

# presbyterian profiles

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

## Celebrate

Please join us in celebrating the following individuals who will be serving in the following capacities in 2017.

### ELDERS:

#### To serve 3 year terms:

*Dave Zessin—Personnel*

*Chris Urbaniak—Small groups / Spiritual Growth*

*Jean Williams—Worship*

#### To serve 1 year terms:

*Erin Magennis—Youth Elder at Large for 1 year term*

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

#### To serve 2 year terms:

*Larry Lynn*

*Sherry Martens*

### DEACONS:

#### To complete an unexpired 1 year term:

*Jan VanFaasen*

#### To complete and s/b an unexpired 2 year term:

*Paul VanKolken*

#### To serve 3 year terms:

*Keith Hayes*

*Susan Kehrer*

*Nancy Kreple*

*Danielle Peterson*

*Gloria Slaughter*

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## A MESSAGE FROM L I N D A

# MAD LIBS

Mad Libs is a word game where one player prompts others for a list of words to substitute for blanks in a story. The end results typically ends up being quite comical.

As a staff, we are starting off 2017 with a little laughter. Please enjoy our responses to these New Year Mad Libs.

It's a brand new year and I feel so elated!  
(emotion)

To start the year off right, I am going to make and keep four New Years Resolutions.:

The first one is going to help make my body honest.  
(adjective)

The second one is going to help make my heart energetic.  
(adjective)

The third one is going to help make my brain peaceful.  
(adjective)

And the fourth one is going to help my spirit grumpy.  
(adjective)

To strengthen and grow my body, I am going to swim.  
(verb)

To be happier, I am going to pray.  
(verb)

To become smarter, I am going to wash my brain.  
(verb)

And to grow my spirit, or my soul, I am going to touch.  
(verb)

As a reward for reaching my goals, I am going to get a huge, zany  
(adjective)

church!  
(noun)

Cheers to a new cell phone!  
(noun)

- Linda

# A MESSAGE FROM SCOTT

My New Year's resolution this year is to organize my kitchen.  
(room in home)

In order to do that, first I need to break it down into 7 steps. Then,  
(#)

I will tackle the steps with Darth Vader, because (s)he is pink.  
(name of person) (adjective)

We will listen to Frank Sinatra as we work, to keep us in good  
(name of singer)

spirits. After completing each step, I will reward us with a trip to

Garden of the Gods, CO where we will eat lots of pad thai.  
(favorite place) (favorite food)

It is the little rewards that help me to reach my New Year's moped.  
(noun)

The trick is to start a new step every Saturday and then give myself  
(day of the week)

the week to complete it, thus relieving some pressure. And if for some

reason I don't finish the step, I won't yell, "Goodness Gracious!" at  
(exclamation)

myself for not getting it done. Some people think New Year's

resolutions are slimy, but I love them. They help me reach my goals  
(adjective)

by keeping me focused. I hope 2017 will be a goeey year and I wish  
(adjective)

everyone the best in getting their lives more organized!

- Pastor Scott



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# WORSHIP CENTERS



Every year I try to ignore the urge to make resolutions, since most people tend to break them after a day or two. This year, however, I am going to make a list of things that I would like to accomplish in 2017 and pick the best one in which to focus my efforts. Then, maybe I'll have a chance. Here are my possibilities:

1. I will jump a race to raise stars for a charity.  
(action verb) (noun - thing)
2. I will learn to hug a new language.  
(action verb)
3. I will beautifully try to improve my puppies.  
(adverb) (noun-plural)
4. I will volunteer to skip pennies in our local woods.  
(action verb)(noun-plural) (noun - place)
5. After work , I will kneel for 3 minutes every night.  
(action verb) (#)
6. At home, I will run my children with their chores.  
(action verb)
7. I will limit my computer time to 28 minutes a day.  
(#)
8. I will eat 5 fruits and flags every day.  
(#) (noun - thing)
9. I will follow the Additional Rule:  
(adjective)  
  
Always treat children the way you want to be walked.  
(noun-plural) (verb)

- Lori



## First Presbyterian Preschool

**Enrollment for the 2017-  
2018 school year is  
starting soon!**

*Did you know?*  
First Pres. Preschool  
offers preferential  
enrollment for children  
and grandchildren of  
church members.

