection takes some time to sink in. It's a unexpected, alarming, and glorious reality which is too grand for one day to hold.**

Easter tide is a season for resurrection to percolate in us, to work its power in us, and to remind us that the gift of new life is a gift to be shared.

A 20th Century Christian saint, Clarence Jordan, founder of the Koinonia Farms and author of *The Cotton Patch Gospel*, writes:

"The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the full hearts of his transformed disciples. The crowning evidence that he lives is not a vacant grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship. Not a rolled-away stone, but a carried-away church."

When challenged about her belief in resurrection, asking if she had ever raised someone from the dead, Roman Catholic writer Megan McKenna said yes: every time she brings hope into a situation, every time she brings joy that shatters despair, every time she forgives others and gives them back dignity, every time she listens to others and affirms them and their life, every time she speaks the truth in public, every time she confronts injustice, that yes, she brings people back from the dead.

Wendell Berry at the end of his essay "Manifesto: A Mad Farmer Liberation Front" implores us to "Practice resurrection".

This Eastertide, watch for resurrection, practice resurrection, spread resurrection.  
The world needs it.  
So do you.  
Let's become a carried-away church.

Happy Eastertide!

- Linda

# A MESSAGE FROM SCOTT

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”  
- Mary Oliver from “The Summer Day”

Eighteen years ago my dad experienced kidney failure as a result of his diabetes. It was difficult to see the toll that being diabetic took on my father’s body before he reached his 50th birthday. He was on dialysis for over a year before one of his sisters learned that she was a match and donated one of her kidneys. That kidney lasted about 16 years and just under 2 years ago my dad needed a second transplant. He again was on dialysis until February of 2015, when Zach Olson, the pastor of my parents’ church in Grand Rapids, stepped forward and donated one of his kidneys to my dad. Thanks to Pastor Zach, my dad has resumed an active retired life that includes hanging out in Holland with his grandkids every Wednesday afternoon.

Due to the fact that my dad and I do not have the same blood type I was ineligible to donate one of my kidneys to him. I wished that I could have helped my dad as a donor, but being a part of my dad’s journey prompted me to ask myself when/if I would consider donating a kidney. Well, I have made my decision and I have decided to be an altruistic kidney donor. Surgery is scheduled for Monday, April 18, at Mercy Health Saint Mary’s Kidney Transplant Center in Grand Rapids.

I am incredibly grateful for the support of Jill and my extended family to proceed as a donor. Pastor Linda, the personnel committee and session have also given me their blessing and approval to proceed as a kidney donor. I now write to you to request your support and prayers for this unique and privileged adventure of which I get to be a part. I will be gone for approximately 4 weeks, with the goal of easing back into things as I have the energy to do so. I am told that it takes about 4 months before one’s full energy returns due to the fact that the remaining kidney is slowly growing to pick up the work that was previously done by two kidneys.

A few years ago during a sermon, Jill shared the quote from Mary Oliver that is at the opening of this letter. It has stuck with me and it is a quote that I regularly ponder. The gift of life is wild and precious, and the older I get the more aware I am of the variety of ways that others have generously invested in me, helping to shape who I am and who I am becoming. I try not to take this for granted as I discover deeper joy and meaning in life when I take steps towards sharing a little of what I have been given with others. Thank you for your support and I greatly appreciate your prayers for me and the recipient for a speedy recovery.

Peace, Scott



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[www.mercyhealthsaintmarys.com/kidney-transplants](http://www.mercyhealthsaintmarys.com/kidney-transplants)

# WORSHIP CENTERS

During our Lenten journey, Worship Center response time had an emphasis on Peace. A few of the activities included: our own Peace words in many languages; sharing books about Peace; answering questions about where we find peace or make peace at home, within our circle of friends, school and the community; origami cranes; and renewed focus on our Prayer/Peace Corners. We have also been invited to decorate the Peaceful Butterfly quilt which has been created on cardstock to be displayed throughout FPC from Easter to Pentecost.

The City of Jerusalem is set up in two of the Worship Centers. 4th/5th grade was experiencing the story of the Entry into Jerusalem, Caiaphas - Judas' betrayal of Jesus, and the Last Supper. While wondering and sharing about the 30 Pieces of Silver that Judas was willing to betray Jesus for, our kids were concerned about the fact that a friend would "sell out" a friend for so little. They shared that silver was worth far less than gold, and that even for "way more" they would not do such a thing. Listening to them share their hearts, bring the story into current times, their honesty, and integrity brings peace to the Celebrant's hearts. I have deep gratitude to the "grown-ups" who have instilled these convictions into our children and for sharing your children with us.

