



a place for ALL

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
July 15th

presbyterian *profiles*

With less than two weeks until Commitment Sunday (July 15th), we are in the home stretch!

We want to thank all who have supported the Building Design Planning and the Capital Campaign. Between the Leadership Team, the Building and Design team, attenders of the Master Plan presentation by Cornerstone Architect, the prayer callers, hosts for advance commitment meetings, those who gave testimonials, assisted with mailings and general organization (a shout out to Sheri and Caitlin!), more than half of the congregation has been involved. This is a great sign for success of this 1.2 million dollar campaign. What a major commitment and sacrifice—thank you, all!

I ask that in our prayerful consideration leading up to Commitment Sunday, we continue to support First Presbyterian Church of Holland with our finances as our Founding Members did looking into their future - our now!

Thank you for helping make FPC *A Place for All* with its commitment to safety, accessibility, space utilization, and a welcoming environment for all!

ON THE COVER

We are embarking on a journey to raise \$1,200,000 to prepare our building for our ministries of welcome, accessibility, safety and growth. Learn more at www.fpcholland.org/aplaceforall!

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Imagine...

What difference will it make?

Why do we need a building renovation project?

Imagine with me:

Imagine Nora, who comes to church six days a week for an AA meeting, able to push a button and enter the church building both independently and safely rather than struggle with our heavy doors.

Imagine a liturgist or a pastor or a choir member whose, broken leg or foot surgery or paraplegia doesn't prohibit them from reaching the chancel and choir loft because they now have the ease of a "lift" to that level.

Imagine Jim, a fifty year member arriving on a snowy Easter morning, being welcomed by a Greeter and shown just a few steps away to the elevator enabling him to get to the Lower Level for the Easter Breakfast; or Sue, in a wheelchair, able to move from sanctuary to Fellowship Hall for a luncheon following her husband's Memorial Service.

Imagine Donna, a single mother visiting for the first time with her four year old, third and fifth graders, being able to drop them off in one lower level "Kids' Place" for Worship Center rather than trekking to three rooms scattered across the building.

Imagine the receptionist, through a video camera, able to monitor who is entering and leaving the building.

Imagine new floor coverings, paint, and comfortable furnishings which say, "We're a vibrant community of faith. God is alive, we enjoy being here, and we hope you will too."

Imagine 10 or 15 or 25 years from now, First Presbyterian Church members saying "Thank God for the vision and generosity of those who imagined and designed and funded *A Place for All!*"

Pick up your personalized *A Place for All* packet at church on Sunday, July 1st, or in the church office. Packets left will be mailed on July 2. And plan to attend an Advanced Commitment gathering at church on Thursday, June 28 or Tuesday, July 10 at 7:00p!

Rev. Linda Knieriemen
Pastor



Pledges may be mailed to the church office "ATTN Karla" or be brought to church on Commitment Sunday, July 15.

Basket-full of Eggs

In a sermon in April I mentioned my grandparents' wonderful garden and the lasting effect it has had on me. I also mentioned that it was much more fun to spend time in the garden than to try to get the eggs from the nests of the pecking chickens. As I started to consider where we are in our life together at FPC and what to write for this issue of Profiles, my mind went quickly to eggs and baskets and those pecking chickens. I remembered one particular day when I was carrying too many eggs, using my hands and arms instead of a basket and arriving into Grandma's kitchen just as an egg managed to roll out of my grasp and land with a splat on the cool kitchen floor. I was really upset and disappointed that I might have disappointed my Grandma. She, of course, was not bothered in the least, instead finding the whole scenario humorous. I can still hear her quiet chuckle.

