

# presbyterian *profiles*

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



This July, Summer of the Arts continues with the vocal stylings of the Holland Windmill Chorus. This award-winning group is a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They have competed nationally and internationally. What a treat that this chorus will join us on **July 17** to share their unique stylings and interpretations of hymns and secular music to enhance our worship experience.

On **July 31**, we are pleased to once again enjoy our morning service at the Outdoor Discovery Center located at 4214 56<sup>th</sup> Street in Holland. Prepare to worship surrounded by God's art and natural beauty.

On **August 14**, we will get a glimpse of the process Reverend Linda Knieriemen uses when creating her Russian Orthodox Iconography. Linda will project images and walk us through the steps of writing an Icon. Iconography is a language unto itself and is the gospel of color similarly used in the stained glass windows of Western European churches. It encompasses everything from the outlines of images to the types of paints and colors.

Our final Summer of the Arts guest will be the Dutcher Snedeker Jazz Combo. Come to worship on **August 21** for a different kind of musical journey.

Our summer will be filled with experiencing God's joy through word, vision and music. We hope you continue to enjoy each and every special service!

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I recently read that every church is both a family and an institution. Certainly that is true among churches in our denomination, the PCUSA. Every other year the families come together to worship, learn, renew friendships, celebrate mission relationships, and conduct the business of the church. What happens at the General Assembly does impact the lives of individual congregations, so here are a few highlights for those of you who, like me, weren't on hand for the PCUSA family reunion and business meeting!

Following the 12-year tenure of Gradye Parsons as Stated Clerk of the denomination (the highest elected office in the PCUSA), the Assembly confirmed the election of Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, the first African American to hold this position.

For the first time in its history, the General Assembly elected co-moderators rather than a Moderator and a Vice-Moderator. The Rev. Denise Anderson, at 37 the youngest ever to hold the office, and The Rev. Jan Edmiston, a pastor currently serving as an executive for the Presbytery of Chicago, will share this two-year position.

With Allen Boesak (one of its co-authors) present, the Assembly gave final approval to include the Belhar Confession in our Book of Confessions. Arising out of apartheid, this theological statement written by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa is a repudiation of church and cultural divisions based on class and race. It becomes the only voice in our Book of Confessions originating in the rapidly growing Global South.

A proposal to approve a complete revision of the Book of Worship passed, streamlining its organization, simplifying its language and restrictions, and reducing the length, while also providing for a broad range of worship styles and cultural perspectives.

Commissioners decided against the denominational divestment from fossil fuel firms, electing instead to continuing its corporate engagement with energy companies as stock holders through the denomination's Mission Responsibility Investment Group.

The Assembly endorsed The Clergy Letter Project. This interfaith initiative I have participated in for several years avers that the "the timeless truths of the Bible and the discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist"; that evolution is a "foundational scientific truth"; to treat it as "one theory among many" is to "deliberately embrace scientific ignorance."

And, making my heart sing, the commissioners voted to restore the previous nomenclature in the Book of Order. Church officers will once again be "Ministers of Word and Sacrament" and "Elders". The cumbersome and confusing "ruling elder" and "teaching elder" will be replaced at the next assembly in 2018 if a majority of the presbyteries concur with this year's action.

For more detail about the Assembly, go to [oga.pcusa.org](http://oga.pcusa.org) or [pres-outlook.org/2016](http://pres-outlook.org/2016).

Grace and Peace, Linda

# A MESSAGE FROM SCOTT

## Truth or Half Truth?

One of the favorite segments when Jay Leno was still the host of *The Tonight Show* was “Jaywalking”, where he would ask questions of random people on the street. On one occasion, he asked people to name one of the Ten Commandments. Many people responded with, “God helps those who help themselves.” That is not one of the ten commandments, but a survey by the Barna Group, a Christian polling firm, found that better than eight in ten Americans did think “God helps those who help themselves” is in the Bible.