- Lori



## CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING

- Who:** (Mandatory) for all volunteers and paid staff who work with the children and youth of FPC
- What:** Annual training and review of Child & Youth Protection Policy
- When:** Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 10:00 - 10:30a (training), OR  
between 9:30-10:00a and 10:30-11:30a for those who cannot attend the meeting (to update forms)
- Where:** FPC Fellowship Hall, (lower level)

# Blue Sunday

**Sunday, April 24** is also observed as Blue Sunday - Day of Prayer for Abused Children. The day when churches take time in their service to pray for the victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them. We pray because they shouldn't have to pray alone.

*"Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me." - Matthew 18:5*

Did you know there are over 3 million confirmed cases of child abuse in our nation annually? Did you know that of the 1640 child deaths from child abuse that most were under the age of 3? This is an appropriate day to hold our annual training and review of the Child and Youth Protection Policy. The training is for those working with nursery/childcare; Worship Centers; Children and Youth Choir; and also our Youth. Please bring a copy of the front and back of your driver's license. If you are unable to attend on Sunday April 24, please contact me to set up a time that is more convenient for you. The Policy has been adopted by the Session and is also required by our insurance liability carrier. Feel free to join us if you are simply interested in knowing more about this policy. Everyone is welcome.





# YOUTH@FIRST

A MESSAGE FROM TERESA

Now that we're on the other side of winter (hopefully I'm not speaking too soon!), it is officially time to start looking towards my favorite part of the year...summer! As I look towards what my summer schedule will hold, I can't help but get excited about the ways that God is already moving in the experiences and opportunities that our youth will have.

The first is the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, a massive gathering of Presbyterian youth from around the world at Purdue University. **This event only happens every three years**, so it truly is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! If you or your youth is currently a senior high student and you have not signed up yet, be in touch right away...you are not going to want to miss it!

Before heading to Triennium, I'm also looking forward to spending a week with the 2016 Confirmation Class. We're teaming up with the leadership and youth of the First Presbyterian Church of Holt for a Confirmation Adventure Camp! Our first stop will be Louisville, KY for a tour of our denomination's headquarters and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. After that, it's off to the mountains of West Virginia for a week of reflection on the adventure of growing in faith, which also happens to include kayaking, rock climbing and whitewater rafting. Adventure Camp is our "soft launch" into confirmation classes that will begin in the fall as we prepare for Confirmation Sunday in November.

Our church is incredibly blessed to have an eager, engaging group of youth, and we ask that you consider ways that you can support their faith journeys through mentorship, prayer and participating in our upcoming fundraisers. Thank you for your continuous support of our young people! - Teresa

## YOUTH@FIRST APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 3	NO YOUTH GROUP
April 10	NO YOUTH GROUP
April 17, 6-7:30p	Jr. High gathering
April 24	CROP Walk



On March 13, FPC worshippers were touched by the talents of FPC's very own Erin Magennis, Julia and Jack Burkholder. Julia and Jack sang while Erin and other members of the Avalon dance school danced. We are grateful for the many talents that the Youth@First share with us!

# GET INVOLVED

Here are just a handful of the many ways that you can connect with others at FPC.  
For a complete list of small groups, please visit:

[www.fpcholland.org/community/ministries/](http://www.fpcholland.org/community/ministries/)

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)

All women are cordially invited to participate in Presbyterian Women Circles and Events!



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

### DATES TO REMEMBER

April 7 10:00a PW Coordinating Team

April 13 9:30a Miriam Circle

April 14 11:30p Hannah Circle

**Volunteers are needed to help in the Information Booth at Tulip Time.**

The signup sheet will be on the bulletin board near the South main doors.

**BIBLE STUDY:** *Come to the Waters* by Judy Record Fletcher with *Suggestions for Leaders* by Larissa Kwong Abazia. Scripture for Lesson 8 is John 4:1-30, 39-42; Acts 2:44-47.

**LESSON FOCUS:** Jesus is the living water. The Samaritan woman, and people today, need this water. When we welcome living water into our lives, we learn the importance of hospitality and compassion.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW OUR GRATITUDE:** Those who have a birthday this month will find the **Birthday Offering** Envelopes on the PW shelf in the M&M Cafe. Money given in celebration of the blessings in life enables donations to national and world missions. Please place these donations in the offering plate during worship.

