



# presbyterian *profiles*

Greetings from the Capital Campaign Committee! We are excited to share that we have been keeping busy developing written and electronic materials, as well as coordinating formal gatherings to take place at different venues to help answer your questions and communicate the “why” behind *A Place for All* - our critical building addition and upgrade.

We encourage all members to participate in the upcoming group gatherings (invitations coming soon!) and to frequently visit [www.fpcholland.org/aplaceforall](http://www.fpcholland.org/aplaceforall) as we update it with answers to your Frequently Asked Questions. Talking about questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of the Capital Campaign Committee with your questions regarding this special project: Mark Van Oostenberg, Sarah Glover, Don Cowie, Tom Urbaniak, Steve Gardiner, Sandy Updegraff, Linda Knieriemen, Krish & Bob Knittel.

**Commitment Sunday will be held on July 15.** It will be here before we know it! This campaign is a three year commitment with our goal of accomplishing a minimum of Phase One and paying the loan off during the three year campaign. This facility addition and building improvement is our way of securing the future for First Presbyterian Church of Holland and giving valuable resources to the youth of FPC.

Please continue to pray “God, what do you want to do through me?”

God Bless,  
The Capital Campaign Committee

## ON THE COVER

Our Summer Worship Schedule has begun! Join us on Sundays at 10:00a as we reflect on how God has called us to be *A Place for All!*

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# A Church Built on Gratitude



Rev. Linda Knieriemen  
Pastor

## *For what are we grateful at FPC?*

You said it, you shared it on May 13th:

Youth events  
Ice Cream  
Being able to sing in worship with a great community  
For having open arms and guiding me in my faith journey  
Acceptance, inclusion, sense of belonging  
Not being yelled at from the pulpit!  
Friends for inviting us  
Messages that challenge me each week  
Nancy in the Nursery  
Openness and welcome in the congregation  
The choir and for Chuck's direction of it  
Pastors  
Supporting all faith journeys  
That the word of God led me here to work and serve these good people  
New friends and the outpouring of support  
A congregation that cares for one another  
Potlucks  
A place to learn and worship  
Something for everyone  
Family of all ages  
Meaningful sermons  
Use of the church crutches!  
Miriam circle  
Loving members  
Good people  
Children's education  
Friendships that are genuine

A place to center my life  
Peace offered to everyone  
Camp Greenwood  
Teachers  
Prayers  
Seeing all the Children which reminds me of  
God's gifts and renewal  
Outreach energy

And I am grateful to serve a congregation  
where these are the qualities you are  
thankful for!

- Linda

P.S. Is something missing? If so, add a "brick"  
to the church silhouette located outside the  
sanctuary door.



Look at how the sun was shining  
through the windows on all of our  
words of gratitude!

# Stop... Look... Listen...

Do you remember being in elementary school and learning safety rules? Perhaps the one rule many of us easily remember and still practice is: "Stop. Look. And listen." Stop, look and listen before you cross the street. It's a safety rule we literally can't live without. Have you ever thought of it as a safety rule for your spiritual life?

There once lived a man named Ignatius of Loyola. He gathered all of the spiritual teachings of the previous 1500 years and founded the Society of Jesus (the order of Jesuit priests) and he authored a work called The Spiritual Exercises.

One of his exercises was called the Daily Examen. We might call it "Stop. Look. And listen." People still value and practice the Examen today because it helps us keep in touch with the movement of the Holy Spirit. It's an examination of our consciousness of God's action in our lives. The Examen teaches an attentive attitude that may be applied to activities throughout the day. This attitude can become a way of life.

As we move into the more relaxing pace of summer, I invite you to try it. Find a peaceful place, ask God to open your heart and mind.

**Stop...** What can you do to be attentive, open to the Spirit? Try a deep breath, imagine lighting a candle, focus on an object in nature, offer a silent prayer for light...

**Look...** Consider your blessings. Cherish your gifts. Ask for the gift of gratitude. Consider those relationships and circumstances with which you need help.