“This too shall pass”, “Cleanliness is next to godliness”, “Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin”. Are these quotes from the Bible? Are they true? They are not found in the Bible, but they do contain some truth. It might be more accurate to label them half true, meaning there is some truth in each of them. These and many other similar phrases are often said and believed by Christians. Most often these phrases are used in an effort to provide encouragement or hope to others. We usually don’t examine the source or the potential negative impact of believing in and repeating them until they cause us, or someone we say them to, confusion or hurt.

As a pastor, I have many opportunities to say helpful, hurtful and occasionally stupid things in response to someone sharing difficult, troubling or sad news. I am grateful that the words from James 1:19 that “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak,” found their way into my mind and heart at an early age, which has helped me to listen first before offering a response. Let me be clear- it is not that I am wise and only offer helpful responses; rather, it is by listening and waiting to respond that God brings to my mind the compassion and encouragement that God offers through me.

In worship on July 10 & 24, we will be exploring two half truths. It was the reading of the book *Half Truths: God helps those who help themselves and other things the Bible doesn't say* by Adam Hamilton that inspired me to choose this topic. This book has helped and challenged me to reflect on the things I believe and have said that were delivered as God’s Truth, but actually caused confusion or hurt.

God often communicates truth, healing and love through people. When we have opportunities to speak words of truth, healing and love, it is my hope that we take the time to reflect and even research the source and potential impact of our words. Through this discipline, I am confident that God will continue to use our words in profound and positive ways. Whether or not you come to worship in July or read Adam Hamilton’s book, may you continue to be God’s people whose words truly provide the hope and comfort that our families, community and world desperately long to hear.

- Scott



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# WORSHIP CENTERS



This morning in our Worship Service, I had the opportunity to share the Good Shepherd Parable with our children. Prior to the presentation, while holding the gold wrapped parable box, two of our congregants (at different times) asked me if the gift was for them. It took me a minute to process the question, I then responded with “yes, in a way it is”! During the story, our children’s attention was unwavering, the sanctuary was still --- the story unfolded and was well received. In retrospect, I wish I had stood, held up the parable and made a plea to you – the congregation – to accept this gift, to come join us in our Worship Center.

We are in need. We will be returning to our Mid Time Ministry hour in September and are excited to be including four new Celebrants (teachers). However, we need at least one more Celebrant for our 1st/2nd/3rd grade room, or 4th/5th grade room. Having one more (three more would be ideal), would provide a larger schedule rotation for each of us. Please consider this ministry with our children – we will be grateful for any amount of commitment that you can provide. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

When the Good Shepherd calls His sheep by name, they know His voice, trust in Him and know that He will lead them through the good green grass, the cool still waters, and even the dark places. When the sheep are all led safely home, they celebrate and have a feast.

Do you hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling your name?

-Lori

## WELCOME SHERI

We are happy to announce that Sheri Harris will be serving as Administrative Assistant at FPC! Sheri and her three sons, Elijah, Noah, and Micah, moved to Holland last August, from Battle Creek, so that Sheri could study at Western Theological Seminary. Sheri will begin her second year in the fall. A lifelong Presbyterian, Sheri is overjoyed to join the staff at FPC.

Please join us in welcoming Sheri to the FPC team! Stop by, give her a ring at 392-9022, or send her an email at [office@fpcholland.org](mailto:office@fpcholland.org).





# YOUTH@FIRST

A MESSAGE FROM TERESA

It's no secret to those of us in youth ministry that the programming we do during the summer months can have a significant impact on how the rest of our programmatic year can fall into place, so taking advantage of simply having more time to work with is something I've had on my mind since last September. I am so excited for the ways that God has been at work through the logistics of planning two incredible, transformative experiences for our youth this summer.