## THE WATCHERS

You may be wondering, *What have The Watchers been up to?* The Watchers continue to be active in the life of the church. Last fall The Watchers hosted a presentation on Islam and coordinated a subsequent visit to the Grand Rapids mosque (courtesy of the efforts of Larry Lynn). The Watchers also sponsor the weekly "Did you know?" facts in the Sunday bulletin (thanks to Glenn Van Haitsma for many of them). The Watchers are also the initiators of the "Season of Peace" that the church is in the midst of.

May will hold our big event of the year. Mark Sunday, **May 22** on your calendar. More details to come...we promise it will be very good. We are sure you will be thrilled!

All this and The Watchers don't even have monthly meetings! They engage in the life of the church in many meaningful ways - ways that fit your schedule and priorities. If you are interested in learning more about The Watchers, please contact David Walter at [dpwalter@yahoo.com](mailto:dpwalter@yahoo.com).



## MEN'S BOOK GROUP

The Men's Book Group meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00p in the M & M Café.

**APRIL:** *Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China* by Evan Oskos

**MAY:** *Endurance* by Alfred Lansing

Contact: Larry Lynn at [oldruno9@gmail.com](mailto:oldruno9@gmail.com) or 399-0799.

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

The Women's Book Group meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00p in the M & M Café.

**APRIL:** *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier

**MAY:** *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate

Contact: Bev Plagenhoef at [rbplagen@live.com](mailto:rbplagen@live.com) or 335-3942.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Whether you are new or have been connected for a long time, Theology on Tap is a great way to meet casually with other FPC friends. Men meet on the second Thursday of the month at 8:00p. Women meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8:00p.

This month Theology on Tap will be meeting at **Hops at 84 East**.

If you have questions, please contact Tim Staal at [tstaal@gmail.com](mailto:tstaal@gmail.com) or Beth Magennis at [bethmagennis@gmail.com](mailto:bethmagennis@gmail.com).



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT: FILM VIEW & DISCUSSION

Hosted by Jack Hyde. Food For Thought meets on the second Friday evening of each month at 7:00p in the Michigan Room.

Join us on **April 8** for a showing of *Dave* (1993; 110 min.) What if the U.S. President was simply a nice guy and was guided by that characteristic? (Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver)



## HOLLAND CIVIC THEATRE: 'LEAVING IOWA'

HCT presents 'Leaving Iowa', a comedy about family vacations.

Join the FPC group on Friday, **April 15** at 7:30p, with an optional dinner at Boatwerks at 5:00p. Theatre tickets cost \$15. Please sign up near the South main doors and pay Tom or Chris Urbaniak.



# SAVE THE DATE

## APRIL 30 at 6:00p DINNERS FOR 7

All adults are invited to participate in the spring “Dinners for 7”. Six or seven people will be assigned to a host home. The hosts will call and ask you to bring a dish to share. Hosts will provide the main dish. This is an opportunity to become acquainted with members/friends of the church you may have seen, but do not know well.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the South main doors. If you prefer, please email Sarah Anderson at [andersons@hope.edu](mailto:andersons@hope.edu) with your reservation or questions. Please indicate your willingness to be a host home. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 20th.

Child care will be provided at the church from 5:30p to 8:30p. Please indicate your need for child care when you sign up.

**Come! Join the fun!**

## APRIL 30 from 9a - 12p BELONGING CLASS

What makes us “us” at First Presbyterian Church? Come learn about the history, beliefs, and mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as the ministries of this particular congregation.

Please send RSVPs and questions to  
Rev. Linda Knieriemen  
([lindak@fpcholland.org](mailto:lindak@fpcholland.org)) or  
Pastor Scott VanderWal  
([scottv@fpcholland.org](mailto:scottv@fpcholland.org)).



## APRIL 9 at 6:00p AARON GOODYKE SENIOR ORGAN RECITAL

FPC is cordially invited to Aaron Goodyke’s Senior Organ Recital. This capstone performance will take place in the Concert Hall of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts on the campus of Hope College on Saturday, April 9, at 6:00p. The program will feature works by Bach, Reger, Liszt, Boëllmann, and Reubke. Aaron hopes to see you there!



# YOGA for ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS: mobility & stability



April 19 - May 24

Sign up TODAY for this 6-week special class instructed by FPC's very own **Gwen Boeve**.