**Listen...** What is your prayer? Thanks? Help? Might there be something to learn, to do, not to do? Where are you led?

Author E.B. White said, "I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve (or save) the world and a desire to enjoy (or savor) the world. This makes it hard to plan the day." Perhaps in the relaxing embrace of summer and through practicing the Examen we may find a way to both save and savor.

- Cully



**Rev. Katherine Culpepper**  
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**Staff Emails have been Updated! Check it out...**

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## Worship Center: *Keeping in Touch*

Worship Center kids have been busy this Spring! Along with participating in Worship Center each week, on April 15 we were invited to do an intergenerational art project of creating a cross by using our hands along with members of the Congregation. Be watching to see where this might lead.

On April 29, MaryAnn Rutherford of Child Advocacy Center visited each WC to talk with the children about safe people in their lives; those they would go to if they had something private to share. Each child then chose beads meaningful to them and created "safe people bracelets" to wear. It was a privilege to listen as they shared why they chose a specific bead to represent someone.



*Hearing about safety through love.*

We gathered together May 6 to assemble Hygiene Kits for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

With WC offerings and donations from you, we have 29 kits that were then blessed by the children and are ready to send.



*Seeing the needs of others.*

A day of celebration on May 13 brought Worship Center and Youth together to talk about gratitude. Kids were then invited to share "What am I grateful for at FPC?" on a brick and place it onto the silhouette in the Sanctuary. We then enjoyed ice cream at our year-end celebration.



*Tasting delight among friends*

**Be sure to join in the many ways we can stay connected this summer:** First Fabulous Sundays, Peace Camp (June 18-22), Celebration Time, Annual Canoe Trip, and Outdoor Discovery Center just to name a few. -Lori

# Peace Camp

*Explore a Path of Peace*

***At Peace Camp children discover that Peace begins with them!***



A look back at Peace Camp 2017

As we are gearing up for Peace Camp, I am encouraged by all of the conversations I have had about how important peace is in our culture today. As a therapist, I've seen anxiety on the increase. On our news, conflict dominates the media coverage. There seems to be no disagreement that peace is a great need in our community. So we at FPC are doing something about it. We are partnering with ACTS, Grace Episcopal and Hope Church to invite children from our community to learn more about finding peace within themselves, building relationships, and then using peace to resolve

conflicts. While this is exciting work, it will take a village to make it a reality. We will need volunteers to work with art, food preparation and clean-up, music, movement (yoga, Pilates, etc.), and registration. Sign-up sheets will be available in the M & M café on Sundays in June.

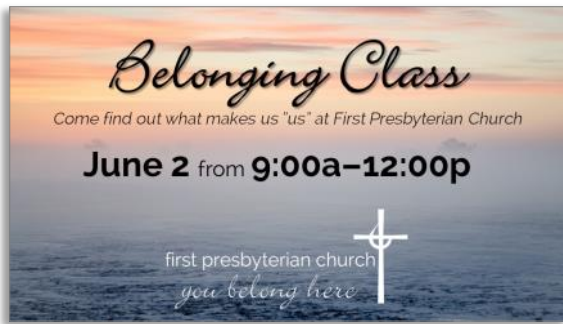
"Peace is not the absence of conflict;  
it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."

Ronald Reagan

MJ and Jerry Park will be joining us again from Washington DC. You are all invited to "An Evening of Peace" on Wednesday, June 20. We will also be sharing and celebrating all we have learned on the following Sunday, June 24. We are looking forward to building peace in our community and sharing that peace with all of you. Shalom! - Hillary Roethlisberger



# EVENTS



## BELONGING CLASS

**June 2 at 9:00a**

Belonging Class has been scheduled for Saturday, June 2. Those interested in learning more about what membership at FPC looks like are invited to join us. Come learn about the history, beliefs, and mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA), as well as the ministries of our particular congregation. RSVP the office at 392.9022 or [office@fpcholland.org](mailto:office@fpcholland.org).



## FABULOUS FIRST SUNDAY

**June 3 at 11:15a**

This summer, we will offer special congregation-wide gatherings immediately following the 10a church service on the first Sunday of June, July & August. On June 3, **Bring Your Own Picnic!** We will gather outside the church where you can sit at tables or on your own blanket to eat lunch and play table and lawn games.