Four of our confirmands, as well the confirmands and leadership of the First Presbyterian Church of Holt, will be taking off July 10-15 for Confirmation Adventure Camp in the mountains of West Virginia. Our week together will include white-water rafting, rock climbing and kayaking, all in the midst of learning more about who God is and who God has created us to be. Please hold our whole group close in prayer during our week, especially Bryson Anderson, Zoe Anderson, Josh Laux and Sarah Olney.

The Presbytery of Lake Michigan will be sending 61 youth and adult leaders to Purdue University July 18-23 for the Presbytery Youth Triennium. This event is a gathering of PC(USA) and Cumberland Presbyterian Church youth from around the world for a week of fellowship, service and worship. Because this event only happens every three years, it is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experiences for most who are able to attend. Your prayers for a transformative week for Erin Magennis and Sarah Olney are most welcome and appreciated!

Did you notice there's not a lot of time between those two events? Prayers for sustained energy and attentiveness of the youth director would be appreciated as well!

Of course, a huge barrier to providing some of these experiences is the cost, which is why I am so grateful to all those who donated to our youth programming during the Kitchen Fixin' Brunch at the beginning of June. We received nearly \$700 in donations, all of which will go toward offsetting the cost of providing these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. The generosity of this community speaks volumes as to where our values and commitments as a church are, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside youth and their families during these transformative years. The youth and I look forward to sharing our summer adventures with you when we return! - Teresa

June Senior High girls' retreat



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- July 27 M&M (Mission & Meal)  
*stay tuned for more info*
- August 5-6 Presbytery-wide youth overnight at  
FPC Muskegon & Michigan's Adventure
- August 17 M&M (Mission & Meal)
- August 27 Saugatuck Dunes



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

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)



### ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED...

...to become a member of Miriam or Hannah Circle. Miriam Circle, led by Bev Plagenhoef, meets the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30a. Hannah Circle, led by Ruth Roberts, meets the second Thursday of the month at 1:30p.

Joining a Circle is a great way to participate in a Bible study, meet interesting and caring women, support mission work and enjoy new and old friendships. Be sure to come to the joint Circle meeting in September!

### 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 and 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.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4	10:00a	PW Coordinating Team Meeting
August 10	12:00p	Miriam Circle and guests are invited to have lunch at Shirley Benko's home. RSVP by July 27 to Bev Plagenhoef.

### JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

All those who have summer birthdays will find the Birthday Offering Envelopes on the PW shelf in the M&M Café. Money given in celebration of the blessings in life enables donations to national and world missions. Please place these donations in the offering plates during worship. Checks should be written to *Presbyterian Women*.



## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

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

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

**AUGUST:** *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry*  
by Gabrielle Zevin

**SEPTEMBER:** *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson

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



## CHUCK NORRIS SINGING SCHOOL

June 12 - July 24

Yes, summer vacation is here 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!

## 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:

- **July 7** at the VanderWals' house
- **September 8** at the Magennis' house

## CALLING ALL EVENT PLANNERS & ACTIVITY LEADERS!

We are happy to announce that event planners and activity leaders can now fill out and submit building use and promotional requests from the comfort of your homes, via our **new online form**:

### FPC Event / Activity Planning Form

<http://goo.gl/forms/cOs5auAX4qodAvXD3>

(also found at [www.fpcholland.org](http://www.fpcholland.org))

You will no longer need to fill out two forms. Simply fill out and submit the one form, and it will automatically be sent to the Administrative Assistant and Publication Specialist for processing. **Questions?** If so, please contact Caitlin at [caitlin@fpcholland.org](mailto:caitlin@fpcholland.org).