**WHEN:** Every Tuesday from 10:00a - 11:15a starting April 19, ending May 24.

**WHERE:** First Presbyterian Church

**COST:** \$60 for 6 weeks.  
Mats and necessary props will be provided. However, students are encouraged to bring their own mat if they have one.

**RSVP:** **Gwen Boeve** at **502-4642** or **ghekman@gmail.com**

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

## *Building & Business Council*

a.k.a. B&B

### **Who is on the B&B Council?**

Chris Olney, Liz Bristol, Ray Harrison, Jan Peterson, Janet Magennis, Jon Kreple, Larry Grinwis, Ted Oyler. Pastor Linda Knieriemen also attends council meetings.

### **How does ministry get done in the B&B Council?**

Business and Building ministry is divided into 2 parts: Building and Stewardship.

This month we are focusing on the Building part of the council's work. The Building portion is concerned with maintaining the facility and grounds.

The council references the Strategic Plan for direction and priorities for major projects and improvements. Annually, the B&B Council coordinates a walk through and inspection of the church building and grounds. Maintenance projects are identified during this annual walk through, or as concerns are brought to the attention of the council.

### **What exciting thing did the B&B Council do in the last 12 months?**

The most exciting project is the Kitchen redesign/remodel. It is currently underway and should be completed in late spring. Jon Kreple has agreed to stay on as an "emeritus" council member to see this project through. *Please make sure to thank him for his hard work and dedication to this project.*

### **What ministry projects are you planning in the coming 6 months?**

We are planning to upgrade and maintain existing structures of the building, that we identified as minor problems during the last annual walk-through, such as:

- A new entry door is needed on the 28th street side of the building.
- New flooring in the nursery school entrance.
- A new wooden storage box for the fire extinguisher in the M&M café.
- Window treatments for two east facing rooms, which currently do not have them.



### **How do committee members engage in your ministries?**

Committee members often volunteer to lead a specific task or project. Tasks vary widely in size and can range from a major renovation project to helping choose an item of décor. The B&B Council provides hands on opportunities for those who want to help with grounds or maintenance.

### **How can others be involved?**

There is plenty of work to be done to improve the facilities and grounds. Those who would like to volunteer to help with projects such as painting, carpentry, or outdoor grounds keeping should let members of the council know. If we can use talents from within the congregation, it can save money that would otherwise be spent hiring outside labor.

# KITCHEN FIXIN'

As FPC continues to move forward in fulfilling our goals set out in the strategic plan to renovate the kitchen to meet all codes, requirements and future plans of our spiritual and actual needs, you may be wondering...

## *Why does fixin' the kitchen cost so much?*

You are in luck! Jon Kreple, B&B Council member and lead Kitchen Fixin' Project Manager, is here to explain the various costs that are included in this not-so-inexpensive job. Put on your hard hat; you are in for a treat!

The misconceptions of the cost estimates are not easily understood unless the many aspects of the project are considered. The majority of expenses are going towards paying for the...

**ARCHITECT:** The design associated with a church structure like ours requires a licensed architect to prepare detailed design drawings and other documents.

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** Since the size of the project was fairly extensive it was decided to use a general contractor for project management and subcontractor coordination. A project manager was assigned with overall responsibility to assure a complete architectural review of all design documents. He contacts equipment suppliers to evaluate the equipment specifications, solicits cost estimates from the various subcontractors and develops a schedule for the various steps of the work. The project manager was also required to obtain all of the building permits and coordinate the various inspections as the project proceeded.

**CONSTRUCTION LABOR:** Construction trades labor that have taken part in this project include carpenters, electricians, plumbers, drywall installers, heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) ductwork fabricators, painters, flooring installers, and the equipment suppliers' installation specialists that will also perform start-up service and testing to assure that it all works as it's designed.

**CODE COMPLIANCE:** We elected to meet all code requirements so as to have a kitchen that could be used for any purpose within the church or to the community beyond, if such a need was identified. New code requirements have to be met so that adds additional cost and equipment. Code requirements for the preschool also had to be factored in. Previous code violations from the State of Michigan Department of Human Services were addressed to assure that no future violations were received and any upgrades were made part of the goals of the renovations.