To enroll your child in our  
three- or four-year old  
program, please contact  
Lise Zinck at  
[membership.fppreschool  
@gmail.com](mailto:membership.fppreschool@gmail.com)  
or stop by the office to  
pick up an application.

**Closed enrollment will  
begin January 23rd.**



# YOUTH@FIRST

A MESSAGE FROM TERESA

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our youth will be hosting a chili-cook off and cake walk fundraiser on February 5, following worship, to raise funds to support our upcoming summer mission trip. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



2016 was the best year yet! The Youth@First were shimmery every week!  
(adjective)

The students would often make me feel confused and delighted.  
(emotion) (emotion)

One of my favorite memories of this past year was when I swam with Ben.  
(verb - past tense) (name of student)

My favorite trip was when we went to Bermuda Triangle and ate a fabulous slice of pizza.  
(location) (adjective) (food - plural)

Elijah ate 3.14 (pi) pieces and almost snowshoed.  
(name of student) (#) (verb—past tense)

I am looking forward to the New Year because Charlie and Jaysen have agreed to give me a  
(name of student) (name of student)

Pot of soup at Youth Group every 6 billion days. Erin has also agreed to clean my  
(noun-thing) (#) (name of student)

dining room. I wish ALL of my students a hairy year!  
(room in house) (adjective)

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 8	6-7:30p	Junior High Chit Chat
January 15	6-7:30p	Senior High Chit Chat
January 20-22		Junior High Winter Retreat at Camp Geneva
January 29	6-7:30p	Senior High Mission



# STAY CONNECTED

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

Presbyterian Women Circles are a great way to study the Bible, meet interesting and caring women, support mission work, and enjoy new and old friendships.



**Miriam Circle** meets monthly from September-May on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30a in the Michigan Room. All women are welcome to participate in the Bible study and mission projects.  
Contact: Beverly Plagenhoef at 335-3942.

**Hannah Circle** meets monthly from September-May on the second Thursday of the month at 1:30p in the Michigan Room. All women are welcome to participate in the Bible study and mission projects..  
Contact: Ruth Roberts at 298-8854.

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN are already thinking about SPRING!**

One of the most exciting times in Holland is Tulip Time, coming up May 6-13 this year. Our spot in the booth at the Civic Center is not available this year with renovations there, but Linda Gebben has received the invitation from Tulip Time to have our Presbyterian Women help to staff the Information Booths for TT in other locations. This is a nice fundraiser and lots of fun as well. So, all women of the church are encouraged to sign up this winter for a shift and get together your Dutch costumes. Some women do this with their husbands, some with a church friend. All are welcome to participate. We can help with costume acquisition and we trade around too. The TT office will provide training right before the big event. Come and join in this community effort and help our visitors with directions and events. You don't even need wooden shoes!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LENTEN BREAKFAST** on April 6 at 9:30a. Local artist Carolyn Stich will be our guest and is bringing a custom art project for everyone to do. This is a potluck, with PW providing quiche and Hannah Circle bringing the rest of breakfast. Miriam Circle will do the table design and setting. Please join us...No cost!

### **PW EVENTS FOR JANUARY (Weather permitting)**

January 4	2p	Study leaders meet with Pastor Linda to prepare Lesson 5
January 5	10a	PW Coordinating Team
January 11	9:30a	Miriam Circle // Study: Bev Plagenhoef // Host: Elaine Wood
January 12	11:30p	Hannah Circle // Study: Liz Bristol // Host: Sarah Glover



## 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. Theology on Tap meets on the third Thursday of the month, January—May.

On **January 19** at 8p, the men and women will come together at Hops 84 East.

We hope to see you there!

## MEN'S BOOK GROUP

**JANUARY:** *The Other Slavery* by Andres Resendez

Contact: Larry Lynn at [oldruno9@gmail.com](mailto:oldruno9@gmail.com) or 390-0799.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT: FILM VIEW & DISCUSSION

Food for Thought will be meeting on January \_\_\_\_ for a showing of *The Woman in Gold* (2015, 109 min). *The Woman in Gold* is based on a true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage and seek justice 60 years after she fled Vienna during World War II.