## EMPTY THE PALLET

**June 3**

Please bring your cash and checks to support Community Action House and those in need of food.



## A PLACE FOR ALL WALKING TOUR

**June 3 at 11:15a**

Immediately following 10:00a worship, there will be a walking tour of the building highlighting the A Place for All Building Design updates. If you are interested in participating, please meet in the Art Alcove.



## PW SUMMER LUNCHEON

**June 7 at 12:00p**

All FPC women are invited to the annual PW Summer Luncheon to be held at Freedom Village. Please join us for great food, fellowship, and an informative presentation by Sheri Harris. Cost is \$13 for lunch, dessert, and a gift to the FV Scholarship Fund. Sign up in the M&M Café.

# EVENTS



## PEACE CAMP

**June 18-22, from 9a-3p daily**

At Peace Camp, children discover that peace begins with them. Campers learn to deal with their conflicts in a peaceful manner and come up with their own creative solutions to the problems that they see at camp, at home, at school, and in the world. Learn more at [www.fpcholland.org/peacecamp](http://www.fpcholland.org/peacecamp)! You won't want to miss this amazing opportunity.



## LIVING PEACEFULLY IN OUR PRESENT CULTURE

**June 20 at 7:00p**

As we continue to build a culture of peace in our community, join us for an inspiring and informative event led by MJ & Jerry Park, founders of Little Friends For Peace. MJ & Jerry are coming all the way from Washington D.C. to share what they have learned over the last 35 years of leading peace education. You won't want to miss this valuable opportunity to be empowered as a peace maker!



## HOLLAND PRIDE

**June 23 starting at 12:00p**

Who: For the LGBTQ Community, allies, and all.  
What: A festival! With live music, great food, sponsors, vendors, lots of great people, and lots of fun. **FPC is a sponsor!**  
When: Saturday June 23, 2018, starting at noon  
Where: Holland's Centennial Park and The Park Theater  
Why: To celebrate PRIDE here on the Lakeshore!



## SUMMER SENIOR PICNIC

**July 11 at 5:00p**

All senior members, caregivers, and friends of FPC are invited to the Summer Senior Picnic hosted by your Deacons. On July 11 from 5-7p we will enjoy a delicious summer picnic plus musical entertainment at First Presbyterian Church. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board near the South main doors, or call Linda Avery at 616-738-0767. RSVP by July 4.



## ANNUAL CANOE TRIP

**July 27 - 28**

Come join us on July 28th for the annual FPC Canoe/Kayak trip! We'll be paddling the Pere Marquette River in Scottville (near Ludington) again this year. Join us for a fun day of paddling. To extend the fun, camping will be available the nights of July 27th and 28th at Henry's Landing (701 South Scottville Road, Scottville, MI 49454). Learn more and register at [www.fpcholland.org/canoe](http://www.fpcholland.org/canoe).





*Below are a handful of the many ways that you can regularly connect with others at FPC!*

### **MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

The Men's Discussion Group gathers every other Friday at 7:30a in the M&M Café. This group begins with a 20-minute video or reading which spurs on a 40 minute discussion. They end with breakfast at a local egg emporium. Join on the following dates:

- June 1
- June 15
- June 29

### **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 10: *Hillbilly Elegy* #2 by J.D. Vance
- July 8: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Men and women are invited to local restaurants for monthly social gatherings! If you are interested in participating, contact Beth Magennis, or join the Facebook group for updates:

[www.facebook.com/groups/175411052048255/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/175411052048255/)

### **GROUPS NOT MEETING THIS SUMMER**

The following groups will not be meeting in June, July & August. We look forward to seeing you all again in the fall!

- Food for Thought Film Group
- Men's Book Group
- Yoga with Gwen

For a complete list of small groups, please visit [www.fpcholland.org/small-groups](http://www.fpcholland.org/small-groups).