*Note: Hard copies of the online form will still be available in the office for those who prefer hand writing your requests.*

# COMING UP...



## TUESDAYS from 9-10:15a YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

FPC member and Yoga instructor Gwen Boeve will be offering another 6 week Beginner's Yoga Class on Tuesdays at 9a, from **July 12 - August 16**. Class will be held at FPC in the lower level Worship Center. Cost to participate is \$60 for 6 weeks, or \$15 per week to drop-in. If you have any questions, please contact Gwen at 616-502-4642 or [ghekman@gmail.com](mailto:ghekman@gmail.com)

## JULY 15-JULY 16 ANNUAL CANOE/KAYAK TRIP

For those who registered, we are excited to spend time with you on July 16th for the annual FPC Canoe/Kayak trip! We will be paddling the Pere Marquette River in Scottville (near Ludington) this year.

Note: 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.

Please contact Bob Teutsch @ 616-834-2584 if you have questions.

## JULY 23 from 1-4p HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This is a great opportunity for FPC members to come together for an afternoon of service, fellowship and fun! We are looking for up to 10 volunteers to join us from 1-4p on July 23. Volunteers must be 16 years or older. Specific information regarding our volunteer day will be shared on July 21. If you are interested in serving, please sign up in the M&M Café near the South main doors.



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## **JULY 24 at 3:00p (2:30p arrival) FAMILY GOLF OUTING**

Great family golf event at West Ottawa Golf Club. We will play 9 holes of golf. Ideal for adults (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) and children (ages 5-17) to play golf together. We will have a BBQ picnic at the course at 5:00p. Meat will be provided, but please bring a side to share.

**COSTS** for 9 holes (collected on day of event) :  
Adults Walking - \$15.00 / Adults with Golf Cart - \$20.00  
Kids Walking - \$10.00 / Kids Riding on Golf Cart - \$15.00

Sign up in the M&M Café near the South main doors. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bob Bristol at 616-886-6440 or [bbristol@wmuniform.com](mailto:bbristol@wmuniform.com).



## **JULY 29 at 7:3p PICNIC POPS "MUSIC OF THE BEACH BOYS"**

We are planning another fun filled evening with friends from church at Cannonsburg Ski Area, north of Grand Rapids, where we will be immersed in the sounds of the Beach Boys. The band, PAPA DOO RUN RUN, will blend their sound with the Grand Rapids Symphony in this wonderful outdoor event.

**APPROXIMATE COSTS:**      Adults: \$18.00      Seniors: \$16.00      Children (2-18): \$5.00

We are hoping for a group rate, but until we know how many are interested, we cannot quote that price. If we have 75 or more, they will cordon off an area for us, so invite your family and friends! Sign up today on the bulletin board near the South main doors. Contact Peggy Purdy with any questions you have.

The event begins at 7:30p, but the gates open at 5:45p. The earlier you get in line, the better parking spot you will get. Handicap parking is available with transportation provided up the hill in a golf cart. There will not be catered meals this year, so you may want to grab sandwiches on your way or pack some snacks and beverages in an ice chest.

## **AUGUST 6 from 1-3p BIONIC EAR ASSOCIATION SOCIAL GATHERING**

For those who have cochlear implants or want to learn more about them, join us on Saturday, August 6th from 1 to 3 pm in the M&M Café for an information meeting. We will have light refreshments. Please RSVP to [janethaines24@gmail.com](mailto:janethaines24@gmail.com) so we know how many to expect. Thanks!



## **AUGUST 20 from 9:00a to 12:00p GOOD SAMARITAN'S WILD RUN**

Join us on Saturday, August 20 on the Macatawa Greenway System at Ridge Point Church for the annual Good Sam Wild Run. Kids ages 4-13 maneuver obstacles created by local companies. All proceeds go to support youth programming at Good Samaritan Ministries that work to end the cycle of generational poverty.

Image Source: [www.facebook.com/GoodSamMinistries/photos](http://www.facebook.com/GoodSamMinistries/photos)

## **AUGUST 21 at 1:00p WHITECAPS GAME**

FPC is going to a Whitecaps game on August 21. Game time is 1 pm. Ticket prices are \$11 (tickets only) or \$14.50 (ticket plus coupon for hot dog and pop). Sign up in the M&M Café near the South main doors. Money must be given to Michele or Tim Richardson no later than July 24. Please make checks payable to *Michele Richardson*.

