

presbyterian profiles

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



The Worship Council is happy to announce that we will once again rejoice in the **Summer of the Arts** series. We will take joy in a variety of artistic ministries that highlight God's gifts of music, art and the written word. June will be an exciting start. Mark your calendars for these special events:

On **June 12** we will be honored to have poet Francis Fike as our guest. Dr. Fike is a retired English professor from Hope College, a published poet, and a composer of hymns. Dr. Fike will be reading from his works as well as talking about the intersection of his faith and his writing. We will also have the opportunity to sing along with the composer himself.

On **June 26** artist Carolyn Stich will share her love of art through a power point presentation. As a bonus Carolyn is holding a drawing session after the church service in the M&M cafe. There will be a sign-up sheet for all aspiring artists on the bulletin board near the South main doors. This will give Carolyn an idea of how many supplies to bring. Take advantage of this special opportunity.

We have lots more in store this summer so stay tuned for the happenings in July and August!

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S ummer Reading!

It's that time again when longer summer days lounging either at the beach or on the patio provide longer hours for reading. The first three books I've recently read and recommend to you:

In **11/22/63**, Stephen King explores if history could be changed if time travel were possible. It's a different kind of suspenseful tale than we usually get from King. A New York Times reviewer calls it "a meditation on memory, love, loss, free will and necessity." I call it a compelling, provocative read.

Lab Girl. Paleobotanist (I know, look it up!) Hope Jahren, in alternating chapters, compares her sometimes manic, sometimes mundane career as a researcher with detailed descriptions of the plant world, exploring relationships with quirky, faithful colleagues along the way. I won't ever look at a tree the same again.

Sacred Ground, Pluralism, Prejudice and the Promise of America, by Eboo Patel. A supplement to the DVD series Mid-Time Ministries offered this spring. A valuable look at reframing and leading positive interfaith relationships.

On my summer "to read" list:

Brother, I'm Dying, by Edwidge Danticat. The "Big Read" for Holland this fall.

The Humans of New York, by Brandon Stanton. Photographs and stories of New Yorkers from a 32 year old blogger. Recommended by one of our grandsons.

Between the World and Me. Written in the form of a letter to his son, National Book Award winner Ta-Nehisi Coates helps him come to terms with racism.

A Great Reckoning, by Louise Penny. Due to be released on August 30, I'll have to wait until the end of the summer for this 12th book in the Three Pines mystery series.

David and I are vacationing in New England this July, so I'm going to dust off some of the 19th Century New England writers. I still have my first copy of **Little Women**. Maybe I'll enjoy a few pages at Walden Pond.

Buddha and Jesus and **The Long Road Turns to Joy, a Guide to Walking Meditation**. For devotional reading, Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh is accessible and inspiring.

Finally, to prepare our fall focus on Jesus' parables, (may I call this "Falling for Parables" without being booed?) I'm returning to three gems by Episcopalian priest and scholar Robert Farrar Capon, **The Parables of Grace**, **The Parables of the Kingdom** and **the Parables of Judgment**. His style is warm while academic, pithy while sufficiently comprehensive. Expect me to mention him in sermons this September!

As always, thanks to those of you who make recommendations of books I'd otherwise never pick up, and an encouragement to let me know what you are reading and enjoying!

- Linda

A MESSAGE FROM SCOTT

As a kid I remember being so excited about the freedom and adventure that came with summer. To be free of a schedule, classes and schoolwork was blissful. Now as a parent I realize that a blissful summer does not happen without a great deal of planning and organizing by the parents. In fact, for many parents, summertime can be more stressful due to the loss of the structure and routine that school provides.

If you are like most adults, rest, renewal and fun does not happen unless you schedule it. I know it sounds crazy, but we literally need to put recreation and renewing activities on our calendars. As a way to encourage and invite you to have a fun and renewing summer, our FPC summer calendar is full of ways to relax, connect and be renewed together. So whether you enjoy kayaks or concerts, picnics or baseball, there is something for everyone.

Speaking of renewal, one unique opportunity that I get to participate this June is the CREDO conference. This conference is offered by the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The CREDO conference is an opportunity to engage in a process of assessing one's gifts and personal areas for growth that includes an in-depth analysis of five major areas: health, finances, vocation, spiritual life and leadership formation. The conference series requires a two-conference commitment of seven days each, with a year between the first and second conferences.