**We have a NEW Database!**



### **SERVANT KEEPER UPDATE**

*Have you ever wanted an online directory or to view your giving statement at the tip of your fingers whenever it's convenient for you? Have you ever wanted to update your contact information yourself? At this time, everyone who has shared their email address with the FPC office has been invited to their own personal FPC Profile. It is available for your use whenever you're ready to try it out. For ongoing questions about Servant Keeper, feel free to contact the FPC Administrative Assistant Sheri Harris during regular business hours. She is here to help!*



# Presbyterian Women



Our Presbyterian Women Circles have concluded their Bible study of Hebrews this year and will celebrate on **Thursday, June 7** with our Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Freedom Village. RSVP for the beautiful meal, including dessert, with a check for \$13.00 to Sarah Glover. During the lunch, we will elect our Coordinating Team leaders.

One of her boys describes Sheri Harris as a “part-time preacher”. Operating the church office with creativity and efficiency while dispensing comfort, grace and love, it is evident that, along with her work in seminary, she is already “full time”. We asked Sheri to bring to our June luncheon a perspective on the current events in Israel and Palestine that churn our hearts, especially as it relates to women and families there:

## CONFLICTED WOMEN

*A look into the lives and interests of the Palestinian & Israeli Women*

Women are agents of peace and have power! So often in the peace process, women can be portrayed as “victims” of war and conflict or in need of empowerment and protection. The reality is that women everywhere are playing a proactive role in much of the process of peace negotiations and uniting very divided communities, leading to long term peace building.

We will carpool from the church at 11:30a, with our gathering at 12:00p in the Dutch Room at Freedom Village.

PW thanks Linda Gebben for again leading the very busy week of Tulip Time info booth volunteers. We saw good weather, rain, and one record low 40 degree day, arrayed in our Dutch costumes. It was busy and fun, and we deeply appreciate our men and women, and even one of our teens, for being ambassadors for Holland from FPC. Linda has indicated she will mentor her replacement for next year as she juggles other family needs. Just volunteer to take on this project, please, so we won't need to ask!

We will begin our program year next September with a birthday event and introduction to our next Bible study topic: *I am With You*. That is so reassuring.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Graduation Open House for Danny Hoffswell & Ben Shumaker

Saturday June, 9 from 6 – 8p  
The Manor – 173 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Holland

*The warm, supportive and loving family of First Presbyterian Church has helped mold Ben and Danny into the fine young men they are today. Danny will be attending DePaul University in the fall. Ben will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall. Pete, Liz, Bart and Gayle would like to invite you to a celebration honoring these graduates from West Ottawa HS.*



### FPC is HIRING A PUBLICATION SPECIALIST

FPC is looking for someone to fill the role of Publication Specialist. The purpose of the Publication Specialist position is to maintain and increase channels of communications between First Presbyterian Church and our members, visitors, and the greater Holland community. All interested applicants should send their resume to [jobs@fpcholland.org](mailto:jobs@fpcholland.org). A full job description can be found at [www.fpcholland.org](http://www.fpcholland.org).



A Note from Caitlin Boersma:

*I am both excited and sad to share that my husband and I are in the process of taking over my family's business as my dad takes steps toward retirement. While I am grateful that the business is growing and flourishing, I am sad to say goodbye to a position, team and community that have become dear to my heart. As I wrap up a few projects, you will find that my hours at FPC will become fewer and fewer. Please email your questions and requests to [publications@fpcholland.org](mailto:publications@fpcholland.org). Thank you for contributing toward my positive experience here at FPC. May the Lord bless you!*



*worshipping, serving, and living with a fresh  
vision of God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*



## THIRD SATURDAY YOUNG FAMILY EVENTS

*Save the date for 3rd Saturday Young Family events this summer!*

**June 16th at 11:00a : Bring Your Own Picnic at Moran Park** (corner of 22nd & Pine). Bring Your Own Picnic to the picnic area between the 2 playgrounds at Moran Park. If it rains, we can meet at the Holland Aquatic Center (22nd & Maple) at noon. Cost: \$4.50 pp for City of Holland residents; \$7 pp outside of city; children under 2, free. Young Families will receive an email Saturday morning indicating final destination.

**July 21st at 2:00p : Stuart Little at Holland Civic Theatre**

**August 18th : Zeeland Splash Pad**