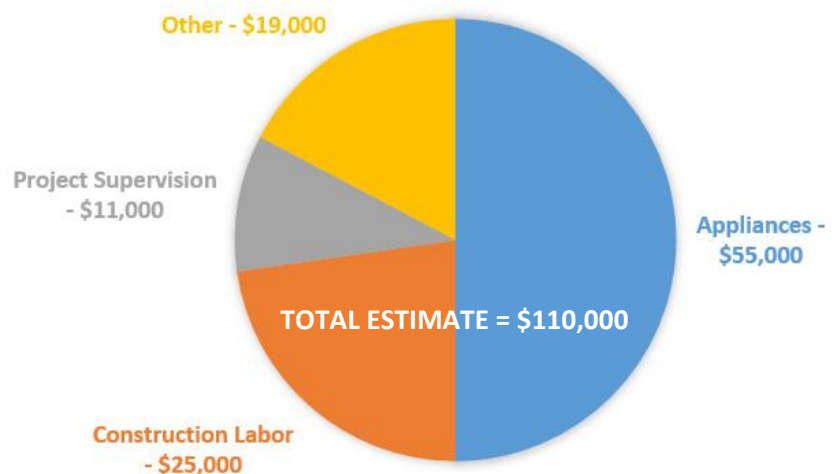
**DEMOLITION:** Before starting construction, the kitchen had to be deconstructed through demolition. From removing kitchen cabinets to replacing the tile floor; cutting concrete to replacing drains. This project is more extensive than meets the eye.

**APPLIANCES:** Commercial grade kitchen appliances have been specified for our project. A new six burner stove and a large freestanding double oven will sit beneath a large stainless steel exhaust hood. A new dishwasher, with racks for dirty dishes, will sit on a soiled dish table which includes a high pressure spray nozzle and a garbage disposer in the built in stainless steel sink and counter top. The soiled dish racks slide into the dishwasher and exit out the opposite side onto another stainless steel "clean" dish table.

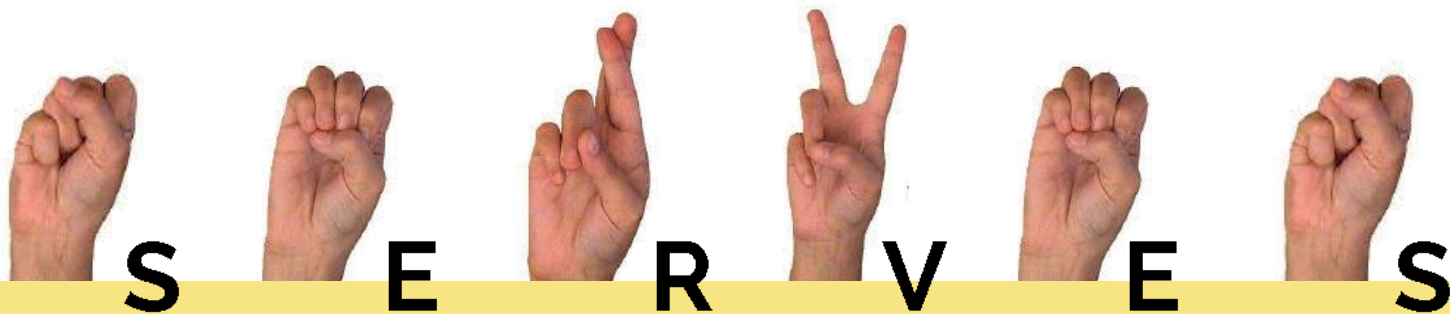
Custom stainless steel counter tops, and stainless steel backsplash (to protect the walls from over spray) have been fabricated to the unique shape of the kitchen where walls intersect at an angle.

If you have any questions regarding the cost of the Kitchen Fixin' Project, please do not hesitate to contact Jon Kreple.