It feels like we have a lot of eggs in a lot of baskets right now at FPC. Summer is here with its different rhythms and demands. There's a basket full of entering unknown territory as we discern what we can give to support improvements of our facility. There's a basket soon to be full of upheaval and construction. There's a basket full of staff transitions. A basket full of all of the stuff that happens in life that calls for our care and keeping of one. Peace camp is upon us as I write this. A basket full of fun and meaningful time together as Young Families continue to gather, folks launch out on the annual canoe trip and Fabulous First Sundays continue including outdoor worship in August...and we need to remember to grab that basket full of planning for fall. Experience tells me it is likely that in my enthusiasm for all of it, I will fail to pick up



Rev. Katherine Culpepper
Temporary Associate
Pastor

a basket or in trying to carry those eggs that I will drop one (maybe more?). Experience also tells me it is also likely that I won't be the only one to forget a basket or drop an egg. That's why we need each other. And I trust there will always be grace and mercy and a good quiet chuckle for all of us.

So, I'm looking for collaborators, folks willing to help me carry some of those eggs. I'm asking not for myself, but so you are well prepared to welcome and work with your new Associate Pastor. In order to prepare, we need to put together a couple of teams. One team will help support efforts in the area of youth ministry. Another team will focus on Mid Time for Adults. Laying a good foundation in these areas will enlarge the capacity of the Spiritual Growth Council to fulfill its mission and also help your new Associate Pastor to enter into mission and ministry with you at a healthy, effective, and sustainable pace. If you think you might be interested in working with me in either of these two endeavors, send me an email (associatepastor@fpcholland.org) or leave a note for me in my mailbox or on the clipboard in the office. If you tell me on a Sunday morning, I'm likely to drop that egg. -Cully

A Note from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

First, let me state that it is a blessing to be a member of this committee. Everyone brings their own gifts to the team and willingly divides up tasks as well as backing each other up when necessary. Business is approached prayerfully and seriously with lots of energy and good humor thrown into the mix. After receiving Session's job description for the Associate Pastor position, we got to work by filling out the Ministry Information Form (MIF). We have gathered the majority of information needed and are now working on the most important piece which is answering five narrative questions. The answers to those five questions provide every applicant the true picture of what FPC is and stands for: our culture, values, passions, and vision. Our progress in completing this part of the process is on schedule and even possibly ahead, according to Rev. Linda Male, our Presbytery Committee on Ministry liaison. Once the MIF is completed, it is sent to Session for approval and then to Presbytery for approval. After approvals, we will then post it on the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection and begin to receive Personal Information Forms (PIFs) from people interested in joining the FPC ministry team. Expect more updates in the fall! Blessings—Rebecca Gardiner

Lori Klinesteker
Children's Ministry
Leader



Worship Center: *Keeping in Touch*



"Peace is not a goal to be reached, but a way of life to be lived."

Desmond Tutu

MJ and Jerry Park, co-founders of Little Friends for Peace, along with ACTS Ministry, Hope Reformed, and Grace Episcopal joined us for a fabulous week in June as we were Exploring Paths of Peace at Peace Camp. Our campers, counselors-in-training, counselors, volunteers, and leaders all worked together to build a foundation in which to learn and practice peace in our daily lives. Through self-care, art, music & movement, small & large groups, outdoor exploration/free time, and superb food, our campers were equipped with tools/skills to use for a more positive awareness of self; to appreciate individual & cultural differences in others; to acquire non-violent problem-solving skills; and to be empowered to share the gift of peace with others.

Peace is a way of thinking, feeling, and acting - an attitude towards self, others, and the world.

Deep gratitude to all who have assisted in so many different ways. You are part of deepening our children's peace. - Lori



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN F.A.Q.

When will I receive my pledge card?

A descriptive brochure and pledge cards will be available at the small and large group meetings the last week of June and beginning of July. If you are unable to attend a meeting, the remainder will be mailed.

When do I fulfill my pledge?

Over three years! From July 2018-July 2021. Of course, if you would like to submit your pledge dollars in one check or stock donation in this calendar year, we are pleased to receive it.

When does construction begin?

We are told construction will begin in October and continue through May 2019.

Who can best answer specific questions related to my campaign gift and my tax situation?

Your tax advisor will be the best source of information regarding the tax implications of your gift.

My ability to give beyond my regular pledge is very limited. Should I bother to pledge.