*Do you need a ride?* We are exploring the option of hiring a bus. If there is enough interest, we can charter a bus for 38 people from the church to the game and back for around \$15 dollars per person. No traffic, no parking, no stress. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet, or let us know if you would be interested in utilizing a bus option.

Questions? If so, contact Michele Richardson at 738-0122.

## **AUGUST 26 at 6:30p SHRIMP BOIL**

Join us on August 26 at the Faber home for our Annual Shrimp Boil. A sign up will be available near the South main doors in the M&M Café at the beginning of August. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING CARDS

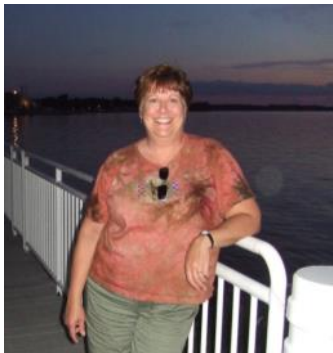
Not everyone makes their offering to the church in the same way. Many place their offering in the offering plate on Sunday morning, however there are others of us that mail checks directly to the church, contribute via credit card or donate online. In order to allow everyone to participate in the Sunday morning offering activity, we have developed blue laminated cards that have been placed in the pew racks. Please feel free to use one of those cards to reflect your offering even if you contribute in another way.

## A NOTE FROM THE ROSENSTEELS

We want to express our deepest gratitude for the many thoughtful cards, prayers and condolences on the passing of our mother, Naomi. It was heartwarming to see so many church friends at the visitation and funeral service. Dad felt very uplifted by all your support.

Also our sincere thanks to Diane Hayes and all the women who helped prepare and serve a luncheon following the funeral service. The food was outstanding and it was a blessing to be able to have that time together to socialize.

- Bruce & Fran Rosensteel



## A NOTE FROM CINDY KIDDY

Dear First Pres Friends,

I wanted to give you an update as so many of you have blessed me with your thoughts, prayers, and cards. My final treatment for breast cancer was May 20. I breezed through these past 18 months because of the many prayers offered in my behalf. I can't tell you how much I appreciate them!

My next visit to the Cancer Treatment Center of America will be in September for a check-up and I will return every 3 months for a year. If all goes well, it will be every 6 months after that and finally every year. I highly recommend the CTCA. Their TV ads are everything they say they are. It is an amazing community of medical professionals!

David and I are still living happily in North Carolina. We are fortunate that two of our kids have chosen the same area of the country as their parents to live! Jeff, Bianca and Isabella (9 year old) live in a neighboring town just 15 minutes away. Nancy and Pete and their two children Alex (2), Olivia (4) are currently living with us as their house is up for sale. We are loving that! Emily is still in Michigan and works for the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor as the director of suicide prevention. I am still teaching and David is in real estate investment. Many of you probably keep up with the Kiddys through Facebook. I have yet to join the 21st century so I leave that Facebook stuff to my kids!

Thank you all for your loving care and prayers. Our door is always open to FPC friends! Take care!

**Cindy Kiddy** | cakiddyteach@gmail.com | 607 Stafford Pointe Court | Oak Ridge, NC 27310

# ART ALCOVE

CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING ARTISTS FEATURED IN THE ART ALCOVE

**MAY 29 - JULY 3**

## **LEN BERGSTROM PHOTOGRAPHY**

Len joined FPC in 1975 when he and his family moved to Holland. He was an active member, served as an Elder, Chair of Building and Grounds and Co-chair of a renovation program.

Len had many hobbies. Among them: hunting, fishing and photography. Some of the places he visited were Africa, South America, Australia, Sweden, Germany, Canada, Mexico and all 50 states.

After retiring, he became an even more avid photographer. He belonged to the Tulip City Camera Club and several times traveled on photography trips. He enjoyed photographing everything - wild life scenery, people, flowers, etc.