## APPROXIMATE OVERVIEW OF COSTS

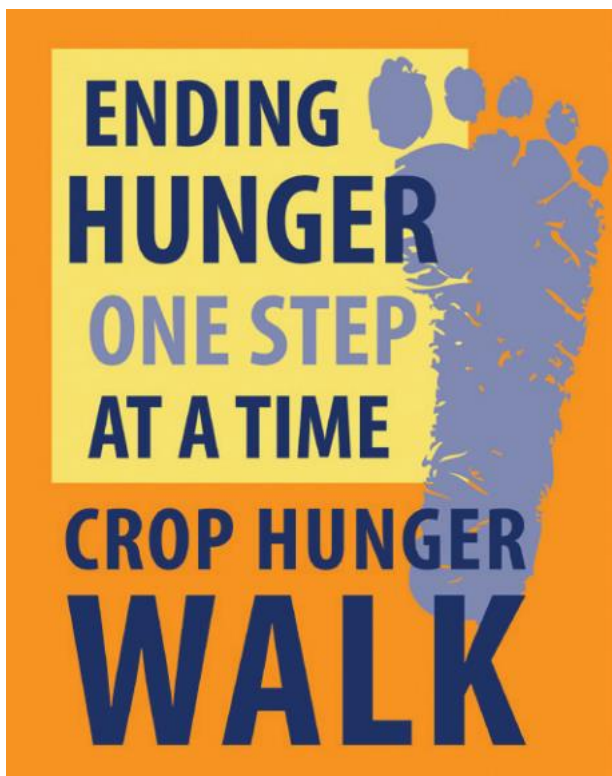


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## EMPTY THE PALLET - Sunday, April 17

Support the Community Action House and Community Kitchen (who serve over 200 people, five days a week) by participating in our bi-annual Empty the Pallet food drive. One large can costs \$4.00. One case costs \$23.00. Our goal is to sell 534 cans of food or 89 cases. Checks may be made out to "First Presbyterian Church" and note in the memo "CAH food". Or place your name on a list for cash donations. In this way you will receive credit on your church statement. Any extra money collected will be used to purchase more food for the Community Kitchen. Please help feed the hungry in our community!



## CROP HUNGER WALK

SAVE THE DATE: April 23 & 24

Join First Presbyterian Church as we unite with the churches of Holland and Zeeland for our 36th annual CROP Hunger Walk. Over the years CROP Hunger Walk has raised \$4,000,000 dollars! \$1,000,000 for local agencies feeding and meeting needs of our most vulnerable population and \$3,000,000 to Church World Service whose goal is build a world where there is enough for all.

Last year, First Presbyterian raised \$5,805. We were the number one fund raiser of the general denominations and number four of all the participating churches in Holland and Zeeland. This speaks volumes about the generous, caring people of our congregation. We are a church that walks in CROP Hunger Walk with love and empathy of those in need.

We have a goal. This year, if we raise \$500 more dollars than last year, an anonymous donor will match the \$500 and bring our total to \$6,805. Thank you to all our walkers and donors in past years. Please consider joining us as we help people—near and far—meet the basic needs of food, water, and shelter.

Sign up to walk, donate, or join our team online. Tim and Nancy Staal will be in the M&M Café on Sundays or you can go to [Hollandhunger.org](http://Hollandhunger.org).



# REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT UPDATE

Weekly updates posted at:

[www.fpcholland.org/  
community/serve/refugee/](http://www.fpcholland.org/community/serve/refugee/)

Our refugee family has arrived! The family of four is from Afghanistan and includes Javley ZADRAN (mom), age 54 and her children: Bibi Hajira ZADRAN (daughter), age 18, Bibi Radia ZADRAN (daughter), age 22, and Muhammad Gul ZADRAN (son), age 27.

Our family safely arrived on Thursday, March 17th. They have already been enrolled in English as a Second Language classes. We have ample volunteers to provide transportation and visitation (thank you so much to all who have volunteered). The family is living in temporary housing until April 1st. They will then move into their apartment.

We need the help and support of the whole congregation for many months to be successful at supporting this family as they transition to living here.

## HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP RIGHT NOW:

- 1. Donate cash to help meet the needs of this family.**  
To donate, please write a check made out to "First Presbyterian Church" with 'Refugee Family' in the memo line. We will use the money for a variety of things: household goods and furniture, groceries, clothing, public transportation, rent, et cetera.
- 2. The family needs daily visitation and friendship.**  
Volunteer to visit the family, help them feel less lonely, and answer their questions about how things work here. Please contact Marilyn Lynn at [butterflytofrog@yahoo.com](mailto:butterflytofrog@yahoo.com) if you can help with this. The family will need to be visited daily for a while.
- 3. The family needs help learning English.**  
The family is enrolled in English as a Second Language classes. We need volunteers to help reinforce the lessons from their weekly classes. You will receive training to help you do this. If you're interested, please email Laura Bowen at [casabowen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:casabowen@sbcglobal.net)
- 4. The family will need help with transportation.**  
Contact Tim Staal at [tstaal@gmail.com](mailto:tstaal@gmail.com) to volunteer to take family members to appointments such as: medical appointments, meetings with various agencies, grocery shopping. The more volunteers we have, the fewer trips each volunteer will be called on to make.