One previous participant summarized their experience this way: "The entire conference was rooted in this reflection of how we can remain faithful to the ordination vows of serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination and love." It is a privilege for me to be able to participate in this conference and I appreciate your prayers for insight, discernment and renewal.

Finally, thank you for the incredible outpouring of love, food, cards and prayers for me and my family while I was recovering from donating a kidney. You are an amazing and generous church, and it is great to be back with you.

Let's have a great summer together!

- Scott



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WORSHIP CENTERS



To start, I would like to share my deep gratitude to all who are integral to our Worship Centers. I am thankful to be a part of an awesome team of people who support one another; to have spiritual leaders who give affirmation, food for thought and guidance along the way; and for all of the children who come to worship, share their stories and desire to build friendships. **We are blessed.**

Here we are enjoying ice cream on our last Sunday of Midtime Ministry for this school year.



I am also happy to share that we are welcoming three new Celebrants to our Pre-K – Kindergarten Worship Center! If you too are interested in joining the fun, we are in need of a Celebrant for 1st/2nd/3rd grade and a Celebrant for 4th/5th grade. **Please prayerfully consider becoming involved with Worship Centers**, and keep an eye on the bulletin for more information about a training that Nancy Staal, Colette DeNooyer and I are planning in July.

To end, I would like to share how our 4th/5th graders responded when they were asked,

"What does God feel like?"

Their responses included: *safe, strong, not wimpy, loyal, protector, soft, cuddly, mom, comfort.*

I pray that you too will take time this summer to pause and be mindful to what God might feel like in your heart.

- Lori



YOUTH@FIRST

A MESSAGE FROM TERESA

Our weekly gatherings may be over for the year, but it didn't take long for our youth summer schedule to get full!

Before launching into our summer schedule, though, I can not close out our 2015-16 programmatic year without saying a **BIG THANK YOU** to those who volunteered their time and gifts with our youth this year: Krista Anderson, Jen DeWaard, Joni Hoezee, Pete & Jen Ludwig, Beth

Magennis, Chris & Catherine Olney and Tim Staal. I am so grateful for each of you and your commitment to our youth programming!

Now, here is a peek at our summer together. Each month we will have a "Mission & Meal Day," where we will spend part of day partnering with a local agency to do some service week, followed by a time of fellowship and food. The location for June is yet to be set, but information will be out soon in our youth e-blast.

Later in the month (June 26-28) our current senior high girls are invited for a long retreat weekend at the Burkholders' cabin, which will be a soft launch into the girls' small group we will be kicking off in the fall. In our short time away we'll enjoy food, discussion and small service project at a local animal shelter. Cost is \$25.00. Please be in touch if you or your youth is interested in attending. - Teresa



CHECK OUT PICS FROM THE LAST
YOUTH@FIRST GATHERING OF THE
2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR!



GET INVOLVED

Here is 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/

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)

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



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2 10:00a PW Coordinating Team
June 8 12:00p Luncheon at Freedom Village

PW is grateful for all the volunteers who helped give out information to Tulip Time visitors. The money earned will be given to First Presbyterian Preschool to help with tuition for those who need it.

BIBLE STUDY: Suggestion for Summer Reading

Call Liz Bristol to order the 2016-2017 PW/Horizons Bible study: *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* in order to start reading this exciting, informative, challenging book. It is very helpful for everyone on their own personal faith

journey. Judy Yates Siker is the author and she describes the way Jesus is viewed by those who knew him and those who did not know him but were followers. Patricia Lynn Miller (Lynn) provides very helpful suggestions for the leaders and participants in each lesson. Both Judy and Lynn are teaching elders in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and have advanced degrees in theology. Our lessons start in September but readers can gain much by starting this exciting chapter in their faith journey early. Large print books are available.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW OUR GRATITUDE:

Those who have a birthday this summer 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. Write the check to "Presbyterian Women" and "Birthday" where it states "for" to ensure that this is credited to the right account.





WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

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

JUNE: *The Sandpiper* by Susan B. Lovell

JULY: *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler

Contact: Bev Plagenhoef at 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. This summer, the men and women will join together, meeting on the following dates:

- **June 9** at the Staals' house,
- **July 7** at the VanderWals' house
- **September 8** at the Magennis' house



HOLLAND CIVIC THEATRE

June 11 at 7:30p

Holland Civic Theatre is proud to present the world premier of *The Lies That Bind* which was named "One of the Top 100 New Plays" in 2009 by Writer's Digest in their international stage play competition, and is written by local HCT member, Sue Ann Culp. It is the story of Bobby Tyler who always knew he was adopted. Now, at age 21, he seeks information about his birth parents, only to uncover a web of family lies that will ultimately destroy him. "This show is one of the most powerful and moving dramas I have ever directed," states the Director. Sign up on the bulletin board near the South main door to attend. Tickets are \$15 and payable to Chris or Tom Urbaniak. Optional dinner at the Curragh at 5p.



CHUCK NORRIS SINGING SCHOOL

June 12 - July 24

Yes, summer vacation is just around the corner but school will be in session on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am for adults and youth who would like to learn more about their voices and how to use them more optimally during worship. On each Sunday morning from June 12-July 24 you will have the opportunity to learn about your vocal anatomy, breathing and even a little music reading. All of this is meant to make singing more meaningful during worship and of course, to have fun along the way. Please join us for all Sundays or for those Sundays when you are in town. Hope to hear and see many of you there!

CONGRATULATIONS



SARAH BALL

Calvin College Graduate

Sarah will graduate with a B.A. in Graphic Design. She will soon marry her fiancé, Kirk Wolters, and pursue a graphic design job in W. Michigan.

MAXWELL LAM

Holland High School Graduate

This fall, Max will attend Hope College where he plans on furthering his study of the performing arts.



EMMA MARTENS

Holland High School Graduate

This fall, Emma will attend George Washington University in Washington D.C. where she plans on studying political science and global studies.

GRADUATES!

JENNIFER RICHARDSON

Ball State University Graduate

Jennifer graduated from Ball State University in December 2015. Fulfilling her lifelong dream, she is currently employed as a zookeeper in the bird department of the Fort Worth (TX) Zoo, working with penguins and parrots.



SARAH (WILDT) KAMMERDIENER

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Graduate



MADALYN (MADDY) STID

Holland High School Graduate

This fall, Maddy will attend Grand Valley State University. She is undecided on her major but is considering cinematography.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 1 at 7:00P SUMMER MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There is still time to sign up for FPC's summer mission trip to West Virginia through Appalachia Service Project (ASP)! If you are interested in learning more please join us for an informational meeting on June 1 at 7:00p in the Michigan Room to learn more about registration information, site details and the good work that ASP is doing. Contact Teresa (teresa@fpcholland.org) to learn more!



JUNE 5 at 11:00a KITCHEN FIXIN' PANCAKE BRUNCH

Our youth will be hosting a "Blessing of the Kitchen" pancake brunch following the 10a worship service on June 5 to celebrate the completion of the Kitchen Fixin' project. Youth will also be accepting donations to support our upcoming service projects and summer events. Come hungry.

We hope to see you there!

TUESDAYS from 9-10:15a MAY 31 - JULY 5 YOGA FOR BEGINNERS: MOBILITY & STABILITY

Gwen Boeve will be hosting another 6-week yoga series every Tuesday at 9a, starting May 31 and ending July 5. Classes will be held at First Presbyterian Church. Drop-ins are welcome! Cost is \$60 for 6 weeks, or \$15 to drop in. Contact Gwen Boeve at 502-4642 or ghekman@gmail.com to reserve your spot TODAY!



JUNE 15 SUMMER PROFILES SUBMISSIONS DUE

There will only be one Profiles, delivered the second week of July, for the months of July and August. Please send all announcements for July and August to caitlin@fpcholland.org by **June 15**. Thank you!

JULY 15-JULY 16 ANNUAL CANOE/KAYAK TRIP

Come join us on July 16th for the annual FPC Canoe/Kayak trip! We'll be paddling the Pere Marquette River in Scottville (near Ludington) this year. Join us for a fun day of paddling. To extend the fun, camping will be available the nights of July 15th and 16th at Henry's Landing: (701 South Scottville Road, Scottville, MI 49454).

Registration: Deadline for registration is Thursday June 30th. Register soon! Registration is available online at fpcholland.org. No payment is due during registration.

Contact Bob Teutsch @ 616-834-2584 if you have questions, or if you don't have access to a computer for registration.