When Len wasn't traveling, he photographed flowers found in his home, yard and nearby wooded areas.



**JULY 10 - AUGUST 14**  
**A FAMILY AFFAIR**

Although Lois Rodgers knew from an early age that she would be an artist, she never dreamed that she would have an artist daughter even more talented than herself, or, amazingly, that her skilled machinist husband would become an artist in wood as he took up wood carving after retirement. Lois and her daughter Carrie Rodgers -O'Neal will have their paintings on display in the Art Alcove and husband Jim Rodgers will have his wood carvings in the M&M Café.



**AUGUST 21 - SEPTEMBER 25**  
**KEN COOK BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY**

Ken is a Holland native and graduate of Hope College. Ken has honed his 20 plus year photography passion to specialize in Landscapes, Wildlife and Bird Photography. Ken has traveled to several countries to pursue this passion, but currently is focused on North America. He is a charter member and prior Ethics Committee chairman of NANPA (North American Nature Photographer's Association) and belongs to the Tulip City Camera Club of Holland. View his work and/or contact Ken at [www.kencookphotography.com](http://www.kencookphotography.com) or his FLICKR account at KenCookHollandMIPhotos.

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

## Personnel Council



### Who are the members on the Personnel Council?

Bruce Rosensteel, Deb Schutmaat, Paula Perkins, and Rebecca Gardiner (Ruling Elder).

### What is the Mission of the Personnel Committee?

“To provide compassionate staff devoted to working alongside the congregation members, session and pastors in order to support the ministries and carry out the work of the church.”



### STAFF RETREAT



JUNE 23, 2016



### How does Ministry get done?

Along with ensuring that the mission is being fulfilled, the Personnel Committee:

- Develops job descriptions, sets competitive wages, monitors performance and adheres to personnel policies determined by the Presbytery.
- Supports the staff by addressing employee needs and requests in order to create a healthy work environment. This includes making sure that there is an adequate number of office volunteers.
- Annually review policies that ensure that FPC is a safe and healthy environment for our children and members. In the recent past, Bruce Rosensteel updated the Sexual Harassment policy which guarantees fair representation to all people; and Tom Urbaniak, a former committee member, revised “The Child & Youth Safety Policy” to fit the current needs of the Preschool. The Committee also had the opportunity to work with Lori Klinesteker in designing our first church “Child Care Policy.”

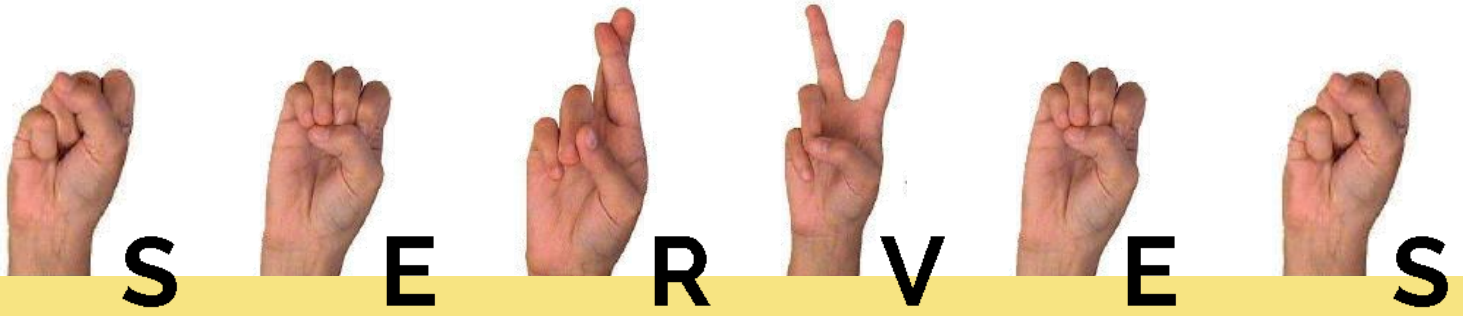
### What exciting things did the Personnel Council do in the past year?