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## CHRISTIANS SEEKING PERSPECTIVE ON IMMIGRATION LAW & POLICY

**January 11 from 6:30-8:30p**

Hope Church, 77 W. 11th Street

FPC is co-sponsoring this event with Grace Episcopal Church and Hope Church, RCA.

This evening of dialogue and education will provide opportunity for us to think together about how our faith can intersect with immigration laws and policy. Sarah Yore Van-Oosterhout, a former Social Justice Award recipient, is the Executive Director of Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates, a not-for-profit law office offering immigration legal services. She will share information about the law today and what we can expect in the months to come with respect to law and policy.

## PARENT NIGHT EDUCATION SERIES

**Starting on January 24**

FPC & Preschool are excited to offer a Parent Night Education Series for our Preschool and FPC parents!

We will gather Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30p on Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 21 & April 25. The series will focus on parents of preschoolers but the information is useful and relevant to all elementary age kids. The sessions will be led by Heather Bouwman & Kristina Boersma, social workers who share a common belief in the importance of the family system, a desire to work with children and parents, and the passion to assist families in improving their level of functioning. Heather and Kristina have worked professionally in supporting and educating children and their families for over a decade.



## PEOPLE OF HOPE IN SCRIPTURE Adult Midtime Ministry Class

**January 15—February 26**

Please join us for a 7-week class, "People of Hope In Scripture". This class will be facilitated by intern Hillary Roethlisberger, and will explore how different people in the Bible lived and practiced hope. The Biblical text that is the focus of the sermon each Sunday will be discussed during this class. By participating in this class your engagement with the sermon will be deeper and your attention to Hope in the world will be heightened.

## "LION IN WINTER" at the HOLLAND CIVIC THEATER

**February 3**

Please join us Friday, February 3 at 7:30p to see "Lion in Winter" at HCT. Set during Christmas 1183 at Henry II of England's castle in Chinon, Anjou, Angevin Empire, the play opens with the arrival of Henry's wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, whom he has had imprisoned since 1173. The story concerns the gamesmanship between Henry, Eleanor, their three surviving sons Richard, Geoffrey, and John, and their Christmas Court guest, the King of France. Signup on the bulletin board near the South main doors. Tickets are \$13 payable to "Chris Urbaniak," with an optional dinner at the Curragh at 5p.



# BRUNCH FOR 7

**February 12 at 12:30p**

(We will gather right after the second service.)

All members, friends and families are invited to participate in a winter "Brunch for 7". This is a variation of the popular Dinners for 7. Hosts will be encouraged to attend the first service that Sunday and then leave to prepare for their guests. Guests will arrive after the second service. 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. We encourage families with children to sign up.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. 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 Thursday, February 2, 2017.

## NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

**February 18**

*Nonviolent (Compassionate) Communication is a set of life-giving practices for connecting to God, self, and others across differences and in transforming conflict.*

**Facilitator:** Theresa F. Latini, *Associate Dean of Diversity and Cultural Competency and Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Care* at Western Theological Seminary.

**Commitment to Peace & Justice:** First Presbyterian Church continues in our commitment to peacemaking by providing this opportunity to learn new skills in communicating to family, friends, co-workers, strangers and enemies. For such a time as this, we all need wisdom and practical skills to help us to live into our value of being nonjudgmental and respectful in our differences.