Rates: Camping: \$28 per campsite per night
 Personal Equipment Transfer: \$10 per boat*
 Single Kayak Rental: \$25 per boat
 Double Kayak Rental: \$35 per boat
 Canoe Rental: \$35 per boat

*This year Henry's Landing is providing a transfer service to the launch site. This is included in the rental cost; however there will be a \$10 fee for those bringing their own boats.

Note: After registration has closed you will be contacted with the total amount due for your group. Depending on the volume of registrations, prices may be slightly reduced. The listed prices are the maximum you will be charged.

CLASSIFIEDS

PT OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED

Spread the word! FPC is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant. The purpose of this position is to help maintain an office that serves as the Communication Center for the church. This person needs a spirit of hospitality with excellent communication skills. This person will provide administrative support to the pastors. It is important they are able to work independently as well as collaboratively with the Publication Specialist, and able to organize multiple tasks with attention to detail. Proficient computer skills are needed in data entry, email, Microsoft Office Suite, Publisher and data management.

Do you know someone outside our church family who might be interested? Invite them to send their cover letter, resume, and references to jobs@fpcholland.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A NOTE FROM THE UPDEGRAFFS

Thank you for all the thoughtful cards and good wishes at the loss of my sister Wendee. We appreciated the support and care during this difficult time.

Sandy and Mike Updegraff

GUEST WI-FI

As part of our church technology migration and network improvement, the guest wi-fi network has been separated from the internal church network. This should increase security and prevent any accidental data loss.

This means that even if you have logged into the church wi-fi in the past, you will likely have to log in again using one of the following three network names:

FPC / FPC 2 / FPC Basement

“2.4g” or “5g” may also appear after the network name (example “FPC 2.4g”). Your device will choose which it likes better.

All three network names will require the same password:

“surfwithgrace”

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to improve our systems!

A NOTE FROM RUSTY

Dear Church Friends,

I wish to express my gratitude to all of you for cards that were sent, messages that were called and the support that I had all of these years that I have been working along with many others each Sunday in the M&M Café.

As you know there are new persons maintaining the Meet & Mingle activities. I am grateful to each one of you for having the opportunity to work with Meet & Mingle.

The activities that I was part of continue with younger, stronger and excited workers so that when I do come to church I will continue to see just how well and how dedicated FPC church members are.

God Bless You,

Rusty



DIAPER GENIE

Did you know?

There is a diaper genie located in the Nursery. Please dispose of all diapers in the genie, rather than the trash can. Thank you!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Worship and the Arts Council

Who is on the Worship and the Arts Council?

- Collin Magennis (Ruling Elder and Co-chair)
- Jack Hyde
- Cary Schutmaat
- Rev. Linda Knieriemen (staff representative)
- Martha Wilson (Ruling Elder and Co-chair)
- Jean Olney
- Ann Siakel

The Worship and the Arts Council is always looking for new ways to further enhance our services. Ideas are always welcome even if you cannot commit to being on the committee. If you have an idea or would like to join the council, please connect with Martha Wilson at kjwilson57@msn.com.

How does ministry get done through the Worship and the Arts Council?

The Worship and the Arts Council takes joy in providing worship services that display God's glory in a multitude of ways! Many hands and hearts play a part in each and every Sunday worship service. We would like to highlight and say *thank you* to a handful of those individuals:

- **Liturgists** are coordinated by Mary Deenik;
- **Ushers** are coordinated by Paul Heineman;
- The **Sound and Video Booth** is coordinated by Tim Richardson;
- **Communion Servers** are coordinate by Larry Lynn, and **Communion Prep** by Michele Richardson;
- **Friendship Pads** and **Hymnals** are coordinated by Judy Rouse;
- The **Art Alcove** is coordinated by Anne DuMez and Chris Urbaniak; and
- **Sanctuary Decorations** and **Creative Services** are coordinated by Martha Wilson.

If you are interested in serving in any of these unique ways, please contact the noted coordinator.