Yes! Whatever your pledge amount, your participation is valuable to you, to God, and to this congregation.

Thank you, Hillary!

We are so thankful to have had Hillary serve as a seminary intern at First Presbyterian Church. And it has been a joy to have the whole Roethlisberger family worship with us for the last 2 years. We celebrate their upcoming move to Oregon, and wish them the very best!



SAVE THE DATE



FABULOUS FIRST SUNDAY

Sunday, July 1 at 11:00a

After worship, stay for lunch and games! FPC will provide the food and activities. Just bring yourself.



DESSERT & DETAILS

Tuesday, July 10 at 7:00p

Join us at First Presbyterian Church for *Dessert & Details*! FPC is offering a special opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow FPC members, lick your lips on a summery dessert and hear final project details and giving options to the FPC Capital Campaign, *A Place for All*. If you were not able to join us on June 28, we hope that you will join us on July 10 at 7:00p!



SUMMER SENIOR PICNIC

Wednesday, July 11 at 5:00p

All senior members, caregivers, and friends of FPC are invited to the Summer Senior Picnic hosted by your Deacons. From 5:00-7:00p, we will enjoy a delicious summer picnic plus musical entertainment at First Presbyterian Church. Please RSVP on the signup sheet located on the bulletin board near the South main doors, or call Linda Avery at 616-738-0767. **RSVP by July 4.**



A PLACE FOR ALL - COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, July 15 at 10:00a

Since 1958, First Presbyterian Church has been a beacon of God's love and welcome in Holland, Michigan. Now we are embarking on a journey to raise \$1,200,000 to prepare our building for our ministries of welcome, accessibility, safety, and growth. During worship on July 15, the congregation will be asked to make a three-year financial commitment via a pledge in response to the A Place for All campaign. Learn more at www.fpcholland.org/aplaceforall!

SAVE THE DATE



THIRD SATURDAY YOUNG FAMILY EVENT

Saturday, July 21 at 2:00p

July's 3rd Saturday Young Families event will take place at Holland Civic Theatre. *Stuart Little* is the endearing classic about a mouse who is born into an ordinary family. The many adventures, both big and small, are brought vividly to life in this story. The acting ensemble (8-12 yr olds) play many human and animal roles in a series of delightful scenes that make up the marvelous maneuverings of a mild-mannered mouse trying to survive in a "real people's world." Tickets are \$10 each payable to Chris Urbaniak. Sign up on the bulletin board in the M&M Café. **RSVP by July 8.**

ANNUAL CANOE/KAYAK TRIP

Friday, July 27 - Saturday, July 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). **RSVP by June 30 at www.fpcholland.org/canoe.**



WORSHIP @ OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER

Sunday, August 5 at 10:00a

On Sunday, August 5, we will once again experience the fullness of God's creation as we worship and share communion at the Outdoor Discovery Center, located at 4214 56th Street in Holland. Worship begins at 10:00a. Bring lunch to eat at their pavilion picnic tables (where the service is held) and then have fun walking the trails or enjoying activities in the pavilion!



ANNUAL SHRIMP BOIL @ FABER HOME

Saturday, August 25 at 6:00p

Join us for the Annual Shrimp Boil at the Faber's House (127 Euna Vista Dr)! Cost is \$10 per person for shrimp (\$5 per person if you bring other meat to grill), payable at the event. Bring a dish to pass. Dessert will be provided. RSVP in the M&M Café.





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:

- July 13
- July 27
- August 10
- August 24

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 8: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi
- Aug. 12: *Ruined* by Ruth Everhart
- Sept. 9: *The Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner

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/

YOUNG FAMILIES

Young families of FPC gather once per month on the third Saturday of the month to connect and play! Join on the following dates:

- **July 21 at 2:00p:** Stuart Little at the Holland Civic Theatre. Tickets are \$10 each payable to Chris Urbaniak. Sign up on the bulletin board in the M&M Café. RSVP by July 8.
- **August 18 at 11:00a:** August Young Families event will be held at the Zeeland Splash Pad. Bring a picnic and enjoy a couple of hours with kids and other parents.