## Pathways

### Annual Women's Retreat



**March 3 - 5, 2017**

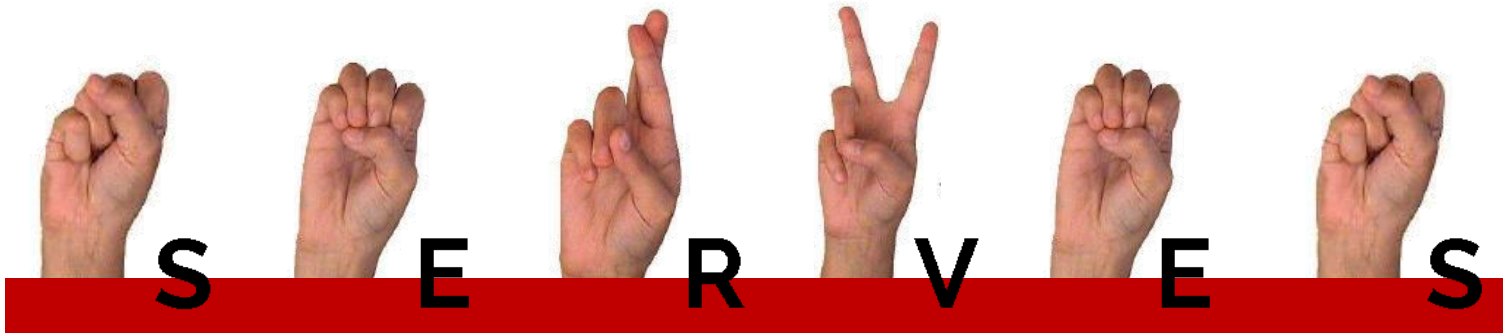
First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a weekend retreat for women beginning Friday evening, March 3, 2017, through Sunday noon, March 5, 2017 at Camp Geneva in Holland.

The theme of the retreat is PATHWAYS, and will be led by Rev. Miriam Bush.

We would love to have you join us! Invite a friend to share the weekend with you! The cost is \$150 (scholarships are available). Deadline for reservations is February 10, 2017.

Brochures are available next to the bulletin board near the South main doors and on the information desk. For more information, please contact Bonnie Cowie at [dbcowie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbcowie@sbcglobal.net).

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## HELP KEEP HOLLAND WARM

There are fellow members of our Holland community who need help to keep warm this winter. During the month of January, Outreach will place collection bins in the M & M Café for blanket donations. Please help fill the bins. Blankets will be distributed with the cooperation of Community Action House. Thank you!



## CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Starting in January, FPC will be collecting hygiene products for the Center for Women in Transition.

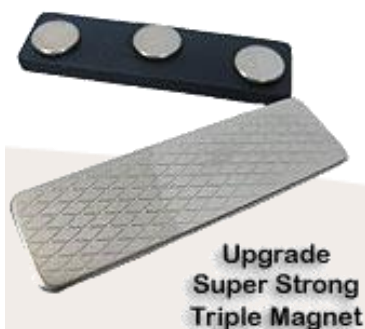
Domestic violence spares no social or economic class, leaving many of our clients struggling in poverty adding an additional barrier to getting back on their feet. Many of our clients experiencing poverty are able to receive public assistance, such as WIC and SNAP. But did you know that you *cannot* use public assistance funds to purchase feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, toothpaste, or any other taxable daily necessities?

With the help of community partners like First Presbyterian Church, Center for Women in Transition aims to fill this gap through your generous donations of the following personal care items:

Razors/Shaving Cream - Body Soap/Wash - All Hair Care Products  
Deodorant - Hand & Body Lotion - Brush & Comb - Kotex & Tampons  
Tissue - Toilet Paper - Tooth Paste/Tooth Brushes/Floss



CURRENT DISPLAY



COMING SOON!

## NEW YEAR... NEW NAMETAGS

How many of you have difficulty finding your name tag with our current nametag wall? Have you already given up wearing it because it is too difficult to find or find a place to hang it back up? Well, the Connections Council is hoping to solve this problem with new name tags in the New Year! The new name tags will be smaller, magnetic and easier to use.

Name tags continue to be an important part of our overall approach to hospitality. They help us get to know one another by name, whether you have been attending for 2 months or 38 years. We are a welcoming and inclusive church and the simple step of wearing a name tag helps in this overall priority. Everyone who wants a name tag will have them made.

We invite everyone to get back into the good habit of wearing a name tag, especially once we transition to the new ones.

Sincerely,  
*Connections Council*

P.S. Please be patient with us as we make this transition in January. We will be sure that everyone who wants a name tag will have one.