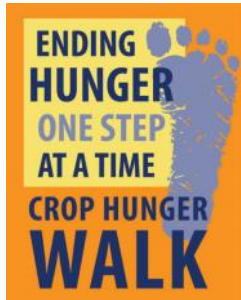
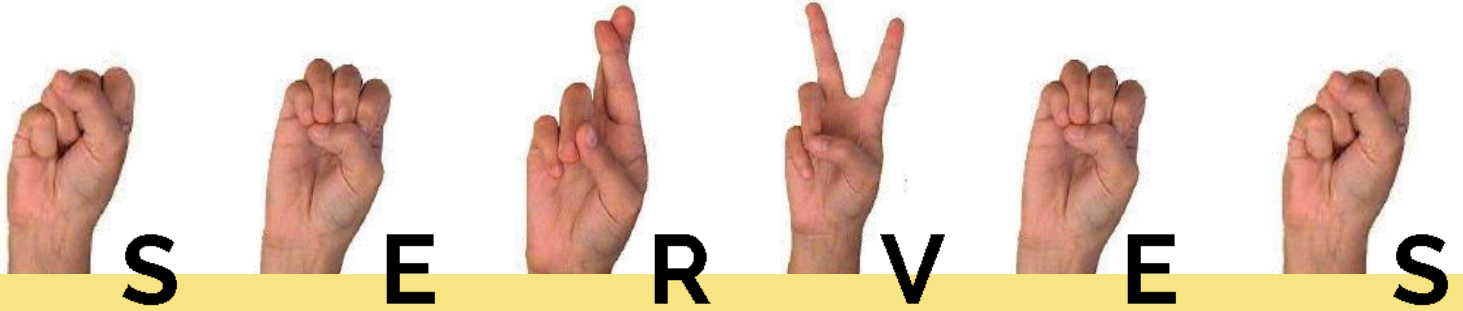
What exciting things did the Worship and the Arts Council do in the last 12 months?



What ministry events is the Worship and the Arts Council planning in the coming 6 months?

We are excited to announce that the Worship and the Arts Council has invited the following artists to join us for worship during our Summer of the Arts series: Francis Fike (Poet), Carolyn Stich (Artist), Windmill Chorus (Barbershop), Linda Knieriemen (Russian Orthodox Iconography), and Dutcher Snedeker (Jazz Combo). We hope that you will join us on Sunday mornings at 10a!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CROP HUNGER WALK ENVELOPES DUE

Thank you to all our walkers and generous donors. Now is the time to make your donations and turn in your envelopes. We are getting close to collecting all the envelopes and would appreciate wrapping up by the beginning of June. You can hand in your envelope directly to Tim and Nancy Staal or turn in your envelope to the church office. Many, many thanks to all who participated by donating or walking. We are making a difference locally and globally.

TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are trying to establish a list of volunteers willing to provide occasional transportation to church parishioners in need of assistance getting to/from appointments (doctor, dentist, grocery, etc.). If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Steve Gardiner at steve.gardiner70@gmail.com.



KITCHEN FIXIN'

Question: What is the next step as our kitchen nears completion?

Answer: Knives need sharpening and volunteers need training in the use of the beautiful new equipment.

If you see yourself as a volunteer chef or dishwasher for church events; or if you are willing to volunteer your time sharpening the knives (we have an electric knife sharper in the kitchen), please contact the church office at office@fpcholland.org, or send an email to Nancy Kreple at nkreple@gmail.com.



A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Posted in the Holland Sentinel on May 19, 2016 is a letter from Muhammad Zadrán, a member of our partner refugee resettlement family. We are touched by his kind words. He wrote:



I want to say thank you to the First Presbyterian Church members for their sponsoring and outstanding support and help we received through them. It has been two months that our family moved to Holland from a refugee camp in Kohat, Pakistan; basically we are from Afghanistan but we were stationed in Pakistan. Words can't describe how thankful we are to the U.S. government and First Presbyterian Church, because everything is different to us in the United States and the FPC members helped us understand U.S. culture and different kinds of activities related to our daily life here, they (FPC) provided to our family on time.

We are very happy to be here, we feel a respect for human beings here and everyone is good and cooperative, smiling, thankful and helpful in the United States, so it was a big change in our life and we are enjoying the U.S.

Once again thank you to the First Presbyterian Church (FPC) for their cooperation.

Muhammad Zadrán

www.hollandsentinel.com/news/20160519/letter-refugee-thankful-for-help-from-holland-community

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 5
Kitchen Fixin' Brunch

JUNE 8
PW June Luncheon

JUNE 12
Francis Fiske, poet
& Singing School begins
& Mission Trip begins

JUNE 24-25
Holland PRIDE Film Festival

JUNE 26
Carolyn Stich, artist