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

Presbyterian Women



As our activity for Presbyterian Women ceases during the summer months, our Coordinating Team is hard at work planning for the 2018-19 program year. PW has attracted women beyond the circle study activities and we plan more focus on four brunch or lunch events and Tulip Time. We are all Presbyterian Women as members, and we welcome your involvement at any level.

September will bring our Birthday Party, which is a kickoff to the new study for circles that promises to be bright and interesting. Pastor Linda leads the first lesson, but come for the early afternoon dessert, too, a focus on the PW Birthday Offering. Our Christmas Luncheon comes next along with a donation of new underwear for the Center for Women in Transition. Then is the popular Lenten Breakfast that is offered by the women of the circles and is free. We conclude in June with the Freedom Village luncheon, which is always a great meal at a value price. From free to low-cost events, with great fun and speakers, PW is worthwhile!

We wish you all a great summer of travel and adventure or time with family.

- Janet Magennis, Moderator

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Thank YOU for your
contributions of time,
talent & treasure!

Check out what some of
our mission partners
have to say about FPC!



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

May 24, 2018

First Presbyterian Church
659 State St.
Holland, MI 49423

*"Giving thanks to God at all times and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

- Ephesians 5:20

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We give thanks to you for your support of Special Offerings, our collective witness to the love of Jesus Christ. By participating in Special Offerings, your congregation joins other churches to change lives around the world - through ministries of compassion, advocacy, development, peacemaking, Christian formation, education and witness.

Thank you for the following support to Special Offerings: On May 11, 2018, we received \$8,349.69 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your congregation's gift, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.



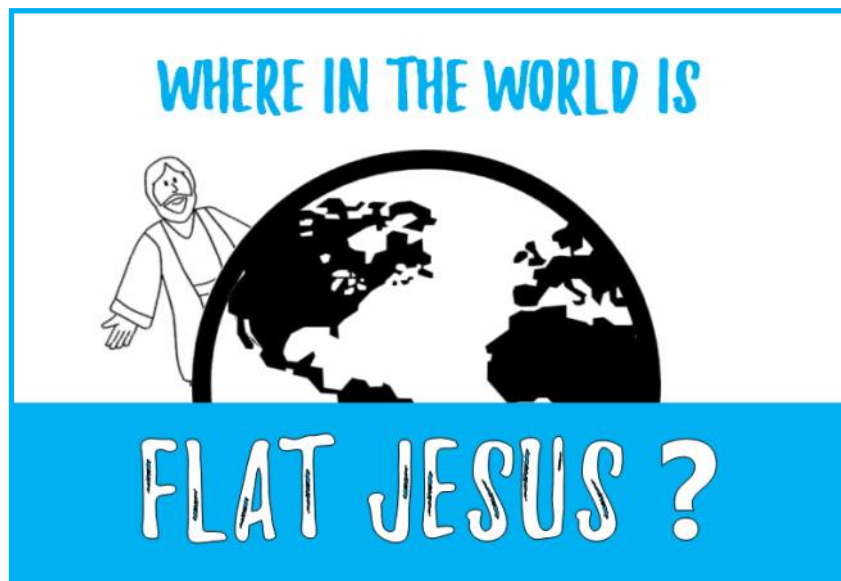
Dear Kids' Food Basket
Thank you for the sack lunches!
They help me run faster
play harder and help me learn new
things. Also they are
nutritious for my body. And if they're
extra I give one for my brother
and my little cousin Megan
Sincerely, Marquon



In April,
FPC collectively raised
\$5,245 for the Holland/
Zeeland CROP WALK!



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



Take Jesus with you on your summer adventures!

Color and cut out Flat Jesus, take a few pictures, then post them on FPC's Facebook wall with hashtag #FlatJesusFPC or email it to flatjesus@fpcholland.org. May this be one way that we playfully remember that Jesus is with us in all of our fun and adventures!