We are so excited to welcome this family to Holland. We thank you in advance for helping First Presbyterian live out the directions of scripture to welcome the stranger!

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Image and excerpt taken from: "State Champions: Cast brings home top honors from state theater finals" by Lori Timmer, posted in the Holland Sentinel on February 29, 2016.

FPC's very own Emma Martens, fourth from the Left in the front row (daughter of Alan and Sherry Martens), and Maxwell Lam, third from the Right in the front row (grandson of Steve and Rebecca Gardiner), were highlighted in the Holland Sentinel. Emma and Maxwell, we are so proud of you!

“ Holland High School Theatre came home victorious from the Michigan Interscholastic Theatre Festival State Theatre Finals competition. Holland won the Division 1 state championship, their 18th state title under the direction of Kevin J. Schneider, with their presentation of "Strider."

The competition took place Feb 19-20 at the Grand Rapids Christian Performing Arts Center.

Leading the group of performers and technicians were Superior award-winning actors Maxwell Lam (Strider), Noah Helmus (Prince Serhuhovsky) and Anna Ryzenga (Viazapurikha/Mathieu/Marie)... Holland High senior Maxwell Lam, who plays Strider in the production, was more than thrilled with the award. "I was over the moon when they called our name for taking first in Division 1's main stage show," he said. "It was the most rewarding and gratifying feeling I have ever experienced." And it only got better. "I was ecstatic when the team got to hold up the trophy after the awards ceremony. I thought that I was dreaming."

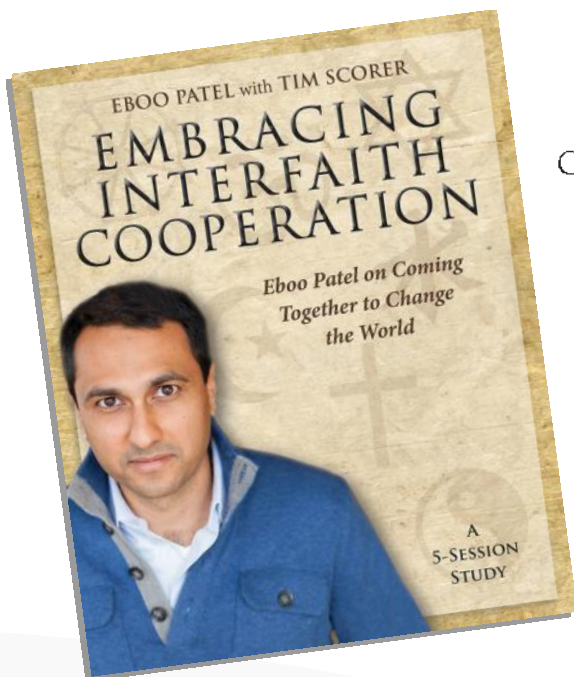
Lam, who has been heavily involved in the HHS theater program throughout his high school career, having taken part in 10 productions, thinks the win was deserved. "I believe the team won this year because of a strong work ethic, and everyone seemed to gel together. We were all working towards the same goal from different approaches, which helped the group improve itself over time. We guided each other in the right directions to accumulate aspects of a great show."...

"Marvelous Wonderettes" also earned Superior Honors (the highest the judges can give) to all four of the actresses (Emma Martens, Chyna Schut, Anna Ryzenga, Emily Timmer) as well as costume design and prop design... ”

Do you know someone who has won state honors? If so, please contact [Caïtlin@fpcholland.org](mailto:Caïtlin@fpcholland.org).



## EMBRACING INTERFAITH COOPERATION



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

A 5 week study on Eboo Patel's "Embracing Interfaith Cooperation" video series will be starting April 17 during the Sunday Midtime Ministry hour.

In this engaging five-session DVD, Eboo leads a small group of adults from diverse religious backgrounds (including Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Hindu) in a fascinating exploration of both the challenge and necessity of Interfaith Cooperation.

All are welcome!

Please contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions

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APRIL 17  
EMPTY THE PALLET  
& MIDTIME MINISTRY

APRIL 19  
YOGA CLASS BEGINS

APRIL 24  
CHILD & YOUTH  
PROTECTION TRAINING  
& CROP WALK

APRIL 30  
BELONGING CLASS  
& DINNERS FOR 7