Over the last year, the Personnel Committee searched for and successfully hired four new staff members to support the congregation, session and pastors. Please thank Caitlin Boersma (Publication Specialist) and Teresa Larson (Youth Ministry Director) for the hard work that they do. Thank Tara Macias (former Administrative Assistant) for the wonderful year she spent with us, and wish her family well as they move to Minnesota in July. And welcome Sheri Harris, our newly hired Administrative Assistant!

### How can others be involved in the Personnel Committee?

There will be 1-2 openings on the Personnel Committee beginning in January 2016. If you believe your talents and desires fit this calling, please let Bruce, Deb, Paula or Rebecca know.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## MIGRANT CARE CLOSET



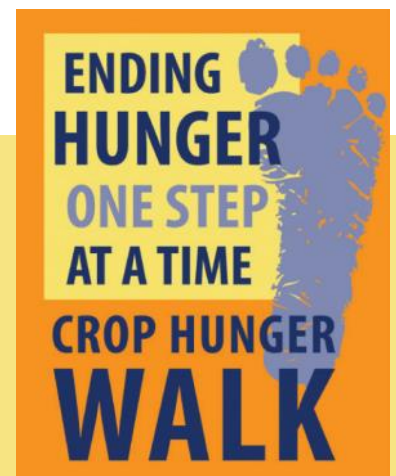
In cooperation with First Reformed Church and Buen Pastor, Care Closet is again providing aid to migrants from June 30 to August 18. Migrants in the area have often felt unwelcome, so this provides emotional as well as physical support. Last year we helped 36 families and hope to help even more families this year. We have been given reusable bags for each family and insert a welcome note from First Reformed and First Presbyterian churches in each bag. Buen Pastor this year has requested the following items as those most needed: men's and women's deodorant, shampoo, liquid hand soap, toothpaste, adult toothbrushes, mouthwash, liquid dish soap, tall trash bags, and, of course laundry detergent. Caring for migrants will be in addition to the usual families we serve, so if you could purchase and put any or all of these items in the Care Closet basket, it would be most helpful. Checks can also be written to First Presbyterian Church designated for Care Closet.

## CROP HUNGER WALK TOTALS

Thank you to our faithful walkers and donors. First Presbyterian Church, once again, demonstrated her love for neighbors near and far.

Fifty-eight walkers raised **\$7,055.**

In a world so filled with need, our church answered the call by walking and giving to show our faith that we can build a world where there is enough for all!





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SAVE THE DATE

## SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Every Sunday, May 22 - September 11, 2016

Time: 10:00a

*Nursery care is provided.*

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| July 17   | Holland Windmill Chorus                        |
| July 31   | Worship at Outdoor Discovery Center            |
| August 14 | Linda Knieriemen, Russian Orthodox Iconography |
| August 21 | Dutcher Snedeker, Jazz Combo                   |

## SINGING SCHOOL:

June 12 - July 24, 2016

Time: 9:15a

*Led by Chuck Norris.*

## OTHER ACTIVITIES:

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| July 13 @ 5p    | Senior Summer Picnic                                    |
| July 15-17      | Annual Canoe/Kayak Trip at Henry's Landing (Scottville) |
| July 23 @ 1p    | Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Project                  |
| July 24 @ 1p    | FPC Family Golf Outing at West Ottawa Golf Club         |
| July 29 @ 7:30p | Picnic Pops - Music of the Beach Boys                   |
| Aug. 6 @ 1p     | Bionic Ear Association Social Gathering                 |
| Aug. 20         | Good Samaritan Wild Run                                 |
| Aug. 21 @ 1p    | Whitecaps Game  |
| Aug. 26 @ 6:30p | Shrimp Boil   |